



JULY 2013

## Around the Town

John Boccalini

### Notes from the Selectmen's Office

Select Board

You may not have noticed, but the Selectmen's article in the June 2013 issue of the Rooster was actually a repeat of the May article...while I know these articles make fascinating reading, nobody needs to read them two months in a row! Following are excerpts from the actual June article, along with some added tidbits for the July issue.

#### JUNE 2013 ARTICLE EXCERPTS

Summer...hard to believe it's nearly here! Hope you (took) a minute to "smell the roses" with the Agriculture Commission at their now annual garden tour. It's a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors, hear new gardening ideas, and gain a greater sense of appreciation for the hard work and variety of accomplishments of fellow gardeners.

June also brought your tax bill and we thank you for your prompt payment of your taxes. When the bills went out, the outstanding balance of delinquent taxes stood at more than \$185,000.

May was a very busy month in the Selectmen's Office (as was June!). Not only did we review our administrative policies, we took the opportunity to streamline a number of processes to better serve our employees and municipal volunteers. We have changed the office open hours and we will now be open on the following schedule that appears on page 2.

We'd like to remind you that as part of our streamlining project, we asked that you make an appointment in advance to meet with the Selectmen. Of course, you are welcome to drop in and observe meetings at any time, but if you have an appointment, you will have our full attention, and the meetings will be more efficient and effective. Call Bev at 239-4232.

We have a new building permit process. You will find it takes less of your time to complete and will lead to a speedy decision. Instructions for submitting a completed application can be found in the Richmond Zoning Ordinances and will accompany the application form which is available from the office or by email and will soon be on the Town website. Submit a completed application to the Assistant at your conven-

ience and the information will be entered into the computer. The Selectmen will review the application and make a decision at their next scheduled meeting. If complete information is not available, the decision will be delayed. The Assistant will call you if more information is needed or when a decision has been made. You can pick up the permit at your convenience during open hours and pay the permit fee.

The official opening of the replacement Fay Martin Bridge on May 13th gave the Town the opportunity to acknowledge our partner in funding it, Saint Benedict Center, and to thank our professional partners: Quantum Construction Consultants Lisa Martin and Jim Bouchard for managing the engineering, permitting, bidding, construction and inspection phases; Cold River Bridges Jim Hollar and Chad Contaldi for managing the construction phase; the Savings Bank of Walpole's Christine Greenwoods for making the bond process stress-free and affordable; New Hampshire Department of Transportations Nancy Mayville, Municipal Highway Engineer with the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance for her guidance, advocacy and support during the state aid funding application process; Richmond's Road Agent Mark Beal, and the local subcontractors providing labor and construction materials, without whom the project could not have progressed.

The old Fay Martin Bridge was the lead character in an historic drama in Richmond that was more than a decade in the making. It was a bridge in disrepair that could no longer handle its traffic safely and it needed to be replaced. As such, it played a decisive role in the resolution of a long standing controversy. But much in life that is meaningful is propelled by controversy.

Bridges are practical things allowing us to move safely and easily over obstacles to our passage. A bridge is also inspiring. It is a peaceful place to linger and observe Richmond's natural beauty. It signifies tangible accomplishment. It signifies the Town's commitment to stewardship.

As a metaphor it signifies connecting, crossing a divide, bridging differences. We know that building bridges is a prerequisite to fostering trust, indispensable for gaining understanding. One is always building metaphorical bridges in order to gain friends. We hope this will be such a bridge for our community.

While the bridge will remain on record as the Fay Martin Bridge over Tully Brook, the Select Board decided to name this bridge in honor of Nancy Mayville, Municipal Highway Engineer with NH DOT. Enjoy your new Nancy Mayville Bridge!

## JULY 2013 ARTICLE

**July 1: Public Hearing to Accept a Gift of Land.** The Tolman family has offered the Town of Richmond a 7+ acre parcel of land that abuts the Richmond Town Forest on the northwest side of the Forest. In accordance with RSA 31:95-e II, prior to accepting the gift the Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office, before the start of the Selectmen's regularly scheduled meeting. We thank the Tolman family for this generous donation to the Town of Richmond.

**July 2: NEW PROCESS BEGINS.** RSA 165:1-35 guides the Town in providing direct assistance to people in need. To more effectively serve the public and efficiently provide necessary assistance, the Selectmen decided to contract the services of a professional administrator for the Direct Assistance program. Carol Jameson is the Selectman charged with oversight of this position. An article in next month's *Rooster* will detail the updated policies, process and procedures the Town of Richmond follows and introduce you to the new program administrator, Mary Drew. Starting July 2, 2013, Ms. Drew will see clients by appointment only on Tuesday mornings between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. To schedule an appointment, please call Bev Hart at 239-4232.

**Legal Update:** On May 31, 2013, regarding the case of Nicolas and Jill Bosonetto (plaintiffs) v. Town of Richmond (defendants), United States District Judge Joseph N. LaPlante reached a decision, explaining that:

"Procedural doctrines such as *res judicata* can be a source of great frustration to litigants, who sometimes view them as elevations of form over substance. But many of those doctrines have long occupied an important place in the law – in the case of *res judicata*, to ensure that 'at some point litigation over the particular controversy come to an end.'"

And ordered that

"For the foregoing reasons, the defendants have conclusively shown that the *res judicata* effect of the state-court decisions bars the Bosonettos' claims in this action. The

court therefore grants the defendants' motion for judgment on the pleadings. The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly and close the case."

On June 5, 2013, Nicolas and Jill Bosonetto submitted to the Court a "motion to alter or amend judgement" [stet].

Minutes of the Selectmen's meetings are posted in the Town Hall immediately following the close of the meeting. They are available to you on Tuesday morning at the Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office and in the Selectmen's office. Or you may call Bev or Heidi to have them sent to you via email. They will also be available online, as soon as staff is fully trained in posting to the website.

## Selectmen Office Hour Changes

(Effective May, 2013)

Monday 9am – 11am; 6 pm – 8pm

Selectmen's meeting 7 pm

Tuesday 8am – 12 noon

Wednesday 8am – noon; 1pm – 5 pm

Thursday 8 am – noon

## Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2013, in observance of Independence Day. For the week of July 1-4, the office will be open Monday 9 to 12, 1 to 4, 6 to 8 and Wednesday 9 to 12 and 1 to 5.

Wishing everyone a very happy Fourth of July!

## 41st Annual Richmond Fire Department Chicken BBQ

Melanie Ellis

Mark your calendars for the 41st Annual Richmond Fire Department Chicken BBQ which will be held on August 25th. The activities will start at 12 p.m. and tickets can be purchased for the BBQ for \$8.00. Tickets will be sold for a wood raffle at \$1 each. The Mutual Aid fire safety trailer will be set up for children to take a walk-through to learn about fire safety. Behind the fire station there will be a Horse Shoe Tournament with an entry fee of a donation to the Parks and Rec Department. Trophies will be given to 1st and 2nd place winners. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



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## Richmond “Resident” on the Prowl...

Sandi Holbrook

*“Excuse me, what do you mean I hafta leave...? I’m not done eating yet!!”* This big bear was a recent visitor on Colony Hill, and rumor has it that he or one of his relatives has been visiting other neighborhoods in Richmond. If you still have bird feeders out, we recommend you put them away. Your birds will not go hungry, and this wandering creature will probably venture back into the woods where he belongs. No one wants to see any harm done to people or the bears. Taking in bird feeders during the night is not the solution as this bear was seen during the daytime hours. This warning is brought to you by your Richmond Agricultural Commission.



### Richmond Library

Wendy O’Brien

#### Story times

**Wednesdays with Wendy** Each Wednesday we will have a different theme and activity beginning at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Dig into Reading! Summer Reading Begins!**

Your children are invited to join this summer’s reading program, “Dig into Reading,” at the RPL. This summer’s theme is about the wonders under our feet – root vegetables, buried treasure, evidence of ancient civilizations, insects, dinosaur bones, and more. Our program is a fun way to include reading and related activities in summer family time, as well as helping children maintain and improve reading skills.

July 3 – “Gnome, Sweet Gnome” – meet the beloved garden gnome, known as a trickster and world traveler.

July 10 – “Dirt Movers” – come make Duplo creations and construction hats.

July 17 – “Digging For Treasure” – go on a treasure hunt around the library.

July 24 – “Let’s Get to the Root of the Library” – join us for a potato chip tasting contest.

July 31 – “Dig into the Past” – come for our yummy “fossil” excavation.

We will also have a Mock Archaeological Dig on Saturday, July 13 at 11:00 a.m. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!** Come find out how archaeologists work, see photos from digs, and dig up some of your own treasure!

Our Finale Ice Cream Social will be Saturday, August 10 at 1:00 p.m. Reading Certificates and T-shirts will be given out along with yummy ice cream sundaes!

#### **Thanks for Programs at the RPL**

We wanted to take a moment to thank Joe Boulay, Tim Rogers, and Judith Graves for participating in our first author showcase. We truly enjoyed having you! Thanks also go to Devon Garone of Fairfield South who once again offered free pony rides. And we also wanted to thank Peter Mulhall for leading the computer classes in May. Thank you all!

## Richmond Historical Society Update

Sandy Holbrook

This summer has been busy for the Richmond Historical Society. Our scheduled meetings through September are as follows: Third Thursday of the month: July 18, August 15, September 19. If you find history fascinating and are interested in preserving Richmond history, we would like you to join us on these dates. If you are new in town, this is a great way to meet new neighbors and learn about your town’s rich history.

Members of the RHS have been working hard on creating a database of all collections, artifacts, items that have been collected or donated over many decades pertaining to Richmond history. This project was precipitated as a result of a decision by the Richmond Library Trustees to move everything from the Archives in the basement of the Library to a storage facility in Keene for safe keeping. This move was started in June, and it is anticipated that most, if not all items, will be residing in Keene by the time you receive this issue of the Rooster. Anyone wishing to research people, places or events pertaining to Richmond should still contact Norma Thibodeau, Archivist, for help.

#### **Local Books for Sale**

The Richmond Historical Society has these books for sale:

*The Richmond Town History* by Bassett for \$30.00 (\$5 discount for residents)

*The Town in the Forest* by Neith Boyce for \$13.95

*Deliver us...A Religious Cult vs. Richmond, NH* by A.I. Metayer for 14.95 This is a new book whose author has offered all its proceeds to the Richmond Historical Society.

Email: richmondhistory@yahoo.com if you are interested in buying books, becoming a member, or making a donation.

#### **Affinity Program**

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## Editor's Note

John Boccalini

Last month a series of advertisements appeared in *The Rooster* from anonymous individuals showing support for the volunteers in town. These ads will continue throughout the next year. It is a positive display of appreciation for an important group of people that are the backbone that keeps Richmond alive and well. *The Rooster* supports this initiative in its entirety.

## Fire House News

Melanie Ellis

In May, seven members of the Richmond Fire Department attended a sixteen-hour Rural Water Supply class that was held at the training center at the Meadowood County Area Fire Dept. They worked with towns from all over Cheshire County.

On June 5, members of the fire department participated in the Vermont Yankee Drill. Crews went out into the field and demonstrated notifying residents of an emergency. While doing this, it was hard for crews to identify house numbers on many homes or mailboxes. A lack of visible house numbers could lead to problems for personnel when responding to an emergency. In any emergency, seconds count and to have an emergency vehicle driving up and down the road trying to find the correct address loses valuable seconds. This is not only a problem for the Richmond Fire and Rescue, but also for the Police and Mutual Aid Departments that are coming from other towns to assist our fire department. The ideal situation is to place numbers on the house and near the front door or a side of the home that faces the street. However many homes aren't visible from the street. In these cases, numbers on mailboxes, fence posts or other permanent objects at the end of the driveway with numbers visible from the street when approaching from all directions work the best.

## RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

We have been very busy in May and June at the Church. Gospel singer Dan Schall from Pennsylvania visited, singing, and ministering in May. Then, back by popular request, the Middle River Gospel Band ministered with us in June. Both events filled the parking lot and the pews with hand-clapping and singing! Good times were had by all who attended.

July brings our very popular Annual Salad Supper and Auction at the Veteran's Hall on July 13,

starting with dinner at 5 p.m. and followed by the auction at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$7.00 for adults and \$3 dollars for children. It has been one of the best attended and most fun events in Richmond. Besides the great salads and desserts, it's fun to watch and listen to the bidding on the many items available. Good deals are

there for the bidding! We look forward to seeing our neighbors and friends again.

August brings our Annual Church Picnic at the Ray's lake-side home in Fitzwilliam on August 3. Then, on August 25 at 9 a.m. we will once again hold an outdoor service at the Richmond Pavilion behind the Fire Station. Back again by popular request will be the Middle River Gospel Band. The Band had so much fun last year that they asked if they could come back again if we did it this year! We heard so many positive comments about the Band and our service. So they will be with us again. While we are holding our service with the Band ministering, the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department will be preparing all the goodies for their Annual Chicken BBQ which starts at noon. What a great way to celebrate community! The Band will play during the BBQ! Come and be stuffed with great food and be blessed with wonderful gospel music!

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On August 31 the Church will hold the always popular Yard Sale. The items will be available at 8 a.m. The sale will run into the afternoon. Come one, come all for this fun event! There may even be some very tasty goodies for sale as well!

Please don't forget that the Church sponsors the Food Pantry located in the Town Hall for those in need. Those goods are available during normal Town Hall hours. We also accept donations of non-perishable goods during those same hours and at the Church on Sundays.

All are welcome at the Church for our normal services every Sunday at 9 a.m. at 11 Fitzwilliam Road about 100 yards east of the Four-Corner Store on Route 119. Come, join us, and be blessed in Word and Song!

### Bettie (Becky) Thomas

John Boccalini



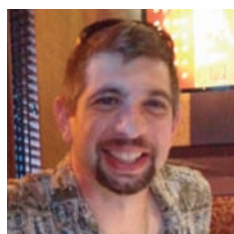
Bettie Foster Thomas, 91, Richmond, NH, died May 20, 2013. Born in Cleveland, OH, the daughter of the late John and Florence (nee Moser) Foster and wife of the predeceased Truman H. Thomas of Deerfield Beach, FL, she moved to

Richmond in 2001. After graduating from Mount Holyoke in 1943, she was employed by a radio station, taught high school English and enjoyed oil painting, writing poetry, gardening, and yoga. She is survived by her daughters Anne Oversier and husband Cornelius of Glen Arm, MD, Janet Boccalini and husband John of Richmond, NH; three grandchildren, and one great grandchild. A private burial service will be held at the family cemetery in Waldoboro, ME, where her brother Donald V. Fos-

ter, reported missing in action while in the Pacific during WWII, is memorialized as a veteran.

### Stanley (Stan) Cohen

John Boccalini



Stanley "Stan" Jay Cohen, 46, of Richmond died unexpectedly on Monday, May 28, 2013.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1967 in Boston MA and was the son of Thelma N. (Pugatch) and Melvin J. Cohen.

Stan attended Worcester Memorial High School and was the owner and operator of a Communications Installation and Design Company for the past twenty years.

He enjoyed spending time with his wife, family and friends, riding his Harley Davidson, walking or riding his four wheeler in the woods, and working on his 1969 Mercury Cougar.

Stan is survived by his wife, Deborah M. Jacque-Cohen of Richmond, his children; Mitchell Darien Cohen and his parents, Melvin and Thelma Cohen. He is also survived by his siblings Cheryl Cohen, Sheldon Cohen and his wife, Stacey Ovitt and her husband Jon, as well as his uncle and aunt, Sheila and Loren Charif, and a niece Armand Ovitt.

He was buried in the family lot at Monadnock View Cemetery, Park Ave. Keene, NH with Jewish Burial Rights (Kevurah Bekarka).

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## Shakespaw – Catlette’s Soliloquy

Anonymous

Submitted by Jean Tandy

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The cuffs and buffets of inclement weather  
That Nature rains on those who roam abroad  
Or take a nap upon a scrap of carpet  
And by so dozing melt the solid hours  
That clog the clock’s bright gears with sullen time  
And stall the dinner bell.

To sit To stare

Outdoors and by a stare to seem to state  
A wish to venture forth without delay  
Then when the portal’s opened up to stand  
As if transformed by doubt.

To prowl to sleep

To choose not knowing when we may once more  
Our readmittance gain: aye, there’s the hairball  
For if paw were shaped to turn a knob  
Or work a lock or slip a window-catch  
And going out and coming in were made  
As simple as the breaking of a bowl  
What cat would bear the household’s petty plagues  
The cook’s well-practiced kicks the butler’s broom  
The infant’s careless pokes the tickled ears  
The trampled tail and all the daily shocks  
That fur is heir to when of his own free will  
He might his exodus or entrance make  
With a mere mitten?  
Who would foxes fear  
Or strays trespassing from a nearby wood  
But that the dread of our unheeded cries  
And scratches at a barricaded door  
No claw can open up dispels our nerve  
And makes us rather bear our human’s faults  
Than run away to unguessed miseries?  
Thus caution doth make house cats of us all  
And thus the bristling hair of resolution  
Is softened by the palest brush of thought  
And since our choices hinge on weighty things  
We pause upon the threshold of decision.

## Free Classified

The Elves’ Nook at Windswept Mountains View Christmas Tree Farm is looking for Consigners and or Booth Space Rental for the months of October, November and December and possibly longer depending on customer interest. If interested please contact Sue Taylor at [taylortreepeople@aol.com](mailto:taylortreepeople@aol.com) or 603-239-4005 for further details.

**KEYS FOUND:** If you have lost a set of keys please contact Lynn Adams at the Richmond Police Department at 603-239-6007 or stop by on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 to 3.

## Nicolas and Jill Bosonetto v. Town of Richmond et al

John Boccalini

Where do your taxes go? To date the estimated cost to the Town Taxpayers is \$40,000.00 and counting, for legal expenses associated with the controversy between the plaintiffs, Nicolas and Jill Bosonetto, and certain boards and officials of the Town of Richmond, over their refusal to grant a building permit.

The Bosonettos have sued the Town, present Selectmen, and a former member of its Zoning Board of Adjustment (“ZBA”), claiming that this refusal violated a number of the Bosonettos’ rights under the United States Constitution.

The Bosonettos had already brought this action challenging the ZBA’s decision, as well as an amended action to Cheshire County Superior Court, which dismissed one of his claims and granted summary judgment for the Town on the others. He then appealed the Superior Court’s decision to the New Hampshire Supreme Court, which affirmed and upheld that decision.

Less than a month after the Supreme Court’s ruling, the Bosonettos continued action in Federal Court, invoking their amended complaint seeking injunctive and monetary relief for several alleged violations of the United States Constitution, including:

*Count 1-* “taking of property rights” by “denying all building permits to [the Bosonettos’] property,” in violation of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments;

*Count 2-* “retaliation for freedom of speech/association,” namely, the Bosonettos’ roles as “public supporters and member[s]” of the Saint Benedict Center, in violation of the First Amendment;

*Count 3-* “violation of substantive due process rights” by deny-

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ing the Bosonettos “all future building permits” and the “use of their property due to defendants’ religious/political animus”; *Count 4-* “violation of procedural due process rights” due to (a) the involvement of McElhiney and Gillis in the decision-making process on the building permit application and appeal while “lying about” and “concealing their prejudices” against the Saint Benedict Center, and (b) the Town Clerk’s supplying the Bosonettos “with false information on how to apply for a rehearing” of the ZBA’s denial of the appeal; *Count 5-* “violation of equal protection rights” because, while other Richmond “residents on non-town maintained roads [were] allowed to obtain building permits,” including the previous owners of the Bosonettos’ property, the Bosonettos were not, due solely to their “religious affiliations”; and *Count 6-* The amended complaint also claims that, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1985(3), McElhiney and Gillis engaged in a conspiracy to deprive the Bosonettos of these constitutional rights.

In the Courts Decision the judge decided for the Town of Richmond et al. and “therefore grants the defendants’ motion for judgment on the pleadings. The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly and close the case.”

On June 5, 2013, Nicolas and Jill Bosonetto have submitted to the Court a “motion to alter or amend judgement.” The saga continues...

### Past Energy Resources (Part 3)

Harold J Dickinson

Submitted by Jean Tandy

Research finds “Past Energy Resources in the Town of Richmond” was printed in Volume VIII, No. 1 February 1980 in the *Richmond Community Newsletter* (published from 1973 to 1982 “When the Spirit Moves.”)

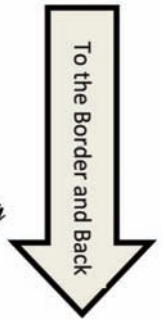
The Wing Saw Mill was the first mill built on Tully Brook, by John or Jesse Wing, quite early in the history of the Town. James Boyce rebuilt it in 1830, and put in a grist mill which was operated only a short time. Bowman Howe became the owner in 1845 and sold to Edwin N. Bowen. This was located just below the road that led to the “Si” Martin Place, and portions of the old building were in evidence for many years.

Bowen’s Mill was built above the other mills on Tully Brook by Nathan and Richard Bowen, and was operated by Nathan from 1846 to 1870 in the production of chair stock and other hard wood products.

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Whitcomb’s or Osgood Bowen’s Mill was built on Tully Brook 1¼ miles below the Fitzwilliam Road, by Jacob Whitcome in 1848, and by him operated until his death in 1855. Then, by Osgood Bowen, until he passed away. It was operated by others for short periods for a time using the water power, then allowed to disintegrate. Only a few men were ever employed here.

Harkness Mill was located on Fall Brook, the outlet of Cass Pond, and built by Dennis Harkness in 1850. Owned and operated by Orin B Howe and others up to the early 1900s, it employed a small crew of men, producing lumber of various dimensions.

Fassett’s or Taylor’s Mill was built by Samuel Fassett on a small brook near the home of George Taylor on Taylor Hill. Probably a saw mill. The remains of a small dam is all that is left to indicate its location. This was probably one of the earlier mills. No date available.

Thayer or Amos Lawrence Mill was located on Roaring Brook near the Richmond/Winchester line. I have been told that the brook once crossed the present highway (Rte 119) at that point. The stone underpinning of the mill can still be seen on the north side of the highway, just before one reaches the “Town Line” post. This was once a grist mill, and later used for wool carding and cloth dressing, by Grindell Thayer. Others who did carding and cloth dressing were Robert Works, Joel Abbott, Lowell Clapp, Alpheus Capron, Willard Randall, Oliver Puffer, Martin Sawyer and others. About 1858 Uberto Bowen and Joseph Taft erected a pail shop on the Crane Place above the road then given up after a short time. Parts of the dam are still noticeable.

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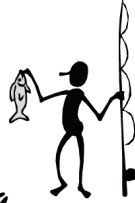
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With the exception of Martin's, Norwood's, Osgood Bowen's and the Harkness Mills, lumber was produced using equipment known as an "up-and-down" mill, the saw leaving a mark square across the timber or board it produced rather than the circular mark left by the circular saw with which most of us are familiar.

A mill of more recent date was Handy's, erected on Brick-yard Brook just below the present home of Irene Baker. It produced wooden water pails. Bert Handy was owner and operator.

There is no way of learning what all these mills produced, but it was recorded that shooks (for barrel staves) scythes, scythe snaths, clothespins, mop handles, bobbins, furniture, and hoes were produced in quantity. Barrels were made in a shop across the road from the Allen or Boutilier place and taken to Boston by horse drawn vehicles. Shaving wooden barrel hoops was a home industry, as was braiding palm-leaf hats. Cotton yarn was brought from Rhode Island by Silas Jillson, Nathaniel Boorne, and others, then woven into cloth on hand looms, about 1820, mostly blue and white check cloth. Many women were employed in this industry. Spinning wheels were made by the Rev. Maturin Ballou. Curled hair was made by the Hon. Joseph Weeks, and Jacob Sweet made lamp-black.

\*Part 4 will continue Richmond's early story about its brick-yard, brick kiln, tannery, steam power, portable mills, and the arrival of the telephone, electric light and power.

## **Busting Out All Over**

Judith M. Graves

Summer began on June 21 and it can be a disruptive season. There are so many things to fill our days with activities and

often too much heat. Summer moves to the sound track of outdoor living, lawns to mow, birds in full voice, the laughter of carefree children off from school and ...picnics.

Where Spring brought in a frenzy of cleaning, organizing, and garden planting; Summer days are longer and time is more abundant. We are now less concerned about housework and more with enjoying our yards, homes, and gardens.

Outdoor living is easy in the summer with BBQs, picnics, swimming, boat rides, and hiking. For us, driving our '55 Chevy on back country roads means summer. We often pick up friends and head to the local ice cream stand...only wish there was one closer to us!! There are beach parties, tall glasses of lemonade, simple fresh foods, and fruits are at the top of the list, plus long lazy days. Many have expectations of vacation to get away from the routine and allow the summer days to refurbish the body.

The family gathers lazily on a porch, leisurely dipping fresh picked strawberries in sugar, or dipping a pole at the side of a creek. Summer just takes our breath away as we wile away the days and gather more muse.

The ocean beckons us to dig our feet into the sand or walk the edge of the waves as they ebb and flow up the beach. Finding a sand dollar, or shell is always a bonus for me, and the sea air is invigorating. A trip to the fresh seafood stand is a highlight as lobster, scallops, clams are all so fresh and delicious.

On some rainy days when the sun is still shining we may witness a rainbow. The rain on the tin roof is so peaceful, and we just can't resist taking some of the garden flowers inside to plop in a vase. Outside, our flowerpots hang with blooms.

Birds are on their nests expecting eggs to hatch any day. There are crickets and fireflies to catch. The sun so hot we seek



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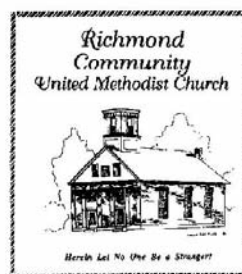
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shade under the umbrella on the patio and sip ice cold drinks.  
Too hot to mow the lawn...so we sit and watch the grass grow.

This is part of my new book *Gathered Muse for the 5 Seasons...Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, and Holidays* that will be out this summer. A few of the Summer musings I call 'The Joy of Simplicity' are:

- Open french doors allowing the breeze to come in
- Paring down to essentials.
- Building fairy houses in the woods.
- Quirky passion for a slice of watermelon.
- A house with a porch.
- The smell of the ocean air.
- Patina of worn painted floor boards.
- Escape from the burdens of daily life.
- Relax and just be.
- A summer butterfly.
- A hammock in the shade.
- Tossed garden hat.
- Cleaning fish.
- Picnic under a full moon

I thank you for the nice comments on the articles I write in the *Rooster* each month. Our home is called "Periwinkle Cottage" and we are always bringing in nature to make our natural designs for each season. You are welcome to call us for an appointment (239-8005). Come and visit our studios brimming with Cottage Style accessories for your home, and sit a spell in our 'Not So Secret Garden' enjoying iced tea and cookies. The summer lecture tour has begun and I am not always here, so we welcome your call first before coming by.

## A Moment of Pride


Pam Goodell

New Hampshire's Secretary of State Bill Gardner, recently organized an event celebrating the 100th year of the New Hampshire primary. Richmond's own Stephen Bullock wrote the original legislation in 1913 when he was 56 years old. House Bill 430 passed and the first New Hampshire primary was established.

One hundred years ago Bullock was a Richmond farmer who also served five terms in the state legislature. He went back and forth to Concord by horse and buggy.

Edith Atkins, former Richmond resident and former Richmond librarian, was Mr. Bullock's granddaughter. She was raised by him after her mother died. Edith sometimes accompanied her grandfather on his trips to Concord. She spoke about these times with Secretary of State Gardner in December of 1999, while sitting in the Richmond building where she had been librarian for over 40 years. Edith has since passed away.

At the recent 100th primary party, Bullock's great-granddaughter, Sybil Dupuis, great-grandson David Kelly of Richmond, and Pam Goodell (who helped connect Gardner to Edith in 1999) were invited. David Kelly was unable to attend, but Sybil spoke about and presented some of her great-grandfather's possessions to the state to be displayed as an important part of New Hampshire's history. Numerous legislators also spoke and a New Hampshire-shaped cake was shared by all.



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## Cass Pond News

Elaine Moriarty

The Beach Committee wishes to thank the lone volunteer who showed up to help us on Town Beach Clean Up Day in May. Kitty Picotte made our day, deepest appreciation for taking time to assist us.

We have had a rock barrier installed to prevent people from damaging the beach by driving on it.

The Beach Committee will be happy to issue windshield stickers (upon proof of residency) when we are at the beach. See Elaine Moriarty, Sally Morton or Alice Kehoe Cyr to obtain your sticker.

We look forward to an enjoyable season and will end in August with a Back-to-School Beach Party for children.

Think Sand, Water, Sun and Relaxation for summer.

## Twenty Years Ago Richmond Recollections

Cris Dell

In the way long-ago of the 1930s, when baseball was still the National Pastime, there was a strong baseball tradition in these parts, especially in Winchester which had a semi-professional team of the highest order. Many Richmond folk used to trundle in to Winchester every Saturday, in the Spring and Summer-time, to watch the weekly double-header between the locals and visiting teams from places such as Greenfield, Keene, and Brattleboro, and, occasionally, traveling teams from far away.

I was there myself, every Saturday, because I was the All-Star Baseball Fan in the country by the time I was six.

The Winchester team was a very good one. It usually won both ends of the double-header and had a way of scoring bushels of runs along the way. They had a lead-off batter who could bunt the opposition crazy and steal bases like a madman. They had several sluggers, one of whom was a catcher named Pratt who also served as announcer, talking all the time the game was in progress (in a very loud voice) and explaining everything, in case any of the fans had failed to grasp what was happening on the field.

The wildest two games the Winchester nine ever played, to my knowledge happened in the late 1930s against a black barnstorming team called the "Dixie Dandies." During the first game the main battle was between the Winchester catcher Pratt, and the Dandies' coach who had a voice as loud as Pratt's and who liked to explain the game from his viewpoint, to the benefit of the fans, especially when he disagreed with Pratt.

He was very funny and so was Pratt. So here we were, a bunch of serious minded baseball fans expecting serious business, laughing ourselves to distraction. In the meantime the Dixie Dandies were committing more errors that you could imagine possible and by the end of the game Winchester was ahead by something like 19 to 2.

But the second game was altogether different. The Dandies brought in one of their outfielders to pitch and he was terrific. Winchester couldn't touch him. Moreover, the Dandies started fielding like heroes. The same players who had muffed every

other throw and misjudged pop flies in the first game were amazingly talented in the second game which shot along at the speed of light, with the Dandies coach taking full credit for the team's recovery, at the top of his lungs.

In the eighth inning, score tied at 0 to 0, the Dandies got a couple of runners on base and the Dandies' coach grandly announced his intention to serve as a pinch-hitter. He strutted to the plate, delivering a comic speech as he came. He stood there for about ten minutes, fouling off pitch after pitch and exchanging wisecracks with Pratt the Winchester catcher, while the audience howled with laughter. Then he swung, full force, and hit what may have been the longest home-run in baseball history.

There are two standard kinds of home-runs – the very long fly-ball and the very long line-drive. This was the very long everything. It went a mile high over second base, climbing higher as it cleared center field and (the last we saw of it) was still climbing as it disappeared over the horizon.

The 1930s was the era of the *Lone Ranger*, so everybody left the game muttering the famous radio line "Who was that masked man, anyway?"

## Social Hour

Pam Goodell

The next Social Hour will be Monday, July 1 at the Vet's Hall from 10 to 11 a.m. Open to all, this is a good chance to relax and chat with others. Coffee is provided and anyone can bring food to share. Thank you to Maureen Daugherty for the delicious cookies at the June social. Hope to see you there.

## Cheshire YMCA

Pete Stahlbrand

The Cheshire YMCA is excited to announce the purchase of the property at 57 Fitzwilliam Road in Richmond, NH. The property is located at the entrance of the Cheshire YMCA's Camp Takodah. The three acre property includes a 253 year old house, built in 1760, with an attached barn, gardens, orchard, and fields. The Cheshire YMCA's Board of Directors



approved the sale as a good investment, both to protect the entrance of camp and to offer a Welcome Center that could hold special fundraising events. The YMCA is transforming the property into an Alumni Reception and

Welcome Center celebrating the 100th anniversary of Cheshire YMCA. It was founded on December 8, 1913. The ground floor of the building will feature pictures and artifacts from Camp Takodah, which is about to embark on its 97th season. The second floor will house staff offices. Contractors have been at work renovating the building with plumbing and electrical updates. The stone wall in front of the house has been re-built and parking areas installed. The building will be ready for opening day of camp, June 23, 2013. Visitors are encouraged to stop in.

## Free Try Out Day 2013

Pete Stahlbrand

If you are thinking about Camp Takodah for your son or daughter for the Summer of 2014, then one of our FREE Try-Out Days may be for you. Please keep in mind that you are welcome to visit camp anytime if these dates do not work for you. The Try-Out program is a one-day opportunity for your child to get a taste of all the special activities and learn about traditions that



make YMCA Camp Takodah special. Along with the other prospective campers, your child will spend one day with our current campers and staff participating in our program.

In the morning the try-out camper will get an introduction to camp as they meet our staff and their 'big brother or big sister' of Takodah who will be their guide for the day. Parents will have the opportunity to tour of the camp, see the camp in action, meet our staff, and have any questions answered by one of our professional YMCA staff. Parents will then leave camp after lunch and return to camp at 4 p.m. In the late afternoon, try-out campers will have a short closing activity and then leave with their parents at 5 p.m. full of the joys of camp. We are very proud of our program at Camp Takodah and we hope you and your child will join us for a Try-Out Day. YMCA Camp Takodah is located in Richmond New Hampshire nestled among 600 acres of pine forest. We're happy to provide directions to camp as well as information on places to stay overnight in a local town if required.

Try-Out days will be hosted on Saturday, July 13 and Saturday, July, 27 2013. We look forward to seeing you there.

- 10:00 a.m. Arrival – Orientation (Parents and campers can arrive anytime before, but no later than 10 a.m. is advised. They should let us know if they would like to join us for breakfast.)

- 10:15 a.m. Placement – BB/BS introduce activities and pair up with campers
- 10:30 a.m. Parent Tour – Parents have a camp tour with Y staff ending at Memorial Lodge to talk about what makes Takodah special. (Values and Intentional Programs)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch – Parents stay for lunch with their kids
- 1:30 p.m. Parents leave/Camper stays. Parents leave and return at 4 p.m. (We offer to-do options: Keene/Tully Lake.
- Try-Out camper and B.Brother/B.Sister go through a typical camp day
- 4:00 p.m. Parents return.
- 5:00 p.m. Closing Orientation: Parents and new campers depart (chance to pre register for camp) Depart before dinner.

## A New Book in Town

John Bocalini

*Deliver Us, A Religious Cult Versus Richmond, New Hampshire* by A. I. Metayer.

This is a well-documented story with twenty-nine pages of references. It is part of the history of Richmond covering a period from 1987 to 2012. Starting with the arrival of Doug Bersaw, founder of the Blessed Sacrament Community, and his various incendiary corporations in 1987 through the bitter battle with the Saint Benedict Center (SBC) over land use in a court case with some of the aftermath from that case into mid 2012.

I was going to write a review, but as an abutter and Intervener in the court case, I felt anything I said would be considered biased. I would love to see a review from a person not involved in the case.

## Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

*Democracy is not something we have, it's something we do.*

Doris Haddock, (Granny D) Jan. 24, 1910 – Mar. 9, 2010

## Things and Thoughts from the District –

Neil Moriarty

**Another Championship:** Monadnock Girls Win the State Championship in Track. Another Monadnock team joins the Championship Ranks as our girls capture the NH Track Championship in Division III. Congratulations ladies!

**Betty Audette Leads Big Changes in Staff at Swanzey Elementary Schools.** Join me in wishing the best in retirement to Richmond's own Betty Audette (teacher at Cutler). Also retiring in June 2013: Jan Parsons (secretary Mt Caesar), Joe Smith (principal at Cutler), and Betty Tatro (principal at Mt Caesar). Thanks to all of you for your efforts on behalf of our children.

**Fifteen Night School Students receive their High School Diploma.** On May 31, 2013, fifteen students received their diploma via the Monadnock night school program. Although this does not reduce our dropout rate, it does show that our young adults realize the importance of at least a high school diploma. Keep going with your education!



**Monadnock Shifts to Trimester report card System this Fall**  
Beginning this fall MRSD will have only three marking periods within a school year. Parent conferences will not be impacted by this change. By now you should have received a newsletter explaining the many changes that MRSD has put in place to improve education. We are a district in need of improvement – yet we spend more than any other area school on a per pupil basis. *Parents must get involved if you want this to work.*

**Town of Richmond Out-performs Other District Towns in Property Evaluations.** A five-year analysis performed by our Business Manager's office shows that Richmond's property values increased from \$99,741,727 (2008) to \$101,208,332 (2013) for a gain of about 1.5%. While the total district property values declined by the better part of 2%. Your individual property may not match the performance of the town, nor are all towns evaluated in the same year.

#### **Keene State Graduates June 2013**

Congratulations to these Richmond young adults:

Joseph DeMasco

Gabriel LaPlume

Christine Scobi

#### **Keene State Dean's List – Keep Up the Good Work!**

These students are on the Dean's list at Keene State College:

Raven V. Gill

Samantha A. Jackson

Christine V. Scobi

### **What a Beautiful Day!!**

Betsy Pearsall

The sun is shining, the temperatures are perfect for walking and I get to say Thank You!! Thank you for EIGHT years of support, encouragement, kindness, stories, tears, hugs, and last but not least, donations! To date, you have helped me raise \$23,585. We traveled many miles together since that first walk in Seattle, way back in 2006. Who would have thought that after all this time we'd still be at it?

It's that time of the walking season when I reach out for a different type of support. The Cleveland Camp Mail address was released this week. If you'd like to send me a card or note of support and encouragement, it will go a long way toward keeping my feet moving in the right direction. Here's how you

can keep my spirits up. Send you cards and letters to:

Susan G. Komen 3-Day Camp Mail

ATTN: Betsy Pearsall

P.O. Box 29

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Envelopes only, please. No boxes or large packages. Mail must be postmarked no later than July 23 in order to ensure delivery at the 3-Day Camp Post Office. Please note: This address is not the actual location of camp, but a PO Box for mail delivery.

And if you're feeling the 3-Day spirit, please consider sending a second card to my dear friend, Chris Eaton, at the same address. Chris is volunteering as a member of our fabulous Medical Crew this year. It is her first experience with the 3-Day and I'm hoping that she'll continue to participate.

Here's another way to cheer us up. Want to show a little extra support to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day® participant in your life? You can send her or him sweet dreams with a personal note and a treat. For a \$10 donation, the staff of the Komen 3-Day will put together a note card with your personal message, along with a custom 3-Day® chocolate medallion, for the participant to pick up at the 3-Day Lounge in camp. By using the following link, between the dates of July 4 and 19, you can send a sweet treat: [www.the3day.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1430&pg=pfnd&s\\_sweet\\_dreams\\_treat=true](http://www.the3day.org/site/TR?fr_id=1430&pg=pfnd&s_sweet_dreams_treat=true)

Lastly, the 5th Annual 3-Day for a Cure Yard Sale is just around the corner! July 13 and 14, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 79 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH. Rain or Shine. Contact me by email at [parallax@ne.rr.com](mailto:parallax@ne.rr.com), or by phone, 239-7478 for more information! We will gratefully accept your donations of saleable goods, but cannot accept clothing or large furniture.

I cannot put into words what all of you have meant to me while I have been on this journey. And my journey will continue until a cure is found. Many of you have reached out to me regarding this week's announcement that the Komen organization has decided to reduce the number of 3-Day walks in half, from 14 to 7. While I am disappointed that this decision came to be, I fully support and understand it. In order to maximize the effectiveness of the participants' fundraising efforts, hard choices had to be made. We have all experienced the need to tighten our belts during this latest period of economic difficulty, and the 3-Day is not immune. By making decisions now, a stronger and more resilient organization will prevail. And together, we will find a cure.

So thank you for everything!! Your words, your prayers,



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Love and Blessings!

## Out and About

John Boccalini

**Mon. July 1, 10-11 a.m. Social Hour, Veterans' Hall, Richmond**

**Tues to Sun. July 2 – 7, Tues. 7 p.m., Wed to Sat 8 p.m. Sun 4 p.m. "SAY GOODNIGHT GRACIE,"** Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough.

**Sun. July 7, 11 a.m. Monadnock Summer Lyceum:** Gar Alperovitz: Is There an America Beyond Capitalism? Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church.

**Wed. to Sun. and Tues. July 10 – 21 Tues. 7 p.m., Wed. – Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 4 p.m. "2 PIANOS 4 HANDS"** Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough.

**July 11 7 p.m. The Great Sheep Boom,** presented by Stephen Taylor. The New Hampshire Humanities Council. Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Rd., Rindge.

**Fri. July 12, 8 p.m. Maximilian L. Ferro:** Why Historic Preservation? The Amos Fortune Forum lectures are held in the Meetinghouse located in Historic Jaffrey Center, No charge.


**Sat. July 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Try-Out Day YMCA Camp Takodah, Richmond.**

**Sat. July 13, 5 p.m. Supper, 6 p.m. Auction Annual Salad Supper and Auction at the Veteran's Hall. Dinner is \$7.00 for adults and \$3 dollars for children.**

**Sun. July 14, 11 a.m. Monadnock Summer Lyceum:** Margot



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**Fri. July 19 8 p.m. Susan Heuck Allen:** Indiana Jones? Classical Archeologist Jaffrey Center

**Sat. July 20, 9 a.m. Annual family fun day,** featuring a parade at 10:00 a.m.; live music throughout the day; bike the covered bridges (a 12.5 mile guided ride) at 9:00 a.m.; children's games, including a bounce house; a pie eating and hula hoop contest; classic car show 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Civil War enactment and town history lectures; many live animals; over 50 vendors and a variety of food for sale; a farmer's market; and much more. No entry fees. Swanzey Center, NH.

**Sat. July 20 7:30 p.m. An Evening of Appalachian Folk Music,** Concert with Ken and Brad Kolodner Grove St. Peterborough, NH.

**Fri. and Sat. throughout July 10:30 a.m. Snow White.** Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough.

## Ongoing:

### Sunflowers Restaurant , 21B Main St. Jaffrey

Music at brunch 11:30 – 1:30, Dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

July 6, p.m., Marybeth Hallinan vocals and Chaz Beaulieu flute and drums

Sun July 7, 11:30 a.m., Michael Blake guitar

Fri July 12, 6 p.m., Michael Blake guitar

Sun July 14, 11:30 a.m., Bob Arpin guitar

Sun July 14, 6 p.m., Judy, Ken and Danny vocals, guitar and piano

Fri July 19, 6 p.m., John Cucchi guitar

Sun July 21, 11:30 a.m., Ted Mann guitar

Sun July 21, 6 p.m., The Jolly Beggars Celtic folk music and storytelling

Fri July 26, Dinner, The Grumbling Rustics Steve Jones banjo and Tim Mowry guitar

Sun July 28, 11:30 a.m., Bob Pettegrew piano

July 28, 6 p.m., Walt Sayre piano

Fri Aug 2, 6 p.m., Bob Arpin guitar and Steve Cady bass

*No cover charge. Tips appreciated. Reservations recommended!*

**On Exhibit:** Photographs by Gordon Ripley through July 16. Gordon's work gets more and more creative as he manipulates the medium to artistic perfection.

**Mondays, 8 p.m. Contra Dancing,** Nelson Town Hall, Variety of callers and musicians. Donation: \$3. Nelson.

**Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Celtic Music Night.** Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

**Every Tuesday night from 8-11 p.m. CJ the DJ** hosts karaoke at his hometown bar, Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs.

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

**Thursday, 9 p.m. Bluegrass Jam,** Harlow's Pub, P'borough.

**First Friday/month 8.p.m. CJ the DJ Karaoke,** Dragon Palace, 7 Marlboro Rd., Troy.

## Nine Tips

Michelle Connor

Creating systems for lead generation and client conversion can help all businesses more effectively increase their client base. When the owner is the technician, manager and entrepreneur, it's more important to have systems to improve efficiencies and increase profits. Here are some tips to find and keep customers:

**1. Establish a goal.** Ask how many customers/sales you will need in order to meet your budget. Factor in your conversion rate. How many leads will it take to meet that target number?

**2. Keep it simple and repeat.** Choose a set of simple, effective actions, and do them consistently.

**3. Evaluate your target market.** The nature of your target market determines your lead generation channels. They might include newsletters, referrals, networking, websites, social media, targeted email, newspapers, and seminars or workshops.

**4. Clarify your message.** What do you want potential customers to hear? What is your brand promise and your positioning statement? Practice your 30-second elevator pitch.

**5. Know your value.** Understand how you can help current and potential customers achieve their goals. Communicate a unique selling proposition and guarantee so people are compelled to buy from you, even if your prices may be a little higher.

**6. Have a maximum and minimum in mind.** What is the lowest price you can offer and still keep your business whole? New customers are great, but if they cost you profits, it's better to walk away.

**7. Be professionally persistent with follow up.** While follow-up is key to closing a sale and creating a new customer relationship, there's a fine line between meticulous follow-up and stalking. Successful salespeople focus not on the short-term sale but on the long-term relationship.

**8. Be a resource.** Be of value to your customers and prospects

by sharing articles you know will be of benefit, or offering recommendations for strategic partners.

**9. Keep in touch.** A systematic "drip marketing" campaign can help you touch your prospects with a frequency to help them remember you – at least thirty times per year – with newsletters, email blasts, interesting articles, and even phone calls. Stay consistently in front of your leads with information that would interest them and start creating customers.

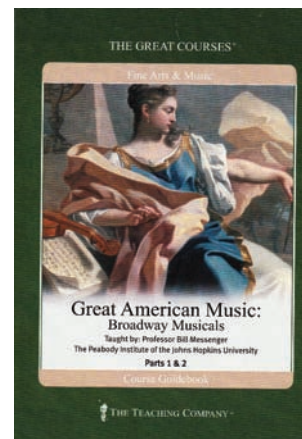
## Peabody Expert Illuminates the American Musical

Frank Behrens

The much praised Teaching Company has several CD and DVD sets about classical music. However, they are all bested by "Great American Music: Broadway Musicals" on four DVDs. (The course number is 7318.) The instructor is Bill Messenger of the The Peabody Institute and a mighty fine teacher is he.

The sixteen topics of 45 minutes each cover popular stage musicals from the Minstrel Shows that set the foundation, right through the Reviews and Book Musicals, and up to the "present," which was 2006 when these talks were recorded.

Messenger is a double threat to all competition. First, he is



a fine speaker with a good sense of humor, and he never talks down to his audience. Second, he is an excellent pianist who can illustrate a musical point simply and clearly (although his singing does not quite meet the level of his other talents).

His opening talk, "The Essence of the Musical," prepares us for all that is to come. While apologizing for "The Minstrel Era," he does point out the benefits those shows afforded to black artists who never would have otherwise attracted such large white audiences. The tale of the rise and downfall of two composers of that time, one white, one black, is heartbreaking.

"The Evolution of the Verse/Chorus Song" explains the nature of all the popular songs that use a verse to set up the situation and a chorus that is repeated often enough so that the audience can join in.

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"The Ragtime Years," "The Vaudeville Era" and "Tin Pan Alley" continue to follow the fortunes of popular songs with respect to their formats and performances by different artists, many of whom are heard in vintage recordings.

Later on, special attention is given to Irving Berlin and Jerome Kern, who are contrasted; George and Ira Gershwin; and the team of Rodgers and Hammerstein. The latter two ruled over the "Golden Age of Musical Theater (1950s)"; but even they could not withstand the new sounds when "Rock 'n' Roll Reaches Broadway."

The last talk is about "Big Bucks and Long Runs," a title that speaks for itself.

The PBS stations have recently rerun a series about Broadway Musicals with all sorts of Big Star commentators and spectacular videos. Messenger does it all and does it better with a podium and a piano. I have watched this set three times and heard it as many on my car tape player and now my iPod. I cannot recommend it too highly.

### ***"Deliver Us ..."***

Barbara Richardson

I am nearly finished reading *Deliver Us*, that masterpiece about Richmond and SBC. What a thorough, thoughtful, and carefully researched piece of work. So much time and energy expended to get it all together, in such a coherent way. It should reach a much wider audience – a true lesson on the mechanics of a small group taking over an area and lying themselves into a power which, fortunately, is exposed in such a painstaking way.

### ***"What a Wonderful World"***

Terri O'Rorke

"What a Wonderful World" is the title of the Animaterra Spring concert that was held on Saturday, June 8 at the Keene Unitarian Universalist Church on Washington Street. Beautifully and professionally directed by Allison Aldrich, the little church was filled to the rafters with the a capella harmonizing of 55 women singing. They sang a song from Nigeria, a German round (with audience participation encouraged), a Hindu chant, and "Turn the World Around" by Harry Belafonte just to name a few selections. Janet Bocalini and Victoria Provost are the Richmond connection lending their talents to this group of multifarious women. Three readings were also presented throughout the evening, one of which I share here:

### **A Prayer For The World**

by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

Let the rain come and wash away  
the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds  
held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory  
of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and  
fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the Sun heal us  
wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that  
we can see beyond labels,  
beyond accents, gender or skin colour.

Let the warmth and the brightness  
of the sun melt our selfishness  
so that we can share the joys and  
feel the sorrows of our neighbours.

And let the light of the sun  
be so strong that we will see all  
people as our neighbours.

Let the earth, nourished by the rain,  
bring forth flowers  
to surround us with beauty.

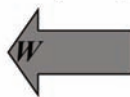
And let the mountains teach our hearts  
to reach upward to heaven.

After the concert, there were refreshments and a chance to meet and speak with the performers. While accepting nonperishable food items at the door, to be distributed to local food pantries, a portion of the evenings proceeds went to "Miracles in Motion" in Keene. Their next concert will be later in the winter.

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