



Beacon Volunteers In Action – It's "Beacon Day" (the day before the Beacon appears in your mailbox), and Lily Ordway (r) and Marilyn Gould are hard at work sorting and labelling the February issue for our 500-or-so out of town subscribers. Judy Perreault and Mary Demers often help with these chores. Earlier on Beacon Day, Scott Robart had driven three hours to North Haverhill and back to pick up 2,000 copies of the Beacon at the printer. Once everything is ready to go, Wayne and Sally Nicoll rush bags of Beacons to the post offices in East Andover and Franklin. Thanks, team!
Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Letters

In addition to the letters that follow, the Beacon also received many letters about issues that will be before the School District Meeting. You'll find those letters starting on page 22.

To Andover's Voters:
Thank you most sincerely for honoring me with six terms as one of your selectmen, a service which age and health are bringing to a close in March. I have benefited greatly from your trust and the education I've received, from the Andover public as well as from my colleagues on that and other boards on which I've been privileged to serve, and I am deeply appreciative for your making it all possible.

Andover is blessed this year with good candidates for selectman, and I would be hard pressed to recom-

mend any single one but for that one's qualifications in meeting needs we have long felt to be high priorities, specifically those of passing the torch on to the next generations and to someone who represents broad contacts with Andover's people. That man is Jake Johnson, whose letter stating his qualifications is elsewhere in this issue of the Beacon and needs no amplification. I strongly urge you to give his candidacy your consideration and support.

Roger Godwin

Armand Boisvert sent the following letter to "all the school board candidates, the present School Board, and anybody that has been vocal about the transportation contract between AB Transportation and the School District." He asked that it also appear in the Beacon.

You are right! School transportation contracts should be competitive and AB Transportation has not been competitive. We have made no effort to make a profit. We have been subsidized by other companies that I own, which leaves us with no overhead. Poor business decision on my part.

Shame on the School Board and the Supervisory Unit for taking advantage of this. This has given me an unfair advantage over my competitors – that's if you can find one.

The Supervisory Unit operating 30-plus school buses for the five districts they provide transportation for, the addition of the new maintenance building, the addition of new personnel to maintain their fleet of buses, certainly has no idea of what student transportation costs are.

Some of you weren't paying any attention at the School Board work session on February 10 when Robin Heins informed the School Board

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