

RUSTIC RIDGE ASSOCIATION

Dear Ridgeites

The holidays are now just a memory. Time to look forward to our Rustic Ridge season.

The GOOD news is the sale of the Northfield School for Girls' (my era!) campus for the establishment of the C. S. Lewis College. In his letter of December 18, Head of School Tom Sturtevant wrote "On December 14, Northfield Mount Hermon sold the 217-acre core campus to Hobby Lobby, a benefactor of the C. S. Lewis Foundation and this new college. The College will be a four-year, coeducational, non-profit, Great Books college with special programs in the performing arts. Its mission is rooted in Christian values and informed by the example of scholar, Christian apologist, and author C. S. Lewis. This worthy mission will reawaken the campus and, by 2012, young lives again will be formed on that jewel of a campus, which was built for such a purpose." D. L. would be pleased! As of this writing, the School will continue to operate the golf course and pool.

On a sad note, long-time summer resident (87 consecutive years) and good friend, Kay Denise, passed away November 4 in Easthampton. A celebration of Kay's life will be held this summer over the July 4 weekend. Also, Marty Jones, a friend to many Ridge residents, passed away this fall in Peterborough. Marty lived in town until her recent move to New Hampshire and was the widow of Doug Jones, art instructor at Northfield School for Girls and Mount Hermon. Both now are reunited with their beloved husbands.

SUMMER SOCIAL SCENE

We will celebrate the July 4 holiday on Sat. July 3 with the ANNUAL PARADE beginning 9 a.m. at the flagpole, marching along to the Abel Beat to the Ziegenhagens for refreshments. LOBSTER FEST will be repeated. Details will be posted on both bulletin boards.

ANNUAL MEETING will be held Saturday, August 7. Location to be announced; ANNUAL DINNER location to be announced. Everyone seemed to enjoy the themed Table Setting event, so we will have another go. Start thinking about your theme.

RUSTIC RIDGE SUNDAY - August 8 at Trinitarian Community Church

We might think about going out for a cocktail cruise on the river. It has been a long time. Perhaps a visit to Emily Dickinson's residence in Amherst with lunch in one of the town's fun restaurants; Clark Museum in Williamstown; Tanglewood. I could go on and on. We have a wealth of activities!!!

Lucia is looking to fill up the coffers. You will find below a dues invoice. If possible, remember the Road Fund. I am sure with the hard winter Northfield has experienced, some road work might be necessary.

Summer is just around the corner--see you all there!!

Fondly,

Adrienne Hawkinson, President

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Rustic Ridge Dues Bill

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Details

**Member Dues@\$100 per
Cottage**

January 25,2010

Please consider a
contribution to the Reserve
Fund

Total

Please make checks to Rustic Ridge Association, Inc.