

Mountain View



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

Frisbee Golf Comes to Randolph

By Jason Hunter and Doug Mayer

Golf anyone? Hardly the topic of conversation at Durand Lake-- or is it? This summer Randolph will experiment with the growing sport of frisbee, or disc golf.

The idea of a disc golf course in town germinated among a small group of Randolph residents and area friends. Local enthusiasts include Dave Salisbury, Doug Mayer, as well as Dyk and Spencer Eusden. The Durand Lake area is an ideal area for a course, replete with natural challenges, a variety of terrain, and plenty of scenic nooks and crannies.

This past winter, we took the idea to the Randolph selectmen, who greeted it with enthusiasm. We reviewed the proposed course, and agreed to try a test during the coming summer. Our goal is to make sure that disc golf is compatible with other activities occurring in the Durand Lake and town recreation areas, as well as to keep the area essentially unchanged, aesthetically. The current layout has the 18-hole course starting at the Ravine House Pool lifeguard building. As time goes on, we will likely adjust the course, to better integrate it into other ongoing activities.

While new to Randolph, disc golf isn't as recent a sport as some might think. It's been played since the 1960's and has gained momentum in recent years as a community activity suitable for all ages. Since the first formalized course in 1975, courses have popped up on public and private land, college campuses and summer camps. The beauty of a disc golf course is that it requires virtually no alteration to the land, and there is only a bare minimum of maintenance once the course is open for use.

The concept is essentially the same as traditional golf, in that you want a low score and you are playing against the challenges put forth by the course. Each hole has a set par, a primitive tee pad (in our case, just a log or rock marker), the natural "fairway" and, of course, the hole. In the case of disc golf the hole is actually a specially constructed goal designed to catch the disc.

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Randolph Forest Day

Written by members of the Randolph Forest Commission

Henceforth, the Randolph Forest Day will join the town calendar of regularly scheduled events. Unless there is an announcement declaring otherwise, the first Saturday in August of each year will be recognized as "Forest Day", and the Forest Commission will arrange a program, usually involving a tour of some part of the forest, which has as its theme one or more of the activities being carried out in, or connected with, the Community Forest.

This year the first Saturday falls on August 1st and the discussion will focus on wildlife and wildlife habitats. It will be led by members of the Forest Commission and the Natural Resource Consultants on our Forestry Team, Elise Lawson and John Severance. We will be joined by a member of the staff of the WMNF Androscoggin Ranger District Office who will describe complementary activities being undertaken in the WMNF and will participate in reports on projects involving cooperation between the USFS and the town.

The activities planned for this year's Forest Day will be in two parts: a discussion in the Town Hall; and a field trip. At 9:00 am in the Randolph Town Hall, the Forest Commission and the Forestry Team members will provide an update on the work carried out on behalf of the forest during the last year, including timber harvests, implementation of the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) grant and the installation of permanent transects for the monitoring of wildlife over time. The report will be illustrated with slides and perhaps, video clips taken in the forest. The discussion will also focus on the ways the wildlife and timber harvesting goals overlap and strengthen each other, with reference to the long term effort to regenerate a softwood wildlife corridor along Stag Hollow Brook.

The field trip will begin around 10:00 am. The group will visit an active beaver pond, where there is also a recently installed transect. The Forestry Team members will demonstrate a method of determining the various aquatic species using the beaver pond. They will also point out animal travel corridors along the edge of the beaver pond. The tour will visit deer yards in softwood stands and the team members will describe their value

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Meeting notices, inquiries, comments, and ideas are welcomed and encouraged. Please send materials for the *Mountain View* to Diana Aube, Nekel Lane, Randolph, NH 03593 or daube@ne.rr.com by the 15th of the month preceding publication (publication is quarterly: September, December, April & June). The *Randolph Weekly* is published weekly in July & August. Send notices by Tuesday of each week to Gail Scott at 603-466-5498 (call or FAX); or mscott1@ne.rr.com; or 162 Randolph Hill Road, Randolph NH 03593. The *Blizzard* is published the first of each month except July and August. Please send all notices for the *Blizzard* to Barbara Arnold, 466-2438; barnold@ne.rr.com or 403 Randolph Hill Road, Randolph, NH 03593. *Blizzard* materials by the 24th of the preceding month. If you are not receiving the *Blizzard* and wish to, please let Barbara know. A grant from the Randolph Foundation makes all these publications possible.

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Town Directory

- AMBULANCE 911**
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (Chair, Ted Wier) 466-3970
meets at 7 PM the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN** (Chair, Ken Lee) 466-2392
Secretary, Rodney Hayes; Treasurer Connie Chaffee
Meets at 7 p.m. at Town Hall every other Monday, call for schedule. 466-5771
- BUILDING PERMITS.** See Board of Selectmen
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES** Jim Baldwin, Suzanne Santos & Steve Hartman
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION** (Chair, Jim Meiklejohn) 466-3818
- 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 Parker) Call for Burning Permits 466-2332
- GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD** Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; location alternates between the 3 towns. Contact the SAU Office 466-3632
- LIBRARY** (Librarian, Yvonne Jenkins) 466-5408
Open Mon. 10 – noon; Wed. 3 -8 p.m., Thur. 3-8 p.m.; Sat. 10 –noon; trustees meet the 3rd Mon. of each month
- LIFELINE** (Jean Malick) 466-2547
- PLANNING BOARD** (Chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775
Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of the month.
- PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOC.** (President, Craig Malick) 466-2547
- POLICE** (Randolph Chief, Alan Lowe) 466-3950
- RANDOLPH CHURCH** (Moderator William May)
Sunday morning services July & August (10:30 a.m.).
- RANDOLPH COLLOQUY** (Bea Alexander) 466-3881
- 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, Michelle Cormier) 466-5841
- ROAD AGENT** (Mike Gray) 586-7840
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**
Denise Demers, Michael Sewick & Angela Chakalis-Pfeffer
- TAX COLLECTOR** (Scott Robinson) by appointment; call the Town Hall 466-9856
- 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, Michelle Cormier, Michael Sewick

Community Calendar

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

June

- 12 Gorham High School Graduation
- 18 Last day of school
- 20 Pot Luck Dinner with Dolly Copp (portrayed by Carol Foord)

July

- 3 Bill Minifie and Heywood Alexander in Concert
- 4 Fourth of July Tea, Kenyon's Barn
- 9 Randolph Art Show Opening Reception
- 11 Bob Kilham Concert
- 22 Wild Life Encounter Zoo (for children age 5+)
- 23 Birds of the Arboreal Forest, lecture by Dave Govatski
- 24 Hike and Bird watch with Dave Govatski
- 25 Highacres Reception

August

- 1 Randolph Forest Day
- 8 Book & Bake Sale
- 8 RMC Annual meeting
- 9 Randolph Church 125th Annual Meeting
- 14 Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting
- 15 Firemen's Pancake Breakfast
- 15 RMC Charades and Picnic

September

- TBA Ballroom Dancing Lessons
- Continued Programs: Tuesdays, Yoga and Bridge for all Levels*

Building Permits

- 05/11/09 Ray Cotnoir & Heather Wiley will build a new house
- 05/11/09 Mike & Sally Micucci will remove an old deck and build a new one
- 05/11/09 Nathan Peters will remodel and repair

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.

Music in the Great North Woods

Summer and Fall, 2009

- July 3 Songs for a Summer Evening, Bill Minifie and Heywood Alexander
Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, Randolph, 7:30pm; Info and tickets at Randolph Library: 466-5408
- July 12* Tour and Demonstration of instruments
Chapel Arts New England, Gorham, 4 pm
- July 19* Susan Ferre, Organ recital on the Bedient organ
Chapel Arts New England, Gorham, 4 pm
- Aug. 16* Michie Akin and David Westfall, 1863 Erard piano
Back Gallery, Chapel Arts New England, Gorham, 4 pm
- Aug. 23* Charles Lang, viola da gamba and violoncello, and Susan Ferre, harpsichord and organ
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin, 4 pm
- Sept. 5 & 6* Big Moose Mini-Bach Festival, with Christa Rakich, clavichord, organ, multiple harpsichords; Charles Lang, viola da gamba, violoncello; with period instruments
Chapel Arts NE, Gorham, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin
- Sept. 20 Tour and demonstrations of keyboard instruments "Above the Notches" at Chapel Arts, and others in Gorham and Berlin area, for the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
Chapel Arts New England, Gorham
- Oct. 18* Johann Sebastian Bach's Art of the Fugue, Jon Gillock and Dean Kauffmann, four hands, 1863 Erard piano
Back Gallery, Chapel Arts New England, Gorham, 4 pm

*Concerts are free; donations accepted.

For more information:

603-466-2865

www.chapelartsnewengland.com;

musicinthegreatnorthwoods@earthlink.net

2009 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following:

Aoibhinn "Evie" Kelley graduated from Gorham High School and has accepted admission into the class of 2013 at St. Michael College in Burlington, Vt. She plans to study sociology and her long term goal is to become a high school guidance counselor. Aoibhinn is the daughter of Katie and Marc Kelley on Randolph Hill Rd.

Sarah Brockett graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. After graduation, Sarah will bicycle across the country. Her initiative for this trip is to raise money for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. She plans to attend UNH in the Honors program in 2010. Sarah is the daughter of Peter and Laura Brockett on Randolph Hill Rd.

Emma Jenkins graduated, summa cum laude, in the 107th Commencement Ceremony of Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in General Art, as well as a Master of Arts Degree in Education. Emma was the recipient of a Sears B. Condit Award for outstanding academic achievement. She is pursuing a teaching position in elementary education. Emma is the daughter of Larry and Yvonne Jenkins on Puggy Huddle Lane.

12th Annual Art Show

The 12th Annual Randolph Art Show will open with a wine and cheese reception on Thursday, July 9, 2009 between 4:00 and 7:00 PM at the Randolph Town Hall. Randolph residents who have not previously exhibited, but would like to do so, please call Angela or Bill Pfeffer at 603-466-3828, or email at wpfeffer@ne.rr.com

Randolph Remembers

Lucy Marquand Alexander

1954-2009

What if we heard the extraordinary power of hope to be there, even when the signs would indicate that all hope is lost? . . . "If we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." Excerpt taken from a sermon preached at the Randolph Church

Lucy Alexander, 55, of Bedford, Massachusetts, died Wednesday, April 29, 2009, in Boston, of complications following a long battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family. A service will take place at the Randolph Church at 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 1.

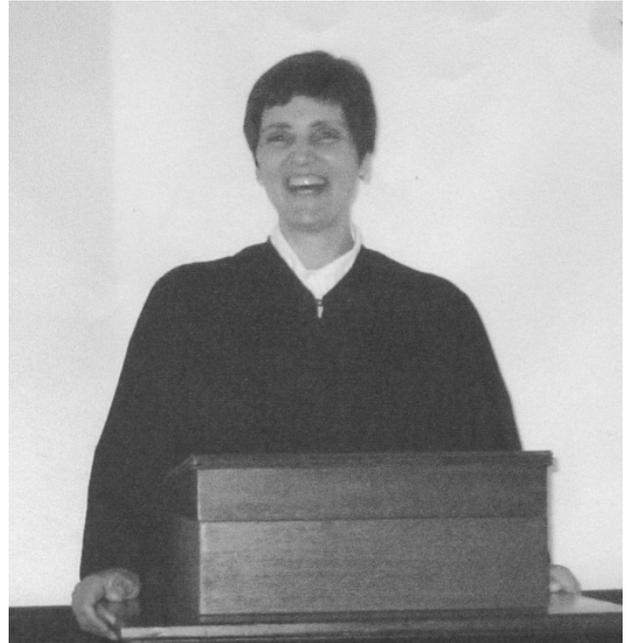
Lucy loved Randolph, mountain walks, the joy of being together as family, her many Randolph friends, and preaching at the Randolph Church.

Born in Boston, she was brought up in Cleveland, Ohio where she attended Hathaway Brown School. She matriculated at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, graduating in 1976. She also earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Boston University and a Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton, Massachusetts.

After college Lucy taught English as a second language in Rome, Italy, and in this country. She earned her MBA, became a loan officer at the Bank of Boston, then Manager, Domestic Treasury, Prime Computer, Natick, Massachusetts, and subsequently joined her husband as owner/manager of Osmun Music, Arlington, Massachusetts.

Heeding a call to ministry, she attended seminary, completed her degree in 2001 and was ordained at Hancock Church, Lexington, Massachusetts, where she was active as a seminarian. In 2003 she was installed as Associate Pastor at First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Derry, New Hampshire, a position she held until her death.

Lucy lived her life fully and with conviction. Her first commitment was to her family, in which she took great pride. She loved books and learning, and her



Lucy Alexander

*Submitted by Heywood & Bea Alexander
Preaching in the Randolph Church*

inquiring mind led her into teaching, then business, and, finally, into ministry. Her ready smile and positive outlook warmed the hearts of all who knew her.

She leaves her husband of twenty-four years, Robert Osmun of Bedford; two children, Geoffrey Osmun and Emily Osmun, both of Boston; her parents, Beatrice and Heywood Alexander, of Hanover, New Hampshire; and three siblings, Linda Alexander-Cowdery of Hartford, Connecticut, James Alexander of Shoreview, Minnesota, and Elizabeth Lovelace, of Greenbank, Washington.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Parish Church, Discretionary Fund, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, NH 03041; or to the Randolph Church Benevolence Fund, c/o George Baldwin, Treasurer, 80 Lyme Road, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755; or to Susan G. Komen for the Cure (Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation), attn: Gift Management Services, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, Texas 75244 or online at komen.org.

Submitted by Bea and Heywood Alexander

Mary Elizabeth Klechot

Mary Elizabeth Klechot of Randolph passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2009. Services were held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Berlin on May 15, 2009.

Born in Sylvania, Ohio on February 1939, she was the daughter of Leon and Margaret Hill. Mary Elizabeth attended Agnes Scott University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree and Michigan State University where she received a Master of Education with French Specialty. She was known as "Madame" to the students at Gorham High School where she taught French for many years. Her teaching methods included laughter, song and it is said, the aromas of French cooking sometimes permeated school corridors. Her interests included music, literature and foreign languages. Mary Elizabeth was responsible for translating the Mt. Washington Auto Route description into French and one of her cherished missions was to improve French proficiency throughout the North Country.

Rev. Eleanor McLaughlin, neighbor and friend of Mary Elizabeth, described her as a beloved wife and mother, teacher, community activist, business person and a generous friend. "Once you were her friend, it was, as in Paradise...for always," said Rev. McLaughlin.

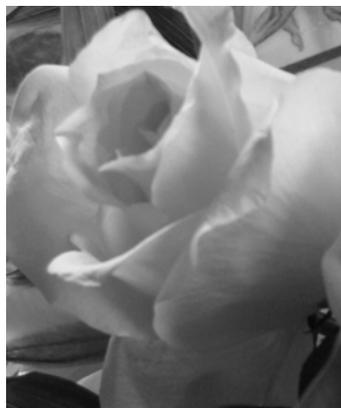
Mary Elizabeth is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, Rajmund Klechot, her son, Jerrad Whitten of Newburyport, Mass and her brother, Nathaniel Hill of Lancaster, Ohio.

*Seule la rose est assez fragile pour exprimer
L'Éternité**

"Only the rose is fragile enough to express eternity."

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gorham High School French Program.

Sources include *Berlin Daily Sun* and *Homily* by E. McLaughlin+, *Paul Claudel, *Poemes dans le Metro*.



D. Aube photo.

Anne "Nancy" Torrey Frueh

Anne Torrey Frueh, better known as "Nancy", died peacefully on April 28, 2009 at the age of 88. Since last Fall, she had known that her internal organs were beginning to fail, but rather than face surgery or dialysis that might have extended her life for a time, she chose to face death with the same positive attitude, humor and intelligence that had characterized her entire full and interesting life.

She was born in New Haven on December 17, 1920, to highly educated and devoted parents who were well on in years. Her mother was a college professor, a writer of several published novels and an accomplished pianist; her father was a professor of Semitic languages and a Biblical scholar at Yale. She spent a happy childhood in New Haven and was well-traveled by the time she graduated from Smith College in 1942, having spent her 10th year at a boarding school in Switzerland while her father was on sabbatical in Europe, and 2 summers in Peru during college with the Experiment in International Living. She majored in music at Smith and was an able cello player. Nancy went on to earn a Masters Degree in Romance Languages from Yale. She also taught at the Prospect Hill School in New Haven during the period between college and married life.

While at Smith, Nancy met the love of her life, Alfred J. Frueh, Jr ("Mike") at an Outing Club event. They were married on December 18, 1943 and had 3 children, Jonathan, Carol and Timothy. After the war, Nancy and Mike lived first in Arlington, then on to Chicago for 9 years, followed by a year in Oslo, Norway, 9 years in Montreal and then 36 years in Storrs, CT. In 2005, they moved to the Whitney Center in Hamden, CT.

During the Montreal years Nancy taught briefly at a private girls' school. She became interested in library science after seeing the need for revamping that school's library. She earned a Masters of Library Science from McGill, finishing up her course work at U Conn when the move to Storrs intervened.

Nancy was a multi-talented lady who could have had a highly successful career in many different fields. However, she chose homemaking as her primary focus, providing a nurturing and supportive refuge for the most important people in her life, her family. Nevertheless, she found time to pursue the activities that interested her over the years, playing chamber

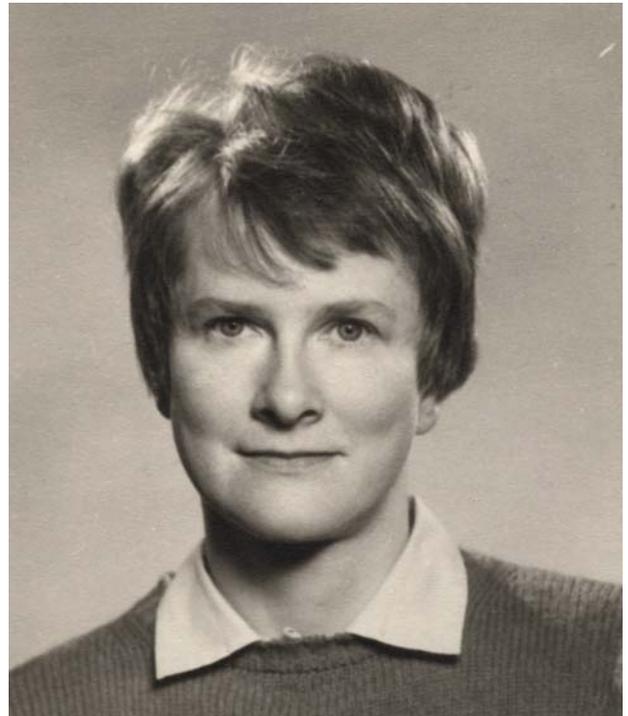
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music and bridge with friends, participating in (and forming) play-reading groups, developing and running a clinic to help dyslexic foster children in Montreal, writing plays for and acting in the "Trooping Theatre", a group that put on plays in schools in the Storrs area, volunteering in the U Conn and Whitney Center libraries, serving on and sometimes chairing various boards for volunteer organizations, and writing a novel and her memoirs. Until the very end of her life, she stayed mentally sharp by doing crossword puzzles, reading, attending – and occasionally teaching – courses for "Learning in Retirement" classes, and playing bridge. She played her last bridge game just a few days before she died, though she was unable to complete the game because she was so weak (and NOT because she had bad cards! Nancy was always a good sport.)

Randolph held a particularly special spot in Nancy's heart, and she made many dear friends there. She was proud of the fact that her father's family had been early summer visitors to Randolph and trail builders in the area, most notably the Howker Ridge Trail. Her parents were co-owners of Spur Cabin on Mt Adams until the cabin was torn down. Love of the mountains and trout-fishing streams were instilled in her at an early age. Before the Torrey cottage was built in the early '30's, Nancy spent happy summer holidays in Randolph at the Mt. View House. Thereafter, she spent large parts of each summer at the cottage. She was an active participant in RMC activities and served with enthusiasm on the board, including as president. Summer residents of the 60's will no doubt remember her fund-raising effort for the rebuilding of Gray Knob: the staging of "The Reluctant Dragon" in the Alexanders' barn. She organized and utilized the talents of many Randolph children and adults for the acting and behind-the-scenes efforts. It might or might not have been a financial success, but without a doubt everyone had a most enjoyable time.

All in all, Nancy had a full, happy, satisfying life. Yes, she had to endure the devastating loss of her two sons, both of whom died of cancer around age



Nancy Frueh *Submitted by Carol Gourley*
This is Carol's favorite picture of her mother. "It was taken in the 60's and is probably how most Randolphians remember her."

40, and like all of us, she faced life's ups and downs. But she was not one to complain. Even in her last few days, the extent of her "complaining" was to say, "And so it goes". She was an independent, unselfconscious person, without a vain bone in her body, always considerate of others, completely devoted to her husband, a loving supporter and encourager of her children and grandchildren and above all, able to handle all situations she encountered with optimism and a sense of humor. One couldn't ask for a better spouse, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother or friend.

She is survived by her beloved and devoted husband of 65 years, Alfred J. Frueh ("Mike"), daughter, Carol Gourley, three grandchildren, Jonathan Gourley, Allison Gourley, Laren Frueh, and great-grandson, Silas Gourley.

Submitted by Carol Gourley

We have sadly learned of the passing of Fred Hubbard who died on Friday, May 31, 2009. We offer our sympathies to his friends and family. A full obituary will be published in the September issue of the Mountain View.

The Randolph Church

By Avery Post and Heywood Alexander

The 125th season at the Randolph Church starts on Sunday, July 5, and will run for ten weeks, through the final service this year on September 6th. A special Ecumenical Communion Service is planned for Sunday, July 26, and the Annual Meeting will take place following the service on August 9th.

The Church Benevolence Fund supports agencies and programs in the Randolph-Gorham-Berlin area that minister effectively to human needs. Supported are about six agencies that provide a much needed spectrum of help in the North Country. After worship service speakers occasionally provide insight into what is most helpful for our area. An active Benevolence Committee carefully oversees annual giving and visits virtually all of the agencies supported. The assistance given through the Randolph Church yearly has grown substantially and truly makes a difference.

The ministers and organists this year are:

	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Organists</i>
July 5	Sister Monique Therriault, Berlin, NH	Patti Dunn
July 12	Richard Doyle, East Hampton, CT	Arthur Wenk
July 19	Sandra Levy, Richmond, VA	Susan Ferre
July 26	Edgar G. Adams, Richmond, VA Paul W. Bradley, New York, NY Ecumenical Communion Service	Heywood Alexander
August 2	John D. Eusden, Williamstown, MA	Barbara Bishop
August 9	Avery D. Post, Hanover, NH 11:30 am 125th Annual Meeting	Barbara Bishop
August 16	William F. May, Charlottesville, VA	Susan Ferre
August 23	Edgar G. Adams, Richmond, VA	Heywood Alexander
August 30	Eleanor McLaughlin, Randolph, NH	Barbara Wysession
September 6	John Russell, Shelburne, NH	Susan Ozorak



D. Aube photo

Friends of the Library Summer Events 2009

The following is a sample of events designed for all age groups by the Friends and Trustees of the Randolph Library. Watch for specific details in the Randolph Weekly.

On June 20th, at 6:30 in the Randolph Town Hall, we will host a **Pot Luck Supper and a character re-enactment of Dolly Copp**. Dolly was the first innkeeper in Pinkham Notch and surely one of the most colorful innkeepers in the mountains. Her inn was on the road that led from Pinkham Notch to Randolph. She was an enthusiastic woman who put guests at ease with her stories, her hospitality and her fine cuisine. Please bring dishes consistent with traditional New England resort fare, especially dishes with apples. Carol Foord will portray Dolly Copp.

Historical Prints Up For Auction

The trustees of the Randolph Public Library are auctioning two matted prints from the 1848 edition of "Scenery of the White Mountains" by William Oakes. The selected drawings include one double print of "Mt. Crawford, from the Notch" with "The Notch of the White Mountains from Mt. Crawford" by Isaac Sprague and a single print, "Mt. Washington, over Tuckerman Ravine" by G.N. Frankenstein. These prints are on display at the library and may be viewed during regular library hours. This silent auction will run from July 1 through September 1, 2009 and bids may be made in person or via email to RPL@ne.rr.com. Be sure to include "Oakes Prints Auction" in the subject title of your email. The trustees reserve the right to reject any bid.

Bill Minifie & Heywood Alexander have generously agreed to once again perform in concert. "**Songs for a Summer Evening**" will take place at the LDS Church on Rt. 2 in Randolph on July 3, at 7:30 and feature songs by Victor Herbert, Irving Berlin, Kurt Weill, and others. The concert sells out quickly, so don't delay. Tickets are only available in advance, and are \$6.00 adult/\$3.00 child. These tickets may be obtained at the library. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Randolph Library. See you there!

As you hike the trails in and around Randolph, do you wonder what birds are making those wonderful sounds? If so, please join us and hear naturalist, **Dave Govatski, present "Birds of the Arboreal Forest"** on Thursday, July 23 at 7:30 in the Randolph Town Hall. Dave will also lead a hike on Friday morning, July 24 in Jefferson Notch to view and listen to our amazing birds. For more information contact Jean Malick 466-2547.

The 2010 Calendars, "Randolph Interiors," feature photographs taken by Tad Pfeffer. These distinctive photographs are also featured in Tad's upcoming book, The Hand of the Small Town Builder which will be released in 2010. Calendars will be for sale at the 4th of July tea and at the library for as long as they last.

Continued Programs: Tuesdays: Yoga, 5:15 and Bridge for all levels, 6:30

Read the Randolph Weekly to find dates and times for Family Movie Night, Teen Movie Night and Ball Room Dancing Lessons.

*With the exception of the concert, all events are free. Donations are accepted.



Bridge for all Levels

Photo by D. Aube

Arlene Isenberg encourages new Bridge enthusiasts, Ted Weir, Harriet Krusyna and Heather Wiley at the Library/Town Hall Meeting Room.

Library News

By Yvonne Jenkins

Summertime, and the reading is easy...such a lovely thought. The most difficult task of your summer reading will be trying to choose which book to start with. At the Randolph Library we've been busy adding new books to the shelves. A few of the new titles added are: *The Associate* by John Grisham, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, *Handle with Care* by Jodi Picoult, and *The Lost City of Z: A tale of deadly obsession in the Amazon* by David Gram.

And for those precious rainy days of summer, when we are drawn indoors and given the opportunity to slow down, the "Fred Hubbard" DVD collection has something for everyone. Some recently added popular movies include, *Once*, *The Secret Life of Bees*, *The Namesake*, *The Changeling*, and more.

The new Young Adult section has also grown, and includes many of the top reads for Young Adults. Included are *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix, *Airman* by Eoin Colfer, *Lamentation* by Ken Scholes, *What I Saw and How I Lied* by Judy Blundell, *Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen, and *If the Witness Lied* by Caroline Cooney.

The Children's room is ready for a summer of reading fun and activities. Children's Story Time, using the theme "*Summertime, and the Reading is Easy*" will take place on Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11 a.m. beginning July 1st, with a special kick-off event. The program is geared to children ages 5+. Back by popular demand, the Wildlife Encounter Zoo will be rolling into Randolph on July 22nd with a special family program entitled "Hot an' Sticky". Last years' program drew over 100 people to the Town Hall. Don't miss it!

The annual Book & Bake Sale will take place on August 8 from 9 a.m. – 12 in the Town Hall. Contributions of books, audio books, CDs, DVDs are being accepted at the library. (No textbooks, condensed books, or magazines, please)

If you haven't stopped in yet to sign up for your own Library Card, don't wait any longer. You don't even have to leave town. Plans are underway for many more activities throughout the summer, so be sure to watch the Randolph Weekly for specific dates, times and locations.



Marie and Bob *Gail Scott photo, March 26, 2009*
Marie Beringer presents a gift basket to Bob Krusznya in thanks for his interesting opera lectures and showings this winter. Bob, an opera enthusiast, has a wonderful library of operas on DVD, some of which were enjoyed at the town hall this past winter. The basket contains two bottles of wine along with other goodies and two bus tickets to Boston, intended for transport to more opera occasions for Bob and his wife, Harriet.



Bill Minifie & Heywood Alexander
Photo by Angela Brown
Greeting the satisfied crowd, after the sold-out July concert in 2008

Lotusland Part 3 of 3

By Robert Krusyna
June 4, 2008

We sailed along the upper Mekong near Luang Prabang amidst karst topography reminiscent of the River Li in China. Water buffalo wallowed along the shore. We visited the Pak Ou caves, where thousands of Buddha statues were left for good luck by passing boatmen. We lunched in a bamboo building that could be rolled up and carried away when the waters rose. On the lower Mekong near Phnom Penh, we cruised by "villages" of houseboats where thousands of people spend almost their entire lives. Here the Mekong backs up during high water season, flooding back inland into the Tonle Sap (lake), doubling its area and increasing its depth. Centuries ago the Cambodians developed a strain of rice whose stem would keep growing to match the rising water.

One of the saddest things we saw, especially in Cambodia, were the maimed victims of American carpet bombing intended to interdict the "Ho Chi Minh trail" during the Vietnam War, and the victims of the land mines provided for the same purpose. Thousands of such devices still lurk in the ground, periodically exploding, killing or wounding people. Groups of these unfortunates have formed street bands playing folk music in order to eke out an existence. (We bought a CD from one such group.)

We traveled the "road to Mandalay", which, despite the famous poem, Kipling himself, in fact, did not. We had lunch in the fabled Strand Hotel in Rangoon (Yangon), where he and other British colonialists were accommodated in the heyday of Empire. Rangoon's greatest tourist attraction, the Shwedagon Pagoda, overwhelms the visitor. "Pagoda" is a generic term that the Imperial British attached to all religious structures, be they temples, tombs, stupas or shrines. The Shwedagon occupies an area comparable to a Manhattan city block. One must take an elevator to access the multitude of shrines and chapels and, as is the case at all religious sites in Burma, one must take off shoes and socks before entering. Thank heaven for those moist towelettes! The Shwedagon serves as the center of the monasticism pervading the fabric of this very religious country.

Hinduism never gained a real hold in Burma even though it borders on India. The country is surrounded by a horseshoe of rugged mountains so that access comes from the sea. It was by this

route that Theravada Buddhism arrived from Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) sometime in the last centuries BC and the early centuries AD. Oddly, the dominant ethnic group, the Burmans (70% of the population) came from the opposite direction, migrating from eastern Tibet and Yunnan province in China. They established the first Burmese "empire" at Pagan (now Bagan) in 1047, more-or-less uniting the various tribes under one ruler and one religion. Subsequent history tells the usual tale of innumerable ethnic groups and dynasties struggling to gain and keep power. Those struggles continue to the present day.

The British arrived in 1824 and by the conclusion of the Third Anglo-Burmese War in 1886 had annexed Burma to their Indian Empire. Their interest was primarily economic and the resulting prosperity eliminated much of the internecine strife, which flared anew with independence in 1947, abetted by a "socialist" takeover in 1962. Once the world's largest rice exporter, Burma has since become an economic basket case.

In Mandalay, we made the customary rounds of temples and stupas. At the Kuthodaw Pagoda, the *tipitaka*, the sacred canon of Theravada Buddhism, is inscribed on marble tablets, each page enshrined in its own stupa (there are 729 in all! - "The world's largest book") In the Mahamuni Pagoda sits a golden statue of the Buddha in the full royal regalia of the prince, Siddhattha Gautama, he was before he became the Buddha. Worshipers were continuing to attach pieces of gold leaf to the statue as acts of "merit". The cumulative effect of these acts constitutes one's *karma* which in turn determines where you end up in the reincarnation lottery.

At the Mahagandayon Monastery, we observed a procession of monks bearing their alms bowls (please do not call them "begging bowls") on their way to a shared meal. They eat twice a day and never after noon. The contents of the bowls are divided by the senior monk so that donors cannot single out a "favorite" monk. Monasticism is the most noticeable of the country's attributes. Contrary to popular belief, being a monk is not necessarily a lifetime vocation, although some do choose it. It is more akin to public service, earning one's right to be a member of the community. Boys (only boys) become novices, usually at an early age. We

witnessed an initiation where the family was "donating" their son to the church. It resembled a huge wedding done in dreadful taste. The novices are instructed in Buddhist doctrine by the older monks, but they also receive a secular education: history, science, mathematics, languages. For this reason, families, especially poor ones, are eager for their sons to become monks, because the education is generally superior to the public schools. We talked with a professional man with a college education who claimed his monastery education underlay his success.

In Mandalay, we were given the mandatory "crafts tour". For me, the most interesting workshop was devoted to producing gold leaf from raw gold. Using huge sledgehammers, muscular young men (they looked like athletes on steroids) beat the nuggets into microscopically thin sheets. In another room, artisans, mostly young women, fashioned the leaf into various artifacts. I bought a gold version of a leaf from the bodhi tree under which the Buddha received Enlightenment. It now hangs in my "chapel" over the statue of the Buddha I brought back from Thailand forty years ago.

Pagan (Bagan) must be seen to be believed. Once an imperial city of 200,000 inhabitants, all that remains are some villages of bamboo huts and a dusty plain strewn with thousands of stupas, temples, and shrines in various states of disrepair. Over an area of some 25 square miles stand 2,200-plus monuments. Some scholars estimate that there may have been as many as 12,000 in Pagan's heyday as capital of the first Burmese empire. That Pagan lies in the dry central uplands of Burma accounts for the fact that so many of the brick constructed monuments are in relatively good condition. In fact, some have been restored and are still used by worshippers.

Although the architectural variety is astounding - no two are alike - there are really just two basic types of structure: the stupa which encloses a relic and the temple with an interior shrine housing one or more images of the Buddha. The base consists of a dome (the "upside down teacup") on a rectangular pedestal. On top of that stands a box or cylinder, often tapered from top to bottom, and at the very top, an idealized **lotus bud**. The structure as a whole represents Mount Meru, the apex of the cosmos.

In the dark pre-dawn hours, we were aroused and trundled off to a field north of the principal area

where the shrines are located. Three huge balloons lay crumpled on their sides while workmen stretched them out. Flaming gas jets were directed into the orifice at the base of the balloons and they gradually expanded. I admit this dangerous scene, if not quite invoking fear, made me exceedingly nervous. It reminded me of the scene in *Das Rheingold* where Wotan and Loge are duping Alberich into giving up the gold. Soon the balloons were hoisted into an upright position. After a "safety" briefing we clambered into the basket; eight passengers plus the pilot and his Burmese helper. Suddenly we were airborne, just as dawn crept in. Every time the pilot fired a blast of burning propane into the balloon, I trembled.

As we rose, the vista opened and was at once both eerie and awe-inspiring; the placid Irrawaddy in the near distance, with forested hills beyond. Below, the monuments, initially in a gray half-light, gradually took on a yellow-orange hue from the rising sun, accentuating the color of the brick from which they were built. We rode silently across acres and acres of astounding edifices, rising like tombstones in a celestial graveyard. After about an hour of floating in this unearthly bliss, the pilot ceased firing those terrifying blasts and we descended. We received a baseball cap inscribed "Balloons over Bagan" (I wore it all the time thereafter) and an engraved certificate followed by a champagne breakfast. This was a memorable ending to an unforgettable voyage.



Balloons over Bagan
Photo by Robert Krusyna

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So, how you do play? You simply throw a Frisbee, counting your score as you go! Disc golf is simple yet highly entertaining to a wide variety of ages and fitness levels. It can be a competitive game among friends or a way to add entertainment to an evening walk. Either way, it's a positive community activity that has been making its way into many locations across the country.

What's next for Randolph's new foray into disc golf? This summer, we'll be experimenting with the course, and eagerly looking forward to your suggestions and comments. We'll be reaching out to friends and enthusiasts, to help cover the several-thousand dollar cost for the 18 goals. And, we'll be sharing news about the course via future issues of the Mountain View and, in the summer months, via the Randolph Weekly. We hope to host regular tours of the course during July and August, introductory rounds of golf, and post course information at the first hole. We look forward to sharing this new Randolph activity with you. If you'd like more information, please don't hesitate to contact one of the folks noted above, or email Jason Hunter at hunthar@hotmail.com.



Lt. John Scarinza and his mother Vivian Bean at a gathering honoring John on his retirement from the State Police.
B. Arnold photo.

"Forest Day", from page 1

to the deer in winter. A stop for lunch will take place at a log landing with scenic views and the tour will conclude with a visit to the Pond of Safety. Members of the Forest Commission and Forestry Team will be available throughout the day to answer questions and provide explanations about the forest. Participants are welcome to attend only the morning session, or to just join the field trip. The field trip will not involve any long hikes, but participants are reminded to wear shoes appropriate for moderately rough terrain and to bring a lunch as well as mosquito repellent. Children as young as six years of age should enjoy the experience.



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May, 5, 2009

From: Melanie Lark Wood

To: Melanie Lark Andreas & William Andreas
Warranty deed

May 7, 2009

From: The Trust for Public Land

To: United States of America; US Forest Service
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Spring comes to Randolph



Last snow on the mountains.
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Forsythia and daffodils on Randolph Hill
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Hummingbird
As spring turns to summer we welcome extraordinary
visitors-those whimsical little jewels called hummingbirds.
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INVITATION TO ALL RANDOLPHIANS

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