

Mountain View



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Knighted in Denmark - Bruce Kirmmse

by Gail Scott



Sir Bruce Kirmmse Courtesy Photo

Randolph resident Bruce Kirmmse was awarded knighthood in the Order of the Dannebrog on Sunday, May 5, during ceremonies in Copenhagen, Denmark, celebrating the 200th anniversary of philosopher Soren

Kierkegaard's birth.

Kierkegaard, May 1813—Nov. 1855, was a philosopher, theologian, poet, social critic, and religious author, who influenced late 19th and 20th century philosophy, particularly in the concept of existentialism.

Kirmmse, a Professor Emeritus of history at Connecticut College and former chair of the history department at that school, has been an eminent scholar and translator of the works of Kierkegaard and is presently general editor and principal translator of "Kierkegaard's Journals and Notebooks" being published in eleven volumes by the Princeton University Press.

As Kirmmse described the day, first there was a ceremony with the Queen of Denmark to celebrate the Kierkegaard's birthday at the University of Copenhagen, during which a new, 55-volume edition of all Kierkegaard's writings (in Danish) was turned over to the university.

In the early afternoon, Kirmmse presented a formal academic paper ("In Danish," he notes), in the university's ceremonial hall.

Mid-afternoon, the assembled dignitaries went to the Copenhagen Museum for the opening ceremonies for an exhibit of things relating to Kierkegaard, then a formal banquet at an elegant Copenhagen restaurant.

At the banquet, "Each course was preceded by a little speech by one or another participant about some aspect of love, as explained by Kierkegaard," Kirmmse wrote in an email. "I had been selected to give the fourth and central one of seven speeches, but just before I could deliver it, silence was called for and the elegant Dr. Ida Nicolaisen, a professor at the University of Copenhagen and at Rockefeller University in Manhattan, gave a speech commending me for my scholarship and publications and 40-plus years of work, making Danish Golden Age culture (including, but not limited to the philosopher Kierkegaard) accessible to the broader English-speaking world. . . . She then informed me officially that I was a knight, awarding me the visible symbols of that honor—namely a certificate issued by the Queen and a medal (a 'decoration') to wear on ceremonial occasions."

In answer to questions, Kirmmse said that "most of the members of the order are Danes who are high-level civil servants, top-ranking military officers, important academics, and so forth.

"I believe it is quite unusual for non-Danes to be knighted, at any rate it's been about 25 or 30 years since the last American academic I know who was knighted—though there may be others of whom I do not know. The Queen, I was informed, never knights anybody, but authorizes that they be given a knighthood, which is then conveyed by a third party—which is what happened in my case. Then the person knighted has one year to seek an audience with the Queen during which he (or she, there are female knights) is supposed to thank the Queen".

"Since I am in the middle of a three-day academic conference right now . . . and I am leaving for China next week (another conference) and after that Brazil (another conference,) I am postponing my visit to the Queen until I get back to Denmark some time next fall or winter."

Despite his travels and international academic obligations, Kirmmse is an active member of the

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 Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of every month.
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Community Calendar

(NOTE: For recurring meeting schedules see "Town Directory" on the left)

Compline sung at 9:00pm Sundays at the Randolph Church, Route 2

July

- 3 Songs for a Summer Evening, Bill Minifie, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Town Hall
- 4 RMC Fourth of July Tea, 3:00-5:00pm, Kenyon's Barn, 260 Randolph Hill
- 7 Randolph Art Show Reception, 4:00-6:00pm, Town Hall
- 14 Woodspring-Stock, Woodspring Road, 12:00noon
- 19 Summer Reading- *Measure of a Man*, 10:30am, Library
- 20 Library Book, Bake & Craft Sale, 9:00am-12:00noon, Town Hall
- 23 Music in my Pockets, Jeff Warner, 6:30pm, Town Hall
- 31 Picnic and Berlin Jazz Band, 6:30-8:30pm, Municipal Building

August

- 1 RMC Gourmet Hike, Pine Mountain Ledges meet at Randolph East, 9:30am
- 2 An Overview of the Sport of Mountaineering, Robert Kruszyna, 7:00pm Town Hall
- 3 Randolph Forest Day 9:00am, Presentation, Town Hall 10:00am, Tour departs for Pond of Safety Road
- 4 Susan Ferré Organist, 4:00pm, Randolph Church
- 7 RMC Gourmet Dinner, Libby's Bistro, Advanced reservations required
- 16 Summer Reading, *Snow Country*, 10:30am, Library
- 16 Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting and Guest Speaker, 4:00 pm
- 17 Fireman's Breakfast, 7:30 - 10:00am Town Municipal Building
- 17 100th Annual Charades and Picnic, 12:00-2:00pm, Mossy Glen
- 17 RMC Square Dance, Sugar Plum Farm, 232 Randolph Hill, 7:30- 9:30 pm

Ravine House Pool Renovations Scheduled

The Ravine House dam will be under construction beginning this summer. The engineers will have final plans and all permits from DES and the Dams Bureau by mid May. One of the constraints of the permits is that construction take place only between June 1 and October 1 due to fisheries protection.

Once the Selectmen give their approval to the plans, requests for construction bids may be solicited. We expect to hold the pre-bid meeting with interested contractors by the end of May. Bids should be opened by about June 15 with construction to commence around July 8. The town has been assured that FEMA will pick up 75% of the costs with the town responsible for the remainder. The total project is expected to come in at about \$140,000 with the town's share at \$35,000. There is a reserve available for this purpose in the Recreation Facilities Reserve fund.

Most of you are aware that the dam completely failed after the Hurricane Irene flooding of 2011, which qualified the town for FEMA funding. This has been a slow process, but we were able to make the pool usable last summer pending the final decision for repair and reconstruction. Now we are hopeful to have a permanent solution.

The bad news is the pool will not be filled this summer and the only access from Durand Road to Durand Lake and the community recreation area will be via the Beeline Path.

With the anticipation of a properly functioning dam by the end of this summer we can all look forward to a usable pool in 2014. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding this summer.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Building Permits

REMINDER

Randolph property owners are responsible for ensuring that they or their builders receive any necessary permits before beginning any construction. Building permits must be approved by the Selectmen. The Selectmen need time to review all permits, so please remember to submit them early enough to allow that process.

1/14/13 01-13 Rebecca Bothman
Demolish Barn
3/11/13 01-13 Ben Eisenberg
Adding Solar Panels to Roof
4/22/13 02-13 Steuer/Nusman
Replace existing Porch

Real Estate Transactions

12/07/2012

From: Stever Risley Co. Inc.
To: Daniel E Bailey and Valerie W. Bailey

12/13/ 2012

From: Daniel E. Eisenbud and Monika Eisenbud
To: Daniel E. Eisenbud



"Flowers for Sale" Photo by Karen Eitel

New Semi-annual Tax Billing in 2013

At the March town meeting, voters approved a change in tax collections from a single November billing to SEMI-ANNUAL tax billing. All taxpayers should receive their "First" bill sometime after June 15. This bill will be one-half of their previous billing from November 2012. Payments are due by July 1.

Any taxpayer who has a mortgage company that pays their taxes directly should be aware they will need to forward this bill to their mortgage company.

In the fall, as usual, the NH Department of Revenue will calculate the tax rate and the tax bills will be generated at that new rate with a credit for the first half year payment. These bills will be issued mid-November with payment due by December 1.

We hope this semi-annual collection process will smooth out cash flows and eliminate the need for tax anticipation borrowing.

"Bruce Kirmmse", from page 1

Randolph community when he's here, serving as chairman of the Conservation Commission, and noted especially as an entertaining guide last summer to the Israel's River section in Randolph which may become part of the Randolph Town Forest when various negotiations are completed. He has made himself a minor expert on the lives of beavers along the Israel's River.

According to his Connecticut College biography, he retired from the college in 2007, is the author of several books, numerous articles and essays and translations, much relating to the work of Kierkegaard, and he has published on other matters related to Scandinavian history such as the writer Hans Christian Andersen and the Danish-Swedish rescue of the Danish Jews from the Nazis during World War II. He received a Fulbright Travel Grant in 1992 and A Fulbright Research Fellowship in 1990-91, as well as an American Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship to the University of Copenhagen and the Royal Danish Library.

His books include "Encounter with Kierkegaard: A Life as Seen by His Contemporaries," written with Virginia R. Laursen; a translation of "Soren Kierke-

gaard: A Biography" by Joakim Garff; "Soren Kierkegaard and the Common Man" by Jorgen Bukdahl, translated by Kirmmse; and "Kierkegaard in Golden Age Denmark."

His students at Conn College loved him. "Professor Kirmmse's Intellectual and Cultural History course is among the best things that ever happened to me," wrote one student in 2007. "Intellectually liberating, fun, challenging, his retirement is a tremendous loss to the community. He shall be sorely missed. I feel sorry for the current students at CC who shall not have the good fortune to take his courses."

"Fun class. Has a quirky sense of humor which makes the lectures interesting. Really knows his stuff and has a strange fascination with languages."

"This man is truly a marvel, goes beyond just presenting facts and interpretations about the intellectuals he discusses to actually acting as though he were inside the mindset of the great thinkers he is discussing."

Editors Note: Bruce traveled from Denmark to China, to Brazil via South Africa but by the time this article is read, he should be comfortably home in Randolph.

Zane Brown Looking for Volunteers to Help with Catalogue Randolph Cemetery

This is Zane Brown's "Senior Project" and Zane is asking that anyone who has a Smartphone or who is willing to help digitally catalog the Randolph cemetery as part of his senior project meet with him at the town hall on Friday July 12th at 11:00. Should the weather turn to rain, a rain date has been set for Saturday July 13th. Orientation and an explanation of the application to be used will be given. After that, everyone participating will travel down the road to the Randolph cemetery. Anybody who wishes to participate but cannot attend on Friday is encouraged to bring his or her laptop to the town hall on Wednesday July 24th at the same 11:00. This session will consist of the transcription of the photos taken on Friday.

Water will be provided on Friday. Anyone attending is reminded to wear sunscreen and a hat, as well as to make sure that your Smartphone has a charged battery. Bringing the charger for your laptop is also recommended. Anybody with questions can email Zane at soothsayer96@yahoo.com.

Music in the Great North Woods Summer Concerts 2013

Sundays at 9:00 pm	Compline sung at the Randolph Church Rt. 2, Randolph, NH
June 21, Friday, 7:30 pm	Christopher Anderson, organist Gorham Congregational Church, 143 Main Street, Gorham, NH
June 28, Friday, 7:30 pm	Mimi Mitchell, violin; Erick Schmalz, sackbutt Gorham Town Hall, 20 Park Street, Gorham, NH
July 2, Tuesday, 7:00 pm	Jonathan Biggers, organist St. Kieran Arts Center, 155 Emery, Berlin, NH
July 21, Sunday, 5:00 pm	Choral Evensong, Michie Akin, director St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2 High Street, Berlin, NH
July 30, Tuesday, 7:30 pm	Andrea LeBlanc, flute; David Kim, fortepiano Gorham Town Hall, 20 Park Street, Gorham, NH
August 4, Sunday, 4:00 pm	Susan Ferré, organist The Randolph Church, Rt. 2, Randolph, NH
August 18, Sunday, 5:00 pm	Choral Evensong, Susan Ferré, director St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2 High Street, Berlin, NH

Labor Day Weekend Big Moose Bach Fest V August 30-Sept. 1, Friday-Sunday

Friday 7:30 pm	St. Barnabas Church, 2 High Street, Berlin, NH Tour with Quentin Faulkner
Saturday, 2:30 pm	St. Kieran Arts Center, 155 Emery, Berlin, NH Organ and Chamber works
Saturday, 7:30 pm	Gorham Town Hall, 20 Park Street, Gorham, NH Christa Rakich, clavichord
Sunday, 4:30 pm	Gorham Town Hall, 20 Park Street, Gorham, NH Choral Works, Susan Ferré, director

Woodspring-Stock

Join us for Woodspring-Stock 2013 Sunday, **July 14** at the Cormier home on 62 Woodspring Road. Music begins at noon and runs until we all are exhausted.

This year we will be featuring Dos Conoscos y Mas, a Latin fusion jazz group from Maine, the Fireside Fiddlers, Shelburne Addition, Peter and Dorothy Bowers from South Carolina and Randolph, NH, and the headliner, Greg Boardman from Maine. Bring a picnic and lawn chairs and plan to spend the day.

The event is free but donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of the bands.



Paul & Michelle Cormier
B. Arnold photo

Randolph Church Summer Schedule

For 129 years the Randolph Church has stood atop Gorham Hill as a summer chapel bringing glory to God in the White Mountains and welcoming persons from all faith traditions. Services are held each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and are led each week by clergy from the area, as well as those from various parts of the country. All are cordially invited to join us in worship. Leadership this year will be provided by the following:

July 7	John Weatherly, Alexandria VA
July 14	Heidi Hoskins, Hanover NH
July 21	Eleanor McLaughlin, Randolph NH
July 28	William May, Bethesda MD
Aug. 4	Richard Doyle, East Hampton CT
Aug. 11	Stanley Wheeler, Farmington ME
Aug. 18	Edgar Adams, Richmond VA
Aug. 25	Kingsley Emerson, Hamden CT
Sept. 1	Rosalie Richards, Berlin NH

Organists providing the music leadership for these services include Heywood Alexander, Barbara Bishop, Patti Dunn, Susan Ferré, Suzanne Ozorak, and Barbara Wyession. Compline, a service of blessing for a quiet night, will be observed each Sunday evening at 9 p.m.

Randolph Art Show

The opening reception of the Randolph Art Show will be held on Sunday, July 7, from 4-6 pm. Refreshments will be served. One and all are welcome.

Roberta Arbree, Karen Eitel and Betsy Hess continue to organize this event and encourage Randolph artists to exhibit a piece of art this summer

In order to participate individuals must submit an entry form which may be obtained from one of the above individuals and email it to Karen Eitel karennewell.eitel@gmail.com by July 1. Persons may show one photo or one painting, no larger than 24" wide, due to space limitations and each participant is asked to include a \$10 donation to defray the cost of the reception. Checks can be made out to Betsy Hess

SUMMER 2013 Randolph Mountain Club Social Events Calendar

Mark your calendars!

Thursday July 4

The annual **RMC Fourth of July Tea** will take place at the Kenyon's Barn, Sky Meadow, 260 Randolph Hill Road from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Don't miss this kick-off of the summer season with punch, iced tea, and delicious baked goods from Becky Boothman. Catch up on the latest RMC news, check out new merchandise, meet the trail and hut crew, and reconnect with old friends.

Thursday August 1

The **RMC Gourmet Hike** will take place on the Pine Mountain ledges. We will meet at Randolph East at 9:30 AM. This is a wonderful community tradition of shared fun, food, and fellowship. Thanks to the Horton Center, a shorter route will be available for those who wish to take it.

Wednesday August 7

The summer **RMC Gourmet Dinner** will be held at Libby's Bistro at 6:00 PM. This is a culinary adventure not to be missed. Many thanks to owner/chef Liz Jackson who continues to extend her generosity and talent in support of the RMC. Reservations must be made — please contact one of the RMC Social Events Co-Chairs.

Saturday August 17

The **100th Annual RMC Picnic and Charades** will be held at the Mossy Glen Amphitheater off of Durand Road from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Centennial activities will be planned for this special occasion. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. In the event of rain, the picnic and charades will be moved to the Town Hall.

A Square Dance to Benefit the RMC will be held at Beringer's Barn, Sugar Plum Farm, 232 Randolph Hill Road from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Come dance and enjoy the music of fiddlers Jacqueline & Dudley Laufman. Many thanks to Marie Beringer for her annual sponsorship of this great event.

We need volunteers for the Tea and the special Centennial Charades activities. If you would like to help out, please contact RMC Social Events Co-Chairs: Sarah Gallop seg@mit.edu or Barb Phinney cooper448@me.com

See you this summer!

What's Randolph Reading?

Summer Reading with Julie B. at the Randolph Public Library

July 19: The Measure of a Man: a spiritual autobiography, by Sidney Poitier. Paperback, 2000.

August 16: Snow Country, by Yasunari Kawabata. paperback edition, 1996. Japanese author Kawabata won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1968. This book is widely considered to be the writer's masterpiece: a powerful tale of wasted love set amid the desolate beauty of western Japan.

Refreshments will be served at 10:30am and the hour long discussion will begin at 11:00 am.

The Back Porch Book Club

June 7: Peaches for Father Francis by Joanne Harris (in the UK called *Peaches for Monsieur le Curé*) The best-selling author of *Chocolat* and *The Girl with No Shadow* returns to Lansquenet.

July 12: The Paris Wife by Paula McLain A deeply evocative story of ambition and betrayal, this book captures the love affair between two unforgettable people: Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hadley.

August 9: A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick With echoes of *Wuthering Heights* and *Rebecca*, this intoxicating debut novel delivers a classic tale of suspenseful seduction, set in a world that seems to have gone temporarily off its axis.

Call Barbara Arnold at 466- 2438 for more information.

Randolph Library

While volunteering at the Randolph Library I came across a very humble little book entitled Let's Take a Walk: Family Hikes in the White Mountains, written by Randolph Select-woman Michele Cormier. It occurred to me how helpful such a book would have been while raising my own three sons, and then again when my grand- daughter spent quality time with us during Randolph summers.

It is a unpretentious little book with some simple ideas for less avid hikers and would be a pleasant read for young parents and grandparents. The short hikes include Randolph locations such as Mossy Glen 1/4 mile and Fallsway .6 mile but it also includes hikes in nearby mountains such as Franconia and Evans notches.

This book, along with many other NH books, may be found in the White Mountain Room of the Randolph Library. Don't forget to stop by the library this summer where new books, audio-books and DVD's are continuously being added to the already abundant collection.

Music in My Pockets

Family Fun in Folk Music with Jeff Warner
July 23, 6:30 pm, Randolph Town Hall

Singing games, accessible "pocket instruments" like spoons and dancing puppets, tell tales, funny songs, old songs and songs kids teach each other on the playground - all "traditional" in that they have been passed down the generations by word of mouth and will be seen, heard and learned. We will revisit 1850 or 1910 in a New England town, with families gathered around the figurative hearth, participating in timeless, hearty entertainment and, almost without knowing it, learning how America amused itself before electricity.

Jeff Warner sings traditional American and English folk songs. He has performed at festivals and schools throughout America and abroad, and has toured nationally for the Smithsonian Institution. A Folklorist and Community Scholar for the New Hampshire Council on the Arts, he was named a 2007 State Arts Council Fellow. He has recorded for Flying Fish, Appleseed and National Geographic Records, as well as his own Gumstamp label.

There is no fee for this event which is sponsored by Friends of the Randolph Library and a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.



Randolph Remembers

John Eusden; Williams College chaplain and professor of religion, UCC Minister

The Reverend Dr. John Dykstra Eusden of Brunswick, Maine, died on April 27 at age 90 after a brief hospital stay. Before moving to the Thornton Oaks retirement community in 2010, Mr. Eusden was a 50-year resident of Williamstown, MA and a summer resident of Randolph, NH.

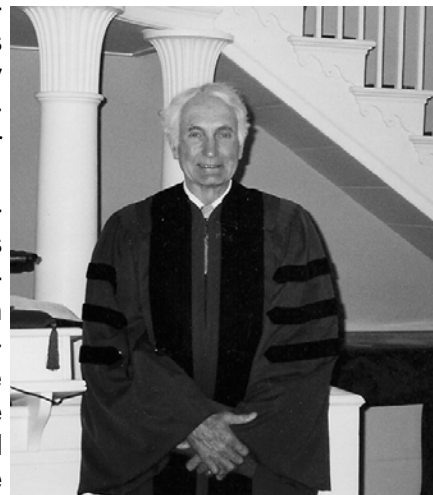
Eusden served as Chaplain and the Nathan Jackson Professor of Christian Theology and taught several courses in the Center for Environmental Studies at Williams College. He cherished his interactions with students, whether in the classroom, the Thompson Memorial Chapel, his Zen gardens, or on bicycles or skis. During his time as Chaplain, Rev. Eusden and his wife Joanne Eusden invited every Williams College freshman to their home for dessert and fellowship.

Of all the visiting dignitaries that Rev. Eusden hosted in his capacity as Chaplain, he said that Martin Luther King Jr., had the greatest impact on his life. Eusden and King collaborated during the Civil Rights movement, spending time together at Eusden's home, working with students on the Williams College campus, in jail during the Birmingham campaign in 1963, and walking together in the Selma to Montgomery March in 1965.

Born in Holland, Michigan in 1922 of Friesian and English background, Eusden had a long time interest in Puritan writers, such as William Ames, who were exiled from England and took refuge in Friesland before crossing to the new world. An author himself, Eusden wrote dozens of scholarly articles and five books in the fields of history and comparative religion, leaving one book on healing and health unfinished. Eusden's academic interests at Williams College gave him the opportunity to travel with his family on research sabbaticals in the Netherlands, England, France, Japan, Washington DC, and China. He had a particular interest in Zen Buddhism, writing extensively on the topic and practicing its teachings at temples in China and Japan and around his home-made Zen gardens in Williamstown, MA. Eusden was the founder of the Williams-in-Hong Kong program.

Raised in Newton, MA by his parents Marie Dykstra Eusden and Ray Anderson Eusden Sr., who served as the pastor of the Eliot Church from 1926 to 1959,

Rev. Eusden attended Rivers Country Day School and Harvard College. After graduating in 1944, he went on to obtain his master's and doctoral degrees in religion from Yale University in 1954. He later taught at Yale University and Mount Holyoke College before joining the faculty



Courtesy photo provided by family

and Chaplainship at Williams College in 1960 where he taught until 1992. From 1991 to 2000, Eusden served as the minister of the First Congregational Church in Bennington, VT.

Like his father Ray Eusden, who was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps in WWI, Eusden also served as a naval aviator in the Marine Corps from 1944 to 1945 at the end of WWII.

Eusden married Joanne Reiman, daughter of Clarence Kenworthy Reiman and Harriett Rutherford Allen Reiman on June 14, 1950 at the Eliot Church of Newton, MA.

A lifelong athlete, Eusden was an avid and successful competitor. At Harvard and Yale, he was a champion swimmer, basketball and handball player. While Captain of the swim team in 1943, Eusden and his relay team garnered the championship title in the 880-yard freestyle event in the Amateur Athletic Union national swimming meet in New London, CT. The world record win qualified the team to participate in the 1944 Olympics, which were never held because of WWII. The unique circumstances of the war afforded Eusden the unusual opportunity to earn varsity letters in swimming at Harvard, Yale, and Colgate Universities while he served in Navy college training programs.

Eusden also delighted in the camaraderie of recreational sports. His interest in Far East culture cultivated an active practice of Aikido and T'ai-chi. Later, he took up cycling and participated in events such as the Pan Mass Challenge and the Trek Across Maine with family and friends. Eusden, who continued to