

Andover Service Club News

By Joyce Egge

President, Andover Service Club

Our March meeting was held on March 10. After opening words from Vice President Eileen Mackay, President Joyce Egge spoke of the impact that the declining economy is having on the funding potential of the club.

Because of dwindling donations to the club, lower revenue from the Thrift Shop, and members' inability to contribute time or items to sell, the club needs to take a good look at how we can continue to contribute to the large number of community charities and provide scholarships. We may need to reinvent our mission and become the Andover Social Club instead of the Andover Service Club or, as past president Sara Tracy suggested, maybe we need to give more in labor and less in money.

It is a problem faced by many organizations and one that will not be easy to solve. We will be holding our annual budget meeting soon, as well as our scholarship meeting, to determine how best we can meet the needs of the community.

In light of some of the issues discussed at this meeting, the club voted not to have the Treasure Sale this year in conjunction with the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Many members no longer have treasures to donate nor the time or energy to work the sale. We do hope to have items to sell later in the year at the town square flea market.

We did have a bake sale and served lunch items at the Andover Town Meeting Day, which went fairly well.

For the Fourth of July, the club voted to do a slice-of-pie sale called "Slices for Scholarships." We are fortunate to have many excellent pie bakers, so we hope this will be a success.

In the meantime, member Sharon Darling has donated one wonderful quilted piece for a raffle, and The Constant Quilter on Pancake Road has donated another. Please call fundraising chairperson Judy Evans for tickets.

The nominating committee has begun their search for next year's slate of

officers. The slate will be presented at our May meeting and voted on in June along with next year's budget.

Our next meeting is our guest night which will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 6 PM at the Bluewater Lodge. We will be entertained with Scottish song and dance.

On Wednesday, April 21, we will be co-hosting *Your Hit Parade* at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. It will begin at 7 PM and is free of charge.

The business meeting was adjourned and the members enjoyed delicious refreshments followed by several lively games of bingo.

Andover Service Club Thrift Shop

By Gisela Darling

Andover Service Club

With the start of April, the Thrift Shop will be back to its regular hours: Tuesday, 10 AM to 2 PM; Wednesday, 3 to 7 PM; Thursday, 10 AM to 4 PM; Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM.

With the beginning of April, we will also accept items for consignments again. Please note: Those items should be spring or summer items and in new or excellent condition.

Donated items should be also seasonal (clothing for the warmer months ahead), clean, in fashion, and in very good condition. Please do not bring clothing that is stained, torn, or otherwise damaged. We will discard items that do not meet our standard of good quality.

We encourage all members of the community to drop by the Thrift Shop and check out our selections. It is best to come often, since our inventory changes weekly. We always have a good selection of children's clothing available.

The Andover Thrift Shop is run by the Andover Service Club, and money received at the shop will be used to support other organizations in the Andover community or the surrounding towns and to give scholarships to Andover students.

Thank you for your support in helping us to help others.



One of the dozens of pencil sketches that Sheldon Rich has done of buildings and scenes throughout Andover. His sketch of the Proctor Block at the corner of Main and Lawrence was on the cover of the 2006 Andover Town Report.

An Andover Profile

Sheldon Rich and His Many Interests - Part 2

By Heather Makechnie
Beacon volunteer

Part 1 of this profile ran in the March issue of the Beacon and covered Sheldon's early years, through his service in the Army. You can read any back issue of the Beacon at AndoverBeacon.com.

When Sheldon Rich came back to stateside, a former Marine captain with whom he had been corresponding got him a job with Johnson Automatics in Rhode Island, which was in the business of converting military ordinance to civilian weapons for the use of sportsmen hunting big game.

A few weeks after his return from the war, Sheldon was introduced to a petite young woman with sparkling blue eyes and told by a mutual friend that they were meant for each other. Sheldon soon learned that the friend was right. A few months later Sheldon found himself proposing marriage to the love of his life, Shirley. She accepted. They bought a house in still-rural North Revere, Massachusetts, just a few miles from where Sheldon grew up.

Traveling back and forth to Rhode Island was now out of the question, so

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Life Long Care

A Family Medical Practice - Pediatrics to Geriatrics A Medical Home

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Andover Service Club Thrift Shop

Spring and summer clothing for the whole family

We are located behind the Andover Town Hall and welcome your donations, your consignments, and you!

Our Hours
 Tuesday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Wednesday 3 - 7 p.m.
 Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Spring Rummage Sale

April 17th

9:00 - 1:00

Immaculate Conception Church

Andover, N.H.

All clothing is .10 - \$1.00

Flea Market & Book Sale

ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY

Food and Necessities for People in Need

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The Andover Lions • The Andover Beacon

We need your donations of *non-perishable staple* foods and other necessities. *(Please check expiration dates!)*

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!