

Town News

Events Calendar

SOCRATES CAFE - March 3rd:

Join us as we bring philosophy to the everyday individual through a gathering for those who like to talk about issues, ethics and ideas. We get together and discuss what is on our minds, from something on the news that day to the age old questions of "What is ...? Do you like to have a good, safe discussion without fear of being attacked for having an opinion that is different? Share in learning how to think, not what to think. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Toadstool Bookstore in Milford at 7 p.m.

Photographers Forum

Photographers Forum camera club meets next on Monday, March 1 at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua. We are an informal club offering educational programs for all ability levels and the opportunity to meet people with similar interests. The March 1 meeting will feature the results of the New England Camera Club competition. We meet the first and third Monday of the month. Be our guest for your first meeting. Dues are \$30/year thereafter.

For more information go to www.photographersforum.org, e-mail colettecresp@earthlink.net or call 880-1420

Toastmasters Fifth Annual Speech Jam

Toastmasters of Milford is hosting The Fifth Annual Speech Jam on Saturday, March 20 from 1:00-5:00 pm at the Amato Performing Arts Center, Milford. Area Toastmaster Members will give live microphone speeches and evaluations in a 468-seat amphitheatre. Light refreshments will be available. A minimum donation of \$5.00 per attendee is kindly requested. All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley.

For more information call Glenna Kakos (603) 878-6199 or email - glen-nak03048@aol.com

Newcomers Club Monthly Meeting

The Amherst Area Newcomer's Club meets at "Cassidy's Grille" second Thursday of each month. They are located at #25 Route 101A in Amherst. For further information, call Helen J Urtamo at 672-6122 or Gail Beers 673-9544 or visit our website www.nhnewcomers.com

Saturday Night Comedy Club

Great Comedy on Saturday Nights at the Club Comedy at Amherst from the co-founder of the Comedy Connection. Doors open at 7p.m. and show starts at 8 p.m. Amherst Country Club, 72 Ponemah Rd, Amherst. For more information call 673-9908 or go to www.amherstcountryclub.com

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New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies, among others. Prior to establishing his nonprofit consulting firm in 2005, Dunlap was a successful business entrepreneur, having founded and built his own New Hampshire-based company (Taft-Locke Companies). Following the sale of his company, he served as a senior manager of the new parent company, Alco Standard Corporation. A native of New Hampshire, Dunlap is a graduate of Amherst College, where he majored in English and American Studies.

"The New Hampshire Historical Society is an institution that educates us, enriches our lives, and reminds us of why we love New Hamp-

shire," says Dunlap. "I look forward with great anticipation to working with the Society's excellent board of trustees, talented staff, and supportive members—5,000 strong—as we continue to discover new ways to tell the story of New Hampshire."

It is noted that Mr. Dunlap will be the fourth Amherst resident who has been involved with running the New Hampshire Historical Society. John Farmer of Amherst founded it in 1823 and was its first "corresponding secretary;" Daniel Secomb, who wrote The History of Amherst, was its librarian in the late 19th

Century and William Veillette of Amherst was the executive director from 2005-2009.

250th Amherst Through the Years ~ Gala Event

The 250th year celebration of Amherst has begun! As several events have already taken place, a Gala event will be the event you won't want to miss!

On Saturday, April 17th, 2010 from 8pm til midnight at the Manchester Country Club, come prepared to mingle and share in all that is Amherst ~ past and present. The Gala will be an evening to celebrate Amherst with entertainment and hor d'oeuvres in an intimate venue for both old and new towns-

men and women as we commemorate our history and look forward to our future! The cost is \$35 per person with cash bar. It is semi-formal attire, but we also encourage those interested to come in historical or period type attire as well!

To a town that takes prides in it's roots, treasures it's long colonial history, celebrates it's growth and inspires it's people, here's to Amherst ~ Happy 250th!

For more information, you can contact amherstgala@aol.com.

David Gagne Recognized for Service to Keene State College



Keene State Alumni Board president Sue Fortier presents former board president David Gagne with a Keene State College wall clock at the College's Winter Celebration on January 30.

KEENE – David Gagne of Amherst was honored for his service to Keene State College at the KSC Winter Celebration on January 30. Gagne has served as an Alumni Board member, as an alumni trustee to the University System of New Hampshire, and as president of the Alumni Board from 2005–2009.

"David Gagne led the Alumni Association through major strategic and organizational changes that have helped to align their support with the College's mission," said Maryann Lindberg, Keene State College's vice president for Advancement.

"We are grateful for the leadership and vision he has provided." As Alumni Board president, Gagne

was a key liaison in the planning of the College's new Alumni Center, a 21,000-square-foot building at the intersection of Main, Winchester, and Marlboro streets in Keene. The Alumni Center, which incorporates an existing historic 1860 home into the new construction, will have a large function hall, several meeting spaces and conference rooms, a calling and survey center, offices for the Advancement Division, and a library to house alumni archives. The building will open on Reunion Weekend, June 4, 2010.

Current Alumni Board president Sue Fortier presented Gagne with a Keene State College wall clock at the event.

Amherst Garden Club Offers Annual Scholarship

AMHERST - The Amherst Garden Club is offering two \$1,500 scholarship awards to qualified students this spring. The scholarship is available to residents of Amherst or Mont Vernon who will be attending an institute of higher learning to study horticulture, botany, plant science, landscape design, environmental science as it relates directly to horticulture, or another related field. The club believes it has the opportunity to impact our planet in a beneficial way by educating individuals and encouraging them to choose environmentally conscious

careers.

Applications are available now from student services at Souhegan High School. Amherst and Mont Vernon students at Bishop Guertin High School, High Mowing, Derryfield or other high schools, should contact Marti Warren directly at 673-7054 for an application.

Completed applications should be submitted to the high school student services office by April 2 or mailed to the Amherst Garden Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 694, Amherst, NH 03031 by April 9, 2010.

Amherst Town Library

From Honor To Integrity: An Exploration Of What It Means To Adhere To Common Good

AMHERST – In the first program of the "Let's Talk History" five-part adult evening series at the Amherst Town Library, Aine Donovan, Executive Director of the Ethics Institute at Dartmouth College, presents, "From Honor to Integrity: An Exploration of What it Means to Adhere to the Common Good" on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. As we are celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the incorporation of our Town of Amherst this year, all five programs of the "Let's Talk History" will weave in interesting and informative pieces of Amherst history into the presentation. Professor Donovan will include in her program local history and some of the work she is currently doing with Justice Souter on civic responsibility. Currently working on a new book, Reconstructing Honor, Aine is an excellent speaker who is nationally known and consulted. This program is made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is free and open to the public.

Scandals in business, governments, and schools have become commonplace, but has it always been so? Is the societal moral compass spinning out of control, or do we merely have a "different" value orientation? This presentation explores the notion of "honor" as an element of societal cohesion and explores whether "honor" exists in the 21st century.

Aine Donovan is the Executive Director of the Ethics Institute, a consortium of faculty concerned with teaching and research in applied and professional ethics. She received her doctoral degree from the University of San Francisco in 1994, and taught at several colleges and universities before accepting the position of Executive Director at Dartmouth's Ethics Institute. Dr. Donovan's research emphasis



Aine Donovan

and publications are in the areas of moral education, applied and professional ethics, business ethics, and bioethics. At Dartmouth, she is the primary point of contact for faculty and administrators in integrating ethics into the curriculum. In 2002, Dr. Donovan received a faculty appointment to the Dartmouth Medical School. And in 2003 she received a faculty appointment to the Tuck School of Business.

Please join us for the entire "Let's Talk History" series including "Amherst Stories" on March 16 at 7 p.m.; "Meet Henry David Thoreau" on March 23 at 7 p.m.; "Vera Meyer Plays The Glass Harmonica" on April 13 at 7 p.m.; and, concludes with "And Now...Mark Twain!" on April 20 at 7 p.m. You can register for this special evening on "Honor" and the rest of the series by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or by visiting our website at www.amherst.lib.nh.us and selecting "Calendar of Events."

Apply Now for Historical Society Scholarship

The Historical Society of Amherst will award its annual scholarship to a graduating Amherst senior who plans to enroll in a post-secondary school and pursue a major in history or a related field. Thanks to the success of fundraising events including the Antiques on the Green, the scholarship will be \$1,000 again this year.

Application forms will be available online starting February 6,

2010, at www.hsanh.org; forms will also be available at the student services office of the high school where the student attends.

Completed applications must be received at the student's high school student services office or by mail at the Historical Society of Amherst, Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 717, Amherst, NH 03031 by April 2.

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Amherst Through the Years

Gala Event!

*To a town that takes pride in it's roots,
Treasures it's long colonial history,
Celebrates it's growth and inspires it's people,
Here is to Amherst and 250 more years.*

*The Gala will offer you a night to celebrate Amherst.
There will be hours of courses and entertainment and an intimate
venue for old and new townsmen to come together and celebrate a way of life.*

April 17th, 2010
8:00pm—Midnight
Manchester Country Club
Semi-Formal Attire
\$35.00 per person
Cash Bar

*Additional Information Please Contact
amherstgala@aol.com*

Name _____
Number of Tickets Ordered _____
Total Enclosed in Envelope _____
Address _____
Phone # _____

*Make Checks Payable to
Carolyn Quinn*

*Mail Tickets Order to:
Amherst Gala
PO Box 528
Amherst, NH 03051*

Winter Gala Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 6th
Crowne Plaza, Nashua
Social Hour 6:00 ~ Dinner 7:00pm
Music, Dancing & Entertainment to Midnight
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