



# THE RANDOLPH FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

August 2020

Dear Randolph Friends and Family,

Welcome to the Randolph Foundation's annual report for July 2019 through June 2020.

It's hard to know exactly what to say in these challenging times. So much that we take for granted in terms of our vibrant community activities and our cherished family traditions has been upended by the Coronavirus. This summer, I've taken great solace in hiking, biking, swimming, playing "Pickleball," stargazing, and spending time with close friends and family (at a distance!). I didn't know it was possible, but I think I appreciate our little slice of heaven even more now than I did before.

Regardless of what might be going on in the world (pandemics, politics, reckonings), the Foundation remains focused on its core mission.

- The Ravine House and Durand Lake area is in terrific condition and is enjoyed on a daily basis by members of our community
- The Foundation continues to award local grants, administer educational scholarships, provide Lifeline services, and produce the Weekly, the Blizzard, and the Mountain View
- Jointly with the Randolph Church, the Foundation hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Randolph Story Slam
- We're continuing to plan for Celebration 2024 — Randolph's bicentennial!
- The number of financial contributions to the Randolph Foundation increased again over this past year, for a grand total of 165 donors — we are grateful!

I want to thank our dedicated board members for their hard work on behalf of the Foundation, as well as the entire Randolph community for its one-of-a-kind generosity and communal spirit — even amidst troubling times.

Inside you will find updates on all of the Foundation's activities as well as **a heart-felt thank you to the donors who contributed to the Randolph Foundation's 2019-20 annual fund (see pages 8-9).**

If you are able, and haven't yet had a chance, to make a contribution to the Randolph Foundation, we encourage you to do so — a donation envelope is enclosed.

With gratitude,

Sarah Eusden Gallop  
President

## **The Mission of the Randolph Foundation**

The Randolph Foundation was created, and is sustained, by the residents and friends of Randolph, New Hampshire. The Foundation supports the needs of Randolph and its neighboring towns in a variety of areas including conservation, communication, education, recreation, town history, leadership, health and welfare, and other important issues as determined by the Board of Directors and the Randolph community.

## **Thanks to the 2019-2020 Board of Directors**

The Randolph Foundation board is a classic “working board” which means that each person has a specific area of responsibility and a defined set of duties. The group is dedicated to every aspect of the Foundation’s mission: Sarah Gallop, president, Phil Guiser, vice-president, Angela Brown, treasurer, Gaye Ruble, secretary, Caesar Bryan, Gary Newfield, Guy Stever, and Mark Santos.

## **Randolph Foundation Board 2020-2021**

### Officers

Sarah Gallop (2021), President  
 Mark Kelley (2025), Vice President  
 Phil Guiser (2022), Treasurer  
 Gaye Ruble (2021), Secretary

### Board Members

Angela Brown (2021)  
 Mark Santos (2022)  
 Guy Stever (2022)  
 Gary Newfield (2023)  
 Caesar Bryan (2024)

### Emeritus Board Members

Kelly Eggleston

## **New Board Member: Mark Kelley**

Mark Kelley and Kathleen Kelley have lived in Randolph since September 1988 when their first of four children was only months old. Born and raised in Berlin, Mark moved to Boston after graduating from St. Michael’s College, to spend the next 10 years in marketing and advertising, with two of the region’s leading advertising agencies. Missing the mountains, and wanting to raise their children in a small community, Mark joined his brother, Barry, as owners of White Mountain Lumber in Berlin. Over the past 32 years, Mark has been involved in a number of non-profit community organizations. He has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Androscoggin Valley Hospital, helped form, and later chair, North Country Health — the first health network in the country — with Critical Access Hospitals. In Randolph, Mark serves on the Randolph Forest Commission, and is Vice Moderator of the Randolph Church, and for the past few years, has been hosting the RMC’s Annual Randolph Tea at his and Katie’s barn at 98 Randolph Hill Road.

### **Celebration 2024 (Co-Chairs Guy Stever and Sarah Gallop)**

The Town of Randolph will mark its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2024. The Foundation is taking the lead in planning for the occasion which will involve the entire community. Potential projects include a publication about Randolph houses, a community quilt, an oral history repository, applying for a state historical designation, exhibits, commemorative memorabilia, and a celebratory weekend filled with activities.

This summer, Celebration 2024 planning was temporarily put on hold until we could dream of something better than a 2024 Zoom celebration with virtual food, virtual games, a virtual square dance, a virtual softball game... well, you get the idea.

Now that we've all wrapped our minds around wearing masks, social distancing, and avoiding large crowds — and hopefully as we move towards a way to manage the virus — our attention will once again turn to 2024. And hopefully the strange summer of 2020 will serve as fodder for many stories at the 2021 Story Slam.

Speaking of which, the 4<sup>th</sup> Randolph Story Slam, co-sponsored by the Randolph Foundation and the Randolph Church, took place on Saturday August 8. Forty-six people gathered to hear a new collection of stories that have now been added to the Randolph Foundation's YouTube site. These stories are being collected as part of the bicentennial initiative.

### **Grants (Chair Mark Santos)**

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, The Randolph Foundation distributed grants totaling \$6,531. The funds were awarded in support of various educational, community, and outdoor initiatives. The Foundation also created a new subcategory specifically for Covid-19 assistance initiatives.

Coos Cycling Club trailer	1,000
Ed Fenn Elementary AMC program	765
GMHS ski program equipment	266
GMHS Junior Welders program	1,000
Coos County Nursing Home	500
Family Resource Center	500
North Country Home Health and Hospice	500
Gorham Community Learning Center	500
Northern Human Services	500
Tyler Blain House Homeless Shelter	<u>500</u>
	6,531

### **Ravine House Site/Durand Lake (Chair Phil Guiser, Gary Newfield)**

The Ravine House Site, pool, and Durand Lake area look to be in good shape again this summer. The Town has had the water from the pool and Durand Lake tested and both are in good condition. New planks in the dam seem to have helped keep water levels up in the pool. Although the Town has kept the bathhouse closed and the raft onshore due to Covid-19 concerns, the area is being enjoyed by many residents and guests.

The Foundation continues to oversee the weekly lawn mowing around the pool, lake and Ravine House site areas. For the first time in longer than just about anyone can remember, someone other than Auvie Kenison did the annual field mowing last fall (Auvie is missed in many ways). Brian Lamarre did a fine job for us.

The Foundation plans to make erosion repairs to the Durand Lake berm where the walkway from Durand Road meets the lake. We hope to use RMC expertise and their labor force, but the trail crew is understaffed this summer and this project will have to wait until next year.

Once again, the many volunteers who keep this area functioning and looking good have earned our gratitude. Special thanks goes to Alison and Dave Tomlinson for overseeing and maintaining the tennis court, Jean Malick and Marcia Lee for keeping the Ravine House Site gardens looking beautiful (despite the weird weather) and the RMC for maintaining the trails and bog bridges around the Lake area. Also, appreciation goes to those who pick up any trash left by others, brush the paths, look after the picnic tables, keep the water flowing into and out of the lake and just do whatever else needs to be done.

### **Scholarships (Chair Angela Brown)**

The 2019-2020 school year will be one to remember, I'm sure. Graduations from college and high school were non-events, but still significant for our students. Over the past academic school year, \$4,700 was distributed to Randolph undergraduate students attending universities around the country.

Jana Oelofse graduated from Southern New Hampshire University this past spring with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Sports Management. She is pursuing a full time position and possibly continuing her educational career.

Autumn Brown came back from her church mission to Tahiti last August, and returned to Brigham Young University in January 2020 as a computer science major. In spite of the pandemic forcing her to relocate to Randolph for remote classes mid-semester, she earned a 4.0 and will return to campus this fall as a junior.

Hunter Desilets will be a senior at Florida Southern College majoring in chemistry with a minor in physics. He graduated from GMHS in 2014.

Ella Watson, our lone high school graduate this year, will attend WMCC this fall. She had the unique opportunity to receive her high school diploma in a socially-distanced ceremony at the base of Mt. Washington!

After many lean years of few students living in Randolph, we are entering an exciting new phase of increasing numbers of students, several whom are home-schooled or are attending schools in other districts, as well as the local Gorham High School. Donations to the Randolph Foundation are used to fund these scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students who meet the criteria listed on our webpage at [www.randolphfoundationnh.org](http://www.randolphfoundationnh.org). Thank you for your support of our local students!

### **Finance (Chair Caesar Bryan)**

The total value of the Foundation's portfolio managed by Janney Montgomery Scott at the end of June 2020 was \$769,760. This compares with \$697,103 at the end of June 2019. During the year the portfolio received \$53,448. This represented the return of the money that had been withdrawn in April 2018 to fund the temporary land purchase adjacent to the Mt. Crescent trailhead.

For the fiscal year ending June 2020, the portfolio returned 2.2% which compares with a return of 1.5% for a blended benchmark calculated by Janney. This benchmark comprises 50% US equities, 35% fixed income, 10% overseas equities and 5% cash. While the equal weighted S&P Index fell by 5.3%, the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index appreciated by 8.7% in the twelve months to the end of June 2020. At the end of June, the portfolio was comprised of 64.3% equities, 29.4% fixed income and 6.3% cash.

On behalf of the Randolph Foundation Board, I would like to thank Geoff Beringer and his team at Janney who manage the portfolio. They report that the fund totaled \$800,184 as of the end of July. The Board seeks to maintain a disciplined, long-term approach to investing the Foundation's assets primarily using low cost passive funds and rebalancing the portfolio from time to time where appropriate.

### **Lifeline (Chair Heather Wiley)**

Lifeline is a 24/7 service provided by VRI Cares (previously New England Emergency Response System) to provide both year-round and summer residents with a lightweight, waterproof button to summon help in an emergency. When the button is pushed, whether in your home or on your property, VRI will call you immediately and then the designated emergency contact person or 911 if needed. Please note that this safety device is provided at no cost to residents — the Randolph Foundation pays half the monthly fee and the Town of Randolph pays the other half. Clients do not need to have a landline to avail of this service — it can also be hooked up to a cell phone.

The Foundation budgets significantly for Lifeline and provided nine residents with support this year. Please encourage your elderly or disabled relatives, friends and neighbors to sign up for this excellent service, even on a temporary basis after an injury or illness. Our goal is to keep folks safe and healthy! For more information and to sign up please contact Heather Wiley at 603-466-5179 or email [rcotnoir@ne.rr.com](mailto:rcotnoir@ne.rr.com)

### **Communications (Chair Sarah Gallop)**

We are indebted to the editors of the Foundation's various publications (the *Blizzard*, Linda Dupont, the *Mountain View*, Dede Aube, and the *Weekly*, Kai Parlett). These publications keep our community informed of Randolph happenings and closely connect us through stories about our families, descriptions of projects that we're working on, photographs of our adventures, and summaries of important issues that impact the Randolph area.

The Foundation's website ([randolphfoundationnh.org](http://randolphfoundationnh.org)) and YouTube channel are updated to convey current information and materials.

The Mountain View is distributed to approximately 700 households four times a year. Editor Dede Aube welcomes articles and photographs related to the interests and activities of our community. She can be reached at [dedeaube@gmail.com](mailto:dedeaube@gmail.com). Dede will be stepping down after many years of service and we are looking for a new editor.

The Monthly Blizzard is mailed to approximately 200 residents from September to June. Linda Dupont can be reached at [linda.dupont90@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.dupont90@yahoo.com) or 603-723-3907.

The Randolph Weekly is published and circulated each Friday during the months of July and August. Many thanks to Kai Parlett who has served as editor during this past summer, especially for her attention to detail when there was so much uncertainty about the impacts of Covid-19.



The Randolph Weekly "Bird Boxes" got a freshening up this year!

### Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Angela Brown)

<b>Randolph Foundation FY 2020</b>			<b>Randolph Foundation FY 2021</b>	
	Budget FY 2020	YTD* total	Budget FY 2021	
<b>Incoming Funds</b>			<b>Incoming Funds</b>	
Donations	\$ 22,000.00	\$27,335.00	Donations	\$26,500.00
Interest -- Northway		\$3.86	Interest -- Northway	
Royalty		\$0.00	Royalty	
Janney Account	\$ 24,400.00		Janney Account	\$28,400.00
Paypal donations		\$2,316.61		
<b>Total Incoming Funds</b>	<b>\$ 46,400.00</b>	<b>\$29,655.477</b>	<b>Total Incoming Funds</b>	<b>\$54,900.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			<b>Expenses</b>	
Admin - GF	\$ 7,000.00	\$9,170.52	Admin - GF	\$8,000.00
Durand/Ravine*	\$ 7,000.00	\$3,922.11	Durand/Ravine	\$9,000.00
Grants	\$ 7,000.00	\$6,531.43	Grants	\$7,000.00
Lifeline	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,079.00	Grants--COVID	\$3,000.00
Website	\$ 1,000.00	\$856.00	Lifeline	\$2,000.00
Scholarships	\$ 5,500.00	\$4,700.00	Website	\$1,000.00
Blizzard	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,124.00	Scholarships	\$8,000.00
Mountain View	\$ 9,000.00	\$7,616.69	Blizzard	\$2,500.00
Weekly	\$ 1,000.00	\$380.00	Mountain View	\$9,000.00
Celebration 2024	\$ 4,400.00	\$548.38	Weekly (\$575)	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 46,400.00</b>	<b>\$37,928.13</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$54,900.00</b>
Mt Crescent Fund	\$ -			
Checking balance	\$ 8,872.13			
Celebration 2024	\$ 7,821.46			
*Unaudited				

## Donations to the Randolph Foundation (Secretary Gaye Ruble)

On behalf of the Randolph Foundation, we would like to thank our 165 generous donors during the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. These donations have allowed us to continue our mission and grow as a community.

Alexander, Heywood	The Emersons
Andrew, Thomas and Rebecca	Erwin, Bob
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Beringer, Marie	Gellens, Martha
Berry, John and Mary	Glines, Sara and Greg
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Bishop, Joan	Graff, Walter and Ingrid
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 beyond**  
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"The Kindness Rocks Project" at the Ravine House Pool  
(creator unknown, but much appreciated!)