



We appreciate the contributions from so many residents. After all, that is what makes the EVB so interesting and special. Creative pieces are always welcome.
- The "Buglers"

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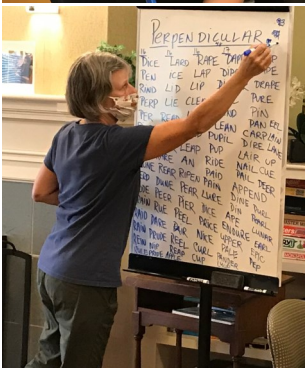
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EASTVIEW'S TRADITION OF GRATITUDE

The July *EastView Bugle* published a description of the Annual Giving Fund's inception and its purpose. Now in September we need to start thinking about what each of us would like to contribute as a way to show our appreciation for all the benefits we have received from EastView's staff, benefits bestowed with grace and skill. We have had snow shoveled from walks and driveways, meals delivered to our doors, gardens mulched, trimmed, and mowed, and our medications tracked and administered. The list goes on...

Last Annual Giving Fund year, between November 1, 2020, and October 31, 2021, a tough COVID year with many challenges, the Fund received \$75,115.00 from EastView's residents and families. These funds were distributed among 70 staff members. 70! This Annual Giving Fund year, between November 1, 2021, and October 31, 2022, we hope to receive \$82,500 to distribute among as many as 80 staff members. 80! So start thinking and, if you haven't already been donating on a monthly basis, start donating. Make our Annual Giving Fund tradition live.

- The AGF Committee
Max K., Ron R., Paul S., Ed S., Reg S., Sally W.



Familiar Faces



Bob & Lee A.

Bob and Lee met in Wilmington, DE, at the Hercules Powder Company (think explosives). Bob, who grew up in Lynbrook, NY, had earned a BS in Chemical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and then served in the US Army in Germany for two years. Lee, who hailed from the small town of Essex Fells, NJ, completed three years of high school at the Emma Willard School in Troy, NY and had just graduated from Middlebury College with a BA in chemistry.

They survived a long-distance romance as Lee resigned from her job in Technical Information at the Hercules Research Center to travel in Europe for almost five months in 1960. Meanwhile, Bob had applied to business school and after he received his MBA from Wharton in 1961, they were married.

Most of Bob's working years were spent in Wilmington, the once "Chemical Capital of the World," in sales, development, and product management. Figure skating was a big part of their lives in Delaware, as they lived about a mile from the Skating Club of Wilmington. In spite of school desegregation turmoil, their daughters flourished. Audrey was accepted at Williams College and Ann at Middlebury.

In 1977, Bob was hit while walking home from the bus by a drunk driver. He suffered a sub-dural hematoma and fractured femur, had brain surgery, and was hospitalized in traction for six weeks. He made a miraculous recovery. In spite of this setback, they took a five-week camping trip across the US in the summer of 1978.

When family ties and employment were no longer limiting factors, they moved from Wilmington and settled in Kinderhook, NY, for 12 years. Always migrating toward Vermont, in 1986 they bought a "camp" on Fern Lake and enjoyed delightful family times there for 25 years. Five grandchildren joined in. As the lake property became more burdensome, they decided to sell and then downsize to a retirement community. Enter EastView at Middlebury! A cottage became available in 2016 and they moved in.

Tragically, they lost their younger daughter, Ann (Midd 1986), to metastatic breast cancer in 2017. On a happier note, she was thrilled to know before her death of her son's acceptance at Middlebury. He graduated in 2021.

Since Lee was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2007, they feel as if they are at the right place at the right time. Also, Lee joined two college classmates, Gail B. (her Middlebury roommate) and Heather R., at EV. A weekly bridge game developed including Barbara G..

It Happened at EastView"

We are sure you have noticed the beautiful, but endangered, monarch butterflies at EV this summer. Did you know that Reg and Carol S. raise monarch butterflies in their EV apartment? They collect the woolly yellow and black caterpillars (larvae) in late summer and feed them milkweed leaves – their sole diet – for a couple of weeks. (If you spot one of these critters this fall, you can take it to Reg and Carol for their monarch nursery.) There the larvae weave their green chrysalides, in which they hang from the top of their cage, until they emerge as the butterflies we love. The whole process takes about a month. Contact Reg and Carol if you would like to join other EV'ers in watching when the monarchs are released to begin life in the wild.

"It Might Have Happened at EastView"

Every afternoon, EV cottager Frank Redman would walk to town and back with his beloved spaniel, Beatrice. It was Frank's habit to make a stop halfway, at Two Brothers, for a friendly pint. The Two Brothers bartender, Shamus, also a dog lover, would add a bowl of diluted beer for Beatrice. One afternoon Frank arrived at the bar, without Beatrice, but carrying a cardboard box, which he presented to Shamus.

"This," said Frank, "is a token of my appreciation for your kindness to Beatrice."

Shamus opened the box to find a sizable live lobster. "What a nice gift," said Shamus. "I'll take it home for dinner."

"No need," replied Frank. "He's already had dinner. Why not take him to a movie."

-- Cyrius Knott

John Brown's Body

Sally W.

Perhaps you were as surprised as I to read in the August 4 *Addison Independent* that John Brown's body had passed through the Ferrisburgh train station. Not being a keen student of the American Civil War, I would have thought that John Brown's body had been laid to rest near Harper's Ferry, then a city in Virginia. So I turned to *Wikipedia* which gave further notes of interest. Seems Henry Wise, Governor of Virginia, had to choose what to do with Brown's body following the hanging on December 2, 1859, in Charles Town. Two different medical schools wanted to dissect the body and send the skeleton on tour, as a warning to abolitionists. However, Wise released the body to Brown's widow Mary. She, with the company of two noted abolitionists, accompanied Brown's body in stages by train traveling through Baltimore, Philadelphia, South Amboy, and up along the Hudson. Then through Rutland and surely through Middlebury. The party with the coffin left the train at the Ferrisburgh station where the original station building stands again. The coffin continued its train journey on through Vergennes where Lake Champlain was crossed by ferry landing at Westport, NY. The way from there to the Brown farm in North Elba, NY, was arduous, as it passed over a plank road and a "way" that is now the Jackson Ski Trail. The burial took place as Brown had requested near a boulder on the farm on December 8, 1859. The Rev. Joshua Young from a church in Burlington, inspired by the news reports of the body's journey, impulsively traveled to the farm to meet it. He was the sole clergyman present. He was asked to speak and offer prayers which he did. Now another surprise for me: when Young returned home to Burlington, he was reviled and forced to leave his position in that church because he had been present at Brown's burial. Later, on July 4, 1860, a Memorial Service was held at the farm which was attended by 1,000 including Frederick Douglass (says Wikipedia).

Suggestions of Parks to Visit

Lois K.

Now that we are heading into the foliage (leaf peeping) season, let's take advantage of the beauty that surrounds us. But first, if you plan on entering a state park remember to have your park pass. Every Vermont resident over age 62 is entitled to a LIFETIME pass to all Vermont state parks for only \$2.00! Pick up your "Green Mountain Pass" at the Middlebury Town Office and keep it in your wallet.

Want to relax and enjoy the fall colors of the trees reflected in the water? Then a visit to Branbury State Park on Lake Dunmore is a good place. Another suggestion is Kingsland Bay State Park.

Want a great view? Drive north to Mt. Philo State Park. You can drive up the road to a picnic area overlooking the valley. Then if you wish, you can drive nearby to The Red Mill at Basin Harbor Club for lunch. Next to Basin Harbor Club is the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum with excellent displays, boat building, and historic boats to see. Again lunch is available at The Red Mill.

Want some history while you are on a scenic drive? Mt. Independence State Historical Site has a museum, trails, and a view of Lake Champlain.



EV Hiking Group Trip to Mt. Independence—July 2022

Drive in a different direction: East on Rte. 125 toward the Middlebury Snow Bowl. Prior to getting there, look on your right for signs for the Robert Frost Trail. After parking on the paved lot, follow the trail markers across the creek and through the woods, reading Frost poems placed appropriately along the way. It is an easy walk on a fall day.

If you continue a few miles farther along 125 you will come on your left to Texas Falls. Turn left and park about a half mile in to walk along the creek and see the falls. It is a beautiful spot in every season. It has a lovely picnic area and clean outhouses.

There is a plethora of beauty to behold all around us here in Vermont.



Town Hall Theater

Linda P.

I feel so fortunate to have arrived in Middlebury just as the immensely talented Doug Anderson dreamed of turning the old Middlebury Town Hall into a theater. Enthusiasm from the community, businesses, and the college, helped make the dream come true. I joined the group of residents and newcomers to help stage events to showcase what this dream would mean to the area, and with the emphasis on the ‘fun’ in fundraising, the support was contagious! About 5 years later, the building was transformed and shows were getting rave reviews well beyond Middlebury.

Now, 20 odd years later, this non-profit community center for the arts is bursting its seams with rehearsals for various performances, classes, art, opera, dance, films, kids programs, meetings and more.

Before the lockdown of the past couple of years, my schedule might have included ‘Art Wednesdays’ at 11 am - big screen films of curated museum exhibitions or a short course on a particular artist, attended by College art classes as well as gray hairs. Then a play or musical, a local author discussing his newest book, an evening of live music, Middlebury’s “J term” sell out college play directed by Doug, the Opera Company of Middlebury’s newest performance....and where else can you leave home in your jeans and park ten minutes before settling in for the HD performance of Saturday afternoon at the opera! All the while, new art exhibits pop up in the gallery, tap dancing for adults may be going on in the dance studio, and classes for children and adults are taking place wherever space is available. Shakespeare in schools for 6th grade.....simply amazing!

Fast forward to 2022. **The THT is back**.....providing arts access for all throughout the region with a diverse array of high quality arts and about 165 events annually. The theater collaborates with its dozen resident companies and other community partners to provide a plethora of creative, accessible entertainment and classes. Check out the events calendar at <https://townhalltheater.org>, and the Addison Independent, or drop in at the gallery and box office any afternoon. There is something for everybody.

Or call me... The theater is handicapped accessible with plenty of floor level seating for those with walkers.

A Look Abroad

Russ L.

One of the more perplexing questions is why the Russian public stands solidly behind Vladimir Putin’s aggressive campaign against Ukraine, a campaign that has resulted in an estimated 60,000 Russian casualties. One answer is the control that Putin has gained over Russian media and his silencing of his opponents. (Putin recently had a chapter on the “glorious” return of Crimea to Russia added to school history textbooks.) But in the age of the internet, it is not hard for Russians to obtain less biased views from abroad, not to mention through communication with relatives in Ukraine.

Perhaps the best answer is that, as in American politics, people tend to believe what they want to believe. A poll taken in 2000, the year Putin came to power, showed that three-quarters of Russians regretted the break-up of the USSR. As the British historian Orlando Figes wrote: “In a matter of a few months, they lost everything – an empire, an ideology, an economic system that had given them security, superpower status, national pride, and an identity forged from Soviet history.” Then they found themselves surrounded by NATO, an anti-Russian alliance. It should not surprise us that the average Russian is ready to believe Putin when he tells them that Ukraine is historically a part of “the Russian world,” which must be “rescued” from the encroachment of a hostile West. The public support, however, could weaken if Putin is forced to turn to a draft to maintain military manpower in a prolonged war. If you are interested in learning more about this topic, Figes has written an excellent article on Putin’s beliefs, and those of Russians more generally. See: <https://english.elpais.com/usa/2022-01-29/in-the-conflict-with-ukraine-moscow-is-clinging-on-to-the-excuses-of-the-past.html>.

September Birthdays



Deanne M. 9/1	Larry R. 9/20
Heather R. 9/2	Nancy R. 9/21
Peter B. 9/5	Gloria N. 9/22
Ginny M. 9/6	Barbara S. 9/25
Holly S. 9/10	Lil B. 9/27
Sylvia L. 9/12	Dottie N. 9/28
Anne E. 9/20	