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Gabriel and Dorothy Aho were just two of the wrappers who volunteered on Dec. 20th to wrap the more than 3,000 gifts for Santa's House.

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Spotlight on: Renoir Renovations

by: Sue Lyle



Laurie Leja and Renny Weiss

Some businesses start as a specific idea slowly growing in size. Some change their concept slowly over time. Renoir Renovations, LLC has quickly created a change of place and space with their new showroom. What was once a residential apartment in Renny Weiss and Laurie Leja's multi-unit apartment building on Main Street became the new home for Laurie's window treatment business after a plea by Renny to "relocate her stuff" which had been all over the house.

She agreed and renovation work began in August. The stuff, eh... window treatment displays fit the prior apartment space so well that they quickly decided to include the kitchen renovation portion of their business and shortly thereafter the full kitchen displays were in place. So in a matter of just a few months, Renoir Renovations was created as well as expanded and is now open for business in downtown Jaffrey.

With a deep background in renovations, both Renny and Laurie look forward to growing their company consisting of design, building and decorating services. Laurie, who worked for Belletetes in kitchen design, and Renny, a carpenter experienced in kitchen installations, worked shoulder to shoulder in the business for seven years and thought it was time to go out on their own. Not daunted by the economic climate,

Laurie states, "It's easy to be negative and fear is a big factor which gets in the way of many new enterprises," but she remains optimistic and has been busy in their business already.

She advises that from the moment they began work on the building to make room for the showroom, she has been selling window treatments and the work on kitchen renovations fell in right behind. She's excited about their work product and providing the Monadnock region with their renovation skills. Laurie says, "If our design, when it's done, doesn't look as if it's always been there, then we haven't done our job."

Her favorite part of the work is dealing directly with the customer. At the outset of a project, she determines their

expectations and needs and then works towards meeting those. "All customers are different and I love the challenge of learning what they really want and then working towards their goal. By the end of the project, seeing the customer experience total satisfaction really completes our mission."

She has learned to always prepare "Plan B" before the customer needs it to create a smooth project workflow.

They work hard at creating something for everyone and have a range of projects to satisfy differing tastes and budgets. For marketing strength they have aligned themselves with BNI as well as the Contoocook

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Resolutions and Resiliency

Here we are in the New Year! A time when many

of us make well-intended resolutions about our health, or relationships, or maybe some other aspect of the daily balancing act in which we are so deeply engaged. I was contemplating the subject for this letter as I made some very late, not untypically so for me, Christmas gift purchases, spent hours wrapping, cleaned and prepared the house for overnight guests, and tried to keep up with business demands. In the midst of that, I happened upon some interesting factoids gleaned from the 2010 census. Did you know that for New Hampshire:

✧ Over half the jobs lost since the financial crisis began have been replaced.

✧ Our business taxes are 11th highest in the US.

✧ The state unemployment rate is 5.4% which translates into 40,000 people without work. Last year at this time it was 6.9% and some are predicting it may fall below 5% in 2011.

✧ Over the last decade the state population has seen a 6.5% growth which is the most of any New England state. In February the town

population figures will be released and this may well mean redistricting at the state legislature level.

✧ NH has the lowest crime rate and the lowest number of children in poverty of any state in the nation.

✧ NH is currently facing a \$600 million budget deficit. This is way more than the anticipated economic growth can provide. Thus, creating a balanced budget will affect every resident, one way or the other.

✧ 2010 saw a record number of foreclosures.

✧ 77% of NH homes have Internet.

“What does this mean for Chamber members?” I wondered. In a nutshell it seems to mean a cautious optimism – some things may help to drive economic improvement and others factors may hold growth back. With this crisis our nonprofit members have seen a decrease in donations and contact cuts, along with a significant, if not serious increase in need for services. Of course, many of our business members have been holding on by the skin of their teeth, with a commitment to their customers and lots of hope. And all of us have seen our savings plummet, with a slow and gradual recovery to some extent last year.

As best I can tell, and I’m no prognosticator, in 2011 we’ll need to continue our resolve, our determination to stick with it, and find promise in the singles – the base hits – and not expect or hold out for those home runs. We’ll need continued resiliency. We should take care of ourselves, demonstrate respect for our co-workers, give and receive love and support from friends and family, and seek peace from whatever philosophy or beliefs we subscribe to.

IF this is all true, then I can think of no better place to be than Jaffrey, New Hampshire. Thank you for being part of this community!

The Chamber will continue to pursue our mission with passion and resolve. We look forward to spending a year with you working, laughing, and volunteering for the betterment of our community. From all of us at the Chamber we wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

Lee Bruder
President

Slate of Officers to Be Voted on at the Chamber Annual Meeting Feb. 23

On Wednesday, February 23, 2011, the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce will host its 28th Annual Meeting at the Woodbound Inn. The meeting will begin with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at 5:30 pm. The cost to attend is \$40 per person. This year’s meeting will include the presentation of the Jaffrey Chamber 2010 Citizen of the Year, the Business of the Year and the Non-Profit Award. In addition our proposed slate of officers will be presented to the membership to be voted on. Again this year we are offering sponsorship opportunities to our members at the Annual Meeting. For \$500, Gold Sponsors would have their name/logo on the speaker podium, be able to display a banner at the meeting, be included in all ads and press releases and receive

4 complimentary tickets for dinner. For \$250, Silver Sponsors could have their company name/logo on the event sponsor board at the event, be included in all ads and press releases and receive 2 complimentary tickets to dinner. Additionally we are offering Table Sponsorships for \$100. Table sponsors would be included on the event sponsor board and receive signage on a table at the meeting.

For more information about sponsorships or to R.S.V.P. for dinner, please contact Becky Newton at 532-4549 or email info@jaffreychamber.com. We are pleased to announce the nominations of three new Board members: **Mitch Fonda** from **EMD Millipore**, **Tim McMahon** from **Bellows-Nichols Insurance** and **Tyler Strickland**

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Some Things You Should Know About Temporary Extension of Tax Relief

By Carol Romeril EA, MB



I am sure you are aware that Congress has approved and the President has signed the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance, Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010.

The main provisions of this act were to extend for two years many of the Bush era tax cuts and some tax provisions that were introduced in 2009 as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The most immediate impact of this new law is a payroll tax cut and the extension of the reduced individual income tax rates. The IRS has issued Notice 1036 which makes available to employers early release copies of the new 2011 withholding tables. This information can be obtained by visiting www.irs.gov. The reduction in rate is for the employee's share of social security only and the employer will continue to pay 6.2 per cent. The social security portion of the SE Tax, for self-employed individuals, will now be 10.4 per cent. It should be noted that Making Work Pay was not extended and that this payroll tax cut replaces it – this may mean that for some individuals, their social security tax will go down; however their income tax will go up. For most, but not all, individuals, the reduction in payroll taxes

will be more beneficial.

Many of the other provisions in the act keep tax rates, deductions and credits at amounts people have become accustomed to over the last few years. For business the Sec 179 expensing levels for assets purchased is extended through 2012 and bonus depreciation is increased to 100 per cent for 2011 and 50 per cent for 2012. Bonus depreciation only applies to new property but an interesting aspect of bonus depreciation is it can be used to generate a net operating loss which can potentially be carried back to recover taxes paid in a prior year.

The new law gives some certainty in tax planning for the next two years; however, the provisions are temporary and it is now unknown what the tax code will look like in 2013 and beyond.

Given that it is likely that many of these provisions will not continue indefinitely, there are opportunities to minimize taxes over the long term by taking advantage of some of these lower rates over the next two years - for example, recognizing gains on appreciated assets in 2011 and 2012.

If you are in need of professional tax help, please consider contacting Chamber member Carol Romeril EA, MBA. She can be reached at 603-878-5388 or by e-mail at carol@romeriltax.com. Additional information on the services offered by Romeril Tax & Accounting LLC can be found at www.romeriltax.com.



Photo by Ken Campbell

Faye Cooke of the Jaffrey Food Pantry stands by the canoe of foodstuffs for the Food Pantry and toys and clothing for the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce Santa's House drive. All the items were donated by the the First Church of Jaffrey congregation.

2010 Citizen and Business of the Year Get Your Nominations In!

The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting nominations for the 2010 Business of the Year Award, Non-Profit of the Year Award and Citizen of the Year Award.

Business and Non-Profit of the Year Awards recognize businesses that have demonstrated a significant contribution to the Jaffrey community and are available to all current Jaffrey Chamber member businesses.

Citizen of the Year Award recognizes an individual for outstanding leadership and performance in various sectors of community service. One does not need to be a

Chamber member to nominate or receive this award.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber office or downloaded from the website at www.jaffreychamber.com. The deadline to submit your entries to the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce is January 21st, 2011. All awards will be presented at the JCoC's Annual Dinner Meeting which is scheduled for February 23rd, 2011 at Woodbound Inn.

Please contact the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce at 532-4549, or info@jaffreychamber.com for more information.



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Monadnock Arts Auction Feb. 5th



The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 10th annual Monadnock Arts Auction on Feb. 5th. The artists represent the Monadnock Region, Southern NH, VT, MA and NM. Art pieces include this year's poster selection titled "Lilli's Silver Bowl" by artist Leah Kristin Dahlgren as well as a wide variety of paintings, jewelry, photography, pottery, copper sculptures, hand-blown glass and fiber, all in a variety of price ranges.

The Opening Reception is Monday, January 31 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Jaffrey Civic Center. This is open to the public and allows the viewers a first glimpse of the artwork featured in the Live and Silent Auctions.

Visit the Silent Auction from Tuesday, February 1st through Friday, February

4th from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm, and Saturday, February 5 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Jaffrey Civic Center when the final bell will ring on the Silent Auction. Will you be the highest bidder?

The black-tie optional Live Auction event is Saturday, February 5 at Noone Falls in Peterborough. The reception begins at 6:00pm with champagne, wine, beer and gourmet hors d'oeuvres. The bidding will begin at 7:30pm. Entertainment is provided by the Mike Wakefield Trio. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door (subject to availability). Tickets can be purchased at the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce on Main Street in Jaffrey, at Steele's and the Sharon Arts Center Craft Store in Peterborough or online at www.jaffreychamber.com.

A portion of the proceeds fund the Jaffrey Chamber Arts Scholarship program which is available to students pursuing a career in the visual arts.

Please contact the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce at 532-4549, info@jaffreychamber.com or visit the website at www.jaffreychamber.com for further details.

Attention Hockey Fans!

Bruins Alumni Hockey Game to Benefit Crotched Mountain's Accessible Recreation



Announcing a must-see benefit hockey game for the whole family:

The Boston Bruins Alumni vs. Crotched Mountain's "Monadnock Wild." All proceeds will benefit the Crotched Mountain Accessible Recreation Program (CMARS). Come watch as the legends of the Boston Bruins, led by Rick Middleton, play the region's own Monadnock Wild team of Crotched Mountain and Monadnock area hockey players. Special door prizes include autographed hockey sticks and pucks as well as tickets to the Manchester Monarchs. Raffle prizes include Bruins tickets and an autographed Bruins jersey.

- Sunday, January 30, 2011, 1:30 pm
- New England College's Lee Clement Arena, Henniker, NH
- Tickets: On sale now! Only \$10 per person
- Sponsorships are still available
- Contact Geoff Garfinkle at 603.547.3311 x2100 or geoff@cmf.org

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Timeless Home Consignments Will Become Fawn'd Memories

Effective January 1, Timeless Home Consignments, LLC, located at 23 Main Street, will be doing business as Fawn'd Memories. Annette Williams, owner, is very excited about the new name and thinks it reflects the shop's character and contents much better. The shop will be closed from January 1-7, reopening on Saturday, January 8th with an "Open House" offering refreshments and a gift.

The shop continues to offer

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Valley Realty Group. Although Laurie opines that word-of-mouth is ultimately the "key to success in our type of business," this additional exposure will provide them with a platform to help expand their client base.

One of their niches is to renew and refresh from the simple to sophisticated. They are currently working with contractors in the area and are flexible about which portion of the project they are involved in. Interior and exterior millwork and carpentry are also areas of service they provide.

If you are thinking of refreshing in the New Year, why not consider Renoir Renovations and stop by their artfully decorated showrooms at 17 Turnpike Rd. or call to make an appointment at 532-7007 or 731-4002.

gently used furniture and home goods. Additions of new home décor, gift items, maple syrup, soaps, dips, and soon a private label pancake mix now offer customers a larger selection of products. A new candle line is in the works plus some floral arrangements that show off Annette's previous floral design background. A website is under construction and will be available soon. She wants to make the shop a stop for everyone.

On January 1st, Williams will also unveil Fawn'd

Designs, a home decorating, design and staging company. Whether it is choosing colors in a new home, updating the look of an existing room, eliminating clutter, or marketing your home for resale, Annette is ready to help you reach your goal. She can make a plain commercial office more welcoming and make a home office more functional. With the economy and tough housing market out there, she tries to work with existing décor and furniture, but can also start from the bare floor and walls and

work to the finished product. With reasonable rates, she is available on a consultation basis or for the full project.

Annette and her family would like to thank the community, customers, and consignors for making their first 6 months a success.

They are a small shop that loves being in a small town. Many friendships have been made and they look forward to being a growing part of Main Street in Jaffrey. The Williams family wishes everyone a wonderful and healthy 2011.

The River Center Offers Early Free Tax Preparation



Money Matters Free Tax Preparation is starting on January 19, 2011 at The River Center in Peterborough. It will be offered every Wednesday from 4-8 p.m and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m through April 14. This service is one of several River Center programs that targets the financial health and well-being of individuals and families in our eastern Monadnock communities.

In 2010, with your help in spreading the word, we

helped more than 400 individuals and families claim over \$800,000 in refunds, including over \$274,000 in Earned Income Credit, \$153,000 in Child Tax Credits and \$147,000 in Making Work Pay credits. Like wages, these refunds and credits are reinvested in our local economy as people use the funds to make ends meet, buy goods and services or invest in homes, education, business or other assets to improve their lives.

Thank you for helping us to spread the word in 2010. We are asking Chamber members to continue this in 2011. A Money Matters Tax

Preparation flyer is available on The River Center website at www.rivercenter.us. Please visit the site, download the flyer and post or distribute it so your employees, colleagues and customers will know about the program.

The River Center provides free tax preparation with volunteer IRS certified tax preparers to people who might qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit or to people for whom paid tax preparation is a stretch. People can call Tammy Adams at The River Center at 924-6800 for info or to schedule an appointment.

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Member News



L-R Exhibiting Artist Scott Cunningham, Jaffrey Cub Scout Webelos Den from Jaffrey: Christopher Newton, Joey Jones, Garrett Peard, Nick Bergeron and Dustin Bergeron; Exhibiting Artist Kim Cunningham after their visit.

On Monday, December 13th, a special group of Cub Scouts from Jaffrey visited the **Sharon Arts Center** as a part of their efforts to earn their coveted "Art Badge." Sharon Arts organized their visit and made special arrangements for two artists exhibiting in "2-D or Not 2-D: Art Inspired by Poetry" to speak with the boys (all

age 9). Kim & Scott Cunningham met with the group for an hour and spoke about their artwork, their materials, and processes- allowing plenty of time for questions from the inquisitive group. Sharon Arts was thrilled to welcome the Webelos into the gallery and encourages all community groups with an interest in a field trip visit to reach out to the Center. •



The **Jaffrey Woman's Club** is pleased to announce that Dennis Wright was the winner of the "Dining-for-two...and more" raffle. Dennis is the recipient of 43 gift certificates totaling \$1550.00!

The JWC would like to thank

all the businesses in the Jaffrey, Rindge and Peterborough areas for their generous donations which made this raffle such a success. Proceeds came to \$2398 and will be used towards JWC Scholarships, Dental Care Program for the Middle School and preservation of the Cutler Memorial Building located on 33 Main St. in Jaffrey.

The Cutler Memorial Building is available to the public for rentals and is the perfect place for gatherings. For information contact Nora Bryant at 532-6090.

The JWC is always looking for new members. You don't have to be a resident of Jaffrey to join. Start the New Year off by making new friends and helping your local community. For membership information, call Elaine San Soucie at 532-6222 or Linda Borell at 532-8349. •

Tower & Crocker, P.A. is pleased to announce that one of the firm's partners, Jeffrey R. Crocker, Esq., has authored the chapter on "Deeds" appearing in the recently released practice manual on real estate law for New Hampshire attorneys published by MCLE/New

England entitled "A Practical Guide to Residential Real Estate Transactions and Foreclosures in New Hampshire." Jeff focuses his practice on residential and commercial real estate transactions, estate planning, and business law. He is a graduate of Vermont Academy, the University of New Hampshire (cum laude), and Franklin Pierce Law Center (now the University of New Hampshire School of Law). In addition to serving as a board member for many community non-profit organizations, Jeff has served as Chairperson of the Peterborough Planning Board, the Peterborough Economic Development Authority, the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security Appellate Board, the Board of Trustees of the Monadnock Community Hospital, and the Monadnock Region Board of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Jeff is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, formerly serving on the Ethics Committee, and is a member of the New Hampshire Estate Planning Council. He is the recipient of TEAM Jaffrey's 2002 Outstanding Community Volunteer Award. •

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Cathedral of the Pines Meets Its Restoration Goal Ahead of Schedule

On the second anniversary of the 2008 ice storm, Cathedral of the Pines announced that the Ice Storm Restoration Fund Drive goal has been reached ahead of schedule.

Damage at the Cathedral was devastating, stated Marie Cassady, Executive Director. "We lost over 200 trees in the sanctuary area alone. Paths, gardens, signs, and even our sound system were destroyed. However, an outpouring of community support from volunteers, contractors, and donors allowed us to create a glorious new outdoor sanctuary. It was inspiring to see something so tragic turn in to something so beautiful, but it came at a significant cost."

Restoration Fund Drive Chair and board member David Tower added, "The support is greatly appreciated by the entire Cathedral family." Tower noted that \$176,572 has been raised, exceeding the campaign goal of \$170,000 and ahead of the target date of May 1, 2011. Grants were received from the Schow Foundation, Jewish Trust, Hunt Foundation, Bean Foundation, and Rotary Clubs of Jaffrey-Rindge and Winchendon. But the majority of donations, large and small, came from individuals from all over the world.

"We are delighted, but not surprised, by the fact that—against the bleak backdrop of the global recession—supporters of the Cathedral have stepped forward. They recognized that giving more,

not less, is what is needed when we are in the midst of economic crisis, and demonstrated their love of the Cathedral and the special place it holds in their hearts. Making monthly loan payments in addition to an already tight operating budget was a challenge. We are so grateful that thanks to our generous donors we can go into 2011 debt free and focus our efforts on upcoming endeavors. The new space has inspired us to create new programs and services and to reach out to the community in new ways, and we are excited about the future of the Cathedral."

The Cathedral of the Pines is a 64-year-old nonprofit organization and memorial site located in Rindge, New Hampshire. People come from local communities and from all over the world to enjoy the breathtaking open-air cathedral that welcomes people of every faith in a spirit of unity and mutual respect. As well as enjoying the gardens, historic monuments, museum and hiking trails, The Cathedral of the Pines' educational programs and public events honor service to the nation by promoting peace, interfaith understanding and respect for the natural environment.

For more information or to donate, visit www.cathedralofthepines.org, or call 603-899-3300. Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge, NH 03461.

December Chamber Breakfast The Monadnock Bible Conference



Timothy Goodwin



Attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast, the proceeds of which were donated by MBC to Santa's House.



Lee Bruder



Cynthia Hamilton with the JRMS Students



Owen Houghton

December Chamber After Hours Woodbound Inn



Susie Vogel, Co-Owner, with new General Managers Tina and Eric Smith



Cathy Furze and Steve Walker



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Suzanne Mieso and Ellen Avery



Kathy Moreau and Nancy Stone



Elaine San Soucie, Karen McGrath and Charlie Lyle

Coming Events



Sharon Arts' 63rd Annual Members Exhibition

Sharon Arts presents the 63rd Annual Members Exhibition – a continuing tradition for the Monadnock Region. Members, students, staff and faculty are invited to display their work at the beautiful Exhibition Gallery at Depot Square in Downtown Peterborough. Open to all current SAC members, the exhibit is a major display of art including paintings, prints, sculpture, ceramics, textiles and more.

Sharon Arts members are from all over the Monadnock region and beyond; each can submit one piece of art to be hung in the exhibition. The exhibition often attracts over 150 pieces of artwork in the gallery at one time. This is a great opportunity to view original works of art created by fellow members of the community and for artists in the community to show their work (in many instances for the first time).

The 63rd Annual Members Exhibition will be on display

from January 7th through February 26th, 2011 in the Downtown Galleries located at 30 Grove Street in Depot Square, Peterborough. The Opening Reception will be held on Friday, January 7th from 5pm to 7pm, and is open to the public. Ample parking is available in Depot Square, admission is free. The Exhibition Gallery is open Monday - Wednesday 10am to 6pm, Thursday and Friday 10am to 7pm, and Sunday 11 - 4 PM. •

Coming soon to the **Peterborough Players:** La Fanciulla del West, by Giacomo Puccini. Sat., Jan. 8, 1 PM

The Met: Live in HD opera series. Puccini's wild-west opera had its world premiere in 1910 at the Met. Now, on the occasion of its centennial, all-American diva Deborah Voigt sings the title role of the "girl of the golden west," starring opposite Marcello Giordani. Nicola Luisotti conducts.

FELA! Sat., Jan. 15, 1 PM. London's National Theatre broadcast in HD. A provocative and wholly unique hybrid of dance, theatre and music, FELA! explores the world of Afrobeat legend Fela Anikulapo-Kuti. Winner of three 2010 Tony Awards including Best Choreography (Bill T. Jones). See it on the big screen at the Players for a fraction of the cost!

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of Sequoia Technologies Group.



Mitch Fonda joined Millipore in 2006 and currently serves as Senior Director, Manufacturing

Operations for EMD Millipore, overseeing two manufacturing facilities (Jaffrey, NH and Bedford, MA that combined have >700 employees) that supply the life sciences industry. Prior to his current role, he served as Global Director, Environment, Health and Safety. He has more than 20 years of experience supporting and overseeing manufacturing operations in various industries, including the imaging, pharmaceutical, semiconductor, aerospace, beverage manufacturing and life sciences industries. Mitch holds an a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Rochester Institute of Technology and an M.S. degree in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.



Tim McMahon has worked for Bellows-Nichols for 6 years and has been working with health and life

insurance for 10 years. He lives in Peterborough with his wife Velka, son Kelly and daughter Marina. He has a degree in Economics from University of Massachusetts/Amherst.

Tim was a Peace Corps volunteer in Bolivia for three years

and is an avid gardener. (He really only cuts the lawn but likes to dream.)

He enjoys coaching his kids' baseball and softball teams, fishing, and taking them in the forest so "my son can ask me to be Darth Vader and gets to slice me in half with his light saber."

Currently Tim serves on the Boards of Trout Unlimited and The Cathedral of the Pines and is a member of the Jaffrey/Rindge Rotary.



Tyler was born and raised in the heart of Oklahoma, but moved to Peterborough with his family when

he was eleven

years old. He graduated from ConVal High School in 2004 and studied Mass Communications and Theater at Oklahoma City University and Franklin Pierce University. In the fall after his senior year, Tyler took a 5 week trip through four countries in Southern Europe.

Since late in 2009, he has served as Marketing Assistant for Sequoia Technologies, taking care of Sequoia's newsletter and providing research, data entry, and sales leads.

Tyler is a huge Red Sox fan, enjoys skiing, and has recently become interested in NH craft brewing. He'll be trying his hand at brewing later this winter at Woodstock Inn Brewer's Weekend.

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Director to 2012

..... Paul Hausmann

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..... Tyler Strickland

..... Mitch Fonda

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Events cont...

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The Employment Resource Center at **The River Center** presents **Keene Community Education/An Overview** on January 12th from 2:00-3:00 (networking time 3:00-3:30). The program will be presented by Jennifer DeCoste. There is no charge to attend.

Keene Community Education provides a variety of adult academic/vocational classes, apprenticeships opportunities, enrichment and virtual classes. Also, come hear about a new program geared towards those getting ready for college!

To RSVP call us directly at 371-9473 or email Kari@rivercenter.us or Donna@rivercenter.us. Walk-ins are welcome. •

The Nurse is In - A wellness nurse from Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services will be available on Thursday **January 20** from 11-1 at the Jaffrey VFW on Hathorn Road. Visit the clinic to have your blood pressure checked and ask health questions.

No appointment is necessary; the service is provided free of charge to residents of all ages. For more information, call 352-2253 or 800-541-4145 or visit www.HCSservices.org. •



Santa's "Elves" a.k.a. Kathy Batchelder (above left) and Tom and Christine Doane (above center), just to name a few, worked tirelessly Monday, December 20th to get the more than 3,000 gifts wrapped in time. With just a short break to enjoy a terrific lunch provided by Dee Pelkey and Patty Cleveland, it was back to wrapping!

Santa's House Makes Christmas Merrier for Jaffrey Kids

The overwhelming generosity of the Jaffrey community was demonstrated once again this holiday season. A record number of Jaffrey families looked to Santa's House for help in making Christmas special for their children. This need was caused by a continuing poor economy which resulted in layoffs, lack of jobs, and unemployment checks ending.

When the town of Jaffrey sees a need, everyone who can jumps in to assist. This year we had more children than ever - 273. In 2009 we helped 227 so you see the need continues to grow.

The Santa's House Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in so many ways. Cash donations were provided by: the Alice Poole Fund, the Bean Foundation, Mr. Mike's, Grand

Finale Bakery, the Monadnock Bible Conference, Jaffrey Fire Department, Jeanne DuVal, Charlie Palmer, Jaffrey/Rindge Rotary, Linda & Zav Giragosian, Lee Bruder, Philip Bibeau, Monadnock Dental Associates, and Helen Coll's Bridge Club - Marcy, Betty, Norma and Rosemary.

Those who donated goods and time were Lucy Humphrey, McDonald's of Jaffrey, John Moore, Jaffrey Grade School Parents Group, First Church of Jaffrey, Hope Fellowship Church, Millipore, Teleflex, Karen Nadeau, Dee Pelkey & Patty Cleveland, Kris Shelley, Clayton Olin, Mark Lambert & Dean Deschenes of the Jaffrey Fire Department delivered the gifts. Many thanks to Belletetes for providing space for Santa's Workshop. It was the perfect venue for our wrapping party

where over 40 Santa's House elves shared in the holiday spirit by wrapping thousands of gifts. Thank you so much.

We could never have accomplished this without the generous people of Jaffrey who donated presents and encouraged us with warm thoughts. We would also love to thank Becky Newton of the Jaffrey Chamber. Without her tireless help, all of this would have been so much more difficult. Again thank you, Jaffrey, for the love and support you give Santa's House every year, enabling us to continue to put smiles on the faces of children at Christmas time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Girbach, Jan Wilkins,
Marlene Davis &
Laura Shelley
Santa's House Committee

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Candidates Night

Tue., Feb. 15
7:00 p.m.

Jaffrey Woman's Club
Storm date: Tue., Feb. 22

Upcoming Events

Breakfast

Wed., Jan. 19

Sunflowers

After Hours

Wed., Jan 26

Renoir Renovations

Jaffrey

January Events

Breakfast

Sunflowers

Wednesday, January 19 • 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10

Speakers:

Susan Leach will give us an update on the Jaffrey Community Center and following that, Bobbie Gilbert and Cindy Bowen will introduce members to Monadnock at Home and its programs.

Please R.S.V.P by Wed., Jan 12

After Hours

Renoir Renovations

Wednesday, Jan. 26 • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

17 Turnpike Road, Jaffrey

Jaffrey Chamber Annual Meeting

Woodbound Inn

Wednesday, Feb. 23 • 5:30 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P by Mon., Feb. 14

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