

Andover Service Club News

By Julie Mayo
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The January meeting of the Andover Service Club at the Masonic Hall was a delightful gathering with Opening Devotions by Sandra Graves. Delicious refreshments were served by Judy Evans, Faith Downes, Elizabeth Elenowitz, Sandy Miller, Margo Coolidge, Sandra Graves, and Julie Mayo.

We discussed the Jhumpa Lahiri book, *The Interpreter of Maladies*,

which was an entertaining collection of short stories. Let Diane Rice know of a book you enjoyed which could be read by all.

Next month on Wednesday, February 11, we will have a revival of the auction! Please bring a gift-type item and prepare to have a few laughs. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Meeting begins at 10 AM at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place, led by President Sara Tracy-Arone.



Enjoying the NHCHF Christmas party are (l-r) Natalie Lively, Jane Martin, Pat Fleury, Rose Tilton, Shirley Currier, Nancy Barrett, Irene McKinley, Pat Baker, Wanda Smith, Janet Kuhlmeier, and Connie McLeod.

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New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

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In December the Halcyon Seekers had a Christmas Party at Connie McLeod's home, which was decorated very festively. Nancy Barrett and Connie were our hostesses.

What a feast: Corn chowder, hot sandwiches, pickles, chips and dip, and a delicious dessert. Judy Perreault brought candy mice as favors.

After lunch we rolled into the living room for an auction. There were many items to choose from, and the bidding was hot and heavy. We all went home with new treasures, some more than others, and our treasury received a healthy boost.

We welcomed Wanda Smith as a new member.

Also in December a number of the members helped out at the AE/MS Holiday Shoppe. This is an opportunity for the students to shop reasonably for their families. All the items were donated. It was fun helping the children make their selections and putting them in decorative bags.

In January we were back to bring-

your-own-sandwich for lunch at Judy Perreault's home. Our topic was Birds: how to attract them to your yard and how to identify them.

There were some great suggestions on bird feeders, types of food, and how to provide water. Keeping bird feeders clean to prevent disease was stressed and the same for water and birdbaths. For bird identification a good pair of binoculars and a bird book was recommended.

A number of our members feed the birds and were familiar with many of our local birds. Dedicated bird watchers fly all over the United States to see a rare bird sighting.

We finished up the meeting by making pine cone feeders. A mixture of fat, seeds, cornmeal, and peanut butter was spread over a pine cone. A wire was attached so it could be hung outdoors.

Our next meeting is at Rose Tilton's home. The subject is "Are You Getting Your ZZZs?"

We meet the third Monday of the month, except in July and August. For more information or if you would like to join our group, call 735-5493.

Blackwater Grange #152

The December meeting of the Blackwater Grange #152 had to be cancelled because of the ice storm. The Grange doesn't meet in the early months of the year, so the next meeting will be in April.

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