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## Richmond's Student Honors for First Quarter 2012

Neil Moriarty

This report is sorted by the student's last name – all schools that have Richmond students are polled. You don't have to know that your neighbor's Mary is in the third or second (or was it fourth?) grade. The Honor column data is what the school recognizes as the honor. For the school district, honors recognition starts in the Fourth grade. Cutler does not recognize honors during the school year. Immaculate Heart of Mary School (IHM) begins their recognitions from the outset of their program. Should someone else be recognized here, call 239 4031, or email [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com)

Monadnock Regional Middle High School = MRMHS

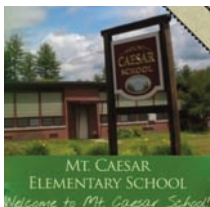
Honorable Mention = HM

Honor Roll = HR

Honors = H

High Honors = HH, Perfect attendance = PA

Congratulations to each of our students for a job well done.



Name	Grade	Honor	School	Other Awards
Rebecca Adams			Emerson	Sept.
Cameron Barth	11	H	MRMHS	
Andrew Boncal	12	H	MRMHS	
Joshua Boncal	9	H	MRMHS	
Veronica Boscarino	7	H	MRMHS	
Antonio Bosonetto	2	HM	IHM	
Gabriela Bosonetto	6	HM	IHM	
Lucia Bosonetto	8	HM	IHM	
Maria Bosonetto:	9	HM	IHM	
Pierre Brouillard	9	H	MRMHS	
Damian Bryan	11	HM	IHM	PA
Hannah Bush	12	HH	MRMHS	
Chloe Busick	10	H	MRMHS	
Madison Daniels	9	H	MRMHS	
Anne Doucette	7	HR	IHM	
Peter Doucette	6	HM	IHM	PA
Jordan Driscoll	12	H	MRMHS	
Isabelle Germain	2	HM	IHM	
Mary Grace Grinstead	2	HM	IHM	PA
Angela Haynes	11	HR	IHM	
Daniel Heise	7	H		
Spencer Heise	11	HH	MRMHS	
Trevor Heise			Emerson	Oct.
Shannon Jackson	12	HH	MRMHS	
Tarali Kelly	8	H	MRMHS	
Kade Kent	8	H	MRMHS	
Bernadette Martin	1	HM	IHM	
Helena Martin	2	HM	IHM	
Jacob Mathewson		HR	IHM	
Riley Maynard	8	H	MRMHS	
Robert Colin Morton	8	H	MRMHS	
Courtney Mountford	12	H	MRMHS	
Madison Pearsall	7	H	MRMHS	
Aqila Putri	12	H	MRMHS	
Eliza Randall	10	H	MRMHS	
Lydia Randall	8	HH	MRMHS	
Andrew Royce		HH	Emerson	
Gabrielle Schmidt		HH	Emerson	Nov.
Joshua Thompson	5	HM	IHM	
Nathan Thompson	3	HM	IHM	
Ashlyn Tomer	8	HH	MRMHS	
Alicia Thayer	7	HH	MRMHS	
Breanne Swanson	7	HH	MRMHS	

## School Board Update

Dick Thackston

In November, I interviewed Dr. Leo Corriveau the new Superintendent of Schools for the Monadnock Regional School District (July 1, 2012). The questions and answers follow.

### Questions/Responses:

*Dr. Corriveau, you've been superintendent of our district now a little over six months. In addition to your reasons for choosing to come and help us, can you tell us what has been your worst and best experience since joining the district?*

My most satisfying moments as a superintendent of schools have been when I see our staff members and students' exhibit pride and satisfaction in their work. Since arriving here in July, I have had the privilege of working with dedicated school board and community members and have visited classrooms where the excitement for learning is contagious – students and teachers actively engaged in creating knowledge is what makes me proud to be an educator. I have also been impressed with the commitment and caring our teachers bring to their classrooms.

As for worst experiences, I try not to dwell on them. I believe in the inherent goodness of people and try to be of service no matter what the issues are. I must admit that developing the school district budget is a process that I respect, but agonize over because the decisions affect people; from taxpayers and staff, to future generations of students. It's almost impossible during tough financial times to satisfy all stakeholders.

*Most of our readership is concentrated in the area served by Troy School and Emerson School. Can you tell us about your hopes and aspirations for those two schools?*

Both Troy and Emerson Schools are delightful places for children to learn well. They have professional staff and leaders who “get” their mission – to prepare students for success at each step in the process. I would like to see more technology in classrooms, from smart board technology to e-readers or tablets. Our children just eat up these devices and programs that help them learn. Both schools are focusing on mastery of the core curriculum, while creating learning communities that involve colleagues and parents. They are active schools that have invited the community into the schools in many ways. I believe that both schools can become award-winning, high-performing schools, if we can raise student performance in all grades. We must focus on mastery for all groups of students.

*How do you see Troy and Emerson Schools in five years?*

Both Troy and Emerson Schools have staff and students capable of exceptional performance. I expect both principals, Audrey Salzmann in Troy and Missy Suarez in Emerson, to create supportive “high expectation” environments that will amaze their communities. These schools can become models for the state if we become passionate about excellence in everything we do for children in partnership with parents.

*Do you see any demographic changes coming to our towns that will impact the enrollment in our schools?*

State demographics indicate that birth rates are down and that many younger adults are leaving NH for the high paying jobs south of us. A declining student population will mean less staff over time in our region. Both Troy and Fitzwilliam have housing market challenges because of the stagnant economy. We are seeing some transitory families who are moving to affordable rentals and to be closer to relatives. High taxes are an issue that we are trying to ameliorate in FY14 Budget proposal that included a \$1.6 million reduction in response to high per pupil costs and declining enrollments.

*Two years ago the School Board returned the management of the High School/Middle School to one Principal for the whole building, grades 7-12. Can you tell us how that has played out?* This was an excellent decision that helps ensure the alignment of all systems and grade levels for better communication and accountability. Principal Butterfield is doing an outstanding job managing a large system well.

*What changes do you see coming in education on the elementary level that will impact our students?*

Elementary schools will use more technology to enhance and remediate student learning problems in the future. Students will become leaders of their own learning and will help improve their schools by setting goals, along with their teachers and principals. I also believe that schools of the future will be more project-learning oriented. Students will learn through digital visualization under the guidance of their teachers, who will deliver the curriculum to them using real world problems that students will solve.

*What changes do you see coming in education on the high school/middle school level that will impact our students?*

At the middle and high school, students will also engage in rigorous project-oriented, real-world problem solving using the digital technologies, including handheld devices. Libraries will become leading places where online research and writing become group-based activities for students and teachers. There will be fewer books, but more interaction among students who will be solving increasingly complex problems in all courses they take. With creative scheduling, we will see more students undertaking personalized extended learning, online courses, professional courses, and college courses during their junior and senior years.

Personally, I would like to see more student led productions as demonstrations of their learning from art shows, concerts, musicals, science technology workshops, action research project presentations to classmates, staff and community, to student publications and poetry readings. These exhibitions of learning progress should be regularly scheduled during the school day for celebrations and feedback from peers and staff members.

*What help do you need/want/expect from the community?*

Our communities can help us by getting excited about their school's improvement efforts. I have seen schools actually improve communities during my career. A high quality school

system will improve property values and stimulate local economies. Parents want their children to go to schools that enable their children to become successful in whatever college and career they eventually choose. They also want their children's peer group to be respectful, healthy, happy, well-rounded individuals. I think parents' biggest fear is that their sons and daughters will get pulled into destructive, counterproductive relationships that limit or end their potential. The Monadnock School Board and district staff will break through cement walls for all children when we know parents and community support our good efforts. And sometimes, a simple "thank you" is all that is needed.

*Some people say that one of the characteristics of leadership is looking around corners to prepare for what is next. Anything you see around the corner we should prepare for?*

All across the country, schools are preparing for the "Common Core Standards," a more rigorous curriculum than the current NH State curriculum standards. They will be delivered to students in a more focused instructional approach that will stress complex problem solving. There is wide agreement among professional groups and educational researchers that to be competitive in a global digitally driven 21st century economy, our students must become fluent in "numeracy" and "literacy." This will necessitate a change in the way teachers work. They will need more time to collaborate and problem-solve student learning problems with colleagues and specialists. A little longer school day will become the norm as school leaders create more productive schedules for students and teachers.

*What else would you like to say or have our readers know?*

I would like to thank our community members for their support of children and staff members. Also, please check out the district's strategic plan and events online to learn more about the exciting progress at Troy and Emerson Schools – they truly deserve your confidence.

## "Skip" Mason Gym Dedication

John Boccacini

Congratulations to Town resident George "Skip" Mason who was honored by having the Marlborough School gymnasium dedicated in his name on Nov. 19, 2012 for being a long-time friend and staff member. Skip, who worked in the Marlborough

School system for 35 years as teacher and coach, retired after the last school year.

The three-year-old gym is now known as the George "Skip" Mason Gymnasium. Future generations will know who "Skip" was from a plaque hanging outside the gym which reads "Mr. Mason has truly made our school 'Home of the Dukes' through believing in our children, guiding by example, inspiring with passion and living and promoting the 'Duke' ideals."

## Notes from the Selectmen's Office

**Department Budgets.** Department budgets have been the focus of our Monday night meetings. The board has asked all departments to do their best to "level fund" their budgets this year, i.e. to keep them the same for the coming fiscal year as they were last year. So far, most departments have been able to comply. Those that have not have made great efforts to do so. If you'd like to learn why, you'll have two opportunities this winter to learn about the budget, voice your concerns, and have your questions answered. We have scheduled a budget meeting for February 7 at 7 pm with a follow-up meeting scheduled for February 14, 2013. In past years, only one budget meeting was set, near the deadline. We have allowed time for a second meeting to incorporate changes during the first meeting, if any.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to help shape the budget and get your questions answered before town meeting. (The second meeting will be canceled if there are no changes to the budget at the first meeting, so don't be shy. If you wait for the second meeting, you may be out of luck.)

**Meeting Dates** Speaking of town meeting, mark your calendars – election day is scheduled for March 12, 2013. Town meeting will once again take place on the Saturday following Election Day, March 16, 2013, beginning at 9:00 am sharp.

And for those of you who like to know your town representatives, Candidates Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2013. This event is well attended (and well worth your time.)

**Winter Maintenance.** Road Agent Mark Beal would like to remind Richmond residents to kindly refrain from plowing their snow into Richmond's roadways. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. (And, it's against the law – RSA 236:19)

**St. Benedict Center.** Construction continues on the new St. Benedict Center. To insure that each step in the building process is being done properly and completed in compliance with all state and local laws, the town, in cooperation with Brother

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Andre Marie and St. Benedict Center, have agreed to inspections of the work-in-progress at agreed-upon, natural stopping points.

**Town-Owned Properties** The selectmen have decided to put a number of town-owned properties up for sale via auction. Watch the *Sentinel* and *Rooster* for listings. Why auction? The sealed bid process favors the buyer and not the town. If a piece of property has more than one bidder, we are left with two opposing bids and forced to sell to the highest bidder. This leaves the other bidder out in the cold, and denies the town the additional revenue that would have been generated if the low bidder had been willing to bid higher. There are arguments for and against either manner of selling town-owned property, but the board agreed that it is time to try something different.

### Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"If you can't make it better, you can laugh at it."

Erma Bombeck 1927 – 1996

Happy New Year, everyone!!

### Town Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town Election will be March 12, 2013 from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm at the Veterans Memorial Hall. If you would like to run for a town office, you must file your declaration of candidacy at the Town Clerk's office beginning January 23, 2013 and no later than February 1, 2013. I will be open on February 1, 2013 from 3 – 5 pm for this purpose only. You must be a resident of the town and a registered voter to qualify to run for a town office. The following positions will be on the ballot:

One Cemetery Trustee, 3-year term

One Library Trustee, 3-year term

Two Planning Board, 3-year term

One Selectman, 3-year term

One Selectman, 1-year term

One Treasurer, 3-year term

One Trustee of Trust Funds, 3-year term

Absentee ballots will be available at the Town Clerk's office after February 1, 2013. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and signed by the voter and are now available at the Town Clerk's office.

### Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

TUE	Jan. 1	CLOSED – New Year's Day (normally closed)
WED	Jan. 2	Dog Licenses Available
MON	Jan. 21	CLOSED – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
WED	Jan. 23	First Day of Filing Period for Town Offices
FRI	Feb. 1	Last Day of Filing Period for Town Offices (3-5 pm Only)
TUE	Feb. 5	Warrant Article Deadline
THU	Feb. 7	1st Annual Budget Hearing (Pre-Warrant)
THU	Feb. 14	2nd Annual Budget Hearing (Pre-Warrant)
MON	Feb. 18	CLOSED – Presidents' Day
TUE	Feb. 26	Last Day for Selectmen to Post Warrant
THU	Feb. 28	Last Day to Register to Vote with Town Clerk
TUE	Mar. 12	Town Meeting, 1st Session (Election) Town Clerk's Office CLOSED
SAT	Mar. 16	Town Meeting, 2nd Session (Business)
MON	Apr. 29	Dog Licenses Expire
MON	May 27	CLOSED – Memorial Day
THU	May 30	Deadline for Late Dog Licenses
THU	July 4	CLOSED – Fourth of July
MON	Sept. 2	CLOSED – Labor Day
MON	Sept. 30	Transfer Station Stickers Expire
MON	Oct. 14	CLOSED – Columbus Day
MON	Nov. 11	CLOSED – Veterans' Day
W/TH	Nov. 27, 28	CLOSED – Thanksgiving Break
WED	Dec. 25	CLOSED – Christmas Day
WED	Jan. 1, 2014	CLOSED – New Year's Day

### A Personal Viewpoint: Zoning Ordinances

Sandra Gillis

I think the best interests of the town were thwarted last year when the proposed zoning ordinance amendments were defeated. In 2011, the Town Meeting voted to fund a review of the zoning ordinances to insure their legality and compliance with state and federal law. That review was completed by a third party professional planning consultant and presented to the Town for a vote in 2012. Many of the changes were house-keeping changes, to make the ordinances easier to read, understand and use. Simply alphabetizing definitions makes researching easier, and yet it was voted down! Other changes made out-of-date ordinances more reflective of the changing needs of our residents, easing some restrictions, clarifying



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others and making transparent the procedure for obtaining relief from a burdensome ordinance for individuals...and they were also voted down.

What happened? Perhaps not enough education about the proposals, perhaps not enough clarity, perhaps reading the proposals is tedious; perhaps there was too much detail. However, I urge you to take the time to research the proposals that will be brought for your vote in 2013, by attending public hearings, reading them for yourself, and making a decision based on what you find out. It is important for the town to keep our ordinances up-to-date and relevant to our town. It can mean the difference between being in court or not, between being restricted by ordinances created for a different time or not, between having arcane and difficult to read ordinances that are confusing and subject to interpretation or not. It's your vote – please use it in the best interest of the Town. Thank you.

## Fairpoint and Bridge Update

John Boccalini

Fairpoint DSL (High Speed Internet), with speeds of 7 Mps or more are now available over a large portion of Richmond. Starting from the border with Fitzwilliam easterly along Rt. 119 to approximately ¼ mile west of Whipple Hill Rd. Also, into the depths of Prospect Hill Rd., Morgan Rd., Monument Rd. and on Rt. 119 to Pond Woods Rd. (Town Beach Rd.). With the exception of Whipple Hill, all side roads that receive wired phone services along Rt. 119 appear to have high-speed service available. Many residents are now receiving the service.

It is also available on Rt. 32 North of the Four Corners, feed into Sandy Pond Road, and on through to Taylor Hill Road, Lang Road and Bullock Road. On the east side of Rt. 32 it feeds into Fish Hatchery Rd. and Mill Road. Time Warner Cable is available on Rt. 32 from the border with Athol, MA to



Work begins on the Fay Martin Bridge.

the border with Swanzey and many people I contacted have not made the switch.

Fairpoint is advising potential users to call 1-866-984-2001 to find out whether service is available to them.

The update on the Fay Martin Road Bridge over Tully Brook was discussed in the Selectmen notes earlier in the issue. I will add that the concrete bridge abutment footing and the abutment stem wall have been cast. The estimate to place the precast bridge structure and construct the wings is around the second or third week in January 2013. The West side abutment is completed.

## Letter to the Editor

Thank you so much for that informative article regarding Fairpoint DSL coming to Richmond. This is what Bob and I have been waiting for!! Needless to say, I called Fairpoint immediately and found out we were eligible to receive any of the four

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plans here on Pond Woods Road. We chose the 7 Mbps plan and couldn't be more pleased. Never thought we'd see the day!! Now, a question. Any chance we'll ever see cell phone service? Trish Newton, Bob Packard

## Zoning for the 2013 Ballot

Kim Mattson

In 2012 the Richmond voters approved Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000, with \$1,500 to come from surplus and \$1,500 to be raised by taxation, for the purpose of contracting with an expert planning professional to review the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinances to insure compliance with state and federal law; said appropriation to be non-lapsing and non-transferable until December 31, 2013. Recommended by the Selectmen, Recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Carol Ogilvie, a land use professional, guided the necessary changes and reorganization of our zoning. Carol also reviewed issues of compliance with state and federal changes that have occurred since 1996, the last time our ordinances were completely vetted. These ordinances are clearer, more concise and better defined. Zoning ordinances should also be in concert with our Master Plan. The members of the Land Use Boards met with Carol on nine different occasions at posted public meetings. Residents are always welcome to attend public meetings, but it is at the option of the chair whether or not to take public input, as these meetings are intended for administrative work and no decisions are being made. Two public hearings were held at which time public input was welcomed and encouraged.

The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing to propose the new zoning ordinances for the 2013 ballot and encourage the voters of Richmond to participate and support the improved ordinances.

The Richmond taxpayers voted to, and paid for this work to be done. The volunteer members of the Land Use Boards did their due diligence with the guidance of a planning professional as stated in Article 33. All that is needed now is the support of the Richmond voters.

The public hearing will be held on January 15, 2013 at the Veterans Hall at 7 pm. We hope to see you all there.

## Bill Sullivan

Pam Goodell

Richmond resident Bill Sullivan passed away on November 28. I had registered Bill's car, trucks and motorcycles for nearly twenty-five years. He always liked to stay around and talk. He was full of stories and especially liked to tell about the exploits of his younger day. I enjoyed them all.

Bill had a keen sense of when someone was being wronged, and I can see him now as he talked of these things. His voice would get louder and his face would get redder. At first I was a little taken aback, but over the years I think Bill and I developed a respect for each other. Once in a while he would tell someone that he had to watch his talk around me because I was a "church woman." But I never heard him say anything out of line in front of me. He could get really worked up over a topic, but then he would also cool down.

I came to understand the passion Bill felt for so many issues. He was especially unhappy with those in authority who pushed people around. I remember and will never forget him defending me when he overheard an authority telling me I could not tape record a meeting. His land was special to him, and he wanted the freedom to live on it as he chose. He did not want others to mess it up or to tell him to clean it up. He appreciated it when I helped him look in the town records to find some information about the Minkville Road for him. He also led me to realize how important it was to display the American flag from the town building, and how important it was to have the building accessible to the handicapped.

Bill Sullivan had a big heart also. Often on his way home from a trucking job, he would leave bread at the Town Hall for the food pantry. He gave me the names of several businesses to contact for other supplies for the needy.

Bill had opinions about almost everything, and I sometimes liked challenging him with opposing views (gently though, so he wouldn't get too wound up). He always had the last word, but I sometimes got a smile out of him at least. When he smiled his whole face lit up and the smile went from ear to ear and his eyes sparkled. He was loving every minute of it.

My sympathies go out to Bill's wife Clare, and to all his family and friends. I am pleased to have known Bill Sullivan and hold my friendship with him in high regards.

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## Dear Richmond Neighbors,

My name is Carol Jameson and I plan to run for the open seat on the Board of Selectman in March 2013.

My husband, Peter Mulhall and I moved into Richmond about three years ago, after retiring from our jobs in New York City. Peter was a high school physics teacher and I was a corporate lawyer. We have five children, all grown now, one grandchild, and another grandchild on the way.

Although our jobs and raising a family had kept us in New York for most of our lives, we have strong ties to New England and have always loved this area – coming here for vacations, family reunions and hiking trips, whenever time permitted. I went to college in southern Vermont and my family is from New England. We had a family homestead in Dunbarton, NH for several generations.

We are deeply content and very grateful to be able to live in Richmond, closer to nature and a more reasonable pace of living with more lasting values, grateful for our neighbors and friends, and grateful to the volunteers who donate their time and energy to take care of the details and tasks that must be done in order for all of us to live in this town.

I am running for the office of selectman because I think my legal training can be useful to the board. It is important that you know that I am no longer a practicing lawyer, and that I have never practiced law in New Hampshire nor been licensed to do so. I am not running as a lawyer. But my training has given me the ability to read and understand statutes, along with a feel for the often tortuous language and structure of sources that is generally used by lawyers and lawmakers. And I have a profound respect for the law, not because it is perfect, but because it provides a necessary framework that allows all of us to go on living



Carol Jameson and Peter Mulhall

our lives as we see fit, exercising our different individual values and choices within this framework.

This is an opportunity for me to do public service, my payback to the community, now that I am retired. To use my time and training to serve the public – after many years of reaping the benefit from other people's efforts while I worked and raised a family. I also volunteer at the Keene blood donor center, the Ashuelot River Park in Keene and the Spaulding Wild Flower Trail on Mt. Monadnock. I am currently doing the Master Gardener training through the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. I am a member of a local garden club and several local and national conservation groups.

I graduated Bennington College in 1972, and New York Law School in 1985. I worked in New York City as a corporate lawyer for about twenty-five years.

I have been sitting in on meetings of the board of selectman to see how things are done. I believe my background will be helpful. I think the current board members – Sandra Gillis, Debbie Boncal, and Sean McElhiney – are doing a great job and I would continue this pattern of preparing in advance for meetings, researching the law and facts, and showing consideration for all viewpoints.

I respectfully ask for your vote this March and urge you to come to the Candidates Night that will be held some time before town meeting, to meet me and the other candidates.

## Dear Richmond Neighbors

Happy New Year!! It hardly seems possible that nearly three years have passed since I was elected selectman...but they have. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you, work with you, learn from you, and help you keep Richmond a wonderful place to live. It has been a challenging and fun journey and I encourage every one of you to run for office or volunteer to serve your town. This is some of the most rewarding work I have ever done. It wasn't easy – the learning curve for selectman is steep and it took me at least two years to feel comfortable in the position. That is why I plan to run for the one year term created by Lori Scanlan's departure early in 2012, so I can finish a couple of things on my 'to do' list, and insure that Debbie and a new selectman have the support they need to be successful in their positions.

Without the expertise of Marie Knowlton and Sean McElhiney, both of whom accepted our call for interim selectman, Debbie Boncal and I would have had a much more difficult time.

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However, now the remaining one year in the Scanlan term must be filled by election. And while Debie is doing a marvelous job in this her first year, and brings her own significant expertise to the position of selectman, I do not feel it would be fair to leave her alone to cope with the rest of her own learning curve and lead the board as senior member. I will file as a candidate for the one year remaining in the Scanlan term and hope you can support me in that effort. My term is up in March 2013, creating an open three-year term, which will give a new person the opportunity to serve a full term. Carol Jameson is planning to run for this seat – see her letter in this edition of the Richmond Rooster. I have enjoyed getting to know Carol and enthusiastically endorse her candidacy. She brings a fresh perspective, great skills, a willingness to learn and an ability to consider all perspectives.

Together you and the Select Board have made many changes, strengthening our municipal governance, planning and saving for our town's future needs, creating new relationships and ways of doing the business of the Town. Our roadways are well maintained in every season, with regular ditching and grading, culvert repair and replacement, tree and brush trimming, by a responsive and skilled highway department team. The Selectmen's office and public spaces in town hall had a facelift and the Selectmen's procedures and policies were overhauled and new ones created. The regular Selectmen's meetings are comfortable, welcoming and efficient. I thank the Selectmen's staff, our amazing municipal employees and all the dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly on municipal boards, commissions and committees.

I feel we are working together as a town, building bridges literally and figuratively. Thanks to your patience as we ironed out the myriad details to obtain state bridge funding to replace the Fay Martin Bridge, we saved the town thousands and thousands of dollars, which will remain in a capital reserve account to fund other necessary infrastructure projects in the future.

In response to the falling housing market, the town engaged a new assessment firm to re-evaluate property values, so you wouldn't be stuck with outdated valuations for several more years. Dropping property values did result in a higher tax rate, but for many, your taxes remained the same or decreased.

The selectmen evaluated tax deeded properties the town owns with the following goals in mind: to determine potential value for conservation use, recreational use, revenue production and future municipal use. Several properties were or will be

sold, bringing them onto the tax rolls. The reconstituted municipal building committee has studied future space needs of the town, and will make recommendations for other properties.

The town launched a new website this year with the goal of providing more up to date information and increasing communication among townspeople and their municipal government. This is a work in progress and with your continued support and advice will only get better.

Evaluation of municipal buildings resulted in a contract to repair the Town Hall's north wall; new as-built plans for the library on which a possible future expansion can be based; an estimate to insulate the Veterans Hall attic; and an estimate to repair the water-damaged exterior of the Civil Defense building. Work either has begun or will begin on these projects in the coming year.

The astounding number of community events in 2012 is testament to a renewed appreciation of the growing diversity of our community and to the town's commitment to building community. From traditional potluck suppers to the AIDS Memorial Quilt, from neighborhood watch programs to self-defense training, from the garden tours to the Harvest supper – residents have shown their desire to work and play together as a community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. It has been a wonderful experience! I ask for your vote to continue to do so for another year. Cordially, Sandra Gillis

## Twenty Years Ago The Year of the Rooster

Sue Laughner

Speaking of roosters, we don't happen to have one. Unfortunately, we happen to have several. I believe there were nine at last count, and that makes eight too many. It would be nine too many, except one of them happens to be Blackie, and Blackie is in a class all of his own.

We first got ourselves in this chicken business (or, should I say, dilemma) nearly three years ago. My husband Sandy always had chickens while growing up in Chesterfield. When we were house-hunting eight years ago, we were delighted to find that our current home here in Richmond possessed the two qualities that were most important to us: it was old and it had land. I had always wanted land for the privacy it would provide. I now suspect that Sandy wanted land so he could raise chickens. And, as I mentioned, three years ago his wish was granted.

We began with a few Rhode Island Reds from Agway in Keene. We had ordered six hens, but I somehow managed to come home with thirteen. Concerned that their surplus of baby chicks might not find a home, I informed the man behind the counter that I would take them all. Having made a wisecrack like "What's one more beak to feed?" I assumed he was chuckling at my comment. I now realize that he knew what I was getting myself into and that I was probably the object of his amusement. (He was still chuckling when he put the thirteen too many in my car.)

But, back to roosters. The following winter, Sandy started

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hinting that maybe we should get a few. It would be fun to hear then crow, and wouldn't they look nice scratching around the yard, etc. I was using the same lack of good judgment that led me to bring home the thirteen hens, I finally agreed to some roosters, and our friend Katie Brunch gladly provided us with a couple of Mille Fleur Banties who were quickly named Blackie and Wally.

It was obvious from the start that these two birds had their differences. Wally was a bigger, a little more handsome, and a lot meaner. Blackie was the nice guy, and he paid for it on a daily basis. As time went on, we acquired another half dozen or so Banties, both hens and roosters, and soon found ourselves with several broods. Unfortunately for Blackie, a good percentage of these new chicks turned out to be roosters, and he now had a whole battalion of beaks with which to contend. And there was still Wally, the commander of them all, whose mean streak had only intensified with age.

Needless to say, we felt pretty badly for Blackie. His feet were always bloodied from constant pecking. His tail feathers, once black and shiny, had nearly all been plucked out by the bullies who chased him incessantly? He was a sorry sight, and there didn't appear to be anything, short of eliminating him or the other roosters, that we could do about it.

But the old silver lining behind every cloud holds true even for roosters. Last October we hosted a sizeable party. It was a beautiful day and our guests dotted the lawn along with the chickens. Some neighborhood dogs, though uninvited, were also attending. And one of them, we discovered too late, had a weakness for chickens – Wally in particular.

You wouldn't even recognize old Blackie these days even if you had ever seen him only a few months ago. His tail feathers are back, shinier than ever. He struts around the chicken yard like a tiny king, and the other roosters, most of them twice his size, keep well out of his way. It's the Year of the Rooster, all right. But if you ask Blackie, he'll tell you that it started sometime in mid-October.

P.S. We'll gladly give some roosters to anyone who might be interested. All except Blackie, of course.

## Smart Selling

Michele Connor

Do you possess a "natural" selling ability? Actually, most people do not. Unfortunately, this is the challenge that many businesses encounter when they try to sell to somebody. They must contend with all of the previous negative sales experiences of their potential customers.

That's because most salespeople don't sell smart. Smart selling is different than what most people consider selling to be; the unfortunate transactional, get-the-dollars model that infiltrates many businesses. If a business views sales this way, as just a transaction, there are only a finite number of transactions out there. They would be limiting their business with this perspective! According to the dictionary, a sale is "the transfer of ownership of property from one person to another in return for money."

But, "sales" is really your Lead Conversion: the essential business process to acquire long-term, quality clients through the implementation of lead conversion systems so that prospects perceive the services and goods of the company as emotionally satisfying. This involves much more than "a sale" or just getting your customers' money!

With the right lead conversion system, the lack of natural selling ability is suddenly no longer a barrier to your success at converting qualified leads into quality clients. Why? Because, like everything else in your business, where there exists the possibility of creating a system, there lies the potential to empower ordinary people to achieve extraordinary results!

## Out and About

John Bocalini

**Sat. Jan. 5, Noon, Live at the Met – "Les Troyens"** an opera by Berlioz. [www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar/venue?ID=1727](http://www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar/venue?ID=1727) Colonial Theater, Keene – \$25; \$20/students

**Sat. Jan. 5, Noon, Live at the Met – "Les Troyens"** an opera by Berlioz. Peterborough Players Theater – \$25; \$20/students

**Fri. Jan. 18, 8 p.m Apple Hill Chamber Players.** Colonial Theater, Keene, – \$35; \$29/students

**Fri. Jan. 18, 8 p.m.** Claudia Schmidt – Folksinger/songwriter in concert. [www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar/venue?ID=1747](http://www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar/venue?ID=1747) Peterborough Historical Society- \$15; \$12/members, seniors and students

**Sat. Jan. 19, Noon, Live at the Met – "Maria Stuarda"** an opera by Donizetti. [www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar/venue?ID=1727](http://www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar/venue?ID=1727) Peterborough Players Theater – \$25; \$20/students

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**Sun. Jan. 20, 4 p.m. Mayhem Poets.** Colonial Theater, Keene, - \$19; \$15/students

**Sat Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Tom Rush,** Singer/songwriter. Peterborough Players Theater, \$30/in advance; \$35/day of performance. [www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar?SearchEventLocation=Peterborough](http://www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar?SearchEventLocation=Peterborough)

**Sat Jan. 26, 8 p.m. The best of the North Shore Comedy.** Colonial Theater, Keene, – \$25/\$21 students

**Sun Jan 27, 7:30 p.m.,** The Complete Metropolis with Alloy Orchestra, [www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar?SearchEventLocation=Keene](http://www.ledgertranscript.com/artsliving/calendar?SearchEventLocation=Keene) Keene, NH – \$5/KSC students, \$15-20/general.

### Ongoing:

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**Wednesday, 9:30 – 11 pm, Open Mic Night – Acoustic only** please. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

## A Basket of Burnett Holds Lots of Laughs

Frank Behrens

Following a format much like that of the legendary “Show of Shows,” “The Carol Burnett Show” aired 278 episodes that ran from 1967 to 1978. Silva Vista, in collaboration with Time Life, has issued a collection of no less than five sets of DVDs, three of which are devoted to thirty-three episodes (“Carol’s Favorites,” “This Time Together” and “One More Time”) and two to bonus sketches and interviews. That comes to twenty-two DVDs with a total running time of over 62 hours. This is not designed to be seen at one sitting.

The musical numbers are usually quite good. The comedy sketches vary. Some are downright funny from start to end. The “Gone with the Wind” spoof (“Went with the Wind”) has become a classic, especially for the sight gag of how Scarlett makes a gown from an old drape. Other sketches start out funny but are stretched out far too long. Others might have looked good on paper but do not pan out when performed.

Some are clever and appeal to the intellect. Not many--but they are there. Some depend on slapstick and might have seemed funny a half-century ago. Try and judge for yourself.

The funniest moments come in sketches in which Harvey Korman and Tim Conway share the stage. Without even a facial twitch, Conway knew how to convulse Korman in laughter, making him try to hide from the camera. The audience was set a-roar by Korman’s embarrassment. Regular Vicki Lawrence adds a more subtle humor to the proceedings.

Of course, it is Carol who holds it all together. She is a charming hostess and a versatile comedienne. There is always a chemistry between her and the rest of the cast, individually and in ensemble acting. Truly a Queen of Comedy.

I have no room to list all her guest stars, but here are some: Betty White, Steve Martin, Carl Reiner, Joan Rivers, Dick Van Dyke, Bernadette Peters, Sammy Davis Jr., Lily Tomlin, Peggy Lee, Madeline Kahn, Steve Lawrence, Shirley MacLaine, Vincent Price, Jack Klugman, Tony Randall, Jim Nabors, and (as the notes on the cover say), “many more”.

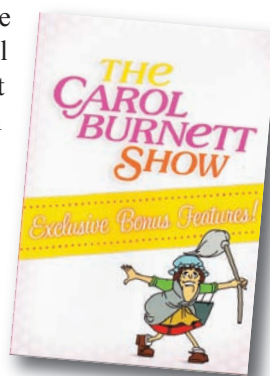
While going through this titanic collection, keep notes as to the sketches you want to see again and to show your friends. It is always fascinating to see what made people laugh at 45 years ago!

## RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Out with the old, in with the new! I’m sure that’s what a lot of us have been doing. But, it’s always interesting to consider what has happened over the past twelve months and wonder what would have happened if we had done things differently! Of course we can’t change anything in the past, but we can certainly do things differently in the future.

Looking back at the past year, the Richmond Community



United Methodist Church has had a wonderful year! We hosted some very special events that included, but were not limited to, Scout Honor Sunday, Community Heroes and Veterans Appreciation Sunday, Gospel Music Sunday with the Middle River Gospel Band, and an Outdoor Old Home Days Worship Service with the Middle River Gospel Band at the Richmond Town Pavilion in cooperation with the Richmond Fire Department's Annual Chicken Barbecue.

Over the past year, our congregation has also shared the Good News in many diverse practical ways through the church food pantry located in the Town Hall, local and national missions outreach, and generous financial and spiritual support for those in need in Richmond and surrounding communities. Our Holiday Fair, Annual Auction/Salad Supper, and Annual Yard Sale were huge successes this year and well attended.

Once again, we hosted our Richmond Community Hope Tree Christmas tree lighting December 7. We also rededicated the new tree in front of the Church to Harold Dickinson, a Richmond pioneer and member of the church. The older tree had seen better days, so was removed this past summer and a new one planted. The lighting ceremony included some information about Mr. Dickinson, the singing of Christmas Carols, the hanging of Christmas ornaments, and the consumption of hot chocolate, apple cider, and cookies with lots of conversation included between sips and bites!

The Christmas Eve Service was well attended, as usual, as local families and their relatives and friends of the church arrived to once again hear the story of the birth of Jesus Christ in Word and Song. We are so fortunate to be part of the Richmond Community at this special time of year as we count our blessings, look at the accomplishments of 2012, and look forward to the New Year with new challenges and resolutions.

We wish all a very Happy New Year and pray that God will give you abundant blessings! And, you are always welcome at our weekly Sunday service at 9 am.

## A Trip Down Memory Lane

Bonnie McCarthy

The Richmond Public Library (RPL) strives to be all that it can be to as many patrons as it is able to serve. Over the years, throughout the changes of librarians and Boards of Trustees, the basic motivation and pledge of service to all has not changed. For almost twenty-five years, I have been a patron and for four years, I have had the privilege of sitting on the Board of Trustees (BOT). These years have been rewarding and busy, and I invite you to take a trip down memory lane with me as I recall many of the RPL improvements implemented toward improving service to all members of the Richmond community.

The most recent change to the RPL is on the exterior. With an eye to improving the setting of our historic building, we established a Landscape Committee. Under its guidance, volunteers cleared the area in front of the library, removed unsightly trees and stumps, and uncovered the original stonewall. This backhoe operation was handled by our able Road Agent, Mark Beal and his crew who donated their time

and operation of the backhoe, which was loaned at no cost by Dan Pratt. In addition, Mark added a new section of drain pipe and a catch basin to divert runoff to the west of the library. Thanks to Mark and his crew, the worst Hurricane Sandy could prevail upon the library, a few days later, was a water channel into the woods instead of a beeline into the RPL basement where the Archives have been housed since the late 1970s.

Then came preparations for a new lawn and garden area requiring loam, compost, peat moss, mulch, grass seed, and fertilizer. Materials were contributed by Susan Marsden, Wendy O'Brien, John Holman, Bonnie McCarthy, and Bob and Jan Weekes; grading and spreading was volunteered by Mark Beal and his crew, Dixie Gurian, Jan and Bob Weekes, and yours truly. Jan then planted 220 bulbs along our new RPL split rail fence, which was donated and erected by volunteer, Bob Weekes. Bob also arranged with a friend of his, Don Healy, who owns a sign company in New York City, to create and donate a professionally made and appropriate new sign for the front of the library. While volunteer Bob fabricated and installed the frame to support the sign upon its arrival, we are seeking donations for the materials that were needed to finish the job, which amounted to about \$100. Fund raising will also include the cost of our new RPL flagpole, which was erected by Bob, Mark Beal, and the road crew. This work has been a wonderful collaborative town project.

As with all of the historic buildings in town, we have faced and will continue to face the need for internal and external upgrades. When I first became a member of the BOT, I joined a group that assessed the RPL's most pressing needs. First and foremost, our outdated and inadequate electrical system required updating for safety and to allow for increased usage. We also needed to provide hot water for sanitation and had to address a mouse infestation in the attic and basement that required professional pest control. Thanks to the fundraising skills of Peter Majoy, we were able to raise sufficient capital to successfully accomplish these goals. Once again, we thank those who so generously and consistently donated to our cause. Using interest from our trust funds, we were able to upgrade our patron computer system when the electrical system had been upgraded to handle the new load. More recently, Bob Weekes (the creator of our RPL mascot, Clarence the Bookworm who sponsors the RPL's "Clarence Sales" of lightly-read books) has painted the shelving and storage areas in the copier room. Dan Simmington repaired the front door lock, weather-



ized the door between the shed and the copier room, and reattached the sink in the bathroom, which mysteriously was parted from the wall. Further plumbing work, electrical upgrades, and springtime landscaping still need to be accomplished, so another fund raising campaign is scheduled for the near future.

Thanks to the taxpayers of Richmond, the Board of Selectmen was able to employ the professional services of Lloyd Condon to repair the roof of the library and to repair the door to the handicap entrance. To comply with an OSHA report listing certain inadequacies, emergency lighting was installed in both RPL and the Archives. Also, a "gently used" library desk was purchased to upgrade Wendy's space and conceal wiring. Since an energy audit indicated that the building's furnace was hopelessly inefficient and out of date, bids were sought for a replacement. At the end of November, a new, energy-efficient propane furnace was installed by Webber Energy and the old oil furnace and tank was removed.

For ages, various BoTs of RPL and the Richmond Historical Society have been attempting to come up with a safer location to house the Richmond Archives than the unheated, below ground level basement of RPL. Many will remember prior suggestions which included the possible purchase of a home across from the fire station, an addition to the library, and using town-donated land to site a new building to house the Archives. This year the BoT, facing a deadline for installing the new furnace and realizing that there was no immediate local solution to safely house the Archives, looked for temporary storage of the archival material that had been placed under the RPL's stewardship by town resolution back in 1977. We found that the City of Keene has a state of the art archival storage facility on Marl-

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borough Street for which we signed a contract in November. This is a temporary solution, at best, but the archival materials will be safe until a local solution can be found and funded. A space in the Edith Atkins Room of the RPL will serve as a temporary location for historic and archival research when needed. The BoT has earmarked funds to purchase a locked cabinet for the safekeeping of documents on premises. Research can now be accomplished in a comfortable and sanitary environment. Documents from Keene can be retrieved weekdays by appointment, and volunteers are available to retrieve them.

I trust many of you have enjoyed this little stroll through many, not-so-visible library improvements and will consider donating to our next fundraising effort. You can continue to expect our paid employees and our wonderful volunteers to provide the best possible service to all patrons of our Richmond Public Library.

## RPL Board of Trustees

Sandy Holbrook

Each month Wendy O'Brien brings us up to date on what's new at the Richmond Public Library. Yes, this is a very busy corner of Richmond. How is that possible? We are very fortunate to have a very active three-member Board of Trustees working with Wendy to provide a safe and accessible place for residents to read, explore and learn. Through creativity, resourcefulness, innovation and ability to engage others, our Richmond Public Library is a source of town pride – thanks to Bonnie McCarthy, Jan Weekes and Susan Marsden.

This energetic team meets once a month, usually on a Monday (check local bulletin boards for meeting dates as they vary

due to personal schedules). Each trustee is elected to a three-year term. Together they are the governing board of the library per RSA 202:A-2. Library Trustees shall have the entire custody and management of the public library and all the property of the town relating thereto except trust funds held by the town. The Board has sole responsibility for hiring and firing employees of a public library and the securing of sufficient funds to provide and maintain adequate library services or to supplement funds otherwise provided.

What do all NH Library Trustees have in common? They belong to a board who shares a common purpose. They have a commitment to the lifelong learning of residents of all ages. They ensure access to an unrestricted flow of information that is essential to the preservation of a free government. They represent the community in enabling the library to meet the challenges of the 21st century. They are bound by oath to uphold all applicable municipal, state and federal laws and regulations. They obtain the necessary funding to provide for the service needs of the library. They are vocal activists for libraries as the most important resource in our community. Whether they are raising or spending money, determining how our library will be used or defining staff responsibilities and benefits, our library trustees are bound by laws. When they are establishing policies or exercising authority to take action, the Board members must ask themselves – Where does it say I can do this?

Wendy and her supportive Board members make a wonderful team, who together have brought about many changes both inside and outside our Library. I will not go into detail on these innovations and changes as Bonnie has highlighted them in her article (see page 10). However, no doubt you have noticed several changes to the landscape of the Library visible when driving by. Whether you are a regular library patron or visit on occasion, you will want to meet Clarence, the Book Worm, a fascinating character who lives on a library shelf and invites you to peruse and purchase gently used books which provide a source of funds for the library. Once you've discovered him, look around to see if you can recognize other changes. Do the library walls seem brighter and more cheerful? Did you notice the digitally enlarged picture behind the librarian's desk? Are you enjoying the faster internet speed and Wi-Fi offered? Do you have a Kindle or a Nook, but haven't begun yet to download books? Do your children take advantage of the reading programs and arts & crafts? Have they met Kallie and Keeta who visit once a month? These canine friends with their



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gentle ears enjoy being read to by the younger patrons. All of these programs, services and enhancements are made possible through the collaborative efforts of Bonnie, Jan, and Susan working in concert with Wendy. These women have engaged other volunteers in town with invaluable skills and resources to bring all the various projects to fruition. With great pride, we begin 2013 highlighting their accomplishments.

## Richmond Library News

Wendy O'Brien

### Storytimes

Wednesdays with Wendy continues at 10:00 am throughout the winter season. Come join us for themed story times with snacks and crafts and have a chance to spend time with friends.

### Reading with Keeta

Keeta and her handler Kate Simington from Monadnock Therapy Pets will be visiting the RPL on Saturday, January 19th at 11:00 a.m. Keeta loves being read to by children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Drop by for a pat and a story – no reservations required. Thanks to Monadnock Therapy Pets, each child that reads to Keeta will receive a stuffed animal.

### Changes to Patron Computer Policy

The Board of Trustees at their December meeting approved a new policy governing the use of the RPL's patron computers and Wi-Fi network, effective February 1, 2013. The major changes to the policy are that children under 10 using one of the RPL's computers must do so under the supervision of a parent or guardian. Children and young adults between the ages of 10 and 18 will need to have a permission slip on file signed by their parent or guardian in order to use the computers without

supervision. We will be working closely with parents and guardians over the next month to have the proper paperwork in place. In addition, we will ask adult users to read and agree to the new policy prior to their first use of the computers beginning in February. If you have questions or would like a copy of the policy, please give us a call at 239-6164 or email us at [richmondpubliclibrary@ne.rr.com](mailto:richmondpubliclibrary@ne.rr.com).

## Design A Tea Garden

Judith Graves

There is something special about a cup of tea. When you think of a cup of coffee you think of a heavy mug of hot beverage. When you think of tea you visualize a dainty cup and that you hold your pinky up when drinking. It is as if you are spoiling yourself and you sit up straighter and feel a bit more elegant.

Designing a Tea Garden takes time and I thought what better time than now to start thinking about our own Tea Garden. First, do a little homework and decide which herbs you wish to grow. With paper and pencil, draw out a simple pattern such as a circle or square at first. Now, watch for height and spreading of each plant and place in a pencil plan. If against a fence or building, arrange your taller plants at the back and work down according to height. If in a circle or square, you may want to pencil in a plan to walk through the garden, or if a raised bed be sure you can reach to weed all the way into the center. Now that you have a plan, you can begin to see where you will start your planting. Herbs need little care and once established they will thrive well.

HERE COMES THE FUN PART! Herbs that make a great tea are: marjoram, mints, thyme, hyssop, rosemary, lavender, chamomile, sage, lemon balm, bergamot, horehound, dill weed, calendula, scented geranium, and strawberry leaves. (add a handful of little wild strawberries in your cup for added pleasure) All are great alone, or make your own combinations.

You can combine two or three, or many herbs to create teas that will delight your taste buds. Single teas can be lovely, but experiment by combining a few leaves of one herb and a few of another, just as people have been doing since the beginning of time. You can grow and create some pretty special beverages, and your own distinct blends will be delicious.

You can add to a cup of tea, lemon, lemon peel, orange peel, cinnamon bark, nutmeg, honey, sugar lumps, clove, or all-spice. Stirring a cup of hot tea with a cinnamon stick adds such fragrance and flavor as well.

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## Plant an Indoor Garden in a Windowsill for All-Year Fresh Herbs!

Teas that grow well indoors are: mints, chamomile, thyme, horehound, lemon balm, marjoram, rosemary, sage, and scented geranium. Mints like spearmint, peppermint, apple-mint, catmint, orange mint, curly mint, common mint, or any other mint make a delicious cup of tea alone. Dry leaves in season and crush them. Add a teaspoon of any tea to one 8oz. cup and strain. If you have a tea ball in which to place the herbs, there is less mess, but I have a bamboo strainer that I pour hot water through straight from the pot into the cup. My favorite is apple mint, stirred with a cinnamon bark stick and a dot of honey. There's really no end to combinations. Even a clove will add a change and delightful taste. Experiment and Enjoy!

**Recipes For Herb Tea:** Try these combinations and then make more of your own. You'll soon find ones that please you. Sitting with a hot cup of tea on the back porch or a swing watching the day end, can't be beat. There are also health benefits to herbs, and herbs have no caffeine. I encourage you to try each herb on its own, then add others to find your personal favorites.

**Two Herb Blends:** Marjoram and a little mint, thyme and a little hyssop, sage and a little lemon balm leaves, rosemary and lavender.

**Three Herb Blends:** Three parts thyme, one part rosemary and spearmint, one part each chamomile, lemon balm, and two parts spearmint.

**Multi-Herb Blends:** Gradually your taste will begin to see how herbs work together. You'll find which herbs enhance or complement each other and which impart sweetness or extra tang. One part each, chamomile, marjoram, catnip, and spearmint, or one part each sage, rosemary, hyssop, peppermint, marjoram and two parts thyme, one part each bergamot, spearmint, and two parts lemon balm.

I hope I've inspired you to plant a tea garden and that you're looking forward to many delicious healthy cups..

## Home to Welkinwind

Jean Tandy

a wet fog settles in the valley  
the car winds slow down Whipple Hill Road  
blades wipe water where cold air strikes warm glass  
night owls hunker in 'til the fog lifts  
a ghost town waits by the light at the 4-Corners  
as sunset hides beyond December mist  
I buy two quarts of 2% milk local  
it's a measured way home to the mountain  
a wolf wails long down the valley

## Some Scottish Proverbs

Jean Tandy

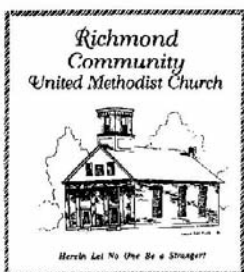
Suppers kill mair than doctors cure.  
After dinner sit awhile; after supper walk a mile.  
The langer we live, we see the mae ferlies (wonders).  
Gie your tongue mair holidays than your head.  
Keep a thing seven years and you'll find a use for it.  
They wha are early up and hae nae business, hae either an ill  
bed, an ill wife, or an ill conscience.  
O' a' crafts, to be an honest man is the master craft.  
Kindness is like cress seed; it increases by sowing.

## Monday Morning Social Hour

Pam Goodell

Looking for a chance to get out and socialize right here in Richmond? Why not come to a Monday morning social hour at the Veterans Hall? The first get-together is planned for Monday,

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February 4th from 10:00 to 11:00am in the Vets Hall kitchen.

This will be an informal gathering with no agenda besides having a good time visiting with each other. We will be just sitting around in the cozy kitchen, maybe with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and chatting with whoever comes. What a good way to meet your neighbors, make new friends, and alleviate cabin fever. Hope to see you there and hope there is enough interest to make it a regular happening. All are welcome. For questions, ideas, or to express interest please feel free to call Pam at 239-4790.

### Winter Winds

Winter winds pierce my limbs. They penetrate uncovered flesh like hammered nails on cross-grained wood. They cut away self-consciousness and shred all thoughts mundane and frivolous.

They push me toward a line of trees  
whose crusted bark is sole defense against  
the tempests of intemperate weather  
and claws of arctic winds.

No squirrels play today; no birds are heard.  
An eagle flies far overhead – or are  
those wings a turkey vulture's scapula?  
My eyes too blurred to see or say for sure.

No sign of deer; no steaming scat to mark  
their trail. And yet I know they're here; I saw  
them yesterday – four cautious does –  
edging their way through frozen snow -

retreating to a hidden hemlock grove.  
Their diet now the bony twigs where birds  
will perch and sing when bonny spring returns.  
But now they rest and save their energy.

Winter winds pierce my limbs; my hands and feet  
flinch from the bite of hammered nails on flesh.  
I grieve for those who lack a short reprieve;  
I quiver with each whip of winter's breath.

Francis Morrissey  
5/27/2010



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## Richmond Mourns for Newtown, CT

Jeani Eismont


I can't imagine how the families of this small town must be holding up under the losses they have sustained, especially when this happened right before Christmas. Presents will remain unwrapped, toys not played with, tears instead of laughter. Years of remembering and sadness will forever mark this time of year for those families and friends.

Children are our most precious gifts, whether they are six or seven or twenty-seven or fifty-seven. We can't let this kind of violence continue in our country. We are not powerless against strong lobbies in Congress that promote the right to carry high-powered automatic guns which are for military combat.


Give your children extra hugs today. Be proud of their accomplishments and tell them that you love them, not only for what they have done, but for who they are. If they are acting in a way that is unusual, take the time to talk, and to listen to them, and get help if needed.

In 2006, guns killed forty-eight people in Japan, eight in Great Britain, thirty-four in Switzerland, fifty-two in Canada, twenty-one in Sweden, forty-two in West Germany, fifty-eight in Israel, and **10,728** in the United States. Why do so many supporters of the Second Amendment always act as if they are the victims in these cases. Even alcohol has strict limitations put on it. We are just asking that the same types of limitations be put on gun owners. If it is good enough for alcohol consumption it is good enough for gun ownership.

"The NRA is the enabler of death – paranoid, delusional and as venomous as a scorpion. With the weak-kneed acquiescence of our politicians, the National Rifle Association has turned the Second Amendment of the Constitution into a cruel and deadly hoax." – Bill Moyers



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Wed. 8 AM – 12 noon, 1:00 PM – 5 PM

Thurs. 8 AM – 12 noon, 1:00 PM – 4 PM

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**Deputy Clerk:** Pamela Goodell

Mon. 9 AM – noon, 1 – 4 PM, 6 – 8 PM

Wed. 9 AM – noon, 1 – 5 PM

Thurs. 9 AM – noon

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Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

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Tues. 4:00 PM – 7 PM, Wed. 9:00 AM – 12 PM

Thurs. 4:00 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

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