

ANDOVER BUYING CLUB

By Heather Makechnie
Andover Buying Club

Andover residents have been trying out a new way to purchase groceries and supplies. We band together to have enough volume to place an order through Associated Buyers out of Barrington, New Hampshire, a purveyor of organic, specialty, ethnic, and bulk items.

Our group continues to grow. Membership is now at 73. You may join by sending an e-mail to HMakechnie@aol.com. There is no membership fee to join. There is no work involved. There is no minimum order.

Once on the membership list, there is no requirement to ever order. Or members may order once and never order again. Or even order twice a month. You get the point – there is no stress.

The only rules are that the order and accompanying check must be placed by the deadline, and then your purchases must be picked up by 8 AM at the Proctor Academy Dining Hall receiving dock on delivery day.

Here are the benefits: Shopping this way twice a month can take care of everything except produce and fresh dairy. If we only buy milk at the con-

venience store or gas station at higher than its grocery store price, we will still make out like bandits. We are cutting out the supermarket upcharge, our gas and mileage, wear on our vehicle, plus the time it takes to shop supermarket aisles, plus all the things we buy because we just see them and buy on impulse.

We are also cutting down on pollution. If we buy local produce, we cut down on our carbon footprint and support our local farmers.

If we buy just a few extra items each time we order, we can build up a food supply that can sustain us and/or our neighbors in any misfortune that may come along. We just never know when we might lose our job, become disabled, or find ourselves isolated like when the May floods closed off our town.

Our most recent opportunity has been to put a little extra into our individual checks so that the buying club can order a couple of cases of food to donate to our local food pantry, thus helping our neighbors.

Along the way we are spreading the word about locally-raised produce and meat. Fresh eggs are promoted. And we are also planning a number of progressive workshops. Members who raise chickens, rabbits, goats, sheep, pigs, even llamas, will be share their expertise. We will have a solar heat and power workshop.

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ODD JOBS WANTED!

Two Andover boys (ages 12 and 15) are looking for odd jobs at homes in the Andover area. Willing to stack wood, mow lawns, clean up yards, walk dogs, etc.

735-5206

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Reverend William E. Nelson, Minister
Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy, Andover
11 AM Worship
526-8213 • kuufnh.org



ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY

Food and Necessities for People in Need

sponsored by
The Andover Lions • The Andover Beacon

We need your donations of non-perishable foods
and other home necessities.

The food pantry is located downstairs at the Andover Town Hall and is open whenever the Town Hall is open.

It's self-service, no questions asked. Take what you need or drop off what you can.

If you know someone in need, tell them about the pantry. If they are not comfortable going to the pantry themselves, for whatever reason, let a Lion or Beacon volunteer know – WE DELIVER!



NHCHF members Beth Frost (in front), Pat Baker, Natalie Lively, Judy Perreault, and Pat Fleury model the blue and white scarves they made for the Special Olympics.

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF

The November meeting of the Halcyon Seekers is usually devoted to some type of craft. This year under the direction of Jane Martin we made "Kissing Balls." Marcia Strout volunteered her heated basement for the project, which was very messy (the project, not the basement). By the time we finished there were spruce and pine needles everywhere, along with twigs and bits of ribbon.

Judy Perreault's husband, Lloyd, cut down a spruce tree in their backyard, so we had plenty of boughs for the project. We also didn't have to go tramping through the woods in the rain looking for a suitable tree. Jane brought some different types of greenery for variety.

The Kissing Balls came out great. They were all a little different in size,

shape, and decoration. We now know why Kissing Balls sell for \$20 to \$30 dollars each. A couple of members were ready to throw in the towel and pay the money, but we urged them on.

The ladies have also been busy knitting and crocheting blue and white scarves for the Special Olympics. We have 14, with more on the way.

We voted to make a donation to the Abbe Sargent Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is for students wishing to pursue a career in some type of agriculture.

We also voted to make donations to the AE/MS Holiday Shoppe and also to work on the day that it is open. This is for students to buy gifts for their parents and siblings at a nominal fee.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party and Auction. For more information, call 735-5493.

Make An Andover Non-Profit's Dreams Come True

If you'd like to brighten the holidays for some of the non-profit organizations that help make Andover such a special place, here are some ideas:

The Andover Cemetery Trustees would like a computer guru who could change the current DOS-based database program into something more modern, saving all the data in the process. Phone 735-5628 or e-mail WCutter@tds.net.

The Andover Food Pantry needs donations of non-perishable food and other daily essentials. Just drop them off in the pantry shelves downstairs at the Andover Town Hall.

The Andover Historical Society needs a temporary Webmaster who would revamp our present Web site.

(We have ideas.) Phone 735-5628 or e-mail WCutter@tds.net.

The Andover Service Club: We are computerizing our organization and our accounting. We need two computer flat screens and keyboards, as well as a cordless phone.

The Andover Beacon needs someone with a pickup truck and a strong back to drive to North Haverhill (about an hour and a half north of Andover) to pick up 2,000 copies of the Beacon one Thursday morning a month.

Even if you could only do it one or two months a year, that would be a big help! Contact Charlie at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099 for details.