

# The Randolph Foundation Annual Report

August 2022

Dear Randolph Friends and Family,

It's hard to believe that my first year as President of the Randolph Foundation has already past! With 2022 being the 60th anniversary of this organization, I spent some time looking over past reports, reading some of the history and studying past accomplishments. Seeing the names of past presidents and board members, was a rather humbling exercise. As the 200th Anniversary of Randolph draws nearer, the Randolph Foundation is planning a Summer of events in 2024, to commemorate this remarkable birthday. Past President, Sarah Gallop ([seg@mit.edu](mailto:seg@mit.edu)) and past board member, Guy Stever ([guy.stever@gmail.com](mailto:guy.stever@gmail.com)) have agreed to co-chair this important event, and welcome additional committee members.

Having such a committed board of directors is key to the successful endeavors of the Foundation. We have a wonderful group of people who give their time to fulfill the mission. As Phil Guiser, Mark Santos and Guy Stever rotate off the board, I want to thank them for sharing their experience and offering their counsel, during my first year.

We have been fortunate to have three exciting new members come onto the board. Redza Dempster, Garrett Rella, and Rick Umiker have all agreed to join, and accept committee assignments in support of the Foundations Mission.

In closing, I want to thank you. Without your support and contributions, all the handwork of our committee chairs would not be possible. Every dollar you contribute to the Randolph Foundation goes directly to use in our community, as well as being tax deductible.

Mark Kelley  
President

# **I. Standing Committee Reports**

## **A. Educational Scholarships - Maria Neal**

My first year as our Scholarship Chair has been truly satisfying. It has been a joy to interface with the talented young people of our town who are pursuing their higher education.

Between our winter 2021 and summer 2022 application periods, the Randolph Foundation awarded \$6550 in scholarships to five exceptional Randolph students. Our awardees are Phoebe Ross (White Mountains Community College), Autumn Brown (Brigham Young University), Jordan Kai Parlett (University of New Hampshire), Grace Bradley (New Hampshire Technical Institute) and Nathaniel Leblanc (Emmanuel College).

In an effort to provide more help to Randolph families with children, this past year the Foundation initiated a new project wherein we pay the non-resident fee for Randolph children who participate in sports run by the Gorham Parks and Recreation Dept. We also participated in a similar fashion with a summer day-camp operated on a trial basis for the first time by Gorham Rec. We supported only 1 Randolph child in the summer of FY 2022 day-camp. This summer (showing up in fiscal year 2023) the program is no longer on a trial basis and the number of Randolph participants increased to 6. These summer participants enjoyed daily swimming at Libby pool, Randolph hikes, arts & crafts, plays hosted by the Medallion theater, as well as other enriching activities and excursions.

## **B. Grants Committee - Mark Santos**

The Randolph Foundation awarded 2 grants as follows:

- \$265 to the Ed Fenn Elementary School in Gorham, in aid of defraying costs for each student participating in AMC field trips
- \$500 to the Gorham Middle and High School senior class “Chem Free” initiative

The Foundation provided a Letter of Commitment to the Gorham Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$10,000 in support of the construction an all inclusive “Limitless Playground”, to include a wheel chair swing as well as other accessible equipment, sensory stations, and a multi level sandbox. This playground will be approximately 54’x42’ and is believed to be the first of its kind in Coos County. The funding will not be released until the construction phase is under way, which is expected to begin in 2023.

### **C. Lifeline - Philip Guiser**

Lifeline is a service provided by New England Emergency Response System (NEERS) who equips users with a lightweight button for emergency use. If activated, the system will contact the user and dispatch whomever they have designated, including the police or an ambulance. It provides 24- hour safety throughout your home and property. The Randolph Foundation pays half of the monthly fee for full time and seasonal Randolph residents while they are in town. The Town of Randolph pays the other half. See our website for signup procedures. Around 11 or so Randolph households use this service.

### **D. Communications - Mark Kelley**

The Randolph Foundation supports three regular publications to help people stay in touch with Randolph, year round. **The Mountain View**, which is published four times a year, and mailed to interested parties. April, June, September and December are the regular publication months, with closings for material on the 15th of the previous month. Lucy Sandin, Editor is always looking for interesting material, and she can be reached by email at Lucy.Sandin@gmail.com. From September to June, **The Randolph Blizzard** is published each month, providing a place to view activities in Randolph. Closing for this publication is the 20th of the month prior to publication, and we mail to all residents, property owners and other people with an interest in Randolph. Event can be emailed to Linda.Dupont90@yahoo.com. **The Randolph Weekly** is published every Friday from the Fourth of July to Labor Day, and is found at six locations throughout Randolph for easy pickup on Friday mornings. An editor is appointed each Spring for the following season, and Linda DuPont did an excellent job during 2022.

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In addition, The Randolph Foundation maintains a website ([RandolphFoundationNH.org](http://RandolphFoundationNH.org)) which has all the publications updated regularly as well as many past issues.

## **E. Ravine House Site/Durand Lake Area - Philip Guiser**

The big news is that the resurfacing of the tennis court was completed last fall. This was a major project expense but the court should be good for another 50 years or so. Dave and Alison Tomlinson oversaw the work done by New England Tennis Courts (the company that originally constructed the court) as well as doing the final prep work and opening the court this spring. With the help of Lauren Bradly, Dave and Alison also planted a number of evergreens (arborvitaes) around the north and north-east borders that, when they grow some, should help protect the court from winds that remove the clay every year.

Durand Lake looks to be in fine shape. The water level is right where it should be and the past years' repairs seem to be working.

The pool is not faring so well. The dam has been unable to contain enough water to support the dam's full height of boards. The town recently arranged for a dam inspector from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services to check things out and he presented a general plan to remedy the situation. But it appears that it won't be quick and it won't be easy. Like the 50-year resurfacing of the tennis court, it might be time for major work on the dam.

Back to the good news, the flower garden at the Ravine House site is spectacular this year. Thank you, Marcia Lee. And there is an excellent crop of blue berries around the lake, especially the patch to the east of the tennis court

As is always the case, the volunteers who keep this area looking great and functioning have earned our gratitude. Appreciation goes to those who plant and maintain the flower beds, 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. And as always, the Randolph Foundation has paid for the mowing around the lake and the Ravine House site as well as contracting for the annual field mowing.

## **F. Finance Committee - Caesar Bryan**

The total value of the Foundation's portfolio managed by Janney Montgomery Scott at the end of June , 2022 was \$838,805 . This compares with \$955,588 at the end of June, 2021 . During the fiscal year , \$15,000 was withdrawn from the account to help fund the Foundation's commitments. This occurred in the third quarter of 2021. These numbers do not reflect any funds held at Northway Bank on behalf of the Foundation.

For the twelve months to the end of June ,2022 the portfolio lost 10.8% . This compares with a loss of 10.4% for the blended benchmark calculated by Janney . This benchmark consists of S&P Equal Weight Index 50%, Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index 35%, MSCI EAFE ( non US equities) 10% and ML 3 Month Treasury Index (cash equivalent) 5%. During the period under review fixed income barely outperformed equities as most asset classes declined in the face of persistent inflation which has caused the Federal Reserve to adopt a tighter monetary policy.

The Board of the Foundation would like to thank Geoff Beringer and his colleagues at Janney who manage the portfolio. As a reminder , the portfolio is primarily invested in low cost passive funds that track an index and the manager rebalances the portfolio from time to time , where appropriate. Finally, in April , 2022 the Board updated the Foundation's Investment Guidelines . The last revision took place in April, 2015 .

## G. Treasurer's Report - Philip Guiser

<b>Randolph Foundation Fiscal Report for 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022</b>				
	<b>Fiscal Year 2022</b>			<b>Fiscal Year 2023</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual*</b>		<b>Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Donations	35,000	40,859		35,000
Janney Account	39,000	15,000		23,650
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>74,000</b>	<b>55,859</b>		<b>58,650</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Admin	8,400	10,143		9,000
Durand/Ravine	27,000	25,224		6,000
Grants	17,000	765		14,000
Gorham Rec.	500	385		500
Lifeline	2,000	1,974		2,000
Website	1,200	757		1,000
Scholarships	11,200	7,550		7,550
Blizzard	2,500	2,176		2,300
MountainView	9,000	9,775		11,000
Weekly	1,200	1,075		1,300
<i>Celebration 2024</i>	4,000	0		4,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>84,000</b>	<b>59,824</b>		<b>58,650</b>
USDA EQIP Grant	225,029	0		225,029
for Town Forest		*non-audited		

## II. Foundation Directors FY 22

### Officers

Mark Kelley 2025, President  
Caesar Bryan 2024, Vice President  
Phil Guiser 2022, Treasurer  
Jennifer DeMarco 2026, Secretary

### Members

Mark Santos 2022  
Guy Stever 2022  
Gary Newfield 2023  
Beth Krusi 2026  
Maria Neal 2026

### New Members, Class of 2027

**Rick Umiker** Having grown quite fond of Ginny during college, Rick first came to Randolph in the mid-seventies, enjoying a hike or two each summer and ski lessons in winter during visits with Hank and Peeko Folsom. Ginny and Rick were married in the Randolph church in September 1980, after which Ginny moved to Southborough, MA to join Rick at St. Mark's School. By then, Rick had already completed four years of teaching mathematics, coaching cross country and basketball, and supervising a dormitory.

Rick and Ginny stayed at St. Mark's School until their retirement in 2020. During his 44 years there, he served in leadership roles including Mathematics Department Chairman and Assistant Head/ Dean of Faculty, while always retaining and most highly valuing his roles as teacher and coach—ever hopeful that his appreciation for the beauty of mathematics and the value of living in community were rubbing off on his students.

Since retirement, Ginny and Rick have become year-round residents of Randolph. Rick particularly enjoys DIY home improvement projects and opportunities for community engagement. He serves on the GRS School Board, as a Supervisor of the Checklist, and on a town energy committee. Together, they are the proud parents of three children and grandparents of three, all of whom share a growing love for Randolph.



**Garrett Rella** - is one of three boys in his family. His father, a retired NH State Trooper, moved his family to Colebrook, NH in the late 90s where they settled down on a farm.

When he turned 18, he became a volunteer fire fighter for the Town of Colebrook. This started his passion in community service and giving back to the community that raised him. He then attended NH Technical Institute in Concord NH where he received my Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

In 2013, Garrett moved back to Colebrook and became a Correctional Officer at the Coos County Department of Corrections. At the end of 2014, he was fortunate enough to be hired by the NH State Police, following in his father's footsteps.

Garrett graduated the 166<sup>th</sup> Police Academy and was stationed in Patrol 3 (Berlin/Gorham/Randolph area) out of the Troop F Barracks in Twin Mountain NH. He met his wife Taylor, a native of Gorham, when he moved to town. Taylor and Garrett purchased a lovely log cabin on 9 acres in Randolph, on Valley Road, in 2020.

They tied the knot October of last year!

After patrolling the Great North Woods for approximately five years, Garrett was promoted to Troop Detective where he is currently assigned. He also serves on the board of directors for Coos County Child Advocacy Center, a non-profit organization to help kids in need.

Garrett's passion is being a part of the community and helping others. He enjoys fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, hiking and just about anything outdoors.

**Redza "Red" Dempster** - first came to Randolph 25 years ago, and as a pre-pandemic adopter of telecommuting, has been fortunate to spend longer blocks of the summertime here since 2015. His most recent position has been as vice president, client services for a medical education company. At his winter residence in Key West, he's served on the boards of two arts organizations and is currently on the Executive Committee for The Studios of Key West. Redza is the Founder of Porches of Randolph which launched this season with eight porch parties, attended by over 150 guests, and raised funds for the Foundation, the RMC, and the Library. Redza was born in Malaysia, raised in California, and earned a bachelors degree from Brown University. He is married to former Foundation board member Keith Dempster, and they share their Durand Road home with their reclusive rescue dog, Hatchi.



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