



Andover's public libraries captured first place among the Fourth of July parade floats this year with their clever "We Like Big Books" interpretation of the parade's "Summertime" theme. Photo: Larry Chase

## Through the Reading Glasses, August 2015

Fourth of July was a huge success

Janet Moore, Library Trustee

For the Andover Libraries, the Fourth of July was a huge success, from the sale to the float. Thank you, Deb Brower and friends, the Southworths, Caroline Moulton, Susan Chase, and the indomitable driver, Nancy Teach, for making our parade float, We Like Big Books, so much fun that we were awarded first prize.

Well, of course, readers deserve first prizes all the time, and to borrow a phrase from Lydia Thisell in last month's *Beacon* and apply it to reading, "I can feel it in my heart and brain. It feels so exciting!"

Once again, the combined forces of librarians Priscilla Poulin and Gail Fitzpatrick succeeded in organizing every aspect of the book sale event on the third and the Fourth. It went off like clockwork, and we thank every Andover See Libraries on page 22

## Andover High Enjoys Another Reunion

A beautiful day for a festive occasion

Judy Poblentz Perreault, AHS '53

July 11 was a great day for our reunion: hot, but with a nice breeze at the Ordway Recreational Area in Danbury. We had about 45 attendees with 35 Andover High School students. Classes of '40, '46, '47, '55, '59, and '60 had no representatives. The first graduating class was 1938, and the last graduating class was 1963. Our opening ceremonies began with a rousing Andover Cheer.

Gay Ellen Rayno led us in *God Bless America* and a couple of Andover songs. We had a moment of silence for our classmates we lost since last year: Clinton Wayne Patten (attended AHS), Leslie Shaw '43, James Maguire '62, Rose

Jurta Whitney '44, Dorothy Newcomb Wiggin '41, Velma Seamans Hines '49, and Sibly Weed '61.

The subject of how long reunions should continue was discussed. All attending decided to hold reunions until the last alumni remained.

We had some good wishes from members who could not attend. George Miller, who has moved back to Franklin; Barbara Rivers Hibbs; Jerry Shively and his brother Bob and sister Ann; Stu Lenk; Jerry Alley; and Edwina Phelps Gove '58.

Willie Wentworth guessed the correct number of beans in the jar and won a box of candy, and Yvonne Keyser Ireland won the door prize of a small Shaker-style box.

Class pictures and a group photo See AHS on page 22



The Andover High School reunion on July 11 drew 35 former AHS students, with most of the graduation years from 1938 through 1963 represented. Photo: Bill Thomas



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