

Andover Service Club Invites New Members

Mary Ofenloch, Andover Service Club

For 60 years, dedicated women from Andover and surrounding communities have been working together to be of service to the community they love. When the ASC was formed, and in all of the years thereafter, women of all ages and backgrounds decided to raise funds for local organizations who work to benefit the residents socially, educationally, and economically. The women became close friends, and today, as new members arrive, new friends are made. Many of the women have been members for years and are looking forward to rest and relaxation. Others have developed physical ailments which prevent them from working as they used to. Raising funds for the ASC Merit Scholarships is the primary mission of the ASC.

Being an ASC member is not just work with no fun. We enjoy each other's company; our meetings are social as well as business, with a different program each month. These programs are educational, informative, and entertaining.

Meetings are held on the second

Wednesday of the month from September through June at 10 AM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Most members are active, meaning they volunteer at the ASC Thrift Shop or bake cakes, pies, breads, etc for the bake sales that happen throughout the year; the ladies volunteer to work at the October arts and crafts show.

Some members cannot attend meetings because they have jobs, so we also have inactive members, who pay yearly dues - \$10 per year – and help whenever they are available.

So, if you are a new resident and would like to meet new friends, or if you are retired with some time on your hands, come join us. If your children are grown and do not need mom to watch over them, come join us. We hope to continue working for the betterment of our community for another 60 years, which means we need you! Come and join us! We will welcome you with open arms.

FYI - You need not be an Andover Resident to be an ASC member. There are members from several surrounding communities.

Letters

Tribute to Jim Goody

The Andover Lions Club is sad to announce the passing of our beloved 30 year member Jim Goody of Andover. Jim was born January 18, 1938 in Amsterdam, NY, and passed away February 25, 2019 alone at his home.

Jim joined the club in 1989, held many positions such as past President, Secretary, Membership Chair, helped out at the clubs events, and attended meetings.

He was an outstanding member of the club and the community and he will be greatly missed.

Andover Lions Club Members

Your opinion matters! Please send a letter to the Beacon expressing your thoughts on any local matters. Our readers want and need to hear your voice!

About Town Meeting

I hope residents at Town Meeting noticed that the town budget passed easily, that the Select Board, Budget Committee, and Town Administrator answered every question easily, and that those two Boards and the Moderator facilitated the progress of the meeting and treated everyone's questions fairly.

It appeared that participants were happy to move along the business of the town and enjoy the company of fellow residents. Many thanks to those who asked clarifying questions, offered reasonable amendments, and did their best to inspire trust and good will among their fellow townspeople. And just think-no snowstorm!

Janet Moore

On being Town Moderator

One resident characterized my Moderator work as "worst town meeting ever."

It was my responsibility for the

hesitation in blocking shouting, and fumbling the nested amended warrant articles. I'd like the community to understand how I tried to prepare.

From the date of town meeting, wherein I was elected, until the 3/2019 meeting there was only one live training from the Secretary of State's office. It was for all elected officials and addressed cybersecurity. We don't use computers, but I attended.

There was a single live training event for Moderators from the New Hampshire Municipal Associations. I was told I was 5th on the overbooked list for that training session (so no training).

Before town meeting I called the Secretary of State's office to see if they had any training videos. No, but they were kind enough to send me another copy of the typed training manual. I read the manual but its value may best be judged by the overbooked status of the live training.

The town officials, and I, did do a pre-town meeting prep session.

If you own a problem you should work to fix it. Suggested solutions;

a) I advised the Select Board to request the Secretary of State's office, and the New Hampshire Municipal Association, to provide a live training session every 3 or 4 months. Those sessions should be taped for review and made available online. The Moderator needs to have a basic grasp of all the election roles.

b) I advised the Select Board to request the Secretary of State's office, and the New Hampshire Municipal Association, to provide a certification exam (like a driver's test) for Moderators.

c) I advised the Select Board to adjust moderator compensation for the next budget to attract more candidates.

I will fulfill my term but not run for Moderator 3/2020.

To those who were not amused by my on-the-job-training stumbles. No hard feelings.

To those who offered sympathy: Thanks, its OK. I recall Theodore Roosevelt's "Man in the Arena."

Jon Mishcon

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by April 30. After that date there will be a late charge. The Andover Fish and Game are holding their annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 27 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. I'll be there selling dog licenses. So come on down.

Many of you pay your car registrations online through your bank or send

us a check with no paperwork. Some of you write 'taxes' in the memo area or nothing at all. Unfortunately this can cause us some confusion. To help eliminate any errors, could you please write 'registration' or better yet write your plate number on the check in the memo area so there will be no doubt as to where to apply your money.

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