



A willing crew from Andover Service Club keeps flower beds at the Town Hall beautiful. Left to right: Caroline Ratzki, Margo Coolidge, Mimi Bowne, Nancy Tripp, Robin Boyton; in front, Colin Coolidge. Photo: Charlie Darling

Andover Service Club Honors Two Members

Irene Jewett, Gisela Darling, for outstanding service

By Mary T. Ofenloch
Andover Service Club, President

Since 1958, when the Andover Service Club (ASC) was formed, there have been outstanding members who have spent many hours volunteering to serve the community. Ladies work at the ASC Thrift Shop; help with fundraising events, pie, and bake sales; make and serve election day lunches, etc. The finances raised by these activities help to fund ASC scholarships, the Andover Food Pantry, The Andover Beacon, the Scouts, AE/MS, Danbury School, Kearsarge Council on Aging, the Blazing Star Grange, the Northern Rail Trail, Child and Family Services, and many more.

To recognize these hard-working ladies, the Executive Board awards honorary memberships for many years of service. In the past, honorees have included Margaret Fenton, Ruth Fopiano, Arlyne French, Marjorie Leber, Julie Mayo, Rosalie Ovenden, Grace Stetson, and Barbara Upton.

This year, on June 11 at 74 Main in New London during the annual June meeting and luncheon, Irene Jewett, an ASC member for many years, received the Honorary Member Award. Irene has been a volunteer worker at the Thrift Shop, a refreshment hostess at ASC meetings, chair of Mason's dinners, liaison with the Andover Congregational Church and the Highland Lake Grange Hall, and a willing volunteer whenever her help was needed.

Gisela Darling was the second honoree, but was unable to attend the June luncheon. Therefore, the Executive

Board presented the Honorary Member Award to her during a special lunch at The Graze on July 11. Gisela was past president from 2001 to 2003 and chair-lady of the Thrift Shop from 2004 to the present day. She also volunteers whenever she is needed.

There are many deserving members,



Gisela Darling with her Honorary Membership award from the Andover Service Club. Irene Jewett received hers at an earlier meeting; her photo was in the July issue of the Beacon. Photo: Mary Ofenloch

and choosing an Honorary Member is not taken lightly. ASC bylaws' criteria states "a member who has given outstanding service to the club may be proposed to the Executive Board for election by the board. For such members, dues will not be required." The last time the award was presented was in June, 2011.

Choosing the honoree has always been difficult, because there are so many deserving members. The Executive Board applauds all of the ladies who work so diligently to fulfill the mission of ASC. They are all wonderful!

For more information about the ASC, e-mail Mary Ofenloch, President, at MaryO.ASCLub@live.com.

Big Upgrades to EAVP's Playground

Still registering for the new school year

By Elizabeth Janvrin, EAVP Director

Summer camp at the East Andover Village Preschool (EAVP) is in full swing. We have welcomed new friends and teachers. We have celebrated America's birthday and taken a trip to outer space. We have transformed into mad scientists and explored a variety of recipes and materials to create bouncy balls and magic potions.

All of us entered training to learn how to be secret agents and superheroes. Recently, we took a trip to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium to view a show about space from the Magic Treehouse series and to explore the hands-on stations for a more in-depth look at space. We have plans to visit Pizza Chef and to

see Musicville at the New London Barn Playhouse for other trips.

Every Tuesday, our summer group has joined Ms. Gail at the Bachelder Library for story time, during which we read stories and participate in a corresponding activity or craft.

If you have passed by the school recently, you have probably noticed the construction occurring on our playground. We have updated our sandbox and swings. We have added a hill with a climbing wall and a bike track. All of the children are very excited for the new outside activities and have especially enjoyed running races down the hill.

Our 2014-2015 school year is quickly approaching. If you are looking to enroll in a preschool program, contact Elizabeth at EAVP@tds.net or 735-5105 for more information.

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