

## Randolph Publications Clarification

By Barbara Arnold

Many times I am asked, just what is the *Blizzard* or *Weekly* or *Mountain View*? Their purposes can be confusing and their schedules the same. I will attempt to clarify this with a bit of history about each.

*The Mountain View* was first published in September, 1990, the brain child of George Bowers, Don Wilson and Bill Bradley. Under the title name was the phrase "A newsletter by and for the Randolph Community" and its purpose was to bring information to the Randolph community whether the person was a resident whose family has been coming here for many generations, a new resident, or someone connected to the community by the mountains or otherwise. It was published at least three times per year but for the most part, four times per year since its inception. The articles range from strictly informational to interesting facts and history about the town and community at large. Over the last 22 years, there have been three publishers, seven editors, three associate editors, and two people responsible for layout. Articles have come from far and wide, all pertaining to or about Randolph and the surrounding area. While the *Mountain View* was a priority for the foundation, funding was always a concern. Enter the Bowers-Cross Fund. These two families established a fund to promote communication in the Randolph community. The fund's guidelines are few: the *Mountain View* will be published four times per year, it will contain no advertisements, and it will hold no political positions or opinions. It also made provisions to establish any other publications to promote community and communication. This has enabled the foundation to offer a stipend for the editor and the layout person, and to set a schedule so people can look for it routinely. The fund has allowed us to upgrade programs and dissemination methods. It has also allowed the foundation to encourage other publications and grant seed money for individual projects fulfilling the above guidelines. All this was done without impacting the foundation's primary projects of supporting education and other worthy projects. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the Bowers-Cross families. The foundation, using money from the fund, now routinely publishes the following two papers as well as the *Mountain View*.

*The Weekly* came next. It was meant to imitate the "Green Sheet" put out by the Boothmans at the Mt.

Crescent House which informed residents in the summer about activities in town and even gave a list of baked goods available each week. I never saw the Green Sheet but have heard many fond things about it. Again, the *Weekly* was the brain child of Bill Bradley and others, its purpose is purely informational; event, location, time with a few general announcements at the end. It started in July of 1993 as one side of one page but rapidly evolved to fill both sides of one page. It is published weekly in the summer and people can pick up a copy at various locations around town on Fridays. It is available basically from Fourth of July week through Labor Day weekend.

Last in the trilogy is the *Blizzard*. The *Blizzard* is again, purely informational. It lists events and meetings in Randolph and the surrounding community. The *Blizzard* started in October, 1997, and has been published monthly ever since. Initially it was published in the months neither the *Mountain View* nor the *Weekly* were published but this proved confusing and not adequate to meet the needs of the community. It is now published September through June, with information much like the *Weekly*, covering a month at a time and mailed first class to residents of Randolph and anyone else who requests it. It has roughly 200 recipients. I have been editing this paper since the beginning but will be handing the reins over to Laura Brockett with the December issue.

To recap and hopefully reduce any confusion:

- The *Mountain View* is published four times a year; September, December, April, and June. It contains articles, photos, notices and other information (such as this article) that pertain to the community. It is a larger publication and needs time to be edited and put together; consequently, the deadline needs to be the month before publication. Articles and photos are welcomed and encouraged. Please send them to Dede Aube at [daube@ne.rr.com](mailto:daube@ne.rr.com) as soon as possible but no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication (i.e.: August 15 for September, November 15 for December, March 15 for April and May 15 for June; earlier is much better for any of these deadlines).

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- The *Blizzard* is to be in mailboxes by the first of the month. It is purely informational with dates, location, and times of events with small announcements at the end. To give time for printing and mailing the deadline is a week before the end of the month, usually the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> for next month's edition. Again it is published September through June. All information should be sent to Laura Brockett at [lbrockett@gmail.com](mailto:lbrockett@gmail.com), the sooner in the month, the better.
- The *Weekly* is published each Friday of the summer season. It is more frequent due to the many activities of the summer season. Again, it is purely informational like the *Blizzard*. Gail Scott is the editor and can be reached at [msscott1@ne.rr.com](mailto:msscott1@ne.rr.com). Her deadline is Tuesday of each week.

All of these publications must abide by the terms of the Bowers-Cross Fund. All of these publications are also available electronically at the Randolph Foundation website ([www.randolphfoundationnh.org](http://www.randolphfoundationnh.org)) or on the town's website ([www.randolph.nh.gov](http://www.randolph.nh.gov), under local interest tab). A simple way to think about them – *Mountain View*: articles, photos, and notices, all others simple notices of event, time and place.

Please contact the individuals listed for each publication for more information about their publication or you can contact me at [barbara.arnold51@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.arnold51@gmail.com).

## Exhausted Chicago Man Calls for Assistance on Mt. Madison

At approximately 6:45pm on Friday September 7, 2012 a call came in from 911 to State Police Troop F in Twin Mountain. The caller reported that an 81 year old male had become fatigued and could no longer continue to hike. The caller was calling for his father of Lake Forest, IL. The father son team had left the Appalachia parking lot in Randolph at 9am. They hiked up Valley way trail attempting to summit Mt. Madison. At around 4:30pm the 81 father had become tired and had leg cramps. As he tried to push on due to his strong will, the cramps became worse. At around 6:30pm the son called 911. Lt. Conservation Officer Douglas Gralenski received the call and had two officers hike up to assess the situation and decide whether the 81 year old man was able to walk out with assistance or litter carry him down the Mountain. When the officers arrived on the scene at 8:36pm and spoke with the hikers it was realized that their food and water consumption was not adequate for the strenuous activity of hiking. The officers gave the man food and drink and a little more rest. He was very apologetic and was determined to hike down with assistance. With an Officer on each side of him the fatigued hiker was able to make it half way to the parking lot before he could no longer walk with assistance safely. At that time Conservation Officers made the decision to place him in a litter with assistance from Randolph Mt. Club, AMC and other officers. He was then carried the rest of the way and arrived at the Appalachia parking lot at 11:30pm. He was very thankful of the services rendered by officers, clubs and volunteers. This is another lesson for other hikers to know their limits and prepare for any hike with enough food and water to sustain enough energy to make it to your destination and back.

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Randolph can claim the honor of yet another "outstanding teen" among its residents. Autumn Brown, daughter of Charles and Angela Brown and an 8th grader at Gorham Middle School, was crowned as Miss Berlin-Gorham's Outstanding Teen 2013 on Saturday, October 27, at the Medalion Opera House in Gorham. Autumn performed a dramatic monologue from Neil Simon's *Star Spangled Girl* for her tal-

ent presentation. Her platform is "When I grow up I want to be. . . exploring careers for women," a topic she chose in order to help other young women realize the options available to them. Autumn will represent the Berlin-Gorham area at the Miss New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen state scholarship program in February 2013, where the current titleholder, Randolph-raised Eileen Kelley, will give up her crown. Will she be placing it on Autumn's head? Stay tuned to find out. . . Photo provided by family

## A Newton-Einstein Conversation in Randolph!

-- by Dr. Sada Shankar Saxena

1. Mountains are favorite tourist spots for scientists and non-scientists alike. In fact, all of us possess a pastiche of science and art enmeshed. We admire symmetry and beauty, and therefore truth, is it not? Therefore, shall we call ourselves 'scientists' of some sort – if not, out of sorts?

2. As a 'thought experiment' (called *gedanken* in German - Einstein was fond of these), imagine Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein in Randolph (say, as guests of Samarjit Shankar). Samarjit's father is visiting from India too with his credentials including having been a theoretical physicist of the TIFR (Tata Institute of Fundamental Research), Bombay. As host, Samarjit might want to talk about the trails of the Randolph Mountain Club, yet he finds these three guests listening to hummingbirds and the hermit thrush! Why? It is elementary dear Watson, a la Sherlock Holmes – particle physicists are 'humming' most of the time and are 'hidden' hermits too!

3. Newton and Einstein recall – we all love occasional visits to the mountains yet what was Galileo doing atop a mountain most of the time? Perhaps he was guessing that a ball of lead and that of cotton ought to fall on the ground at the same time (of course, if the air resistance, friction, etc. were absent). He also arranged for lanterns waved across two mountains, Einstein recalls, to hopefully measure the speed of light?

Newton confesses to Einstein – “The night sky here at Randolph is bright and clear, the heavens so near I feel like plucking the stars away! Moreover, I have already figured out the laws of motion and gravity, yet no clue, as to how precisely the forces of gravitation work in the sky or light travels, notwithstanding the vacuum of outer space – what kind of action at a distance? I have been collecting pebbles at the seashore, no doubt, but now, here a big boulder in the White Mountains?”

Einstein assures Newton – “Do not worry Isaac, since childhood I have wanted to run a long a beam of light, eventually wanting to overtake it! When I could not do that, howsoever hard I tried, I announced that the velocity of light is a constant ... I even went on to say that I do not need luminiferous ether either! I do hope Isaac, that I have not offended your sensibilities as you do not recognize light as waves but as a particle, corpuscular in nature.”

4. Newton pipes in – “Err, it is okay Albert, but tell me why did you think, in the first place, of running away (alone!), even if it was a pretty dame called LIGHT?”

Newton ruminates further and mumbles to himself – “I think I 'enjoyed' it much better ... that too in a sitting position in my own Lab. No need to run after it! I mean, I kept playing with its rainbow colors through my prisms, VIBGYOR for sure!”

5. Einstein, looking in the air, struggling a bit with his German accent while talking English to a Briton such as Newton, bemoans – “You arre right, Isaac ... if the damn (dame) LIGHT had not ditched me, I would have finally found out what the old one (God) is doing. Hope not playing dice! Still, a limerick was published in 'Punch' on my relativity”:

There once was a young lady named Bright  
Who could travel much faster than light  
She set out one day, in a relative way  
And came back the previous night!

6. Coming back to modern times, it seems Stephen Hawking was born on the anniversary of Galileo's death. He holds Newton's Chair as Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge, and some claim he is a modern Einstein! But, unlike the three of them, he asserts, 'he has banished God' though, sitting on his specially improvised chair, he has changed his mind a couple of times especially about the Information Paradox, losing a bet (and champagne crate), particularly when pitched against the reputed string theorist, Leonard Susskind.

We all know, that a black hole, is a kind of gravitational monstrosity where, if trapped, even the dame Light cannot get out!

7. Voila! Thought Experiment (*gedanken*) continues – as a new insight, the concept of "Parallax" strikes as a cool clue – cogent, convincing and perhaps covariant.

'Parallax' is a familiar term, used in optics and astronomy, yet a deeper, philosophical content can arguably be provided when conceived as instrumentality for creation in a wider connotation. Without detailing its components, just visualize, what exactly is implied, say by the term interface ... or, terms like interaction, intersection, criss-crossing that we interchangeably talk about in common parlance. Does it not mean that an inert ONE is no good – one must

have at least TWO (the second one---to interact/interface) for creation of any sort?

Chinese thought comes to mind with its Yin and Yang. India's YOGA (which means 'to yoke') is so well known, there is no need to read the full Upanishads. Even though Erwin Schrodinger, the famous quantum physicist from Vienna, did study them in detail, they being the fountainhead of great oriental thought, akin to the status perhaps of Plato in Greek philosophy ... however, today, Schrodinger is notoriously remembered for his thought experiment on a cat alone.

Even in our modern digital technology, are the two entities, Zero and One, not imperative? A 'Parallelism 'of sorts! In a word, Parallax (abbreviated as Px for convenience) can hopefully be a useful tool, in tackling the nagging dilemmas and paradoxes accumulating in Modern Physics!

8. In short, Newton and Einstein might be overheard, in the cool, salubrious Randolph ambience saying, "Hey! ...enough of physics, how about a dose of some metaphysics."

Are not Quantum Mechanics and General Relativity (refusing to reconcile with each other, towards a Holy Grail) really the ideal candidates for some synergistic lateral thinking? Absolutely so, even a hummingbird might chirp in to confirm the same!

Before talking about the utopia of the so called TOE (Theory of Everything), should not one pause a lit-

tle, at least to reflect what EVERYTHING means? Does it not include us, human beings, in the first place ... rather than mathematical equations alone in some abstract space? Not that math is irrelevant, but the nature of the Physical Law (as the famed Nobel Laureate Richard Feynman would lecture about) has to be the starting point, for sheer roots & elegance alike, is it not?

For example, instead of getting away by propounding a cheeky 'Anthropic Principle', why not turn the issue on its head by reflecting on the following posers: Who am I? Why was I born? Why the Universe? What purpose?

Pondering deeply on these big questions, ab initio, the intrinsic "Parallax" of Man and the Universe needs to be cleared (understood), before attempting/expecting to 'measure' things ... and seeing Total Reality and perceiving a clear image! Without this basic paradigm shift, be ready ... blurred images would keep on recurring, with their Parallax un-removed)! (Why blame the poor partial differential equations alone not getting solved.)

Lest the danger lurks, the TOE might look like a TON (Theory of NOTHING)!

9. Moral of the *gedanken*: Keep visiting the White Mountains in New Hampshire and keep walking on Randolph trails, at least during the fall foliage!

Amen !

## Randolph Foundation Grants

by Laura Archambault

One of the major activities of the Randolph Foundation is supporting projects which address the needs of Randolph and the surrounding North Country communities in a variety of areas including conservation, communication, education, recreation, town history, leadership, health and welfare. Last year the Foundation provided grants to support an Eagle Scout project to improve the rest stop at the top of Randolph Hill Rd.; to send eight middle school students to a leadership conference; to support after-school activities for 50 students and to support the area Farmers' Market in Berlin with entertainment funds.

This year the board is particularly interested in providing funding for education programs that target youth and conservation projects located in Randolph. To apply for a grant please visit the website [RandolphFoundationNH.org](http://RandolphFoundationNH.org) and click on Scholarships/Grants.

## Presidential Election - 2012 -Town of Randolph Results

by Anne Kenison, Town Clerk

Randolph had a 91% turnout (250 people voted including 63 absentee)

### President

Barack Obama 172 Mitt Romney 77

### Governor

Maggie Hassan 161 Ovide Lamontagne 72 John Babiarz 5

### US House Rep District 2

Ann Kuster 155 Charlie Bass 82 Hardy Macia 5

### Councilor District 1

Beth Funicella 76 Ray Burton 144 Howard Wilson 5

### State Senator District 1

Jeff Woodburn 164 Debi Warner 72

### Rep State House Coos District 5

Marcia Hammon 153 John Tholl 76

### Rep State House - Coos Dist 7

Evalyn Merrick 146 Leon Rideout 78

### Sheriff

Gerald Marcou 216

### Attorney

John McCormick 154 Phillip Beiner 54

### County Treasurer

Frederick King 201

### Reg of Deeds

Tayna Batchelder 210

### Reg of Probate

Terri Peterson 210

### Amendments

#1 Yes 97 No 134

#2 Yes 65 No 122

#3 Yes 63 No 158

## What's Randolph Reading?

### The Bard in Winter, A Reading Group Jim Hunt, 466-3456

I am proposing a Shakespeare reading group, the fixed meeting times and dates to be determined at our first gathering which will be at the Randolph Library during January in the evening. Also to be established will be the readings for the group. My initial suggestion is a tragedy, a comedy, a history, *The Tempest*, and selected sonnets. All are welcome! I envision a group, some of whom may have never read his plays, others who may have missed a play along the line, and others who may be rereading old favorites. (My initial idea for a reading group came from my desire to read Shakespeare at 70.) I encourage high school students to join us. My sincerest hope is that we will all be reading "Will" as if for the first time. The play's the thing ... please.

**The Back Porch Readers** just finished reading Clara and Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland. This is the little-known story of Clara Driscoll, artist and designer behind Tiffany lamps. This piece of historical fiction takes place in early 20th-century Manhattan. For more information about this group, call Barbara Arnold, 466-2438. Our next book is "In the Garden of the Beasts" by Eric Larson.

The **Randolph Library Children's Book Group's** fall selection was Wild Wings by Gill Lewis. Set against the dramatic landscape of Scotland and West Africa, this is a timeless tale of hope and friendship--a heart-warming novel infused with the beauty of nature. The story was read aloud each Wednesday starting in September and was followed up with activities connected with the story including the tracking of osprey.

**Paint Marble and Words: Fiction and Art**, led by Ingrid Graff. Watch the Blizzard for dates and times.

## What's Cooking in Randolph?

*The late Nancy Zickler, once of Gorham, shared this recipe with Robin Henne of Shelburne who brought it to the Back Porch Book meeting. Randolph Library Trustee, Sandy Wier then made this marvelous cake in the form of little breads and gave them as appreciation gifts to the volunteers of the library. With all this passing around, you can bet this recipe is a scrumptious.*

### Nancy's Pumpkin Spice Cake

1 stick butter	1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup sugar	1/2 tsp nutmeg
2 eggs	1/4 tsp cloves
1 tsp vanilla	1/4 tsp ginger
1 1/2 cups flour	3/4 cup pumpkin
1 tsp baking soda	6 oz. chocolate chips
1/2 tsp salt	1/2 cup nuts (Sandy used pecans)

Soften butter, add sugar and one egg at a time. Add vanilla. Combine dry ingredients and add to batter alternately with pumpkin. Add chips and nuts. Bake 1.5 hours in greased and floured loaf pan at 350. Cool in pan 15 minutes, remove and cool on rack one hour.

*Selectperson Michele Cormier shared this recipe with Randolph Mahjong Players.*

### Pumpkin Apple Bisque 6 servings

16oz pumpkin product/puree  
 2 cups chicken stock  
 2 cups heavy cream (2% milk also works)  
 4 medium red apples, peeled, cored & halved  
 1/2 cup diced onions  
 1 T curry powder (or for the less adventures 1 1/2 t.)  
 1 t. cumin  
 1 t. cinnamon  
 1/4 cup brown sugar or maple syrup

Sautee onions and spices. Add apples and stock. Mash apples and add pumpkin. Puree. Add cream and brown sugar. Heat thoroughly. Simmer lots. Eat.



### Traditional Randolph Caroling Event

All are invited to the traditional Randolph Christmas Caroling Party, Saturday, Dec. 22, at Marie Beringer's house, 232 Randolph Hill Road. Caroling people gather at 6:30 p.m. Those who don't want to join the singers, come at 8 p.m. for the traditional Christmas party and poetry recitation. Bring a Christmas goody. Beverages will be supplied but participants may bring their own beverage as well. Suggestions for folks who would like to be sung to are more than welcome. FMI: Gail at [msscott1@ne.rr.com](mailto:msscott1@ne.rr.com) or 466-5498.



Carolers sing in front of the home of Ernie and Denise Demers on Durand Rd. Photo: Gail Scott, 2011

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