



John Kinney, captain of Andover Emergency Medical Services, spoke about hands-only CPR at the Andover Service Club's January meeting.

Andover Service Club News, January 2013

By Joyce Egge

Andover Service Club

The first meeting of 2013 opened with a welcome from our president, Mary Ofenloch. There were 20 members attending and four guests.

Opening words were given by Judy Evans, who read a poem about aprons and one on the woes of eating too much over the holidays. This was especially appropriate after the wonderful luncheon we had at The Flying Goose restaurant in December. Thirty-five members enjoyed this event and sang Christmas carols after lunch.

Scholarship applications will now be available online on The Andover Beacon Web site. They will be due the first of May.

Our Thrift Shop has a new look. The desk was replaced with a jewelry counter, and some of the stacks have been rearranged.

Our pie sales over the holidays were a success, and now we are planning for the Town Meeting Day luncheon on Tuesday, March 12. We will again be serving our delicious soups and chilis, as well as baked goods.

We are also hosting a fun evening on the 20th of April and open to the public. Hopefully, you will be spotting the event particulars on posters around town.

Our speaker was John Kinney, Captain of the Andover Emergency Medical Service. He spoke about hands-only CPR, the importance of recognizing the signs of a heart attack, and calling 911 for immediate assistance. Several helpful handouts were passed around. It was extremely informative. He showed some of the newly-acquired equipment the Andover EMS has and spoke on the need for a piece of equipment called the "thumper."

Refreshments were delicious as always and supplied by hostesses Nancy Tripp, Mary Romano, Joyce Egge, and Grace Stetson.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13 and will be our annual membership auction. It is always an enjoyable event, bringing good-hearted competition and many laughs. As always, we invite new members to our club and new customers to our Thrift Shop.

It's Time To Apply For Andover Service Club Scholarships

By Diane Rice

Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club is pleased to announce that the application process for the 2013 scholarship awards has begun. Awards are based on academic performance, character attributes, and community involvement, and not on financial need.

Graduating seniors and adults entering or continuing their education at a college, professional, or technical school are eligible to apply. Scholar-

ship applications are available at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, Proctor Academy, Merrimack Valley High School, the Andover Service Club Thrift Shop, and online at Bit.ly/W7oiOu.

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must have a close tie to the Town of Andover. Details of the requirements are available in the application packet.

All applications and supporting material must be postmarked by May 1 in order for the application to be considered.

Andover Energy Matters

Local Energy Awareness And Action Growing

Latest workshop attracted nearly 80 attendees

Larry Chase, Andover Energy Group

It's beginning to look like a trend:

12: In June 2011, a *Beacon* article invited the public to a meeting designed to gauge local interest in alternative energy sources and energy conservation. The meeting drew a dozen people.

30: In January 2012, a Button Up home-weatherization workshop drew 30.

35: A month later, a second Button Up workshop drew 35.

50: In November 2012, an Energy Awareness Day drew more than 50.

80: On January 12, a two-hour solar-energy workshop for homeowners, presented by the ReVision Energy company, drew nearly 80. Twenty-six attendees signed up for the company's offer of free solar evaluations of their homes.

All of these events have been sponsored by the Andover Energy Group, which grew out of that initial 2011 meeting. The numbers have the group members asking themselves, and others, what next steps could be taken to respond to what appears to be an increasing interest in energy efficiency and alternative energy sources. Among the possibilities:

- Workshops on sources of funding

(loans, rebates, incentives) for alternative-energy installations

- Tutorials on geothermal and wind-power installations
- Additional weatherization workshops for do-it-yourselfers
- Efforts to reduce municipal energy consumption
- Seminars on the local impacts of climate change

Do *Beacon* readers have additional thoughts or ideas? Please send them to LBChase@aol.com.

From The Solar Workshop

A few facts and figures of interest to homeowners, as presented by ReVision Energy at the January 12 workshop:

- New England gets 33% more sunshine per year than Germany, the world leader in renewable energy adoption.
- A "tracking" solar electric installation (the panels move as the sun moves) can deliver 40% more electrical energy than a stationary installation.

• At this time, residential customers may see up to 50% to 60% of their investment paid for by state, federal, and utility-company rebates.

Beacon readers interested in having a digital file containing the 31 PowerPoint images used in the January 12 presentation should e-mail LBChase@aol.com.

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