

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Have you ever played a game called "Knots"? From the New Games Book published in the early 1970's, "Knots" has everyone gather, standing, in a tight crowd. Reaching across the group, each person clasps the hand of another, a different person's hand for each of yours. This creates the knot, and the task is undo the knot so that all are standing side by side in a circle, facing each other. See it in your mind's eye. The knot is complicated, unpredictably so. To untie it requires lots of ducking over and under other people's arms, right side up, upside down, sideways, and never, never letting go of the two other hands in your grasp. It is a hilarious, creative game that requires quiet talk, patient listening, and persistence. It is not unusual for a game to last for 30 minutes or more until the knot is untied.

At our Youth Group's first Fun Night meeting with international high school youth from the Ascentria Refugee Resettlement work in Concord, on Dec. 13, Knots was the first game, the community building ice-breaker. Ten young men and women, members of families who had lived varying lengths of time in the stark austerity of refugee camps on the African continent and in Nepal, some of whom spoke little English, laughed and talked and patiently tied the knot and then untied it. Hands that know relative peace and security clasped those who know hardship and privation. A joyful air of genuine, deep hospitality filled the room. Lots of comfort levels were surpassed.

The evening continued with meal sharing, and other opportunities to talk and to play. If the ancient understanding of blessing, more life into time without boundaries, is as near as we can get to understanding something beyond words, even the kingdom of God, the heavenly banquet, a time and place where difficulties are not ignored, but a love larger than our differences is at play, I think we caught a glimpse of it that Saturday night.

In a book by Rabbi Edwin Friedman, Friedman's Fables, he states that it is a mistake, an illusion to believe that seriousness is deeper than playfulness. Another friend says clearly in her writing that learning, although we often think of it going in one direction, e.g. teacher to student, parent to child, actually goes in both directions, and that the search for a place for this mutual sharing is essential to mutual respect. During this holy season of renewal, when we allow the wonder of a newborn child to slip stream its way into all that we say and do, do you ponder what you might do differently to nurture the light in you, to be in the words of C. S. Lewis, "surprised by joy"?

I invite you to join us on Sundays at 10 a.m. for a time of deeply felt playfulness, and mutual learning that seeks to weave love across differences in this hurting world. Be sure that no matter where you are from, or who you are, you are welcome.

Blessings to all this Epiphany Season!

Peace be with you,

Bill



Happy New Year!

As we begin this new year of 2015, we encourage our readers to contribute articles of interest, people news, happenings in our community. We would only ask that the articles submitted are not of a political nature. Articles should be sent to email address newslettercanterbury@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for the upcoming month's newsletter.

~ Denise Sojka and Laura Crockford

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AROUND TOWN

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Sunday, 5:30 am - 7:00 pm

CANTERBURY STORE 783-9933
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

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Sat. 8:30 am – noon

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BUILDING INSPECTOR 783-9033
Jim Snyder, Saltcreek@aol.com
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canterbury-nh.org
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 783-4123
canterburyhighway@canterbury-nh.org
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Wed. & Thurs., 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday, 9:00 am - noon
CANTERBURY POLICE OFFICE
783-0433 (non-emergency)
Tues.-Fri., 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Concord Police Dispatch
(non-emergency): 228-1010
EMERGENCIES — 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Fire Station: 783-4798
Fire Station Fax: 783-8964
Fire Chiefs e-mail:
canterburyfire@canterbury-nh.org
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**SELECTMEN'S OFFICE AND
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE 783-9955**
Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
selectmen@canterbury-nh.org
assessing@canterbury-nh.org

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783-0153
Monday, 9 am-3 pm, Tues., 12 pm-7 pm
Thursday, 3 pm - 7 pm
taxcollector@canterbury-nh.org
townclerk@canterbury-nh.org

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MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Meet at the Meeting House (MH) unless
otherwise noted

Conservation Commission
2nd Monday, 7:00 pm, MH
Fire & Rescue (at Municipal Complex)
Business Meeting: 1st Mon., 6:30 pm
Officers Meeting: Last Thurs., 7:00 pm
Trainings: All other Mondays, 7:00 pm
Library Trustees
2nd Monday, 7:00 pm, Elkins Library

Planning Board
2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, MH
4th Tuesday as needed
Recycling Committee
4th Monday of each month, 6pm ,MH
Renewable Energy Committee
Third Tuesday, 7:00 pm, MH

Selectmen
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CANTERBURY KIDS LEARNING CENTER offers a half-day preschool program with full-day child care, before/after school care and summer care for children 3-12 yrs. Located at the Parish House 783-4370.

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TAMMY'S CLEANING SERVICES - Cleaning, weekly or bi-weekly needs? Tammy's Cleaning can help. We get at all those hard-to-reach places! Reasonable rates, fully insured, and lots of long term references available too! Privacy and security is foremost in our business. Call or text 545-7903, or email tamsabaxtr@hotmail.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Canterbury Benevolent Society

The next meeting of the Canterbury Benevolent Society will be held on January 14, 2015 at 1 PM in the Parish House. This is an important meeting as we will be planning the programs for the year; so bring your ideas with you. Hostesses will be Ann Fifield and Denise Sojka. All are welcome to attend.

~Judy Patterson

Our Church Youth Group met with a group of refugees from various places across the ocean on Saturday, December 13. They live in Concord now, but came from all over the world, but mainly Africa. There were 10 total Concord kids who came, and we talked with them, did lots of ice-breaker games, and ate pizza. We were all paired with another kid from Concord and we are to be their mentors. What we are doing as mentors is basically just trying to communicate with the Concord kids, teach them more English, and help them fit into our American society a bit more comfortably. We all had a great time, and we can't wait to see them all again!!

~ Abby Camire

Thanksgiving Dinner Wrap-Up

A wonderful time was had by all – both indulgers and creators, of our delicious meal! I am continually amazed by the youth of our community and the support that they receive! The Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success this year, due in large part to the generous donations received by lots of you.

The kids worked hard on the Saturday before the dinner, prepping food and setting up the Parish House. Then they all came on Sunday, raring to go, and served ALL who showed up! And WOW there were lots of you who showed up – we THANK YOU graciously!

The money that was earned by the CUCC Youth Group is already being used to help support their local mission work, and helping out local families for the Christmas holiday. Be sure to look for us again next year and have a safe and happy New Year!

~ Polly Camire

“We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential.”

— [Ellen Goodman](#)

AROUND TOWN



Thank you to those who supported our fundraiser by purchasing a calendar and all those who came to our Pancake Breakfast. 4-H Members are getting ready for the Food Show and Public Speaking in the month of January.

Our next meeting will be on Jan. 5, in the Parish House at 6:30.

~ Oonagh Burwell

Tools for Kids is now available year 'round at Old Ways Traditions, by appointment. We have coping saws, drills, planes, etc. for 5 yrs. and up to use, lathes for 10 yrs. and up, and toys for the little ones.

Dave is there to help the kids, but parental supervision is required. Seven kids, maximum (depends on ages – only two little ones. By donation. 783 4403 eves. efurnitr@comcast.net. (No Saturdays Dec. 13 through March). We are at 418 Shaker Road, Canterbury. Please call evenings 783-4403.

Canterbury Town Office

The staff at the Town office is working with the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee and the Department Heads on the 2015 budget. Meetings will continue into the first of the year with the final budget hearing scheduled in February.

The Police Chief, Fire Chief, Road Agent and Library Director are attending a training seminar on “Evaluating Employee Performance” at the NH Bureau of Education and Training.

Administrative assistant Jan Stout will be attending a training class at the Dept. of Revenue Administration for Tax Rate Setting. The DRA is upgrading their software to include; Managing data & forms, drafting warrant articles and tax rate setting. This will allow a more efficient process for an annual coordinated endeavor with the town and state. Jan is also scheduled for a training class at the NH Retirement System.

Accounting Clerk Mary Hauptman has completed classes in Accounting I & II. She is currently working on preparing the town books for the yearend audit.

The staff wishes everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

~Ken Folsom
Town Administrator

LIBRARY NEWS

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Mon. Jan 12 at 7:00.

The library will be closed Mon. Jan 1 for New Year's Day and Mon. Jan. 19 in observance of Civil Rights Day.

During inclement weather we follow the Shaker Regional School District's closing and delay schedule. Please phone the library (783-4386) before coming if there's any question whether we're open or check the listings on Channel 9 (WMUR). I'll do my best to leave a message on the answering machine, but if you're still not sure call Sue at 783-4013. The library hours are as follows:

Mon. 2-8 Wed. & Thurs. 9-8
Tues. 9-6 Sat. 9-12

ROCK AND READ: a music and movement program for babies and toddlers. Our young friends have a chance to move to a beat, listen and sing along with music and participate with others the same age. How fun! **Tues. Jan. 13 and 27** at 10:00.

STORY HOUR: on **Tues. Jan. 6 and 20 at 10:00.** Always on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Join us for an exciting time as we introduce new books, crafts and activities. Move your body during the "5 minute Dance Party" and sometimes enjoy a snack.

LEGO CLUB: come back for more fun at **4pm on Tues. Jan 6 and 20.** This "walk-in" club is one of our most popular programs. We start with a short discussion about ideas and then free build for an hour!

CES OUTREACH PROGRAMS continue in the new year. We are currently presenting a program on diversity to the students of Canterbury Elementary school.

The **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** is reading *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd for a discussion on **Tues. Jan. 20 at 7:00.** Copies are available for anyone interested.

TEEN TIME READ: Students grades 7 and up will make a snack and discuss *Seraphina* by Rachel Hartman on **Mon. Jan. 12 from 3:30 – 4:30.** We're reading the N.H. Flume nominations and will vote for our favorite in April.

I CAN READ WITH MY EYES SHUT: **Mon. Jan 26 at 3:30.** This is our young readers club for readers ages 9-12. Come and make a snack to eat, discuss ideas and trends and talk about the selected book, *Buddy* by M.H. Herlong which is the winner of the 2014 NH Great Stone Face Book Award. Copies of the book are available if you would like to participate.

Read with Reagan! Jennie Carr and her trained therapy dog, Reagan, can often be found here Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 4:30. Reagan loves to hear children read and responds to hand signals and treats! Please call ahead if you want to be sure Reagan is here.

The Knitting Group continues meeting Wed. evenings at 6:30 by the fire place and resumes after the holidays on Jan. 9.

Quilters meet Wed. mornings from 10 – 1. Bring your handwork, sewing machines and don't forget your lunch!

Scrabble every Monday night at 6:00. Come join in!

Games! We have popular board games for all ages to enjoy at the library.

Puzzle Swap – stop by, take one and leave one. All puzzles should be at least 500 pieces and in very good condition with all pieces in the box.

We'd love to hear from anyone who has a special interest/talent and would like to present a library program. Please stop by or call Sue at the library.

CES NEWS

The annual CES Graham P. Chynoweth Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, January 29th at 1:30 in the school gym. The winner of this Bee will go on to compete with other fifth through eighth grade school winners at the NH state level Bee which is held in Concord in March. Other grade level bees will be held throughout the month of January and the winners will be announced in the February newsletter.

The Shaker Regional School District will hold public hearings in January to discuss a plan by district administrators to add a half-day preschool program, or a "Universal Pre-K," to the district's educational offerings. The plan will be brought before voters at two meetings. The first will be on Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Canterbury Elementary School. The second will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Belmont Elementary School.

Mr. Paul Caristi, from IRobot, is coming to CES on January 8th to talk to our third through fifth graders about the future for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education in the United States. IRobot is the creator of the Roomba vacuum and many other robot devices that are used for home maintenance, business, defense and security. Mr. Caristi will be here from 9:00 to 11:00 to present the current and future use of many of these fascinating robotic devices. Homeschool and private school students in grades 3-5 are welcome to attend.

There will be no school on January 1st, New Year's Day, and the day after January 2nd. Class will resume on Monday, January 5th. There will also be no school on January 19th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and January 23rd a district staff in-service day.

January Calendar

January 1st	New Year's Day – No School
January 2nd	No School
January 5th	Classes Resume
January 13th	School Board BMS 6:00
January 19th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
January 23rd	Staff In-Service – No School for Students
January 26th	PTO 6:30
January 29th	Spelling Bee 1:30

~ Mary Morrison, principal

Looking for something to do during the cold winter days? FAMILY PASSES are available to borrow to visit the following locations: SEE Science Center – Manchester

Currier Museum of Art – Manchester

Christa McAuliffe Planetarium -Concord

* Some passes allow a family of 4 to visit free of charge while others provide a reduced fee. Stop by or call to reserve.

Donations of new books; book and music CD's and DVD's that are published from 2013-present are always appreciated and often added to the collection. Please bring your items in rather than using the book drop.

Dudley Laufman has donated a copy of his latest publication of poetry. *The Islandian Poems & Fables* is based on the perspective of one living in fictitious *Islandia*, a small agrarian country on the southernmost tip of South America. The library is fortunate to have a collection of Dudley's publications for the public to enjoy.

AROUND TOWN

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

NORMA GLINES RECEIVES THE BOSTON POST CANE

A very special celebration was held at the library on December 7th when Norma Glines received the Boston Post Cane. Many family members and friends attended and enjoyed seeing Selectman George Glines present the cane to his mother on behalf of the town. A reception followed with refreshments and much visiting among the guests. The event was video recorded and will be placed in our Archive collection. Thanks to all who helped to make the day so memorable.

WATCH FOR NEWS OF ORAL HISTORY TRAINING

We were all disappointed that the training scheduled with Meg Heckman in December was postponed due to the weather. We are working to set a new date and will advise when it is determined. In the meantime, several members of the Town History Committee and our writer, Kathryn Grover, have registered to attend an all day workshop in January, led by Jo Radner, under the sponsorship of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Ms. Radner will lead the session on conducting oral histories and is well known for her work from Maine to Hawaii. She is a past president of the American Folklore Society and the National Storytelling network. Committee members have promised to share information from the training with the Society.

SOCIETY PLANS STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

The trustees of the Society will convene on January 10th in order to review progress on our on-going strategic plan and to discuss initiatives for 2015. Subjects will include the One Room Schoolhouse Program, the writing of the "new" town history 1912-present, planning of programs, archive improvements, financial planning, etc. This is an annual effort to keep the Society on track for fulfilling its mission which is to, "Preserve Canterbury's heritage and sense of community".

~ Robert Scarponi



The One Room Schoolhouse needs more teachers. Most of the scheduled visits are in May. It's a team effort. How about joining? For more information call **Ann Emerson 783-4403**. You'll love it and the children will love you!

Canterbury Fire Department

As we encounter bad weather this winter, we need to prepare ourselves and our homes for these types of emergencies.

Take precautions by having water put up ahead of time, extra blankets, and flash lights ready. If you have a generator, make sure you have plenty of gas and oil on hand. Make sure it is not inside the structure and has proper ventilation with the exhaust facing away from the structure.

We all experienced the four day power outage in November on Thanksgiving Day. It certainly was not a fun experience for any of us. If we can work to be more self-reliant and put in place a few safety measures to ensure we can stay warm, this will help. If you find that you can't stay in your home for any number of reasons and you need help, please use one of the following Emergency numbers below.

Town of Canterbury Weather Related Power Outage Emergency Numbers

Emergency dial 911

Fire Department

Emergency Management 783-4798 or 783-4703

Unitil (to report power outage, tree on wires, etc)

1-800-852-3339

Public Service 1-800-662-7764

NHE Co 1-800-343-6432

Highway Department Trees blocking road 783-4123

Please stay safe,

~ Chief Peter Angwin

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Loudon Food Pantry News

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Inventory

After the holiday we will be closed for inventory and will reopen January 12th.

DECEMBER UPDATES

Thanksgiving Boxes

We gave out 86 Thanksgiving boxes this year. We estimated higher (our normal is usually around 125). In looking over the figures, we found that more than a few patrons had lost their homes and moved out of our service area. Also, Epsom Food Pantry decided to do Thanksgiving Boxes this year as well. Thank you all for your donations and help! Meadow Ledge Farm was again able to help us this year! Any produce that was left over after the boxes were completed was donated to The Friendly Kitchen.

Annual 50/50 Holiday Raffle – November 1st through to December 12th

The winner of our raffle this year is Sissy P. She won \$43.25. Congratulations! Thank you everyone for playing.

Gift of Lights – November 21, 2014 – January 3, 2015 from 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Come and enjoy NHMS Winter Wonderland. Spanning over two miles, the Gift of Lights features over 60 holiday scenes and over 400 light displays. The course winds around the outside of the track's grandstands and includes a portion of the NHMS Road Course. It also has the super-popular Tunnel of Lights, which measures over 250 feet in length. For more updated information, go to http://www.nhms.com/events/gift_of_lights/.

As of December 15th, Loudon Food Pantry has received **4,238 pounds of food**. If you bring at least 3 nonperishable food items you will receive a discount off your ticket. Also, all those food items are donated to Loudon Food Pantry. So, please help us to feed those less fortunate. Bring as many food items as you can.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Winter is a tough time of the year. Many of our patrons have to make the choice to pay their heating bill or to feed their family. Food donations help us stock the shelves. Monetary donations allow us to buy essential food that is not received through food donations. The more food on our shelves, the more we can feed our patrons their complete allotment of food.

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"We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back."

~ [Martin Luther King Jr., I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World](#)

Where to Donate

You can mail or drop off your donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307. But if you find you're not in the neighborhood you can drop off at one of these convenient locations:

Business Type	Town	Collection
Elkins Library	Canterbury	Food
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
TD Bank	Loudon	Food
Loudon Post Office	Loudon	Food & Funds
The Hungry Buffalo	Loudon	Food & Funds
106 Beanstalk	Loudon	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Food & Funds
Loudon Village Country Store	Loudon	Funds
Yellow Submarine	Concord	Funds
Camping World	Chichester	Food

Thank you to all our volunteers and donors. You have made it possible for us to feed as many households as we do. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

~ Sue, Bill and Sarah

~In Sorrow~

Lucille Rhoda (Hildreth) Keeler(1919 - 2014)

PENOBSCOT, Maine and CANTERBURY – Lucille Rhoda (Hildreth) Keeler was born Aug. 31 1919, to Samuel and Camilla (Stillings) Hildreth at their home adjacent to the B&M Railroad line on Northwest Road in Canterbury.

She grew up there, graduating from Concord High School, Class of 1938. On June 27 1940, she married Ralph W. Keeler Jr., and, in 1945 they together purchased the Houser Farmstead in Canterbury Center, where they lived 20 years and raised their two children, Ralph III and Lucybell. Ralph and Lucille were very involved in town and church affairs during that time. They later moved to Norwalk, Conn., where he died in April 1969, at which time Lucille returned to Canterbury. Lucille then went to work for Beede Electrical Instruments in Penacook until she retired in 1984, She then wintered in Florida and Summered in New England until she moved to Penobscot, Maine to live with her daughter Lucybell and next door to her son Ralph III until her quiet passing (after spending several months under Hancock County Hospice care) at Lucybell's home in Penobscot Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014.

She is survived by her two children, nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for the Spring of 2015, along with interment of her cremated ashes after the ground thaws, both in Canterbury.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY AND THANKS

Many, Many thanks to those who have supported our newsletter in 2014. Your continued support for our little newsletter is greatly appreciated!

Claire Anderson	Anonymous	Peggy Bezanson
Chris & Beth Blair	Marceline Boomer	Frederick & Claire Briggs
Mel & Linda Burrowes	Canterbury Farmers Market	Canterbury Elkins Library
Canterbury Hist. Society	Canterbury Plumb. & Heat.	David & Annette Case
Dale & Susan Caswell	Sylvia Chamberlin	Ella Mae Cochrane
William & Mary Colburn	Barb Cook	Louis & Jean Cote
Gretchen Coughlin	Ann Crabb	Ray Craigie, Pam Smarling
Elaine & Jim DiStefano	Sandy & Hank Dougherty	Richard & Gail Dragon
Mildred Dustin	John Eaton	Donald Eckhardt
Al Edelstein, Lisa Carlson	Judy Eliot, Arnie Alpert	Robert & Linda Fife
Stuart & Ann Fifield	Doneta Fischer	Merry Fortier
Robert Gewecke	David Gillis	Martha & Ken Gilman
John & Catherine Goegel	Michael Greene	Patricia Guertin
Diane Guertin	Judith Haigh, Fred Norton	Mark & Doris Hampton
Terrie Harman	Debra & James Hayes	Greg & Ruth Heath
Jean Hepworth-Bezanson	Ron & Adeline Herman	Patrick Hornig
Hilary Horton	Donald & Lessa Hudak	Bob & Diane Hufstader
Ethel Hull	Gordon & Pam Jackson	Kathi & Bruce Jordan
Jeanne Joslin, D. Miltenberger	Brenda Joziatis	Kathleen Dunn & Christine Burgess
Dwight Keeler	Ralph & Carolyn Keeler	Susan Kennedy
Lou-Ann & Roger Klose	Tim & Terry Lanini	Dudley & Jacqueline Laufman
Mary Jane Lavoie	Ted & Sue Leclair	John & Joan Leggett
Lynne & James Lenihan	Paul Lespesqueur & Mary Kerwin	Barbara Liddy
David Lidstone	Ron & Ginny Litalien	Kate Luczko
Magoon Tree	T. Masland, Sylvia Bates	Mary Ellen MacCoy, R. Hutchinson
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Robert & Grazyna Medynski	Tim Meeh & Jill McCullough	Sandra Methven
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This is a great way to get information out.
Thank you!

~Laura Crockford

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What makes Canterbury such a great town? Why do people want to live here? We've all got our own personal answers to these questions, but I'm pretty sure the responses would include things like, "The schools are good," and "It's rural," and "The community really supports each other." Yes, I would agree with all of these things and much, much, more. I grew up here, in the 1970s and 1980s with about half as many people in town as there are now. When I was in the sixth grade, I could (and often did) picture each road in my mind, and I knew who lived in just about every house. That may have been because my mother had at one time, been a census taker, and so I would go with her, house to house, to count the people. Often they would invite us in, give Mom a cup of coffee, and offer me a drink and a toy or book to occupy my time. Many families then had stay-at home mothers and the fathers were usually at work. Occasionally we would be deterred by a large barking dog, or not find anyone home, but Mom usually connected with them somehow or another. Everyone knew everyone else. We carpooled to school events and drove through snowstorms to get to ski meets. We made meals for neighbors who came upon unfortunate circumstances. We left our houses unlocked in case someone broke down and needed to use our phone. There were tough times, and tough people too. Domestic violence was rare but happening, and people helped each other quietly. Drugs and alcohol were more of a recreational activity rather than a form of self-medication and coping. Community events were few and far between, but when they happened, it was a big deal! From before I can remember (even before I was born) my family was involved in the Canterbury Fair. My Dad was the fair committee chairperson for awhile, taking on publicity for the annual event. I remember when the flyers would arrive at our house. Chicken BBQ, the What-Not Sale, Antiques, Morris Dancers, Kids Games (including my favorite... Pony Rides,) Crafters, and more! My brothers and sister would be recruited into helping out with something, and of course, my Mom baked beans and treats for the bake sale. The anticipation of this event rivaled the coming of Christmas. In the weeks leading up to the Fair, my friends and I would count out what little money we had worked for or earned through birthdays, and spend hours figuring out the games and food on which we would focus our time and treasure. Cotton Candy and a Frappe were of the utmost priority! I would go to bed that night with whatever small treasure I had won at the Fish Pond, and wish that the Fair could go on forever.

As I am writing this, it is the season of Advent. We are anticipating the arrival of light in the darkness, and joy in the face of the many sorrows that we know to be filling the world, even in our nice, small, town. With the New Year upon us, I am hoping to inspire townfolk to participate in our incredibly wonderful, annual Canterbury Fair. As you can tell from this article, after 45 years, I still have the most vivid of memories, of an event that by the grace of God, pulls this community together in ways that some people NEVER get to experience. I hope that you will enjoy reading my memories, and maybe take a minute to share some of yours with me. When you see the advertisements for volunteers needed at the Fair, maybe this will ignite your spark!

In Friendship and Neighborly Love,

~ Polly Camire