

Andover Democrats

By Robin Boynton
Andover Democratic Committee

The Andover Democratic Committee held its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 20. Following a brief business meeting, Co-Chair Janet Moore introduced Tim Arsenault, New Hampshire Field Director of Organizing for America (OFA), the successor organization to Obama for America.

OFA is building on the movement that elected President Obama by empowering communities across the country to bring about an agenda of change. Tim spoke to the group about the many ways to get involved, such as:

- Joining grassroots OFA campaigns to support the President's agenda online, on the phone, on doorsteps, and in town halls in communities across the country, to build the bottom-up support that makes real change possible.
- Spreading the word to friends and neighbors about the President's approach on the big issues facing our nation, like health care, energy, and education.
- Serving the community in ways big and small.
- Connecting with other supporters to form strong local groups, ready to take on whatever challenges we face.
- Supporting leaders who share values and are ready to carry forward the fight for change.

Tim went on to emphasize that the task is enormous, and to succeed, all Americans, no matter how they may have voted, need to join in the work ahead.

The OFA Web site, BarackObama.com, highlights the following mission statement:

"Together, we can create a sustainable and independent clean energy economy. We can provide all American children the first rate education they deserve. And we can finally guarantee high-quality, affordable health care to every American man, woman and child. Last November, the

American people sent Washington a clear mandate for change. But when the polls close, the true work of citizenship begins.

"That's what Organizing for America is all about."

The Democrats' next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, at 5 PM at the Lake Farm Realty office, 164 Main Street (in front of the Andover Post Office). All registered Democrats are invited to participate.

The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same.

An excerpt from *History of Andover, New Hampshire 1900-1965* by Ralph G. Chaffee.

"Politically, Andover was a predominantly Democratic town until some time between 1920 and 1930. Since then the balance of voting strength has swung to the Republican Party, but the town has been by no means consistent in its voting record, and the unregistered voters often cast the decisive votes.

"In the 33 sessions of the General Court held since 1900, Andover has been represented by Democrats far more often than by Republicans. In the past 10 years it has consistently re-elected a Democratic moderator and representative and a Republican board of checklist supervisors.

"The highest political honor to fall to the town was the election of Hon. Nahum J. Bachelder of East Andover as the Republican governor of New Hampshire in 1903-4. In 1912, Hon. Clarence E. Carr was the unsuccessful Democratic nominee for the same office, losing out to his Republican opponent, Samuel D. Felker."

Of interest: In 2001 there were 355 Democrat, 439 Republican, and 751 Undeclared registered voters, yet in 2008, there were 552 Democrat, 514 Republican, and 678 Undeclared registered voters in the Town of Andover.

ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS MORE PROTEIN

By Don Gross
Andover Lions Club

The Andover Food Pantry is heavily utilized. Many contributions of non-perishable food flow in, and they flow out just as quickly.

Currently the shelves are getting a bit low. Please keep this in mind the next time you shop. Buy a couple of items and bring them to the basement of the Town Hall. You can place them on the shelves yourself, or just leave the bag on the floor and it will be stocked by a volunteer. Alternately, you can leave items at the box in the Andover branch of Lake Sunapee Bank.

Needed now:

- **Protein!** Things like canned tuna, chicken, and ham; macaroni and cheese; beef stew; beans and franks; peanut butter; canned milk; nuts; even protein powder. Keeping protein in stock continues to be the biggest challenge.
- Baby formula and food items, as well as diapers.
- Pasta and rice; spaghetti sauce, cheese; mayonnaise, salad dressings.
- Boxed cereal, ready mixes for muffins, cakes, and cookies.
- Canned fruits and vegetables.
- Toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap.
- Laundry soap, bleach, dish soap.

This is truly a dignified effort. Keep up the good work, Andover.

Blackwater Grange #152

The Blackwater Grange met on August 13 at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place with 11 members present. The members reported that the haying is coming slowly due to all the rain. Members are helping with community projects, and David Hopper sent greetings to all.

Members sent get-well wishes to Es-

ther Grace. The evening's program was poems and quizzes.

The Blazing Star Grange of Danbury will hold a fair in Danbury on Saturday, September 12.

The next meeting of the Blackwater Grange will be on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place.

BEACON DEADLINE: THE 15TH!

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!

ANDOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On the hill, beside the road in East Andover

All members, ministers

John J. Wagner, Pastor • 735-5160

Sunday morning worship at 9:30 AM, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Childcare provided.

Please call the church office at 735-5160 to learn about outreach programs for teens and adults.

Food Sale at 10:30 AM on the **third Sunday** of every month to benefit restoration of the Grange Hall.

Call ahead at 735-5331 to place special orders!

Come as you are! All are welcome!

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU OR A LOVED ONE?

Provide companionship?

Get groceries and run errands?

Prepare meals? Do light housekeeping?

I'll help to keep you comfortable... at home and out and about!

JUDY EVANS

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