

## People in the News

### Jewish National Fund



(L-R) Jewish National Fund (JNF) Sapphire Society member Christina Zlotnick and Dianna Matzo of Amherst attended a Sapphire Society dinner in Boston where guest speaker Deputy Consul of Israel to New England Ronit Nudelman-Perl gave a security briefing and first-hand Israel update from her recent trip there. JNF gives all generations of Jews a unique voice in building a prosperous future for the land of Israel and its people.

### Souhegan Girls Soccer Helps Make-A-Wish New Hampshire

AMHERST – For the last 5 years, the Souhegan Girls Soccer program has helped Make-A-Wish New Hampshire with one of its largest fundraisers, the Timberman Triathlon. The Half Ironman triathlon was held on Sunday, August 17th in Gilford New Hampshire. 75 Triathletes registered as “Wish Racers” this year and raised over \$80,000 in support of Make-A-Wish New Hampshire, which will help grant approximately 8 wishes for deserving children. The money raised supports the Make-A-Wish New Hampshire mission: “We grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy”. Many of those receiving wishes are from right here in our local community. Over the past six years, this fundraising program has raised over \$400,000 to grant wishes within the

state of New Hampshire. The soccer team gathered in the Souhegan cafeteria to help assemble “swag bags” for the triathletes containing pre and post race snacks. They wrote thank you notes to the wish racers and helped create a fund raising leader board. The chairman of the board, Chris Reap, an Amherst resident, spoke to the girls about Make-A-Wish New Hampshire and said “your efforts today will help support some amazing children going through a very challenging experience. Everyone has the power to help grant a wish, and your gift of time and love with these items will go a long way in helping us directly affect the lives of eight wonderful New Hampshire children”. If you wish to donate, please visit <http://nh.wish.org/ways-to-help/giving/donate> or call the Make-A-Wish New Hampshire NH office at (603) 623-9474.

## Obituaries

### Cheryl P. Brodsky



AMHERST – Cheryl P. Brodsky, 68, longtime resident of Amherst died on August 3, 2014 at her home. She was born in Rome, Georgia on April 21, 1946, a daughter of Jean (Hicks) Hildebrandt of Summerfield, Florida and the late Robert Drake. Cheryl was raised and educated in New York and Florida and graduated from Miami High School.

She was the founder, owner and President for the past 28 years of Country Heritage Tours, a quilting tour specialist company. In addition, she was a published author for several craft magazines. Her passion for traveling took her all over the world. She loved to shop but will be forever remembered as an amazing woman who was gentle, genuine, caring and always put everyone else first. She was a supportive and loving wife, a devoted mother and Grammy. Her greatest joy

came from spending time with her family. Family members include her husband with whom she would have celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on August 23rd, Larry Brodsky of Amherst; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ryan P. Brodsky of New York City, Corey and Nicole Brodsky of NY, and Scott L. Brodsky of Milford, NH; two grandchildren, Grayson and Hayden; two brothers, Robert Drake and his wife, Debra of Atlanta, GA, Thomas Hildebrandt of Ocala, FL; two nieces; a nephew; an uncle and several cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, 545 Route 101, Bedford, NH 03110. Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to [www.smith-heald.com](http://www.smith-heald.com)

### Amherst Resident Completes Semester-Long Wilderness Expedition

LANDER, WY — Michelle Goldsmith, 21 of Amherst recently completed a semester-long wilderness expedition traveling in Australia with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). On March 3, Goldsmith and 14 other students traveled to NOLS Australia for a multi-activity expedition during which they did not have access to modern conveniences and were challenged each day to banish their self-doubts and step outside their comfort zones. A NOLS education stresses leadership can be learned and is based on the belief that the outdoors is a challenging environment where students will learn hard skills and about themselves.

The NOLS Spring Semester in Australia was split into three sections: canoeing, backpacking and a coastal section; two to three instructors who are experts in the field accompanied students on each section. Goldsmith and her classmates began their semester-long adventure by canoeing for 39 days in the Kimberly region of Western Australia. This mountain range is one of the most remote areas of Australia, located in the far northwest about 16 degrees south of the equator. Fifteen students and three instructors traveled in tandem canoes for 137 miles along the Drysdale River. During this section, the group traveled through a tropical savannah ecosystem with predominately hot

and humid weather. Continuing to travel in the Kimberly region of Western Australia, Goldsmith and her classmates changed activities, moving onto the backpacking section. For 25 days, the students traversed the backcountry on foot, carrying all their belongings on their backs and moving camp each day. While backpacking, Goldsmith and her classmates hiked 117 miles through tropical savannah grasslands with pockets of tropical rainforests. Navigation was tricky due to the tall cane grass and rocky terrain. For the final section of the semester, Goldsmith and her classmates continued backpacking on a coastal expedition. Students spent time with Bardi-Jawi people, learning

about their culture on Sunday Island, near One Arm Point. During this section, the students and their instructors traveled with three Bardi guides. These three guides shared history and culture of their people with the students through different activities. The group visited historical sites, made spears and boomerangs, fished and told stories around the campfire at night. This expedition began with 15 students three months ago, and all students on this course graduated competent and confident leaders and outdoor travelers. They had a successful semester and join the NOLS alumni network of over 221,000 graduates.

### Hula Hustle in Memory of Bill Kelley Raises \$19,347 for New Horizons

MANCHESTER – The Executive Health and Sports Center hosted the 11th Annual Hula Hustle in Memory of Bill Kelley. This and included just under 500 runners. Since the race began it has raised \$147,154 for the homeless shelter, food pantry and soup kitchen. This 5 & 10 K Road Race was held on Sunday, July 20th and raised \$19,347 honoring Bill Kelley, a prominent Manchester attorney, and adventurer who enjoyed participating in sports activities. Bill fought a courageous battle up until his death in 2003. He will always be remembered as someone who loved life and serving people in his capacity of legal advocate. He was a founding member of New Horizons for NH. “We are so grateful to all our sponsors, runners, and volunteers who help to make this event a great success” said Deborah Ouellette, Race Director and Business Manager of the Executive Health and



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Sports Center. The race was originally created by close friends Michael Benton owner of the Executive Health and Sports Center and Roy W. Tilsley, Jr., Kelley’s former law partner. “We

wanted to find a way to honor Bill’s memory while also making a difference in our community. Honoring Bill’s deep commitment to New Horizons was the catalyst for us to organize this race.” said Attorney

Tilsley. This fun event included a post-race barbecue on the outdoor pool deck at the Executive and was managed by Millennium Running.

### Dr. James Starkey

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Guard/U.S. Public Health Service and was assigned to Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Starke returned to New Hampshire for a residency in dermatology at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. Upon completion of his residency, he moved to Burlington, Vt., where he was a clinical instructor at the University of Vermont Medical School and also held a private practice. He relocated to New Hampshire and opened a private practice with offices in Manchester and Nashua before moving full time to Nashua. Starke was the first dermatologist in northern New England to perform Mohs’ Micrographic Surgery for the removal of skin cancer. He was fortunate to have trained with Dr. Frederic Mohs, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, who invented this precise method of removing skin cancer. He was a founding member and first physician president of Nashua Family Planning. Starke also served the town of Amherst as Health Officer for 40 years, and was an early and constant advocate for municipal improvements at Baboosic Lake. During his tenure as President of the Amherst Historical Society, the Concord Coach and the “Wigwam” museum were purchased. Starke was a member of the American Society for Mohs’ Micrographic Surgery, the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, the International Society for Dermatologic Surgery, the American Academy of Dermatology, the American Medical Society, the New Hamp-

shire Medical Society, North Country Dermatology Society, New Hampshire Historical Society, Amherst Ways and Means Committee, the Weary Club of Amherst, Nashua Rotary, and the Exchange Club of Manchester. Among his many passions were skiing, tending to two acres of flower and vegetable gardens, wine, traveling, classical music – particularly Tchaikovsky - and reading books on religious studies. He and his wife skied the US, Canada and Europe until he was 80 years of age. They also traveled throughout Europe and the Middle East. Forty years were spent at his camp on Lake Sunapee where he enjoyed swimming, boating and golfing with his family. He is survived by his wife, Mary, to whom he was married for 59 years, son Lawrence, daughter-in-law Christina, grandson Benjamin; son James and grand-daughter Jane; daughter Martha, son-in-law William “Beau” Breslin, and grand-daughter Molly; brother George, as well as nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Church of Our Saviour in Milford, on Friday, July 18. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Planned Parenthood of Northern New England 89 S. Main Street West Lebanon, NH 03784 Home Health & Hospice Care 7 Executive Park Drive Merrimack, NH 03054 To share a memory, email [rememDrStarke@aol.com](mailto:rememDrStarke@aol.com)

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