



Getting ready to celebrate KUUF's 25th anniversary are (l-r) Marion Allen, Tom Maloof, Rev. Emily Burr, and Don Bent. Photo: John Nerl

## Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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KUUF

The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, which meets on Sunday mornings in the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The kickoff for this event was held on Sunday, February 24, with a special cake. Candles of remembrance were lit for members who have passed away.

A special program, which is co-sponsored by Colby-Sawyer College, will be held on Sunday, April 6, at 4 PM in the Ware Center at Colby-Sawyer. Dr. William F. Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International USA (1994-2006) and Past President of UUA (1985-1993), will speak on *Restoring America's Credibility: Human Rights in a Post 9/11 Age*.

### A Short History of KUUF

Forty people responded to an advertisement in the Kearsarge Shopper in February of 1983 and met in the Alumnae Lounge at Colby Junior College to explore the possibility of establishing a Unitarian Universalist congregation in the New London area. From this initial show of interest in liberal religion, a group of 17 charter members formed what is now the Kearsarge Unitarian

Universalist Fellowship.

Beginning with two Sunday meetings a month at the College, the fellowship moved to the Masonic Lodge, formerly All Souls Unitarian Church, in Potter Place, which had space for religious education and social activities. In 1991 the Fellowship was offered the use of the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy, which was originally a Unitarian preparatory school. Since then KUUF has been meeting in the beautiful Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings at 11 PM.

Over the last 25 years, we have grown from the original 17 members to the present 38. Over this same time period we have had a total of 117 members join the Fellowship along with many participating friends. We have been served by several ministers, both ordained and lay, as well as many excellent guest speakers.

Presently the Fellowship is served two Sundays a month by our Consulting Unitarian Universalist minister and on each of the other two Sundays of the month by our two guest ministers.

We are an open, welcoming congregation, united to grow in understanding of ourselves and of our world and to promote and serve the universal human family.

## New London Hospital News

Despite the snow and the cold, New London Hospital has continued to build! Outside, the foundation for the new provider office building is complete.

This year, New London Hospital will celebrate its 90th year of uninterrupted service to the community. As the Hospital marks its 90th year, it will open a new building completely designed to improve access to 21st century health-care. Just as the past reflects remarkable community support for the Hospital, the future will demonstrate the commitment so many individuals have made to the well-being of our residents.

The first week in March also brought the opening of our new Sleep Disorders Center and the relocation of some of our other Specialty Services. The old administration wing has been completely renovated to become bright, new clinical space with large windows, improved patient space for our oncology services, and comfortable sleep rooms for our patients. The former space will soon be closed off to staff and patients, and work will begin to turn that area into new private patient rooms that will open in the fall.

The capital campaign now stands at almost \$5.6 million, with over 250 donors supporting the Hospital's Building Towards The Future project. This significant support demonstrates the

generosity of the community and the importance of investing in the Hospital for years to come.

As always, the Hospital's priority is patient care. We are very grateful for your patience and understanding as we all accommodate construction. We continue to monitor our parking availability to ensure that patients and visitors are able to park close to the entrance. Many of our employees continue to park offsite to reduce the number of cars on campus.

We appreciate your flexibility as we are Building Towards The Future to meet your healthcare needs. For more detailed information and photos, please visit our Web site at [NewLondonHospital.org](http://NewLondonHospital.org) and click on the *Building Towards the Future* box.

## FRH Auxiliary Donates Crash Cart, Bed To Hospital

FRH Auxiliary recently donated a state-of-the-art crash cart to the Franklin Regional Hospital Emergency Department in addition to a Hi-Lo bed to the hospital. Proceeds totaling \$3,500 were raised by the FRH Gift Shop.

The new crash cart has all the bells and whistles. The cart, which contains crucial instruments, medications, and

supplies, is kept in the Emergency Room, to be used in case of a life-threatening situation.

"It is imperative that we can respond to an in-house emergency at a moment's notice" states Deb Livernois, RN at Franklin Regional Hospital. "The medical personnel at FRH are incredibly grateful for this gift."

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Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy, Andover  
11 AM Worship  
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