

Broken Ankle Won't Keep Frank Haley From Walk-A-Thon

By Laretta Phillips
For the Beacon

Despite a broken ankle, Frank Haley plans to attend the Blind Awareness Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, June 2.

On January 30, Frank fell and broke his ankle. He is now walking with a walker and hopes to be walking independently soon, but no matter what or how he gets there, he intends to walk in this year's Blind Awareness Walk-A-Thon in Concord, a 3K walk through Concord's historic district to the State House.

Frank holds the record as the highest individual fundraiser for the Blind Awareness Walk-A-Thon. The event has been produced each year for the past eight years for the New Hampshire

Association for the Blind. This will be the ninth annual Walk-A-Thon.

Last year Frank beat his own record by raising \$5,971. That brought his seven-year total to \$27,074. He hopes to top his own record again this year.

Proceeds from the Walk-A-Thon help support the many rehabilitation services provided by the New Hampshire Association for the Blind. The New Hampshire Association for the Blind provides vision rehabilitation services for New Hampshire people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired.

For more information or to make a donation, contact them at 224-4039 or Services@SightCenter.org. Tell them Frank Haley sent you. 

Stephen McNeil Among Veterans Honored At White House Dinner

From the April 13 Concord Monitor
Stephen McNeil, captain in the Marine Corps and son of Kathleen Ordway, was one of 78 service members chosen to join President Obama and the first lady as the White House held a black-tie formal dinner and tribute to Iraq

War veterans and their families to honor them for their service, sacrifice, and commitment. McNeil, who has served for seven years in uniform, represented New Hampshire veterans of the Iraq War.

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SPEAKING: Haley Peters

Haley Peters will be part of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences' Spring Student Symposium, a gathering of college students from around Vermont presenting their work in all academic fields. Haley will speak on The Legend of Bigfoot in the American Mythic Consciousness.

Haley, the daughter of Jeannette Shedd of South Danbury and Gary Peters of Andover, graduated from Proctor Academy in 2011. She is currently a freshman at Marlboro College in Marlboro, Vermont. 

FRANKLIN OPERA HOUSE

Franklin Opera House press release

'Twill be a lively evening of Bluegrass and Celtic music when the High Range Band and the Reel Tuckermans take the stage at the historic Franklin Opera House on Friday, May 18. The show begins at 7:30 PM.

The High Range Band is an energetic roots/folk/bluegrass ensemble that offers a wide variety of original and cover tunes on guitar, mandolin, upright bass, banjo, and drums. Their song *Leave This All Behind* hit #1 on Music Choice in 2004.

"The vocals are tight and true; the instrumental work impressive, the songs a pleasure to hear repeatedly," raves reviewer Dave McCarty. "A tight, compelling ensemble sound that is highly musical and thoroughly entertaining."

The Reel Tuckermans features Joe Delault, an award-winning international performer, composer, accordionist, and session pianist who has recorded with Natalie McMaster, Jon Bon Jovi, and Carly Simon, to name just a few.

Nicole Rabata, on flute, has performed extensively throughout Europe and the United States. She has appeared on BBC Glasgow and on French Na-

tional television, as well as with the award-winning Irish group Devana at prestigious festivals such as the Hebridean Celtic Festival in Scotland.

Paul Warnick, guitarist, is known throughout New England and has been featured with Rick and the Roundups and Phil 'n the Blanks and has opened for Bob Dylan, Travis Tritt, and Big and Rich.

Tickets for the High Range Band/Reel Tuckermans are now on sale at the Franklin Opera House. Prices range from \$14 to \$16 for reserved seating, either orchestra or balcony. For further information concerning this event or to order tickets, please contact the Franklin Opera House at 934-1901. Tickets can also be ordered online at FranklinOperaHouse.org.

Other events coming up at the Franklin Opera House include Franklin Footlight Theatre in Jerry Rubushka's *Full Frontal Nudity*, running May 10 to 12; and Ken Fernald's Memorial Gospel Concert on Saturday, May 19, at 7 PM featuring Scott and Gary Brunt, Linda Gilbert, and Dave and Diane Benson. Proceeds of this concert will benefit the Ken Fernald Scholarship and the Franklin Opera House. 

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College in Massachusetts, where she was accepted. She was awarded a \$1,500 ASC Merit Scholarship. In order to defray the costs of her college education, she juggled four part-time jobs, learning many new skills and areas of work.

Study abroad in Greece and Israel was a great opportunity for her, and eventually she chose History and Biblical and Theological Studies as her majors. Alicia received a \$750 Continuing Education Merit Scholarship from ASC in 2006. During the summer, she worked in the house-keeping and kitchen departments of Proctor Academy. She graduated in 2008.

As a teenager, Alicia felt called to full-time ministry. She was involved in her local church, where she trained as a sound technician for services, helped with children's programs, and edited the weekly bulletin. "I didn't know it yet, but these three areas were the launching pads of preparation in God's very specific plan for my future ministry," said Alicia.

Returning home after graduating in May, 2008, Alicia returned to Proctor for a full-time position in the cafeteria where Edna Peters, longtime ASC member, had been her mentor and friend. She began to advance in the food service areas of basic food prep, to baking, event planning, and managing the staff and administration.

In 2010, Alicia attended Financial Peace University, taking a 13-week personal finance class to enhance her budgeting skills, which she needed to join in full-time ministry. However, she soon began to notice symptoms of repetitive injury in her upper extremities from baking and food service. After a year of treatment and carpal tunnel surgery, she knew she had to find a new line of work.

Alicia is currently employed at Poultry Products Northeast in Hooksett as office assistant in the accounting department. In her spare time, Alicia is youth director and sound technician at Trinity Bible Church in South Sutton and leader of weekly meetings with the youth of Andover Congregational Church.



... and now.

After receiving a call from her sister asking her to consider serving at the Life Action Ministries Camp, Alicia decided in March to fly to Michigan for an interview, which confirmed for her that this was what God was calling her to do so many years before. "While visiting the camp, I found – to my excitement – they need a sound engineer to oversee meeting house productions. There is also a mountain of administrative work that needs to be done. Teens and young adults serve as summer staff, so there is a need for an organizer/administrator to oversee the work to be done," stated Alicia. She was accepted for the position at the Life Action Camp, which is an outreach of the non-denominational Life Action Ministries in Niles, Michigan.

She is looking forward with joy for the next opportunity God has for her. If you would like to read more of her journey in ministry, go to Alicia's Web site at MySojournings.com

"To be of service to the community and the state" is the mission of ASC. Therefore, for more than 50 years, ASC has been awarding merit scholarships to outstanding students who reside in Andover or East Andover, or who may be the children or grandchildren of an ASC member.

For more information, or if you would like to become a member, you may e-mail President Mary Ofenloch at MaryO.ASCLub@live.com, or Membership Chairlady Eileen Mackey at Mackey775@tds.net. 

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