

From the President

I'd like to start off by saying a huge thank you to our Legislative Committee for putting together an excellent legislative day for all of us. Not only were our speakers very good, but we enjoyed watching the House vote on straight ticket ballots, got bored listening to them discuss sludge forever, stayed quiet as we sat in on the Ways and Means Committee meeting, and were entertained by our tour host. It is amazing how much influence a single NH citizen has in our legislative process!

In May was the annual Governor's Conference on Volunteerism, and it was great to see so many NHAVA members attending. I even noticed a few with their NHAVA pins on (**Sherry Wheeler, Don Chesnel**, kudos to you!). A special thank you goes to **Bill Brown** at this event for spearheading the NHAVA table display. **Cova Greig** deserves a thank you as well for the loaning us all her equipment. Not only were NHAVA members in attendance but five were presenters as well: **Brenda Abbott, Deb Cheever, Jean Desany, Deborah Emery-Gigliotti, and Dee Martin**. It's good to see NHAVA members spreading around their expertise. Well done! And to top it all off, for the third year in a row, a NHAVA member won the Peg McGarity Award! Congratulations goes to **Letty Barton** of the Senior Companion Program! Way to go!

I hope to see many people at our July meeting. We have a number of issues to discuss that will directly effect all of us as members, so be sure to attend and have your voice heard. Issues to be discuss include, but are not limited to, raising the annual dues, affiliating with AVA, scholarships to the Governor's Conference, Guest policy, and Membership List sharing.

See you on July 25th!

Alexis Walker

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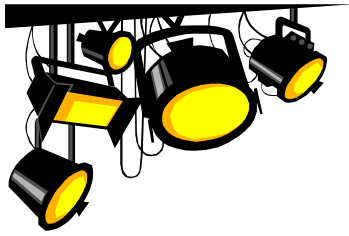
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Spotlight on Members

Officer of the Year at Rochester Elks Lodge #1393 was awarded to **Donald E. Chesnel**, Esquire and Past Exalted Ruler, Past District Deputy, Past State President and Past Grand Lodge Committeeman. Don is also a State Elks Association Trustee and is involved in numerous Lodge / State Elks Projects and interface committees. Don is also on the Board of Directors for NHAVA (New Hampshire Association of Volunteer Admisnistrators) and serves on the Planning Committee for the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism. Mr. Chesnel is a twenty five year member of the Rochester, NH Elks Lodge.

The Officer of the Year Award was presented by Gerard Gravel, Chairman of the Lodge Trustees and a Past Exalted Ruler, Past District Deputy, Past State President and a Past Grand Lodge Committeeman.

For more information, visit the BPO Elks Web Site: [/myelks/default.cfm](http://myelks/default.cfm)

NH ELKS have new Website. submitted by Don Chesnel.

Within the past week NH State Elks Association lost our free webhosting which has faithfully been provided to us for approximately four years. Communications 4NH <http://www.4NH.com/> was our host, but is no longer able to handle us for a variety of reasons. They gave us an opportunity way back when to get started with complimentary service due to our status as a non-profit. Thanks!

Our new Webhost is <http://www.webservepro.com/> WebServePro out of Nashua, NH. They have agreed to provide us with free hosting, based on our status as a non-profit volunteer organization. Many thanks to them and to Scott Calo, our Web Designer who got this set up for us. He did a truly outstanding job. Some of the links at the site are still being set up, but as of today the New Hampshire State Elks Association Website is now located at: <http://www.nhelks.com>
Please discontinue use of our former URL - <http://www.StateNH.com/nhelks>
Thanks and please visit the new location - we also have a "New Look" at the Website, which I think is outstanding!

NOTABLE QUOTE

"Volunteers are like yachts. They have style. They're fiercely independent. If you have to ask how much they cost, you can't afford them. They are the only human beings on this earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfishness, caring, patience, need and just plain loving one another. Their very presence transcends politics, religion, ethnic background, marital status, sexes even smokers vs. non-smokers. Maybe like the yacht, the volunteer is a luxury. And luxuries are too often taken for granted. Did we as a nation remember to say to the volunteers. 'Thank you,' 'Thanks for being'? Did the media stand behind them when they need a boost? Did the professionals make it a point to tell them they did a good job? Did the recipients of their time and talent ever express their gratitude? It frightens me, somehow, to imagine what the world will be like without them." - Erma Bombeck

Submitted by Jean Desany

Committee Reports



Legislative Committee

Submitted by David Coombs

The Legislative Committee met on May 11th. We reviewed Legislative Day and plans for the next event. We looked at some legislative concerns from NHAVA members and will be getting back to them with our progress. The next committee meeting will be September 7th, 2001, from 9:30-11:30, at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro. For further information or directions to the meeting, call Dave Coombs at 800 464-6692 or e-mail at coombsd@redcross-concordnh.org.

Program Committee

Submitted by Deborah Emery-Gigliotti

The Program Committee is looking for members who are interested in serving on this very important committee. Obviously, one of the goals of NHAVA is to provide educational and interesting programs at our membership meetings — this cannot be done without your input. We are not getting that input at this point and are counting on you to step up to the plate and get involved. This is a once every two month commitment of one meeting for approximately 1-2 hours. So...with that said, anyone who is interested in serving on this committee, please contact **Deborah Emery-Gigliotti** at 1-800-640-7101 or email me at deborah.emery-gigliotti@cancer.org.

Remember...NHAVA is a reflection of it's membership and will only be as good as you make it!

Membership Committee

Submitted by Cova Greig, Chair

The membership committee has some very ambitious goals for 2001. At the April meeting, a 2001 roster of 84 paid members was available to the membership. Twenty six new members were given a packet containing a welcoming letter from the president, mission statement, and a list of Board Members. The Bylaws will be included as soon as a revised copy is available.

Three new members have joined since the last meeting. They are: **Nancy Beringer**, Girl Scouts of SwiftWater Council; **Melanie Chayer**, The Webster House, Youth Counselor, Volunteer Coordinator; and **Mariatou Diallo**, UNH Cooperative Extension, Extension Educator.

Mentor Committee

Just a reminder that the mentor program is alive and well. Please contact **Dave Coombs** at 225-6697/800 464-6692 or e-mail coombsd@redcross-concordnh.org to sign up or for more information.

The committee also plans to review and revise the NHAVA brochure, member retention, and recruiting further north including other areas throughout the State where membership is low. The committee is small at this time and would appreciate more help from the membership. If you are interested in helping out, please plan to attend a short meeting immediately after the July NHAVA meeting.

Program for July 25th Membership Meeting

The July 25th NHAHA Membership meeting will be held in **Concord** at the **Fish and Game** on Hazen Drive. The program will be a split session with a representative from Cynthia Flynn's office addressing legal issues and Carmen Prandini will be doing a presentation on Public Relations.

- 9:00 – 9:30 Informal Networking
9:30 – 10:15 Business Meeting
10:15 – 10:45 Formal Networking
11:00 – Noon Program (split session)
Legal Issues -- Cynthia Flynn's Office
Public Relations -- Carmen Prandini

Please see the directions to the Fish and Game Office on page 6.

Submitted by Deborah Emery-Gigliotti, Vice President

Mark Your Calendar



**Next
Membership
Meetings**
Oct. 25, 2001

**Next
Board Meetings**
Sept. 20, 2001
Dec. 4, 2001

The Volunteer NH!

website www.volunteernh.org
now has a **calendar of events**

where you can post your organizations events and check to see if other events are going on at the same time. Events can be service days, volunteer trainings, fundraisers, annual meetings, etc. To post events you will need to email NHAHA President, **Alexis Walker** (Alexis@volunteernh.org) or call her at 1-800-780-8050 for a password. Once you have a password you can add events anytime you need to. Please feel free to use this calendar and to tell other organizations about it.

Volunteer Administrators Wanted . . .

To present a 2 hour training on the basics of volunteer management to non-profits who do not have a volunteer manager. \$25 honorarium to the Administrator or organization plus mileage reimbursement. Three workshops to be presented across the state. Need 1 to 3 presenters. Call Alexis at 271-7200 or 1-800-780-8058.



Mr. Fixit Program

Submitted by David Poisson

David Poisson, Director of the Mr. Fixit Program, has announced that the program has recently expanded into Belknap county. The program services senior homeowners, 60 years of age or older, with minor home repair and maintenance.

The director is happy to announce that six (6) new volunteers have come forward, thus allowing the program's growth to be successful. Because of the work done by volunteers, there is never a charge to senior homeowners for labor. There is a charge for the cost of material if material has to be purchased.

The program's latest efforts have gone into the designing and building of modular wheelchair ramps. The modular design allows for 80 % of a ramp to be recycled after its initial use.

A Celebration of Nature and Agriculture at Gould Hill

August 25 and 26, 2001 1 - 5 PM
(rain or shine)

This free outdoor event brings together museum, agricultural, and environmental educators with presentations of:

- a.. Hands-on exhibits and demonstrations
- b.. Woodland Walks and Talks
- c.. NH Audubon Raptors (2 PM, Saturday)
- d.. Activities program from "Project Food, Land, and People" (3:30 PM Sat. and Sun.)
presented by the Merrimack County Conservation District
- e.. "Ask the Experts" - UNH Extension Educators
- f.. Family Nature Activities
- g.. Orchard tours - see the farm at work
- h.. Fun for the whole family

Your hosts: The Little Nature Museum and Gould Hill Orchards
656 Gould Hill Road,
Contoocook. (off Route 103)

For more information call: 603-746-6121 nature-
museum@conknet.com



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The Little Nature Museum is a federally registered nonprofit corporation.

DIRECTIONS TO NHAVA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2001

AT NH FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT
HAZEN DRIVE, CONCORD, NH

From I93 NORTH at Exit 14:

At the end of the exit ramp take a LEFT at the light (Loudon Road), pass under I93 and continue driving on Loudon Road past Everett Arena (on the left) and up a hill. Get into the left lane and take a LEFT at the light onto Hazen Drive. Follow the signs to NH Fish and Game. Fish and Game will be on your left.

From I93 SOUTH at Exit 14:

At the end of the exit ramp take a RIGHT onto Loudon Road and continue driving on Loudon Road past Everett Arena (on the left) and up a hill. Get into the left lane and take a LEFT at the light onto Hazen Drive. Follow the signs to NH Fish and Game. Fish and Game will be on your left.

From the West:

If approaching from Highway 3, 9, or 13 and coming into Concord on Main Street, look for the Loudon street intersection near the Holiday Inn—near the State House—and go east on Loudon so that you drive under I93. Continue driving on Loudon Road past Everett Arena (on the left) and up a hill. Get into the left lane and take a LEFT at the light onto Hazen Drive. Follow the signs to NH Fish and Game. Fish and Game will be on your left.

From the Seacoast:

From Route 393, take the Hazen Drive exit. At the top of the exit ramp (1st. set of lights), take a LEFT (East Side Drive). At the second set of lights, take a right onto Hazen Drive. Follow the signs to NH Fish and Game which will be on your right.

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Volunteer NH! Update

On May 21 at the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism, **Volunteer NH!** *New Hampshire's Resource on Volunteerism*, announced its opening with the unveiling of its logo . . . and its services. Attendees of the conference were invited to fill out a Resource Survey which would enable Volunteer NH! to start to fulfill its role as a warehouse of information on volunteerism. As incentive to those willing to take the time to fill-in the survey, Volunteer NH! pulled three of the surveys (on June 4) for television spots with Volunteer NH! to celebrate the International Year of the Volunteer. Another opportunity offered to attendees, was to be added to the Volunteer NH! website as an organization or agency that needs volunteers. From those forms, one was picked to win a Timberland backpack and that was awarded to Mary King with Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley in Lebanon. If you are interested in seeing a list of services provided by Volunteer NH!, or wish to chat with others about volunteer management, go to www.volunteernh.org and have a look around. Volunteer NH!'s phone number is 271-7202 or 1-800-780-8058.