

# Pet Photo Contest To Raise Scholarship Money

From the Tilton-Northfield Rotary

Love your pet? Enter your favorite pet photo in the Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club's third annual photo contest!

Beginning Sunday, February 14, enter your favorite photo in one of the seven categories: Dog, Cat, Other Pet, Funniest, Cutest Couple, In Memory Of, and Mascot. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club's scholarship program.

The Best In Show photo (most overall votes) wins a two-night stay valued at \$380 at the Highland Lake Inn in Andover (certain restrictions apply) and an 11x14 oil portrait donated by Ann O'Leary valued at \$245. Plus there are first place prizes in each category.

The cost to enter is \$10 per photo, which includes two votes, or \$20 per photo, which includes 15 votes.

The deadline to enter is Sunday, March 14. Entry forms are available at AutoServ of Tilton, all Franklin Savings Bank branches, Bryant & Lawrence Hardware in Tilton, or at TNRotary.org.

Many thanks to our category sponsors: Birch Hill Kennels, Franklin Savings Bank, Lakeside Animal Hospital, Missy's Biscuits, Northway Bank, Tilton School, and Winnisquam FFA. Additional sponsorships are still available!

For more information, please call 934-4235.



Rose Cravens of Salisbury on her morning walk in the Proctor gym is followed by Bill Leber and George Kidder. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

## COA Walkers Cover 4,456 Miles

By Grace Stetson  
Kearsarge Council on Aging

First, as always, we owe a great big Thank You! to Proctor Academy for allowing us to walk in their gymnasium on weekdays from 8:30 to 10 AM.

We have had a very successful year, with a total of 76 people walking as compared to 64 last year. Some of these people may have walked only several times, but many walked nearly every day – five days a week for the entire year. They walked a total of 4,456 miles. Based on an average of a 25-minute mile, this translates into approximately 1,850 hours.

This is down from last year's total of 5,200 miles, which I think may be due

to the fact that last year the *Concord Monitor* did a big article on our walking program, which gave us a surge in walkers.

Our walkers come from all the surrounding communities, including Sutton, New London, Danbury, Wilmot, Franklin, and Salisbury – though, of course, most are from Andover. We had 22 walkers several days ago (probably due to the cold weather), though the average is more like 14 to 16 people on any one day.

So come and join us. We are a friendly bunch, and it really makes walking something to look forward to. Call Grace at 735-5611 with questions.

## Wilmot Community Association Luncheon

The February Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Tuesday, February 16, at the Wilmot Community Association Barn on Village Road in Wilmot Flat. Coming back by popular demand are Thelma and Chester Martin of Danbury. The Martins have become favorites over the years, with Thelma on piano and Chester on drums playing the old tunes we all remember and love.

The luncheons are sponsored by the Wilmot Community Association and Wilmot Ladies' Aid Society in cooperation with the Belknap/Merrimack Community Action Program. All area seniors are invited to join us for good food, conversation, and entertainment. Reservations should be made by calling 526-4540 or e-mail [KMCKibbin@comcast.net](mailto:KMCKibbin@comcast.net). A \$2 donation is requested.

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## Choir Premieres New Vaughan Williams Carol

On December 20, soloists and choirs from churches in the New London area and the Kearsarge Chorale presented a service of music in celebration of Christmas. Singers from Wilmot, Andover, Sutton, Sunapee, Springfield, Grafton, and New London combined their voices under the direction of David L. Almond, conductor of the Kearsarge Chorale and Organist and Choir Director at the First Baptist Church.

Choral music by Tomás Luis de Victoria, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, John Tavener, and Sir David Willcocks was featured along with car-

ols for all to sing.

Inspired by the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols held on Christmas Eve in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, England each year since 1918, this service includes carols from various times and places in celebration of the Nativity.

This year also marks the 90th birthday of Sir David Willcocks, who was Director of Music at King's College Chapel from 1957 to 1964. A number of Sir David's carols, hymn accompaniments, and descants were part of the December 20 service, including the effervescent *Birthday Carol* he composed for the London Bach Choir in 1974. Also in the service was Sir David's carol *Starry Night*, first heard at the King's College Chapel service on Christmas Eve, 2004. The text of *Starry Night* was written by the composer's daughter, Anne.

The newest carol in the service was by a composer who died more than 50 years ago. Ralph Vaughan Williams' *O My Dear Heart* was probably composed in 1943, but was only recently discovered. It was published this year, and its performance in New London marks the area premiere of this lovely setting. The words were adapted from an old Scots poem by the composer's wife, Ursula.



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