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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

Dear Friends of the Care Center:

Hopefully, as you read this the birds are beginning to sing, the snow is going and the sap is running. In anticipation of spring, we are busily preparing for our annual Sugar on Snow party. We will be holding it on April 1<sup>st</sup> this year and we hope you will join us for a fun day and an important fundraiser for the Center.

It's also time to begin looking around for your unused or interesting items around the house for our annual July auction. As you find those things for us, just let us know and we will be glad to pick them up or you can deliver them to the Center once summer is here.

We continue to have a nearly full residence center and the demand grows each year. The Board has been working hard to ensure we continue to provide the services you want for your loved ones. In keeping with that, we are preparing a survey to be available at all of the area Town Meetings asking for your input as to what you want from us in the future. Should we remain as we are, should we add more rooms, provide new services such as adult day care, dementia care, rehab facilities or something else. We really need your input so please fill out one of our surveys or feel free to reach out to me at [danhill230@gmail.com](mailto:danhill230@gmail.com) with your thoughts and I will share them with the rest of the Board.

We are also working to redesign our salary structure to make sure we are doing the best we can to provide for our great staff while living within our means. We are finding this to be a challenge but necessary to ensure we retain the best people possible to serve our residents while keeping our pricing at a competitive level.

We could not do what we do without all of your financial and emotional support. Thanks to all of you for that support and thanks to our administration and staff for the great work that they do. Have a great spring and please share your thoughts with us.

—Dan Hill for the Board

## Janet Long – An Extraordinary Volunteer

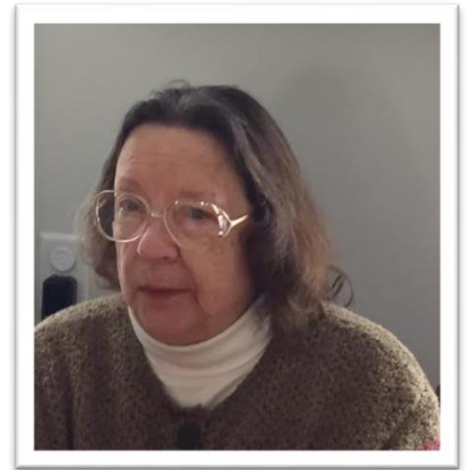
Janet joined the CCCC Board in 2003 and uncharacteristically didn't become treasurer or even a member of the Finance Committee. Among her many other volunteer projects over the years she has been treasurer of almost every organization in Greensboro from the UCC Church to the Historical Society, the Library, the Fire District and the Beach Committee. When Janet retired from the Board after 9 years she made one remarkable exception; she would remain on the CCCC Ways and Means Committee. Not only attend those meetings but most significantly write all the acknowledgements for auction gifts and the numerous thank you notes to Annual Appeal donors. That means hundreds of letters each year! CCCC couldn't be more grateful for all the work that she did and continues to do.

As a member of Ways and Means Janet instituted new protocols for the annual appeal fund drive. She coordinated and ran the Silent Auction at the July Cookout and Auction for many years. In addition, Janet was responsible for organizing the Chinese Auction at Sugar on Snow. She still contributes to that specific event by cutting out numbers and filling the envelopes used for bidding on the baked goods – a slow and tedious task but so necessary. In the past, an additional association with CCCC included lunch in the residents' dining room and playing bridge with friends who were living there.

While CCCC is not the only beneficiary of Janet's talents it is one to which she feels a special relationship. As she expressed it, her time there is an opportunity to feel directly connected and helpful to individual people, bringing her closer to beneficiaries than any of her treasurer jobs. Many of the CCCC residents are or were longtime friends or acquaintances. She finds especially rewarding the knowledge that they are happy and appreciate the opportunity to live in such a uniquely caring residence.

When she has spare time Janet can be found at the bridge table, both a dedicated and competitive player, or working through the New York Times crossword puzzles – all seven days a week. She is an avid reader and an enthusiastic knitter who can repair most anything and truly enjoys completing abandoned knitting projects. Her reputation for good coffee is appreciated weekly by both the UCC Church members and the Greensboro Walking Ladies whom she hosts on Monday mornings.

We, at CCCC, wholeheartedly and gratefully thank Janet for her many years of steadfast and loyal support!  
—Submitted by Anne Cassidy



## Tributes — Alan Parker and Randi Calderwood

The Center and the community recently celebrated the lives of Alan Parker and Randi Calderwood. Both men gave much to the Center and we miss them greatly. Alan loved gardens so a beautiful bench has been placed under a tree on our campus for people to enjoy a visit, nature or for meditation.



Randi was our maintenance man for a few years and always thought the Center needed a garage for working in and storage. The garage is finally finished and we dedicated it to him.

Many people spoke at the dedication and then refreshments were enjoyed along with many stories of Alan and Randi.

—Submitted by Doreen Noyes

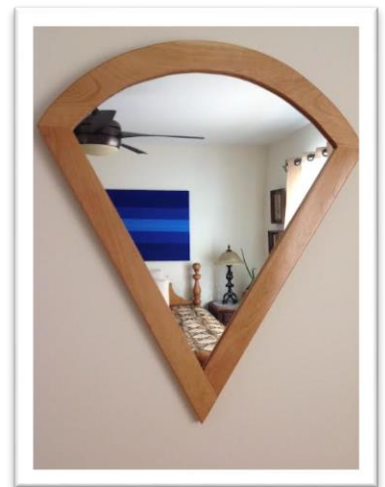
**Heartfelt Thanks** — The remarkable generosity of family and friends has made this year's Annual Appeal an overwhelming success. Our residents, dedicated staff and appreciative Board wish to acknowledge the significance of your outstanding contributions. We are both humbled and extremely grateful for your continuing support and giving.

## Sugar on Snow Party

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Please come and enjoy the fun of gathering with friends and neighbors while you sample warm maple syrup caramelizing over snow. Louise Calderwood ably assisted by Bruce Urie will be boiling Craftsbury syrup to perfection. In addition, there will be the usual dill pickles and donuts as accompaniment. This is as much a chance to socialize and celebrate as it is to support CCCC.

This year's raffle prizes are exceptional – featuring local artists' remarkable work. Liz Nelson has given us a framed print titled "Melting", a view of Eligo Pond from the causeway between Craftsbury and Route 14. John Paterson has handcrafted a beautiful cherry wall mirror. There is a generous set of greeting cards which have been designed and handmade by Emma Pudvah, a CCCC Board member. A Downton Abbey themed pillow has been quilted and donated by Linda Scott. Lastly, there is a packet of High Mowing seeds to begin your summer garden. Raffle tickets sell for \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5 and are available at CCCC now or at the event.

The former Chinese Auction now called the Lucky Draw will feature an array of home baked goods from pies to cakes, cookies, breads and muffins. In addition, we plan to have quiches, casseroles and homemade candies. You can come to sample sugar on snow and return with your evening's dinner. Drawing for these gourmet treats will begin at 3:15 p.m. and you must be present to take them home.



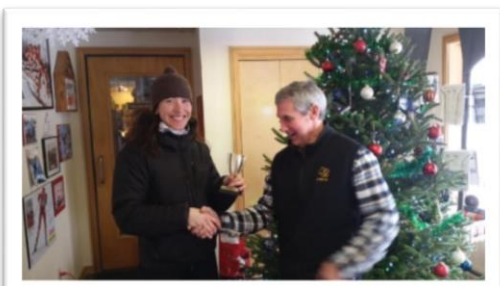
**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

## Fall Fitness Challenge

Thank you to all who participated in our Fall Fitness Challenge. Your activity/financial gift supports the Lamoyille Valley Rail Trail /VAST and the Craftsbury Community Care Center. A huge thank you to Concept 2 for their donation to support the expenses of the challenge. The results are in — total amount raised \$2,190.20. 65% goes to LVRT/VAST and 35% to CCCC. Special thanks to the St. Johnsbury X-Country team and coach Arlan Langmaid for logging 3000 miles. Craftsbury Presbyterian Church won the cooperation/organization trophy for their contribution.

Top individual winners:

- Top female bicyclist - Margaret Pitkin (249.67 miles)
- Top female walker/runner - Patty Eck Fish (106 miles)
- Top male walker/runner - David Stoner (104 miles)

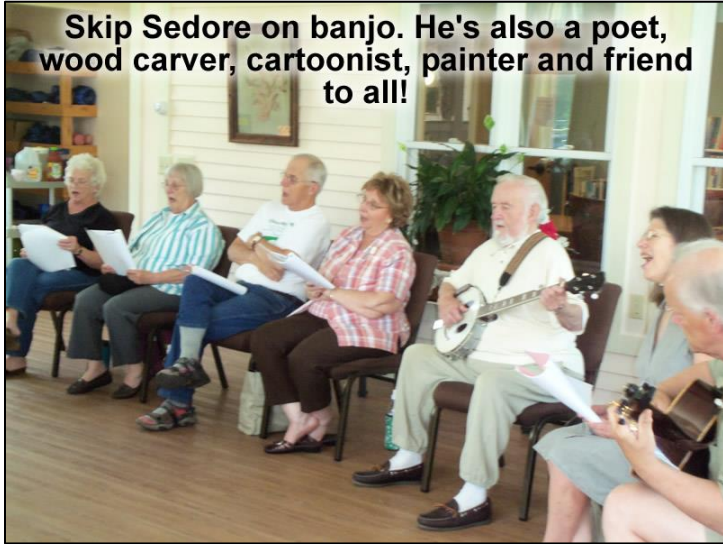


Despite the challenges with the website, we had 22 people participate. We will be doing another challenge in the fall when the FitRaise website will be working properly.

Thank you to all —Submitted by Doreen Noyes



# Thank You To Our Many Wonderful Volunteers



**Skip Sedore on banjo. He's also a poet, wood carver, cartoonist, painter and friend to all!**



**Heartbeat Lifesharing Community Chimes Choir**



**Barbara Ulman. She's volunteered here faithfully for over 17 years as a pianist!**



**Bill Eisner on the harp. He has been performing here monthly for years!**



**Kevin, a volunteer from North Country Animal League greets a past resident, George Bickford**



**Dorian Sarrais donated this square grand piano to the Care Center and performs concerts that dazzle the residents!**



# More Photos of Our Wonderful Volunteers

Thank you Barb and Marilyn for their program and bringing community members in to enrich the lives of our residents.

**Lynn Birdsall and Ryk Loske who sing in "Sentimental Journey" group**



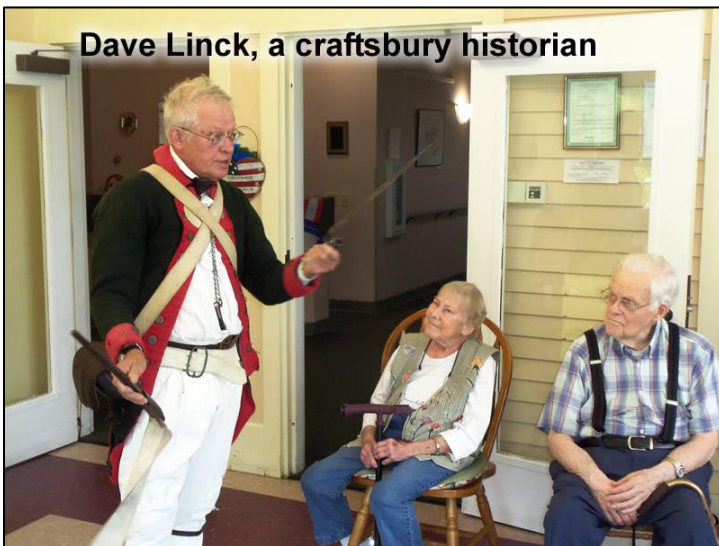
**Emma Pudvah, donates her time and materials, plus owns her own card making business in Hardwick**



**Alex Hurt with Grace and Tara during weekly Bible study group.**



**Residents ended their week with a book talk from Craftsbury librarian, Susan O'Connell**



**Dave Linck, a craftsbury historian**



**Don Houghton and Ned Houston, with Ron Curtiss, resident.**

# Upcoming Events



- Friday, March 3 at 2:30 PM  
Wildlife photos and stories with Donna
- Tuesday, March 7 at 1 PM  
Singing with Carol Ann Jones
- Wed., March 8 at 10:30 AM  
Craftsbury History with Dave Linck
- Monday, March 13 at 3:30 PM  
Singing with Corey Gottfried
- Saturday, March 18 at 9:30 AM  
Northern Lights Singing Group
- Tuesday, March 21 at 10:30 AM  
Abenaki Language with George Larrabee and Gail Johnson
- Monday, March 20 & 27 at 3 PM  
Dorian Sarriais on piano



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- Julian Sharp
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