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Letter from the President

Dear Friends –

I was a little bit late getting to the party. The occasion was a landmark birthday of one of the residents of the Care Center. By the time I arrived, the place was rocking. The new community room (created by the generosity of many, many friends of the Care Center) was crowded – moreso than I have seen it since it first opened a little over a year ago. Friends were mingling, renewing acquaintances, getting to know new people, discovering connections they hadn't known existed. The guest of honor was smiling, with a trace of a tear or two at the corners of his eyes. Family had unexpectedly shown up; the party itself was a complete surprise.

Someone commented jokingly that the community room wasn't big enough; that we need to build an addition. (Trust me; it will be a while before we seriously consider that.)

We hope this newsletter finds you well, after a long, difficult winter. It's been a busy one at the Care Center, as you will re-discover reading the news here, and it's been a warm one for the people who live here. We trust that you will see as you read how vital and deeply appreciated your support for the Care Center is. There are events planned by Board and staff for fun and to raise funds; the staff continues its exemplary service to the residents, - even as some beloved staff members move on to other pursuits. We continue our outreach and marketing work to tell the world of the great place that the Care Center is to live; and this community thrives for the countless efforts made by countless friends.

Yet that party for which I arrived late reminded me, once again, that the reason for this place to exist is the people who live here. They are people we know and love, or come to love when we get to know them. This is a place where the joys of a good and dignified life – and, to be honest, the sorrows and struggles as well – are the heart of daily experience. It's a place where the living room gets crowded; where punch and cake and a crowd of beloveds mark important times in peoples' lives. It is a place where we all say "Hello" with delight and "Goodbye" with great sorrow. It is a place where individual lives are embraced in community, in all its genuine beauty and struggle.

And you are an integral part of this community. We are all so very grateful.

With thanks and hopes for a soon-to-be-warm spring-
Alan Parker, for the Board of Directors

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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Charles Hansen

Charles Hansen 84 years young grew up in Medford, Massachusetts with his younger sister Nancy. After completing high school Charles attended Northeastern University and graduated with a degree in accounting. Charles then joined the Navy and attended officer's school in Long Beach, California.

He then spent the next 2 years on an Aircraft Carrier named The Tarawa with 5000 other navy men. He was responsible training some of the men that were assigned to him. The ship and men were assigned to a tour of duty in many ports around the world. He spent time in the Mediterranean, Paris, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and Hawaii. It was a yearlong trip that covered 200,000 miles. This was truly a once in a lifetime experience and one in which he has fond memories and many stories.



After the Navy, Charles returned to Massachusetts for a short time and worked in the accounting field. His family had always done camping trips in northern NH and visited VT. He fell in love with the peace and tranquility of the mountains then and knew this is where he wanted to live his life. He had some friends from a church group that lived in Hardwick so he chose to move to Hardwick, Vermont to live in peace. While in Hardwick, he started an accounting business from his home. He did accounting for many companies in New England. He also developed his own business of selling track and field equipment for high schools and colleges.

Charles' hobbies include skiing, computers, music, traveling and reading.

An illness that landed him in the hospital and rehabilitation time in a nursing home is the reason Charles decided to move to the 4C's. He enjoys the friendliness of the staff at the center as well as the variety of the activities available to participate in. He especially likes the music programs and the outside groups that come in to perform. He says "we have a lot of fun here".

CCCC is fortunate to have Charles as a resident. His personality and sense of humor add much to our community.

— Submitted by Doreen Noyes

Amazon Smile

Thanks to all of you who have made your Amazon orders through AmazonSmile, to benefit the CCCC. If you haven't made AmazonSmile your default setting for your orders, it's very easy and is a fine way to support the Center at no cost to you. Just go to the site: AmazonSmile, where you can access everything on the Amazon site. On the opening page, at the very top left hand side, above the Amazon Smile logo, the word "supporting" names a charity. Click on the word "supporting" and type in Craftsbury Community Care Center, click on this choice, and 0.5 % of your purchase price will go to CCCC.



— Submitted by Jenny Stoner

Thank You Randi

On February 9th, over 50 friends gathered in our Community Room to celebrate the many contributions of Randi Calderwood to the Community Care Center. He brought dedication, imagination and leadership to the Board of Directors during his twelve years of service. As President he helped to guide the center during several transitions of director and times of financial challenges. During his final years as president he led the board to undertake a Capital Campaign to upgrade the facility in order to maintain a top quality residence. That campaign, because of broad support from all of you, successfully raised funds for building our wonderful new Community Room, replacing the roof, replacing carpeting, painting the exterior and providing many other needed replacements and upgrades.

In addition to his service on the board, Randi for seven years provided maintenance for CCCC.

Having grown up on a farm and then running it for many years, Randi easily sees what needs to be done and either knows or figures out how to do it. When the maintenance person for CCCC resigned in 2008, Randi had recently sold his farm, and agreed to take on those responsibilities. In this capacity he was available to help move a new resident in, arrange her furniture and hang pictures as desired in her new home, to oversee major projects like



problems with the septic and water systems, as well as the myriad of jobs that occur regularly from plowing snow to replacing light bulbs, all done with a smile and cheerful word. When the new room and other major repairs were being planned, Randi helped guide the architect to include the features needed and the placement of each. His familiarity with the plans and operation of the Center were most valuable to the design of a room that meets our needs.

As a bonus, Randi is a trained EMT responder, always ready to respond to emergencies faced by a resident or staff person, regardless of the time of day or night.

Randi has long been an active member of the Craftsbury community, serving as assistant Fire Chief, and an elder in East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church among other commitments. He and his wife Louise,

who is both an independent consultant and a Sterling College faculty member, have two young adult sons, Doug and Andrew. Randi continues with his maple sugar and snow plowing businesses and has now become the cropping manager for the Andersonville Farm for Jasper Hill Cellars.

The whole Care Center community is deeply appreciative of all that Randi has given to CCCC. You can speak to him yourself to thank him for his service at our Sugar on Snow party on March 28, for he is still around for important events.

Thanking the Staff

Over the past year and a half, the CCCC Board has been acknowledging their gratitude to the staff in a series of surprise lunches. For a number of years the Board prepared and hosted an appreciation dinner across the road at the Craftsbury Presbyterian Church. For many of the staff it meant coming back to Craftsbury and for others it conflicted with their work schedule. As a consequence the Board came up with the idea of providing an unannounced special lunch on average every other month. 'Cilla Bonney-Smith has been spearheading and organizing this effort - Board members volunteer to provide soups, quiches, homemade breads, cheese, fruit and finger desserts. The staff is never alerted to when lunch will be a welcome variation from the usual.

The Board hopes that the staff enjoys these unexpected meals. It is our way to saying thank you for their dedication, professionalism and hard work.

— Submitted by Anne Cassidy

A Successful Annual Appeal

Warm and **grateful thanks** to all of our friends who have contributed to the 2014 Annual Appeal request. Your generosity supports our residents and the many programs and activities that enrich their lives while keeping their home in good shape.

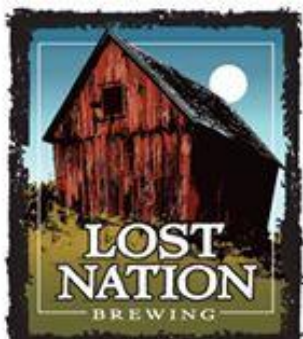
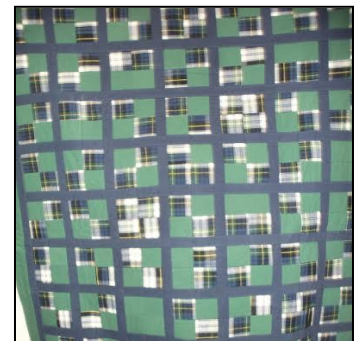
With great appreciation,
The CCCC Board

Sugar on Snow Party

The CCCC's Sugar on Snow family event is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. It seems that we can be assured of plentiful snow and flavorful Craftsbury maple syrup is already on hand. In addition there will be the traditional donuts and pickles. All we need is for you to come and make it a truly festive gathering.

The very popular Chinese auction will showcase a wide variety of baked goods including coffee cakes, muffins, fresh bread for breakfast; pies and fancy cakes for a decadent dessert treat. Come and see how lucky you may be!

This year's raffle is just outstanding. CCCC resident Alma Rowley's son, Bill, has hand turned a most beautiful 8 inch salad bowl made from a cherry tree damaged in a Maine storm a year ago. Vaughn Rinaldi, who gave us the enchanting children's quilt last year, has provided the coziest handsome twin bed quilt. The Blackwatch plaid squares are accented against those of dark green and blue. A gift certificate from Lost Nation Brewing in Morrisville could provide you with a tasty lunch or dinner accompanied by one of their special beers. For the second year High Mowing Seeds has offered us a selection of their seed packets – what better way to start your summer garden. Raffle tickets (\$1 apiece or 6 for \$5) are now on sale at CCCC.



We look forward to seeing you on the 28th!

Photo Gallery



Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 13 at 10:30 AM
Louise Calderwood, slides of New Zealand
- Sunday, March 15 at 3:30 PM
Bill Eisner on harp
- Friday, March 20 at 10:30 AM
Wolcott Youth Ballet with Bethany Lange McAteer
- Tuesday, March 24 at 3 PM
Singing and guitar with Larry and Lynn Beaudry
- Friday, March 27 at 3 PM
Heartbeat Lifesharing Chimes Choir
- Saturday, March 28 from 2-4 PM
Sugar on Snow Party



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