

Andover Service Club, April, 2017

Mary Ofenloch, President

April has been a fairly quiet month for the Andover Service Club (ASC) members, except for the monthly baking of birthday cakes for Proctor students. At the April 12 meeting, which was held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall, business reports were read and discussed, future plans presented for approval, refreshments were served, and the annual in-house auction took place. Members brought their treasures on which interested members placed a bid. Any items not sold were donated to the Historical Society for their summer sales.

Future fundraisers will be the annual Slices for Scholarships, when slices of homemade pies, baked by the members, are available to the public on the 4th of July on the Town Green. This is a very popular event. Proceeds will benefit the ASC Merit Scholarship Program.

On Saturday, October 28, the Christmas in October-Jingle Bell Fair will take

place at AE/MS. Fine crafts and art will be for sale and ASC members will also be offering homemade baked goods, coffee, and tea for sale. Artists and crafters who would like to participate may email MaryO.ASCclub@live.com for an application or more information.

The next meeting on Wednesday, May 10 will be a special day for the members, as a field trip to King Arthur Flour Company in Vermont is on the agenda. After a short business meeting, the ladies will drive to King Arthur for an afternoon of lunch and shopping. This will be a very enjoyable time.

The ASC is always eager to invite new members who are interested in serving the community while meeting and making new friends. Ladies, young, old, or in between, are welcome to come to a meeting, or email MaryO.ASCclub@live.com for more information.



Andover Institute Presents The Strength of Our Democracy

Tuesday, May 16
at 7 P.M.

Press release

The Strength of Our Democracy: Reflections on the 2016 election, is the title of a presentation to be given by Eric Boyer, Associate Professor, Social Science and Education, Colby-Sawyer College. The presentation will take place on Tuesday, May 16, at 7 P.M. in the Stone Chapel, located on Andover's town green.

The 2016 election highlighted deep divides in the country about whether we are heading in the right direction, as well as starkly different visions for how we, as a country, should

tackle the pressing challenges facing us. Boyer will explore the issues that resonated for voters, candidates, and political parties in the recent election, give historical context to the current divisiveness, examine the challenges facing the country, and clarify the foundational principles of the U.S. Constitution that underlie our system of government.

The evening is sponsored by the Andover Institute, an arm of the Andover Community Association (ACA). All are welcome and the presentation is free of charge. For further information regarding this presentation or the ACA, contact: AndoverCommunity03216@gmail.com.



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February, Alex Bernhard submitted the details of proposed projects to the Bureau, and received advice that the agreement would come before the end of April. Schedules for the projects will depend on conclusion of the Agreement.

The projects include:

Brown Foundation funding of bridge railings and other related improvements.

Lawrence Street—Blackwater Bridge. Our contractor should be ready to embark on this project soon. Tom Frantz is keeping abreast.

Vegetation Control: Nita Tomaszewski and Prescott Towle have had discussion with State officials and have submitted our permit request. They will follow up in hopes of having this underway soon.

Other Current and Future Initiatives:

Grant Applications: The application for new funding from the Brown Foundation was mailed by Craig Heim

on April 19. All past funds have been expended on maintenance and improvement projects, and we look forward to continued support from this highly valued source.

One of our Trail members, an employee of 3M in Boscawen, has made us aware of a 3M community grant program for initiatives such as the Northern Rail Trail. He has submitted an application, for which we are most grateful.

We have learned that Belletetes is a continuing supporter of community projects, offering volunteers, and materials in assistance. Lindy Heim will approach Belletetes with a proposal for painting the Lawrence St—Blackwater tunnel.

Rack Cards for distribution on the Trail: In response to the need to order more rack cards for distribution along the Trail, the design of the current cards was reviewed, and a number of changes were agreed upon. Lindy and Craig Heim will make these changes and order a new supply of cards, with authority to do so of \$200.

National Trails Day: Saturday, June 3 is National Trails Day. FNRT-MC will publicize this on its website, urging people to use the Trail on that day, and bring along a bag so as to help with any needed spring cleanup.

Andover 4th of July Celebration, and FNRT-MC Raffle: Myra Mayman has applied for a booth at the Andover 4th of July celebration. Peter Southworth will organize the activity and schedule volunteer staffing.

Wilmot Fundraiser: On Saturday, July 22, the FNRT-MC will undertake a fundraising effort at the Wilmot Music on the Bandstand event. Lindy Heim will organize Wilmot FNRT-MC members to run the food concession.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, at 7 P.M., the meeting will be held at Merrimack County Nursing Home, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen.



Earlier this month, Peabody Home hosted a Non-Perishable Food Drive to benefit the Greater Franklin Food Pantry.

Peabody Home collected a very generous amount of non-perishable food donations at their location at 24 Peabody Place in Franklin.

The staff, residents and volunteers were excited to deliver the collected goods directly to the Franklin Food Pantry.

Photo L to R Adult Day Care Resident, Sheila A. and Peabody Home Volunteer, Katherine S. collect food from community donors.

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