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agreed to be Municipal Manager for this project.

Andover's Tom Frantz and Marilyn Paige of Sutton coordinated the July 4th Firecracker 5K foot race on the Rail Trail. FNRT was represented at the Danbury Grange Fair on September 8. On October 3, AE/MS celebrated Walk to School Day with the entire school population on the Rail Trail.

In November, the Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club presented the Rail Trail at the regional Rotary Expo, and FNRT hosted a state-wide meeting of rail trail builders at our new Welcome Center, the Highland Lake Inn. The Inn's Pecco Beaufays and Chief Rene Lefebvre instigated the creation and installation of a sign at the East Andover Fire Department barbecue pit.

In 2008, if FNRT receives another RTP grant of \$30,000, the Rail Trail will be extended from East Andover to the Franklin city line. On April 17 the New London Inn will have its Thursday's Child dinner to benefit FNRT. National Trails Day, June 7, will be a Rail Trail work day. During 2008, administrative work and engineering studies will be done for extending the rail trail through Danbury.

FNRT needs financial support and help on the rail trail throughout the year. FNRT meets the third Wednesday

of every month at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. All are welcome. For information call President Bob Ward at 735-5061 or Vice-President Alex Bernhard at 735-5071.

Girl Scouts

We currently have 23 girls registered. Kait Armstrong and Carmen Bates lead Brownies in grades one through three. Brenda Lance leads Juniors in grades four through six, and Joanna Seeley leads the combined Cadette/Senior troop in grades seven through 10.

We work on projects together with our sponsor, the Andover Service Club, including the Fourth of July ice cream social and the annual Christmas tree lighting.

We participate in Girl Scout Thinking Day, a flag retiring ceremony on the Village Green on July 3, a float in the Fourth of July parade, and a mother-daughter holiday tea. We visited Highland Lake Apple Farm on a rainy afternoon this fall, and we had a birthday party in honor of our founder, Juliette Lowe.

We also participate in community service projects, the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair games for children, and sending Christmas stockings to soldiers overseas.

The Junior troop is participating in

the Worldwide Thinking Day postcard exchange, sending about 120 postcards to Girl Scouts or Girl Guides all across the United States and the world.

Our biggest fundraising effort comes from our cookie sales. Each troop earns a percentage of sales based on the number of boxes sold, which is used to purchase recognitions and other activities. The girls also earn individual "cookie dough" which can be used at the Council store to purchase uniforms, fun patches, clothing, etc., or girls can use it towards camp fees. For more information, call Brenda Lance at 735-5122.

Kearsarge Youth Hockey Assoc.

The Kearsarge Youth Hockey Association is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization dedicated to providing recreational activity to the children of the Kearsarge region. We take great pride in promoting the great sport of hockey and teaching the children about the benefits of physical activity, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

This season has been exciting, and we are seeing renewed interest at all levels of play. We wish to invite your family to the rink to see what KYHA is all about. We offer great programs from the initiation levels of Learn to Skate / Learn to Play through to age 18. Please check us out at KearsargeHockey.com. Hope to see you at the rink!

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship meets Sunday mornings at 11 AM in the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy and has the following purposes:

- To worship and create a welcoming and nurturing community
- To support and care for one another
- To explore, reflect, and grow spiritually
- To understand our differences
- To feel safe to share our deeply held thoughts and values
- To support collective service to the larger community
- To celebrate together our traditions and our lives, with all their sorrows and joys

The Rev. Emily Burr preaches the first and third Sunday of every month. George Peterson preaches on the second Sunday, and the Rev. Dick Dutton preaches on the fourth Sunday.

We collect canned or dry food weekly for a local food bank; have a Meditation Group which meets every Tuesday evening, as well as a monthly book discussion group. Religious Education for children is available every Sunday. Martha Woodward is our much-appreciated musician at Sunday services, and a conversation and coffee hour follows the service.

The Fellowship began its 2007/2008 church year on September 9, with an in-

tergenerational in-gathering water ceremony led by the Rev. Emily Burr. On the 23rd we participated in the CROP walk around Pleasant Lake.

In October and January we got together socially for potluck dinners and poetry and games evenings at members' homes. These dinners give us a chance to sit down and really get to know each other.

In November we held our third annual Goods & Services Auction at the Historical Society Meeting House in New London. We also collected money and gifts for a needy individual for the holidays and collected "Guest at Your Table" boxes to help those in need through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

In February and March at Tracy Memorial Library in New London, the Rev. Emily Burr and Sandra LeBeau lead a five-class series, "Creating Community," an exploration of our human diversity.

KUUF will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on Sunday, April 6, 2008 with a program at Colby-Sawyer College's Ware Campus Center in New London. Dr. Bill Schulz will speak on "Restoring America's Credibility: Human Rights in a Post 9/11 Era." Dr. Schulz was President of the Unitarian Universalist Association from 1985 to 1993 and Executive Director of Amnesty International from 1994 to 2006.

New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family

2007 was the second year of operation for the Halcyon Seekers chapter of the New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family. The group has grown to 13 members.

We continue to meet for lunch in various homes and take the occasional field trip. One was a tour of the covered bridges in the area, and another was a trip to the Tilton Diner to experience some diner food and practice diner lingo. Our Japan meeting had to be postponed because of the spring flooding.

Other topics were Memory, Wall Techniques, and Felting.

Some of our members went on the summer trip to Burlington, Vermont as well as to Friendship Day and the State Conference held in Coos County.

We participated in the state prison project by providing books, toys, and personal items to fill bags that prisoners could give to their children when they came to visit. We also provided clothing to local thrift shops as well as toys at Christmas for needy children. We ended the year with a Christmas party and cookie swap.

We continue to work on our mission, "Enriching the lives of home and family through knowledge, skills, leadership, and self esteem." For more information, call Judy Perreault at 735-5493.



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