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**Letter from the President**

Dear Friends of the Care Center:

As we see Fall fade into Winter and the holidays, it is a good time to reflect on the past months and to begin looking toward our future. While we lost two giants of the Center this summer, we look to the future with optimism and plans to make the Center viable and better well into the future.

We lost Alan Parker, our president, this past summer. Alan was the face of our board and a strong leader of the Center for several years. We continue to miss his steady hand and calm presence. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the community gathered for the dedication of a granite bench dedicated to his memory, followed by a reception celebrating Alan's many contributions to CCCC. The bench was placed in the front garden as a place for quiet conversation or meditation in accord with his personality.

We also lost Randi Calderwood this summer. Over the years, Randi served as Board President, groundskeeper, contributor in many different ways and a true believer in what the Center meant to the community. One of the things Randi really pushed for was a maintenance building and that was completed this year. We plan to dedicate that building to his memory in the near future.

It has been a busy year for both the staff and the Board. The maintenance building was completed and is now in full use. It proved its worth during our annual auction and cookout in July. In the midst of the auction, we were struck by a monsoon but we retreated to the new building and completed our sale. In spite of the weather, the event was a success. We owe a debt of gratitude to the staff, Board and several friends of the Center for helping us combat the weather.

We also have completed new sidewalks at several locations around the building, along with lighted bollards to accent them. Not only has this project enhanced the appearance of the Center but we have received many compliments from our residents about the new accessibility of our grounds now that we have cement sidewalks. Inside the building, we replaced the dining room floor which looks great as well.

The Center is in good repair at this stage but we continue to look for ways to fundraise and do projects that make the facility even better for our residents and staff. We could not do these things without the help of an outstanding staff, a Board that seems to have unlimited energy and you, the friends of the Center, who continue to support the Center with your financial help and willingness to assist in a variety of ways.

Wishing all of you the best holiday season ever and thank you for all that you do.

For the Board-Dan Hill, President

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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## Resident Highlight — Estelle McAndrew

Estelle was one of the first residents I met at The Care Center after my mother moved there. I asked Estelle if she was a native Vermonter and she said oh no, I'm a city girl.

Estelle grew up in Pennsylvania. Her mother was a teacher and her father was an engineer on the railroad until he left there to start his own strip mining company called, Scranton Contracting Company. I asked Estelle about her siblings and she told me about her two brothers and how much they used to spoil her. Estelle told me when she was 14 years old she used to sing on the radio and that she was asked to be a model for Pepsodent Toothpaste. Estelle said that her parents were not in favor of her doing that because she was too young. "I had a wonderful happy childhood and a wonderful family," she told me.



Estelle went to The Wyoming Seminary and Bucknell University for a two-year business degree. I came from a long line of teachers, but I had no interest in becoming a teacher.

When Estelle was 21 years old, she married George Wilkens and sadly they were only married a few months when he was killed in World War II.

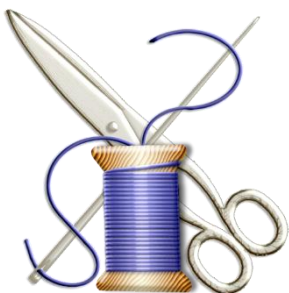
Estelle's family had a camp on Harvey's Lake in Pennsylvania and that's where she got reacquainted with Eugene McAndrew, who was visiting at the camp next door. Eugene and Estelle had gone to school together. Eugene and Estelle were later married and lived in upstate New York. Estelle was a stay-at-home mom until the children were grown and out of the home. She then went to work as a bank teller and later became a Real Estate Broker for a NY State politician who owned the business. Eugene was a gentle man who had been a Japanese prisoner of war. They were very busy people with their jobs and children, Mark and Patricia. Mark lives in East Hardwick and has two sons, Alex and Angus. Patricia lives in Florida and also has two children, Sean and Shannon. I am very proud of my family.

When I asked Estelle if she had any hobbies, she told me that reading was a passion and knitting. Estelle told me, I was one of those knitters who knit for everyone else but not for myself. I can't remember ever knitting a sweater for myself. I used to love to read too, but with not seeing as well as I used to, I don't do now either. I am 95 years old you know."

At the end of our visit Estelle said, "when I look at my life I'm thankful for what I have and that I'm able to live here."

—Submitted by Emma Pudvah

## Handy with Needle and Thread?



You might be able to provide a much requested service for the CCCC residents. Buttons need to be moved, pants need hemming, minor alterations or mending need attention – would you be willing to volunteer? It shouldn't take much of your time and would be so greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Anne Cassidy at 533-2167 or [mscassidy@aol.com](mailto:mscassidy@aol.com), and thank you!

—Submitted by Anne Cassidy

## Memories of Reverend Alan Parker

It is with great sadness that we reflect on Alan's passing. Alan was many things to those who knew him - all exceptionally good. He was a Pastor, President of the Craftsbury Community Care Center Board of Directors, and Friend to many.

CCCC has lost an invaluable and unequalled leader. As President, Alan tactfully kept us on track in meetings, molded our volunteer board into a most effective institution, and refreshed the Center's ability to serve its residents in the best way possible. We benefited from his vision, his sensitivity to all situations, his unfailing wisdom and his humor. His calm, patient, yet concise leadership abilities were exceptionally effective in raising our own level of competence while sustaining a happy and well-integrated team.

Once a month Alan gathered a resident group for "Bible Study" – according to him; a loose term for a time to share, a time to bond, and a time to discuss their world and the world beyond CCCC. The warm friendship, counsel and support he offered both the residents and their families brightened their days and gave them comfort when needed.

What we'll always remember about this fine and capable man was his kindness, caring and seeming infinite compassion and resourcefulness whatever the immediate challenge that we might face. We will continue to recall Alan's unparalleled service on our behalves and think about how he would have counseled us going forward. In that way, Alan will forever be among us and be our guide.

Written in part by Bruce Sweeny, former CCCC Board member



## Missing Randi

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, over 600 members of the greater Craftsbury community gathered to say "goodbye" to Randi Calderwood and to support his family. A tragic tractor accident took the life of this very special man who provided leadership in the community and quietly carried out a wide variety of tasks that "just needed to be done". His generosity led him to always respond to someone's dilemma with an offer to help.

His dedicated service to CCCC included 12 years on the Board of Directors (most as president), and a number of years taking care of the building. His vision and work were vital to the success of the Center's capital campaign, which resulted in our lovely community room addition, a new roof, exterior painting and, most recently, the substantial shed to store equipment. For years, he shared his expertise as a sugar-maker by providing and boiling the award-winning maple syrup for our Sugar on Snow party. For many years, Randi and other members of the Craftsbury Fire Department raised the big tent for our Cookout and Auction. More recently, he and his crew put up and took down the smaller tent for the silent auction. And on a daily basis, he spread cheer with his smile and willingness to care for maintenance-type needs of residents, be they as simple as hanging a picture or as complex as repairing the water system. In addition, as a first responder for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad, he responded to calls from CCCC staff for many night time emergencies. He was never more than a beeper away.

Randi served in leadership positions in many additional community and professional organizations and is missed by all. Our condolences go especially to his wife Louise, his sons Douglas and Andrew, his mother Fielda, his twin brother Ricki and other family members.

—Submitted by Jenny Stoner





## Our Successful Cookout & Auction

This year's event was a learning experience in how to meet the challenges of a torrential rainstorm. It showcased how a dedicated community could gather what was necessary and retreat to the new garage where the bidding continued. It was amazing! We were fortunate that the noon dinner finished before the first raindrop. Despite the weather this annual fundraiser was a great success, netting us over \$7,500.

We were most grateful to Ron Sanville who returned this summer as auctioneer. He didn't miss a beat when the rain forced him to move inside, crowded among auction items and loyal bidders. We appreciated his usual enthusiasm and engagement with the crowd. This year his calm amongst the storm was impressive as he auctioned off items ranging from furniture to plants to automotive services. Jean Dutton, Harry Miller and Tom Twetten's work in recording and handling finances for the auction was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Carol-Lynn Willean and Jim Raas who were instrumental in assisting Ron Sanville while keeping alert to bidders in the audience.



The noon meal was as delicious as always with deep fried turkey, Sterling College raised roast pork, greens provided by David Linck and Pete Johnson, Pat Rhodes' baked beans and potato rolls prepared by Kaitlyn Miller and Mary O'Connell, members of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center Green Team. Dessert, in addition to the Bone Builders' special treats, featured ice cream served from the Kingdom Creamery truck.

Former Board member, Larry Gluckman, surprised us when he arrived on Friday afternoon with the Green Team to pitch the big tent and set up table and chairs. The Team did an outstanding job, seemingly effortlessly and quickly. They are an irreplaceable, enthusiastic, and delightful group of volunteers. Even the rain on Saturday afternoon didn't deter them from arriving on time to take down the tent and return all the chairs and tables. Many thanks to the community spirited Craftsbury Fire Department members for the loan of their tent and for putting it up and taking it down. They, too, are invaluable partners in the Cookout and Auction preparations.

This annual fundraising event would not have been a success without the support of family and friends who bought tickets and came to bid. We extend our whole-hearted gratitude to all of you!

—Submitted by Anne Cassidy

## New Board Member

Debbie McKinley has joined the CCCC board filling an unexpected vacancy. Although Debbie became pastor of the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church only in April, she has already become active locally, participating in leadership of several community events. She has also jumped right into jobs on the CCCC board.

She brings with her extensive experience as minister of churches in Pennsylvania and Virginia and at the national offices of the Presbyterian Church, as member of many boards and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary. CCCC is glad to welcome her.



—Submitted by Doreen Noyes



### Craftsbury Community Care Center's Photo Gallery



### Upcoming Events

- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> — 3 PM Art Reception with Elaine Cole
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> — 3 PM Cabot Violin Youth Ensemble
- Dec 6<sup>th</sup> — 1 PM Singer Carol Ann Jones
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> — 2 PM The Ballot Wolcott
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> — 1 PM Christmas Caroling with the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church
- Dec 28<sup>th</sup> — 1:30 PM Singer “Cooie” Carolyn DeFrancesco with Wonder and Wisdom Seniors



### Board of Directors:

- Dan Hill, President
- Anne Cassidy, Vice President
- Jenny Stoner, Secretary
- Carolyn Ryan, Treasurer
- Cilla Bonney-Smith
- Ted Ceraldi
- Scott Inglis
- Jim Jones
- Jeanne Joslin
- Janet Long, honorary member
- Ed O’Leary,
- Jane Marlin
- Mark McAndrew
- Debbie McKinley
- Doreen Noyes
- Emma Pudvah,
- Julian Sharp
- Rebecca Tatel
- Bob Twiss, honorary member

### Executive Director:

Kimberly Roberge

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