

Attention Amherst Club Leaders

To the editor:

Who wants to host The December 14 Warm-Up in the Congregational Church Community Room this year?

The Newcomers Club is no longer doing it, retiring in 2006 after doing it for 20 years, and last year the Sou. Valley Quilters did it, jointly with The Amherst Farmers' Market who had a great craft and farmers market!

SO it is a golden opportunity to offer free cocoa and cookies, supplied by your group to those who stroll the village and attend the concerts at the Amherst Tree Lighting Festival!

PS - Each group that hosts an Amherst Tree Lighting Festival Event is autonomous, chooses and names its own event, makes its own decisions, has control over its own event and provides its OWN:

Funding	Publicity	Insurance if needed
Location	Parking	Personnel
Decorations	Signs	Supplies
Snacks	Music	Cleanup

Each event is funded and run independently by each group. There is no town appointed committee, no town budget, no town funds. Rather, this is a case of groups banding together to create a day for the town!

*Ann Bergin, Chair
Amherst*

PMEC and Staff On NH Chronicle

To the editor:

Kudos to Vicki LaForet and the PMEC for a terrific presentation on NH Chronicle on November 5th on Channel 9. Hopefully a lot of Amherst residents caught the show.

Amherst should be very proud of this wonderful expanded environmental education facility and its hard working staff and volunteers. With the new Science and Environmental Education mandates from both the State and Federal levels, Amherst is certainly ahead of the game with this facility in place. I only hope the schools will make full use of the programs and the recreation department, that now controls it, will keep it on mission and not turn it into something is wasn't intended to be.

*Jan Woodbury
Amherst*

I Would Like to Hear From You

To the editor:

Thank you to those who supported me with their vote and to those who supported me with their phone calls, e-mails, and letters to the editor. I am also especially grateful to those who took time from their busy work schedules to stand for me at the polls.

I have been a State Representative, in two different districts, for 7 terms, and I am honored that you have elected me to serve my eighth term. My pledge to you remains the same. I will listen to you, do my homework, and do my best to make the best decisions for our district and our state.

As the new legislature struggles with both state and national economic downturns, your ideas and input will be especially valuable and important. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Sincerely,
Representative Linda T. Foster
Hillsborough District 4
linda.foster@leg.state.nh.us*

Pignatelli Re-Elected to 3rd Term

To the editor:

I wish to thank the voters of Amherst for re-electing me for a third term to the Executive Council. Count on me to be of help whenever I can.

*Best regards to all,
Debora*

Debora B. Pignatelli
Executive Councilor – District 5

SHIRLEY P. GOLDSMITH

November 3, 1923 – November 9, 2008

Long-time Amherst resident, Shirley Peregrine (White) Goldsmith, died at the age of 85 on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH. Shirley was born in Brockton, MA, November 3, 1923 to Dewey T. and Anna J. (Carroll) White, the first of their three children. Mrs. Goldsmith moved many times as a youth, living in cities such as Binghamton, NY, Kirkwood, MO, and Hollis, NY.

While attending Andrew Jackson High School in Hollis, NY, Mrs. Goldsmith was recruited by Harry Conover of the Harry Conover Modeling Agency to join its ranks as a model, though she and her parents chose not to sign her with the agency. Instead, Mrs. Goldsmith graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1941, with honors from the Board of Regents of the State of New York. After graduation, Mrs. Goldsmith worked at Sperry Gyroscope, calibrating gyroscopes used in planes flown during WWII.

Mrs. Goldsmith married her first husband, artist and comedian Jack Marcle, in 1944 and lived in New York City. While living in New York, she worked on air on one of the early live television variety shows, "Stop the Music". After several years in NY, she moved to Swampscott, MA and worked for Eastern Airlines, fondly recalling the work and business acumen of one of its founders and WWII flying ace, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker.

During the 1950's, Mrs. Goldsmith began a new job at CBS-Hytron in Danvers, MA, along the newly completed Route 128. It was at CBS that Mrs. Goldsmith met her second husband, Paul H. Goldsmith, an executive in high-tech industry and retired Lt. Commander in the US Navy. They married in 1959 and resided in Topsfield, MA, living there for several years before moving to Westport, CT. The family moved to Amherst in 1969. While in Amherst, Mrs. Goldsmith was kept busy by her growing family, guiding them through school with humor, intelligence and grace. In her later years, Mrs. Goldsmith remained active in the community. She was especially proud of the work she and many others accomplished in bringing about the passage of a law known as "Senate Bill 2", which gave residents in signatory NH communities the power to vote by ballot on local budget decisions. Her tireless and selfless work overcoming pow-

erful political opposition to stop SB2 gave her great satisfaction and provided her with new friends she treasured. She was equally as proud of her "Tuesday Troop", a Bible study group established in the home of Mrs. Beverly Gerstenberger of Amherst. From a group of three, the Tuesday Troop grew steadily over the years, provided funds to many authentic charitable causes, and proved to be the foundation for the development of many friendships that Mrs. Goldsmith held dear.

Mrs. Goldsmith was an accomplished pianist, singer, saxophone player, dancer, and loved to ride horses. She enchanted her children with her storytelling, incorporating them into the stories and entertaining them with her talents in mimicking accents from many countries. She taught several of her children to read and do arithmetic, providing them with strong educational foundations, and she observed politics with the keen eye of a skeptic, staying up to date even in her final days.

Mrs. Goldsmith is survived by her brother, Dewey T. White and his wife, Rosemary, of Acton, MA; her sister, Dewanne Bucceroni of Hatfield, PA; her four children, Valerie J. Marcle of Rockport, MA, Peter D. Goldsmith and his wife, Marla, of Mason, NH, Carroll-Ann W. Goldsmith of Amherst, and P. Gardner Goldsmith of Amherst. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Margo L. Killoran, of Hamilton, MA, Kord D. Stanley of Brooklyn, NY, and Brianna P. Smith of Amherst, five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Mrs. Goldsmith was a wonderful mother, a lovely woman, and a strong individual to the end. As her late husband, Paul, inscribed on her wedding band, she was a "stout fellow" who will be sorely missed.

Visiting hours are Thursday, November 13th from 4:30-7:00 pm in the Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. Funeral services will follow at 7:00 pm. Burial will be in Meadowview Cemetery, Amherst, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to "Bridges for Peace", P.O. Box 410037, Melbourne, FL 32941-0037 or online at www.bridgesforpeace.com. To leave an online condolence, please



DONNA K. TANNARIELLO

Donna K. Tannariello, 65, resident of Amherst, NH died November 3, 2008 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Oak Park, Illinois on October 6, 1943, a daughter of Jean (Riley) Kennedy Williams of Milford, NH and the late William F. Kennedy.

Donna graduated from Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and worked as a registered nurse at Wesley Memorial, Vassar Hospital, Brookside Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, NH.

A resident of Amherst for 16 years, she formerly lived in Merrimack, NH for 18 years. Prior to moving to NH, she lived in LaGrange, NY and Elmhurst, IL.

Mrs. Tannariello served as school nurse and administrator at Sonshine Inn Preschool & Kindergarten, Amherst, NH for the past 21 years where she and her staff created a nurturing learning environment.

She will always be remembered for her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, devotion to her family, her adventurous spirit and her love of gardening. She sprinkled the lives of many with random acts of kindness and offered a sympathetic ear and godly advice to all who sought it.

Donna's husband said, "In her two plus year struggle with ovarian cancer she always maintained a positive attitude that lifted the spirits of her caretakers. Donna's life was a profile in personal courage. She is the most courageous woman I have ever known. During our forty-three years of our marriage she brought a foretaste of heaven into my life.

► Girl Scouting's Highest Award

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Brittany Daniels formed an after-school group at Amherst Middle School to share her passion for Mock Trial. She researched age-appropriate ways to teach the basics and led middle-schoolers through the process. Students developed their creativity, confidence, and learned about integrity as they participated in the voluntary program.

Elizabeth Urbanik worked with a health teacher to create a fun and interactive class on basic first aid for sixth-graders. Her class has since been incorporated into the curriculum. Urbanik also created kits to help Girl Scout leaders teach their troops safety and first aid.

Brittany Leknes initiated a Judiciary Board at Souhegan High School. Leknes investigated boards at other schools and presented a proposal to the school's Community Council. This Judiciary Board was implemented this year and is made up of students and faculty who determine consequences for negative

Donna belonged to God and was on loan to me. She was the best thing that ever happened to me in my life. Her presence will be missed by many, I can only thank God for sharing her with me, she truly was a proverbs woman."

Donna ministered with her husband, Pastor Ron Tannariello and was an active member and inspirational force at Amherst Christian Church.

In addition to her mother, family members include her husband of 43 years, Pastor Ronald A. Tannariello of Amherst, NH; two sons and daughters-in-law, Luke & Jamie Tannariello of Nashua, NH, Joshua Tannariello and Stephanie Langille of Milford, NH; four daughters and sons-in-law, Tamara & David Larson of Reading, MA, Laura & Per Gustafsson of Sweden, Erica & Evan Jeanes of Candia, NH, Sarah & Bryan Moshier of Amherst, NH; 16 grandchildren; her father-in-law, Mario Tannariello of Amherst, NH; a brother and sister-in-law, William & Cindy Kennedy of Elmhurst, IL; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Gail & Kent Kolar of Milford, NH, Susan & Peter Gruber of Elmhurst, IL; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Burial will be in Meadowview Cemetery, Amherst, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Amherst Christian Church Memorial Fund, 134 Hollis Road, Amherst, NH 03031. Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, is handling arrangements. To leave an online condolence, visit www.smith-heald.com

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