

Mountain View



A newsletter by and for the Randolph Community, published by the Randolph Foundation

Randolph's Eileen Kelley Crowned as New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen, 2012



Eileen Kelley is crowned Miss Outstanding Teen NH, 2012 by last year's front-runner. Photo provided by Kathleen Kelley.

Eileen Kelley, a 17 year old Randolphian, secured the title of New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen, 2012 on February 13 at Pinkerton Academy in Derry New Hampshire. Eileen is the daughter of Mark and Kathleen Kelley and the younger sister of Aoibhinn "E-V", Eamon and Eoghan.

New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen Competition is a scholarship based program used to inspire and reward academic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living and

community involvement. It is sponsored by the official state chapter of the Miss America Organization. Twenty-one contestants competed for the title. Eileen won a \$1400.00 scholarship.

Eileen has coordinated many events on behalf of her pageant platform, "Go Wild! Celebrating Our National Forest," promoting the importance of protecting and exploring "our 'communities' backyard". "What I loved about this platform is not only is it close to home literally, but it is something I can bring to a national scale," Eileen told Steven Rodney of Pageant Planet during an interview on Feb. 24. She told Rodney she remembers hiking with her dad, discovering waterfalls or walking in the White Mountain National Forest and making little fairy houses with her mom. Eileen was amazed to learn that many of her high school peers had not been to the top of Mt. Jefferson or "seen the beautiful view from Ice Gulch". "That is when it occurred to me that I needed to take a stand and help our society rediscover the wild..." she told Rodney. "We've got over 200 million

acres to explore and protect, Go Wild!"

Contestants are judged on the basis of talent, private interview, on-stage questioning, evening gown, scholastic achievement, lifestyle and fitness. Eileen won a Preliminary Evening Gown Award and Overall Interview Award helping her to position to the top five. She sang "Part of Your World" from "The Little Mermaid" for the talent portion.

What was Eileen thinking when she won? "Honestly, I cannot remember exactly what went through my head. When I heard them call the name of the runner up I was stunned. I had worked 12 months to be standing where I was, and I couldn't say a word. I remember Lauren Percy, Miss New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen 2011, came over to give me hug and said "You did it girl!" and me just smiling and repeating those words over and over and over again in my head, "You did it girl, you did it girl, you did it girl!"

Family and friends traveled to Derry to support Eileen. Among these were Randolph residents Autumn Brown and Danielle Cotnoir. "I've known Eileen since my mom and her mom became friends, like my whole life", said Autumn who is a 7th grade student at the GRS Cooperative School in Gorham.

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Proud parents, Katie and Mark Kelley with daughter Eileen, center. Photo provided by Kathleen Kelley

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Town Directory

- AMBULANCE 911**
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (Chair, Paul Cormier) 466-5841
meets at 7 PM the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN** (Chair, Ted Wier) 466-3970
Administrative Assistant, Rodney Hayes; Treasurer Connie Chaffee
Meets at 7 p.m. at Town Hall 2nd & 4th Monday 466-5771
- BUILDING PERMITS.** See Board of Selectmen
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES** Suzanne Santos, Steve Hartman, & Karen Eitel
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION** (Chair, Bruce Kirmmse) 466-5777
- DOG LICENSES** See Town Clerk. Obtain or renew by the end of April.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT - ALL ALARMS - CALL 911;**
Randolph Chief, Dana Horne
- FOREST FIRE WARDEN** (Rebecca Boothman) Call for Burning Permits 466-2332
- GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD** Contact the SAU Office 466-3632
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; location
alternates between the 3 towns.
- LIBRARY** Trustees meet the 3rd Mon. of each month; Chair, Jean Malick, 466-5408
Librarian, Yvonne Jenkins, Open Mon. 10 – noon; Wed. 3 -8 p.m.,
Thur. 3-8 p.m.; Sat. 10 –noon
- LIFELINE** (Heather Wiley) 466-5179
- PLANNING BOARD** (Chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775
Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of the month.
- POLICE** (Randolph Chief, Alan Lowe) 466-3950
- RANDOLPH CHURCH** (Moderator Edgar Adams)
Sunday morning services July & August (10:30 a.m.).
- RANDOLPH COMMUNITY FOREST COMMISSION** (chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775
Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the 1st Wednesday
- RANDOLPH FOUNDATION** (President, Cathy McDowell) 466-5105
- RANDOLPH LIFE SQUAD — Call 911 in an emergency**
Co-Directors Bill & Barbara Arnold 466-2438
- RANDOLPH MOUNTAIN CLUB** (President, John Scarinza) 466-5775
- ROAD AGENT** (Kevin Rousseau) 466-5185
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**
Denise Demers, Michael Sewick & Angela Chakalis-Pfeffer
- TAX COLLECTOR** (Scott Robinson) by appointment; call the Town Hall 466-5771
- TOWN CLERK** (Anne Kenison) 466-2606
Town Hall hours: Mondays 9 - 11 a.m. ; Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m.
- TOWN HALL** (Secretary, Rodney Hayes) Mon. - Fri.; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 466-5771
- TRASH COLLECTION** Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.
Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of every month.
- TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND** Judy Kenison, Michael Sewick, M. Lark Andreas

Community Calendar

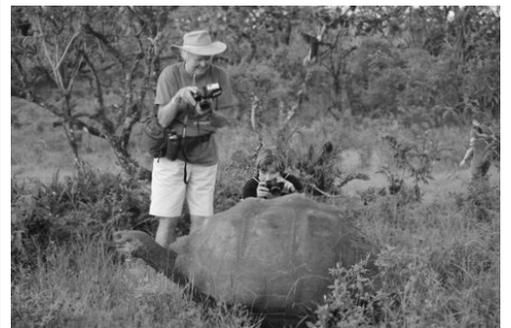
(NOTE: For recurring meeting schedules see "Town Directory" on the left)

- April**
- 14 RMC Spring Dinner
- 23—27 GRS school vacation
- June**
- 5 7 -7:30, Supervisors of Checklist meet. Last chance to change party before September primary.
- July**
- 3 Bill Minifie in Caberet, Town Hall
- 18 Berlin Jazz Band Concert, Randolph Fire House and Municipal Building
- 21 Book, Bake and Craft Sale, Town Hall

Building Permits

REMINDER
Randolph property owners are responsible for ensuring that they or their builders receive any necessary permits before beginning any construction. Building permits must be approved by the Selectmen. The Selectmen need time to review all permits, so please remember to submit them early enough to allow that process.

- 1/9/12 Rodney & Pamela Legendre Remodel Bath



Marie Beringer spent 3 weeks in Chili, and a week each in the Galapagos and Matchu Pitu. "It was fabulous."

Photo provided by Marie

“Eileen”, from page 1

“My mom took me and Danielle to Concord for the weekend. We drove down to a really big school with a huge auditorium and watched two preliminary pageants. The next night we saw the last pageant. It was crowded with lots of titleholders wearing sparkling crowns. We cheered so loud every time Eileen or one of the other North Country girls came on stage. The talent parts of the pageant were amazing --such good singers and dancers. There were even two girls that did baton twirling! The best part, though, was evening gown. The dresses were so beautiful and sparkling, and every girl was beautiful. Eileen looked so beautiful and confident on the stage.” When asked if she might be interested in competing for this title, Autumn said, “I might because it looks fun to participate in these competitions. Not only do you get to be on stage and maybe win a crown, you also can get scholarship money and go around meeting lots of new people.”

Eileen attended the Gorham, Randolph, and Shelburne Cooperative School until this year when she



Danielle Cotnoir and Autumn Brown cheer on Miss Outstanding Teen, NH

transferred as a junior to Concord High School after her mother accepted an executive position at the Concord Community Music School.

Eileen will next represent New Hampshire at the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant, scheduled for August in Orlando, Florida. She looks forward to having the opportunity of performing on a national stage. “Ever since I was 3 up until I turned 10 I starred in the Eileen Kelley Show on Randolph Hill,” she told Rodney, “I’d invite neighbors, friends and family to the house every Sunday night and put on a performance. Now, having the chance to fly to Orlando to preform and speak in the Orange County Convention Center is so exciting.”

As Miss New Hampshire’s Outstanding Teen, Eileen will continue to promote her platform ensuring that our wildlife is well-preserved and experienced by children and teens across America.

Compiled by Dede Aube.



Autumn Brown of Randolph gets a hug from Miss Outstanding Teen, Eileen Kelley
Photo by Angela Brown

Four Generations of Phinney Boys From left to right: Fred, Ben, Sam with Robert Benjamin "Robbie" and Jamie Phinney in Silver Spring, MD. Robbie was born on Dec. 19th to Drs. Lisa Prince and Sam Phinney, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. *Photo provided by Barb Phinney, aka the happy Grandmother!*



Introduction to Town Meeting, March 13, 2012 David L. Willcox, Town Moderator, Randolph, NH



David Wilcox Town Moderator
Photo: D. Aube

“Live Free or Die!” the motto adopted by the State of New Hampshire in 1945, is a quote from the state’s Revolutionary War General John Stark. In 1809, Stark was invited to speak at an anniversary of the Battle of Bennington. Illness prevented his presence but he sent this toast: “Live free or die. Death is not the worst of evils.”

“Live free or die” has become a slogan for those who oppose government regulations. But that fight was already joined almost two centuries before the phrase was coined. Early New England libertarians faced a formidable opponent in the person of John Winthrop.

In his famous “*City on a Hill*” sermon in 1629, Governor Winthrop outlined his vision of a colony where the good of the community would be paramount and where the personal profit motive would be reined in. As a means to that end the Massachusetts Bay Colony sought to instigate wage and price controls. Examples of proposed regulations include the following:

“...it shall be lawful for the governor...to appoint a reasonable rate of prices upon all such commodities as are, out of the ships, to be bought and sold in the country...”

“To the intent that all oppression in buying and selling may be avoided, it shall be lawful for the judges in every town...to appoint certain selectmen, to set reasonable rates upon all commodities, and proportionately limit the wages of workmen and labourers...”

Economics, as a discipline, was in its infancy and Winthrop may have been attempting to institutionalize what was then common practice. The accepted

exchange rate was something described as a “just” price. When supply and demand factors were in balance, the just price generally approximated what we would call today the market price. But when fluctuations occurred, a group of impartial local community leaders would be assigned the responsibility for determining what price was just. Winthrop envisioned that responsibility resting with the Colony’s Governor and Council.

An early test of the system was how well it dealt with an acute housing shortage. Winthrop’s own fleet introduced 1500 new settlers and, during the next 12 years, 20,000 more would arrive. Few of these arrivals were skilled builders and many of them had to make do with very makeshift dwellings. One man described his solution in this way:

“We built us our wigwam, or house, in one hour’s space. It had no frame, but was without form or fashion, only a few poles set together, and covered with our boat’s sails, which kept forth but a leetle wind, and less rain and snow.”

Those unable or unwilling to fend for themselves engaged in a mad scramble to hire anyone with a modicum of construction skills. Winthrop, himself, described what happened:

“The scarcity of workmen had caused them to raise their wages to an excessive rate, so as a carpenter would have three shillings to the day, a laborer two shillings and sixpence, etc.; and accordingly those who had commodities to sell advanced their prices sometime double to that they cost in England... which the court, taking knowledge of... they made an order, that carpenters, mason, etc., should take but two shillings the day, and laborers but eighteen pence, and that no commodity should be sold at above four pence in the shilling more than it cost... in England.”

This was the first effort to impose wage and price controls in what is now the United States. Over the years since, similar controls have been imposed during periods of economic stress, but always as a remedy for short-term problems and not as a form of long-term market management.

Winthrop soon found that controlling wages was easier said than done:

“The court having found by experience, that it would

not avail by any law to redress the excessive rates of laborers' and workmen's wages, etc. (for being restrained, they would either remove to other places where they might have more, or else being able to live by planting and other employments of their own, they would not be hired at all), it was therefore referred to the several towns to set the rates among themselves. This took better effect, so that in a voluntary way, by the counsel and persuasion of the elders, and example of some who led the way, they were brought to more moderation than they would by compulsion. But it held not long."

Price controls were no more successful and, in fact, there were very few prosecutions. The most famous of those that did take place involved a wealthy merchant named Robert Keayne. Keayne considered himself a devout Puritan and a responsible citizen. He was bewildered by the 1639 indictment brought against him and by the wave of re-cremations which followed. Keayne never got over it. In his will he poured out his bitterness in a long defensive statement which is recognized as the contemporary merchant's answer to Winthrop's controls:

"[My own offense] was so greatly aggravated and with such indignation pursued by some, as if no censure too great or too severe, as if I had not been worthy to have lived upon the earth. [Such offenses] are not only now common almost in every shop and warehouse but even then and ever since with a higher measure of excess, yea even by some of them that were most zealous and had their hands and tongues deepest in my censure..."

"...Was the selling of 6d. nails for 8d. per lb. and 8d. nails for 10 d. per lb. such a crying and oppressing sin?..."

The contrasting positions represented by Keayne and Winthrop have been dueling ever since. A recent article on current political events in a national newsmagazine described

"...a fight over the nation's character, waged between two archetypes of the American dream. In one corner is the rugged, up-by-the-bootstraps individualist. In the other is the egalitarian, level-the-playing-field populist."

So, when next you contemplate your license plate, think about General Stark's second line; *"Death is not the worst of evils."* Perhaps the worst of evils is to be overcharged for a bag of nails.

Randolph Election Results March 13, 2012

Submitted by Anne Kenison, Town Clerk

Selectman	John Turner
Treasurer	Connie Chaffee
Trustee of Trust Funds	Judy Kenison
Cemetery Trustee	Suzanne Lowe-Santos
Board of Adjustment	Paul Cormier William Andreas, Jr.
Auditor	Philip Guiser
Town Clerk	Anne Kenison
Supervisor of Checklist	Denise Demers
Library Trustee	Jean Malick, 3yr. term
Planning Board	John Scarinza Roberta Arbree
Moderator	David Willcox

All warrants passed as written.

Randolph School District Election Results, March 13, 2012

Randolph Board Member	Ron Ouellette
Randolph at Large Member	Mike Waddell

SB2	yes, 21	no, 83
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Selectmen at Town Meeting on March 13, John Turner, Michele Cormier, Ted Wier. Photo, D. Aube

Voting in the September State Primary

By Anne Kenison, Town Clerk

Are you planning to vote in the September State Primary Election? If so, you might want to check with the Supervisors of the Checklist or the Town Clerk to review what party you are registered with. The last day to change your party registration before the election is Tues June 5, from 7 to 7:30pm.

The process needed to change parties is easy: just stop at the Town Clerks office and fill out a new voter registration card or go to any of the Supervisor of the Checklist sessions.

Due to changes in the federal law, all overseas residents must fill out a Federal Postcard Application every year there is an election. The application is only good for 1 calendar year. So, if you voted in the presidential primary and made that request before Jan 1, 2012 you will need to fill out a new form.

If you need help finding the form, contact me at Town-clerk@randolph.nh.gov and I will forward it to you. Please remember that although I can email the overseas ballot, the actual ballot must be physically mailed back to me.

All others, who need to vote absentee may email, call, write or stop in and request a ballot at anytime.

All new voters may register with the Supervisors of the Checklist, Town Clerk or register on Election Day itself. Remember to bring something like a driver's license, phone or PSNH bill that shows proof of age, citizenship, and domicile.

Also be aware that it is possible that the state will pass a law requiring a photo ID to vote – I will get the word out if this happens.



Checking the Checklist on March 13, Judy Kenison and Michele Cormier. Photo, D. Aube

Where Were You in 1940?

Perhaps you or your family members were part of the **132 million people who were living in the 48 Continental United States in 1940.**

As part of what has been called the greatest generation, these are people who:

- Survived the Great Depression
- Fought in the Second World War
- Innovated technology (TV, Microwave)
- Sacrificed in the name of freedom
- Practiced thrift and compassion
- Understood hard work and industry

On April 2, 2012, NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) will provide access to the images of the 1940 United States Federal Census for the first time. Unlike previous census years when images were released on microfilm or microfiche, images of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made available as free digital images.

Upon release of these records, the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project, a joint initiative between Archives.com, FamilySearch, findmypast.com, and other leading genealogy organizations, will coordinate efforts to provide quick access to these digital images and immediately start indexing these records to make them searchable online with free and open access.

You can help make this access to the 1940 census record by being an "indexer". To find out more information go to www.the1940census.com and read more about it, download the program, or sign up to help. The Family History Center at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Rte. 2 in Randolph is open on the 2nd Saturday of the month and every Wednesday from 10 to 2. Stop in and see how you can help with the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project. FMI, call 466-3417 during the center hours mentioned above.

Submitted by Angela and Autumn Brown

Norton Scholarship Honors Memory of Local Organist

Submitted by Susan Ferré

A new scholarship has been established to honor the memory of Donald W. Norton, recently deceased organist for the Berlin United Church of Christ, and who was passionate about the organ and its literature. Don Norton attended concerts, donated music, read books about organ composers, and was actively involved in seeing to it that the organ arts continue in Berlin long after he was forced to stop his own playing. In years past he had spearheaded organ concerts, including one by area organists which took place in 1994 at the historic organ at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Berlin.

The Norton Scholarship is designed to give help to anyone, young or old, who would like to study the organ. The length of study is flexible and the prospective organ student can choose any teacher with whom to study. Some piano proficiency will be required and applicants should be able to read music. Applications for the Norton Scholarship are now being accepted, through Music in the Great North Woods, a non-profit organization under whose auspices the scholarship is held.

There is a growing need in our area, as well as across the country, for skilled organists, a situation which was recognized by Don and Lucille Norton. The Norton scholarship is a fitting tribute to one of the North Country's most enthusiastic and ardent supporters of the organ and its literature.

To contribute to the Norton Scholarship Fund, or to make application for organ study, contact Music in the Great North Woods, 290 Gorham Hill Road, Gorham, NH 03581, www.musicgnw.org, email: info@musicgnw.org, 603-326-3242 or contact Angela Brown at 603-723-8238.



At the July, 2011 opening reception of the Randolph Art Show, Angela Pfeffer accepted a token of appreciation on behalf of her husband, Dr. Bill Pfeffer, from Betsy Hess, who helped organize this year's show. Dr. Pfeffer, who passed away in September of 2011, organized the first community-wide art show 15 years ago.

Photo by Edith Tucker

2012 Annual Randolph Art Show Seeking Artists

We will have the usual Randolph Art Show this summer, with a gala opening during the week of the 4th of July. Those who have exhibited before and new entrants from the Randolph community can each display one piece of art, either two or three dimensional. Art to be hung must be framed with a wire across the back in order to connect correctly with our hanging system. It is always wonderful to see the varied talents of the artists among us. Roberta Arbree, Karen Eitel, and Betsy Hess will be returning to organize the show. For more information, or to register, please contact Betsy Hess at mchess@ncia.net.



Walter Graff, vice-president of the Appalachian Mountain Club, with the help of Forest Commission member Ben Eisenberg, led a discussion on the benefits of proposed articles making it possible for the town to acquire about 79 acres of land along the intersection of the Valley Road and Route 2 and to designate this land as Town Forest Land. Voters unanimously accepted the four warrant articles at the Randolph Town Meeting on March 13.

Photo by D. Aube

Randolph Remembers



Courtesy photo, Bryant Funeral Home

Ruth Lee Knight, a long-time summer resident of Randolph, passed away peacefully at Doctor's Hospital in Lanham, Maryland on January 5.

Ruth started visiting Randolph in 1962 with her husband Bill and for nearly 50 years the couple and their children summered in Randolph, participating in local activities such as Randolph Mountain Club hikes, the Randolph Foundation, and the

Randolph Colloquy (which she ran one summer.) The couple lived at several addresses on Randolph Hill Road and loved their restorative and uplifting summer visits to the North Country.

Ruth Lila Lee was born in Patterson New Jersey on July 21, 1926, the second child of Philip and Bessie Lee, and grew up on Long Island, where she showed early achievement and talent as a pianist. She was valedictorian at Woodmere High School in Woodmere, NY in 1941 and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY in 1945. The next year, she pursued graduate studies at Yale, where she met her future husband, William Knight, a veteran of the Army Air Corps who was preparing for a career in the US diplomatic service. The couple married in 1946, and immediately departed for Genoa, Italy, Bill's first post. Over the next three decades, they represented our country in such disparate places as Rome, Italy, Reykjavik, Iceland, Canberra, Australia, and Manila in the Philippines, living in the Washington, DC area when stationed at home. They had two sons, Jeffrey in 1949 in Rome, and Peter, in 1953 in Washington, DC.

Ruth had wide interests, an active mind, and a keen desire to work and meet new challenges. During her early years in the Foreign Service, Ruth pursued history and public affairs. In Italy, she ghost wrote the autobiography of the wife of Mussolini's ambassador to Hitler's Germany. In Australia, she earned an M.A. in History at the Australian National Univer-

sity. Her master's thesis was awarded First Class Honors and was subsequently published by Melbourne University Press as Illiberal Liberal: Robert Lowe in New South Wales. Lowe, who was later to become Chancellor of the Exchequer under Gladstone, spent his early career in Australia. Reviewers described the biography as "the best written work of Australian history to appear for a long time" and a work of "Tacitean brilliance."

In the 1960s, Bill and Ruth spent several tours in Washington, during which she completed her studies for a PhD in History at George Washington University and began taking short-term projects in the federal bureaucracy focused on the Department of HEW and the history of the US military. Following her final tour in Manila from 1967-71, the Knights returned to Washington, where Ruth spent the next eight years serving as legislative aide to Representatives Donald Fraser (D-MN) and Stanley Lundine (D-NY), taking a break in 1978 to serve as Fraser's Issues Director in his failed run for the Senate. While in Congress, she spearheaded successful legislation that shielded communities situated next to interstate highways from the noise of traffic (those walls that now block freeway noise from neighboring communities) and eliminated the dumping of raw sewage into rivers and streams from boats, laughingly called by Ruth the "boat toilet amendment."

In 1979, Ruth switched from the Congressional to the Executive branch and moved to OSHA, the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, where she served for 19 years in a number of positions including Chief of the Division of Legislative Affairs, Director of Policy in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Director of the Office of Program Evaluation. She retired in 1998.

Ruth and Bill vacationed in Randolph almost every summer since 1968, when they first bought a home in the town. They also enjoyed overseas travel, revisiting the countries they had served in, having tennis vacations, and spending time with their grandchildren. While in Manila, Ruth had become involved in recording books for the blind, an activity she continued upon her return to the United States. Ruth always retained her eager and vocal interest in politics, fiction, history and public affairs.

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Ruth was predeceased by her husband in November, 2010 and is survived by her two sons, Jeffrey Knight of Oakland, CA and Peter Knight of Washington, DC, three grandchildren – Michael, Sam, and Charlotte, and her brother, Stanley Lee, MD, of New York, NY and two daughters in law, Zanna Knight and Sheryl Lincoln who both felt they had struck gold in their mother-in-law. She will be buried in the Randolph Cemetery with her husband. A memorial service will be held at the Randolph Church at a date yet to be determined this summer.

Gifts in Ruth's memory can be sent to the Randolph Foundation (www.randolphfoundationnh.org). Any communications about upcoming services should be directed to Jeffrey Knight at jwknightjd@aol.com

Mr. George A. Brackett, Jr., 87, of Baillargeon Rd., Randolph, NH passed away peacefully at home on Saturday March 17, 2012 with his family at his side. He was born in Salem, MA on January 1, 1925 the son of George A. Brackett, Sr. and Letitia R. (Schnare) Brackett. He was raised in Salem, MA



then moved to Topsfield, MA until 1974, when he retired to Randolph, NH. He attended Salem schools and graduated from Salem High School with the Class of 1942. In 1943, he enlisted in the US Navy and served his country until 1946. He had been employed by New England Telephone Co. and retired as the District Plant Manager in 1976 after 26 years of service. He also owned and operated Panorama Red Cedar Homes. George was a 60 year member of the Budleigh Masonic Lodge in Beverly, MA; he had been a Past President of the Gorham Rotary Club, was a former Randolph selectman, was a member of the White Mountain Post 2520 VFW and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers. He was a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family. George also enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, gardening and camping at Dolly

Copp campground in the White Mountains ever since he was a year old. He was also an active member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Salem, MA, where he was a Vestryman, and his life reflected his love of the Lord and his family.

Members of the family include his loving wife of 63 years Berniece (Homan) Brackett of Randolph, NH, 3 daughters Barbara Pake and husband Bryant of Randolph, NH, Carol Goulet and husband Roger of Gorham, NH and Beverly Leclerc and husband Richard of Beverly, MA; 1 son Glenn Brackett and wife Shirley of Northwood, NH; 10 grandchildren Bryant Pake, Daniel Pake, Jennifer Howard, Matthew Goulet, Katie Borrer, Timothy Goulet, Zachary Brackett, Allison Brackett, Rebecca Brackett and Lauren Leclerc; 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday March 22, 2012 at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Berlin, NH. Interment will be in the New Randolph Cemetery. Anyone who wishes may make a donation in his memory to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or to AVH Home Health and Hospice, 59 Page Hill Rd., Berlin, NH, 03570.

As this edition went to press, we learned of the death of **Alfred J. Frueh**, (Mike) on March 23rd. Mike and his family were long time summer residents on Randolph Hill. A full obituary will follow in a later edition. He is predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Anne T. Frueh (Nancy) who passed away April 28, 2009, and sons Jonathan and Tim.

Ethiopia comes to Randolph by Gail Scott; Part II

...a continuation of an article on Jon Martinson's presentation at the Randolph Town Hall, describing the creation of a Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) health center in Matar, Ethiopia, in May 2010. The Center was established to treat people, expected to cross the South Sudan-Ethiopia border to escape violence in South Sudan, which declared independence from Sudan in July 2011. Conflict continues. South Sudan gained control of about 75 percent of the formerly united Sudan's 490,000 barrels a day of oil output, but is landlocked so needs a pipeline outlet across Sudan. Negotiations between South Sudan and Sudan are ongoing. During 2010 the Matar Health Center "held close to 29,000 consultations and 873 patients were hospitalized, according to the latest numbers from MSF. Martinson has moved on to a new assignment.



Photo provided by Jon Martinson

"Water had to be brought to the clinic from a well that the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) had drilled some time before," Martinson said. "The water carriers were women. They carried water in 20 liter containers from the well. We would use 1,700 to 2,000 liters a day. When I arrived, they

were carrying the containers on their heads. We got them wheel barrows. You could put four or five of the 20 liter containers in a wheelbarrow. By the time we left, we had gotten them a pickup truck."

Most of the clinical staff was from other parts of Ethiopia, such as Addis Ababa. "They had horrible places to stay and were quitting so we decided to build them a dormitory. We tried to do it with local labor—wood frame, mud walls, tin roofs, and cement as a final layer. They did some amazing stone work. We trucked in piles of stone. Everything is manual. If you need mud, you dig," Martinson said. Most of the centers' clients were women and children. Almost all the children were mal-nourished. "That became the thing we treated the most."

At first the Nuar were reluctant to visit the center, particularly since in the beginning their patients were extreme cases and could not be saved. "This population had never seen western medicine and their acceptance was very slow. When we first opened the clinic, the only patients they brought us were those that the local medicine man had given up on. They were dying and we got a reputation being a place to die. It took a couple of success stories to get over that." With time, they had success and the Nuar were more willing to visit the center.

Among other things, the center has a delivery room, "the only one within miles," said Martinson.

They also had a supply of "Plumpy'nut," a peanut based food supplement that has become incredibly useful in areas where children are dying from lack of nourishment. Plumpy'nut "has a two year shelf life and requires no water, preparation or refrigeration," according to the Plumpy'nut website. It is made of "a peanut-based paste, sugar, vegetable fat, and skimmed milk powder, reinforced with vitamins and minerals." It is manufactured by a French company, Nutriset. "But if the children are too malnourished, they have to be intravenously fed before they can eat," Martinson said. The children are also subject to eye infections because of the dust and wind. While Martinson was there, the whole village burned. "Seemed a couple of guys on a Sunday afternoon were sitting in a tukul with an open fire, drinking ouzo. The fire got away from them and burned the town down. The same thing had happened five years before. We had all these plans to help them out (after the fire) but they were not all that interested," Martinson said. "Ten days later they were already starting to sell stuff, they put out their merchandise on mats. The first thing to come out was ouzo."

Martinson said the Nuar believe that when they burn the grass (on the plains) they will have better growth the following year. "But actually," he said, "the fire gets so hot that it kills the nutrients in the soil. The soil is basically clay. With a lot of rain you get a lot of mud. I spent a lot of time with a come-along in the rainy season."

Despite the problems of malnourishment, Martinson said there were always kids everywhere, excited and having fun. He regretted that he hadn't recorded the sounds of Matar, which, he explained, are an important part of the over-all picture, between the kids at play and the exuberant church celebrations, singing and dancing and every other sound from an agreeable people.

Life expectancy is not great. Martinson thought it might be in the 40s. "They don't have a good way of

counting how old they are," he said. They are subject to a host of problems—tuberculosis, digestive tract worms, malaria. Security was never an issue for Martinson in Matar. "We had a few guys come through town with machine guns. There was a family feud," he said. "They shot someone. When that happened, every tukul all of a sudden produced a guy with an AK47. It was unbelievable, but some years before, there had been problems in the area."

Martinson said the MSF staff had signs on their vehicles that indicated they were not carrying weapons and they posted that sign at all entrances to their facilities. Anyone carrying would have to leave the weapon with Martinson while at the clinic. "We (MSF) are neutral and that is known worldwide," he said.

Martinson's last assignment was to set up a health center in China where MSF had discovered the population was suffering from hypertension and Diabetes 2, but there were so many delays getting the go ahead from the local Chinese officials that Martinson and the physician he was working with decided to leave. The project is still an active one for MSF, but will not proceed until the necessary local permits have been granted.

During Martinson's adventurous life he has moved from being a teacher of physics, to managing the AMC lodge at Pinkham Notch, to managing the Siple Center in Antarctica, to running the information systems group for the research part of Partners Healthcare in Boston. Working with MSF has been a goal of his for many years.

"I have always traveled a lot in different countries," he said. "There are a lot of people who have nothing, really nothing. I believe that basic healthcare is something every society needs access to in order to thrive. The best way to foster peace and security is through humanitarian work and my choice is providing basic health care. For me, it's a strategy of promoting peace and maybe preventing conflict. I'm not sure whether this works or not, but if people are relatively healthy and have some food, they are not going to be (so angry)."

Randolph Mountain Club Spring Dinner Saturday, April 14, 2012

Join us as we welcome spring and support the Randolph Mountain Club!

Libby's Bistro
111 Main Street, Gorham, NH
6:00 PM cocktails (cash bar)
7:00 PM gourmet dinner

RMC President John Scarinza will provide a preview of the summer season

\$35 per person to be paid at the door

Raffle tickets for RMC merchandise and other enticing items will be for sale!

**There is a limit of fifty people for this event.
Reservations must be made.**

If you would like to attend (and we hope you will!)

RSVP to RMC Social Events Co-Chairs
Sarah Gallop at seq@mit.edu or
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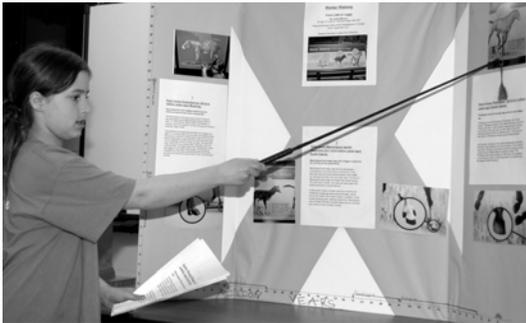
Special thanks to Liz Jackson
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SEE YOU THERE!



For Tara and Samarjit Shankar, 2011 ended with the momentous event of welcoming their second child, Vera Vasundhara Rosenberger Shankar, on December 22. The Shankars chose the name Vera because of its roots of "truth" (Latin), "brave/heroic" (Sanskrit), "faith" (Russian/Scandinavian); and Vasundhara for "earth" (Sanskrit). Uma is very excited to have a little sister even though it means sharing her Mommy and Daddy perhaps more than she sometimes would like.

Photo provided by Tara and Samarjit Shankar

Four Randolph girls gave illustrated talks at a 4-H Demonstration Day at WMCC in Berlin. All of them are members of Colts & Fillies 4-H Club in Stark, NH. *Photos by Edith Tucker*



Nine-year-old **Isobel Micucci** of Randolph used information she learned as well as the photos she took on a 2011 visit to the Field Museum in Chicago in her talk on the evolution of the horse.



Nine-year-old **Kai Parlett** of Randolph discussed equine colic, noting that horses have about 100 feet of intestines.



Nine-year-old **Phoebe Ross** of Randolph showed off her very clever self-designed game "Are You Smarter Than a Horse?"

Eight-year-old **Sasha Tupik** of Randolph discussed horse ears, using a cleverly designed horse's head to illustrate her points.



Colby, Kemp and Haden Minifie pose outside the City Center Theater after the last performance of "Close up Space." on Sunday January 29, 2012. Colby starred alongside stage and screen actors David Hyde Pierce and Rosie Perez in Molly Smith Metzler's comedy, "Close Up Space," presented by Manhattan Theatre Club at New York City Center Stage I
Photo provided by Bill Minifie



News from Friends of the Randolph Public Library

By Ingrid Graff and Lynn Hunt

The friends of the library have had a busy fall/winter season.

Our fall film and potluck was "West Side Story" which was attended by 45 people and enjoyed by all. In January we held a French Gourmet Pot-Luck, with fabulous food and a viewing of "Julie and Julia" to round out the evening. We had about 35 people and everyone loved the film and the food!

Angela Brown recently presented a Smile-Box workshop, where participants learned how to incorporate digital pictures with music to create slide shows, invitations or a record of a special event. Angela has agreed to do another Smile Box workshop on July 11th, 7.00-8.30pm at the Town Hall.

The Anna Karenina Book Group read Flaubert's "Madame Bovary" in November and has just finished their 8-week session devoted to reading and discussing "Anna Karenina". The last book discussion was "The Great Gatsby". We are all really enjoying this reading group and will continue to choose books for discussion.

One of the Friends main projects this winter was to enhance the Town Hall kitchen by making it user friendly. To this end we had a cleaning/sorting session, where we organized storage so that similar items are stored together.

The Friends bought three 2-liter thermoses, a one-liter thermos for coffee, tea, hot water etc. and an electric kettle and coffee maker. These are available for any town events and we hope people will take advantage of these new additions. Agencies and groups aware of a need in the town kitchen



Lynn & Jim Hunt dance the night away at the 2011 Town Jazz Picnic Photo by D.Aube

should feel free to contact Lynn or Ingrid at contact information below.

After our last Friends meeting we have decided to also purchase a blender and cookie sheets for the library children's program.

The Friends are pleased to have

been able to donate \$500 for books and \$200 for the children's program. We hope to do this on an annual basis. We also voted at our last meeting to purchase 2 Kindles for the library, along with cases and \$50 to download some books. Yvonne will be giving a workshop on how to use Kindles and how to download books from the state li-



Sally & Mike Miccuci and Heather Wiley enjoy tapping to the beat at the 2011 Town Jazz Picnic

brary. These will be available for check out. We are also continuing with our Membership in the Arts Alliance of Northern NH.

In the coming months we will be keeping you informed of our events.

We are currently organizing the Bill Minifie Concert, which this year will be held at the Town Hall on July 3rd. We will have a wine and cheese social with this event. We would like to thank Angela Brown and the Church of the Latter Day Saints for so generously hosting this event for the past few years.

We are also working on a Friends of the Library desk calendar which will be available to buy at our events this summer and at the RMC 4th of July Tea.

The Berlin Jazz Band Concert will be held at the Town Municipal Building on July 18th from 6.30 – 8.30pm. We will have tables set up for people to use for their picnics and space for dancing. Everyone loved this venue last year – so bring your friends, food and beverage and make a party of it.

We will be calling on our "Friends of the Friends" to help out with the annual Book, Bake and Craft sale on July 21st.

If you are not on the Friends e-mail list and wish to be, please contact Ingrid, igruff@ne.rr.com or Lynn, lhunt001@ne.rr.com. A sign-up sheet is also at the library.



Edith Tucker photo

Thank You Gail Scott

The Randolph Foundation Board of Directors would like to publicly recognize Gail Scott for her tremendous effort in organizing and coordinating the Foundation's old records. Gail sifted through mountains of old Foundation files and letters that were stored in cardboard boxes and sitting in various Randolph basements. Over a period of several years, she organized them by year and category and they are now safely stored in the Randolph Library and available for all to get a glimpse into Randolph's past.

The Foundation board has long recognized that the organizing and preserving of the records of Randolph's institutions and organizations is a critical concern. We are extremely grateful to Gail for her work to preserve these important records and to organize them in a way that makes them accessible for further study and review.

On behalf of the Randolph Foundation, Gail is also responsible for editing, producing, and distributing the *Randolph Weekly* during July and August.

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