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Craftsbury Community Care Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization and Equal Housing Opportunity Facility.

Our mission is to provide a caring, homelike affordable residence for seniors, in a setting that encourages independence, activities and involvement with families, friends and the larger community.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the leaves change color and the air crispens into fall it is time to reflect on our achievements over the past few months and look ahead to winter. Providing a safe and homey environment for residents of the Craftsbury Community Care Center is an on-going task that we embrace with heartfelt commitment.

In July the Center board carried out the 10th annual summer CCCC Cookout and fundraising auction. Attendance for the event was strong and provided a lovely opportunity for the community and family members to visit the Center and enjoy a delicious meal. This is the second year that Frank Jarvis has donated his auctioneering services to the event and we appreciate his support. Thanks to the wonderful effort on the part of many board members, and support from the community, this was our most successful cookout to date, providing funds for on-going activities at the Center.

Please keep a look out for our annual appeal letter to arrive in mailboxes in November. The Center depends on the generous donations of our community to help cover expenses for the neediest residents. Your support is essential to make up the difference between public assistance and actual costs for many of our friends at the Center.

As you will see, showcased in this newsletter, we continue to offer varied activities for our residents including social outlets, recreation and exercise, religious meetings, and various outings into the community. The dedication of the staff at the Center as well as our wonderful corps of volunteers guarantees a fulfilling, homelike dwelling place for our friends and neighbors.

— Randi Calderwood, CCCC President

ANNUAL GIVING LETTER COMING SOON

Craftsbury Community Care Center has the mission to provide excellent and affordable care for seniors in a setting that encourages independence, activities and involvement with community as well as family and friends. One element of carrying out this mission is to accept one third of residents with limited incomes who receive Medicaid assistance. The challenge for us is that Medicaid payments are significantly less than the cost of providing housing and services. As a result, we need your donations to allow us to continue to serve our whole community with top quality facilities. Please respond generously to the appeal letter that will be arriving to you shortly. Many thanks in advance for your kindness in keeping our mission alive and our facility thriving!

GREENSBORO'S FUNKY FOURTH PARADE

The electric car filled with residents joined in the fun at Greensboro's Funky Fourth Parade again this year. It was a beautiful sun shiny day with lots of onlookers and parade goers cheering as the 4C's car drove by. The residents showered the crowd with candy, trinkets, and smiles that brightened everyone's day.



FAREWELL TO PASTOR DENNIS

For the past two years, Pastor Dennis Hett, Interim Minister of the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church, has led a discussion group at the 4C's. Each Friday afternoon, residents would gather in the library and join Pastor Dennis to discuss religion, spirituality, ethics, and philosophy. He would often bring literature and articles to share which would prompt stimulating and lively discussions.

Several residents plan their Fridays around these talks and eagerly await Pastor Dennis' visits. Resident Ed Epstein, "enjoys Pastor Dennis so very much. What a wonderful person." Marvene Haynes states, "He will be missed by all. We've enjoyed him so much." The last Friday Dennis visited, a majority of the 4Cs residents joined in a gathering wishing Pastor Dennis all the best. "This has been an extraordinary experience, I have such a good time," Dennis said.

He and his wife, Audrey, await their next assignment, and will return to New Hampshire for the time being. They hope to hear within the month what congregation they will be joining. All of us at the Care Center wish Pastor Dennis and Audrey health, happiness, and joy in their new community. Many thanks for all of your support and friendship, Pastor Dennis, you will be missed.



FIDDLING WITH PAUL DANIELS

"Paul Daniels is coming!" It is a Friday morning and the residents are ready to tap their feet to his always lively fiddle music. Paul, himself, not only taps his feet but does his occasional jig much to the pleasure of his audience. His spirited renditions are a delight to his enthusiastic CCCC fans. If the tunes are familiar ones, he may have vocal accompaniment from Ed. Few things brighten a day like a visit from Paul Daniels.

Paul is an eighth generation East Albany farmer. He continues to be actively involved with his farm but after 59 years has passed the responsibility for the twice daily milking chores to his grandson.

At age 60, Paul took up the fiddle for the first time. He felt that he wanted to return to those around him some of life's goodness that he had enjoyed. Mostly self-taught but with a few lessons from old time fiddlers, he headed out to entertain in the local homes for the elderly. He travels to six of them each month on a regular schedule. Often the residents he entertains are friends or people he knew through his many years in the pulpwood business.

His other interest and hobby is history, which led him to the chairmanship of the Orleans County Historical Society in the town of Brownington for five years. He, also, is a founding member and chair of the Albany Historical Society.

How fortunate CCCC is to have a monthly date with Paul Daniels.



CIRCUS SMIRKUS VISITS CRAFTSBURY COMMUNITY CARE CENTER

One of the many benefits of being located in beautiful East Craftsbury is our proximity to Circus Smirkus! The talented circus performers wowed us again this summer with a delightful performance at the Care Center. Within minutes, the dining room was converted into The Big Top, and residents were amused and entertained by tumbling, juggling, clowning, and human pyramids. Many thanks to our friends at Circus Smirkus who bring the Big Top performance to us...it brings smiles and laughter to all.



A DECEMBER ROMANCE

Grace and Andrew McIntosh were welcomed to Craftsbury Community Care Center (CCCC) nine months ago.

Andrew was born in 1922 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended Columbia University for two years, and then completed his undergraduate education at Princeton University, with high honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. He went on to Harvard Graduate School of Business (one of 700 accepted out of 7,000 applicants) and obtained a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

World War II interrupted his education, and he spent 2 ½ years in the Navy. He was commissioned as an Ensign and was promoted to Lieutenant by the end of the war. He was stationed in Tiburon, California. Andrew was the commanding officer of a ship called an artillery net tender. He and his crew were responsible for maintaining a huge metal underwater net that was located near the Golden Gate Bridge. The purpose of the net was to prevent Japanese submarines from entering the San Francisco Bay area.

Andrew married his first wife, Sally, and they had a son, Andrew James McIntosh III. Sadly, their marriage ended in divorce, and Andrew raised his son, who now lives in Maine. Over the years, Andrew was a manufacturer's representative, selling pumps, process equipment, and controls. Then he developed his own business, selling controls to manufacturers. His company was very successful, and it had several satellite offices.

Grace was born in 1925 in Brooklyn, NY. Her parents divorced when she was young, and she received her education in boarding schools. When she was a high school junior, she went to a party hosted by one of her classmates. That is where she met her classmate's brother, Sandy MacPherson. Soon Sandy and Grace were dating. Sandy went to Princeton University. And before they knew it, they were married. They had two sons and two daughters. John and Jim now live in Atlanta, Georgia. Daughter Sandra resides in California, and Anne lives in East Hardwick, Vermont. Grace's husband worked for Shell Oil Company, and the family moved several times as he worked in several locations. Grace and Sandy enjoyed 47 years of marriage, until Sandy passed away.

Then, in 1994, Princeton University asked Grace to be in charge of widows of alumni for the 50th class reunion. She accepted this responsibility, looking forward to rekindling happy memories of the time Sandy attended Princeton. And lo and behold, she met Andrew at the reunion! It turns out that Sandy and Andrew were in the same class at Princeton, but they had never met.

Andrew had recently taken ballroom dancing lessons. Since Grace had always loved to dance, they enjoyed each other's company dancing away at the reunion. So, through foxtrots, waltzes, cha-chas, and tangos – and over the next two years – their December romance bloomed. They were married in 1996, when both of them were in their 70's! They lived in Grace's home in Morris Township, NJ for over 14 years.

Recently, Grace's daughter, Anne, began encouraging Grace and Andrew to consider moving to CCCC in order to be near a family member and so they would have help available if they needed it. At first, Grace was reluctant because she didn't want to leave her friends and her home near Morristown, NJ with its colonial/Revolutionary War heritage (George Washington's Headquarters is there).



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A DECEMBER ROMANCE (continued)

Andrew reaches for Grace's hand. Grace beams as he says, "You know, I still love her – very much." It is wonderful that CCCC can provide a caring environment where Grace and Andrew's December romance continues to flourish.

Grace and Andrew made the move, and they have discovered that they are very contented living at CCCC. Grace is delighted that all meals are provided – so she no longer has to bother with planning, shopping and preparing meals for the two of them. They have also enjoyed using the Residents' Kitchen for family get-togethers.

Grace says she feels like she is on a cruise! There are so many activities to choose from, including their favorite – dancing. Grace's hobbies of sewing, knitting, and crocheting are being put to good use since she joined the Knit Wits. And Andrew has discovered that he has fun at Knit Wits, as well! You'll always find them at the many sing-alongs at CCCC. And Bingo has been a favorite. They enjoyed a recent Fall foliage tour in CCCC's electric golf cart.

Grace and Andrew live in a double accommodation (Grace says it's like a suite). They have two apartments with an interconnecting door and two bathrooms. One room is their comfortable living room that includes a sofa, easy chairs, a television, and a wooden arm chair with the Princeton university seal. Their wedding picture has a prominent place on one wall.

The other room is their lovely bedroom. Its walls are covered with an amazing display of family photos – their parents, children, grandchildren, and great-grand children. As Grace and Andrew see each picture, loving memories are revived and shared. They both say that their children are the thing they are most proud of in their lives.

FRIENDS FROM EAST HILL PRESCHOOL RETURN

With the chill in the air, the residents eagerly anticipate the return of little friends from the East Hill Preschool. Each Tuesday morning, twelve youngsters run through the front door and into the welcoming arms of residents, who await them in the parlor. The room fills with twenty or more people, ages 3-101. We share stories, art projects, songs, laughter, and hugs. The preschoolers begin on the rug, but many of them find themselves in the laps of the residents within minutes, sharing stories and exciting tidbits about their day. Welcome back and we look forward to another school year filled with delight!



GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT CRAFTSBURY COMMUNITY CARE CENTER

The Marketing Committee has worked with WCAX to create a 30-second television commercial about Craftsbury Community Care Center. It stars our own Marvene Haynes and her son, Charlie. Many other residents and staff are featured, as well. The commercial is being aired the second week of each month during the early morning news programs. We have already received inquiries as a result of our commercial. Exciting!

The Craftsbury Community Care Center website has a spiffy new look! Go to www.craftsburycommunitycarecenter.org. You'll see the TV commercial, lots of photos of CCCC activities, Frequently asked Questions and Answers, Calendar of Events, links to other relevant websites, how to donate, floor plans, a Contact Us page. You can even send an e-card to a resident or print out a resident application form for completion and mailing – and much more!

Check these out and see how we are making ourselves known in the larger community.



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