

Middlebury Community House News

Main Street . Middlebury, Vermont 05753

Summer 2007



Early sketch of the house Horatio Seymour built in 1816

Mission Statement:

Partners for Middlebury Community House was formed to promote financial support to assist with responsible caretaking and maintenance of the historic home belonging to the citizens of Middlebury.

Reservations:

The Middlebury Community House is available for meetings, receptions and private parties. Call Pat at 388-2071 to discuss your needs.

The House - Yesterday & Today

1977 History: Looking back at past Board of Directors minutes, I noticed that 1977 was a busy year for the Community House. The town wanted to enlarge the fire station. An agreement was made with the Middlebury Community House to give the town a piece of land to make the enlargement possible. It was also in 1977 that the Summer children's program was closed. The attendance had been shrinking and other organizations in the town had started offering similar programs. A "powder room" was added on the main floor. Jessica Swift suggested it be placed in a closet next to the library. The space was only large enough to allow for a sink and toilet but the impact on the house would be minimal and the results would be beneficial. It was also the same year that **Ray "Budge" Churchill** joined the Board of Trustees. Ray is still a member of the Board! *Wow! Thirty years of service!* What a wonderful dedication to helping maintain our community's house. Our heartfelt thanks to Ray accompanies this glance into the past.

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## Annual Teddy Bear Tea

On April 20th, the house came to life with twenty children, their favorite teddy or doll and many parents who participated in our annual teddy bear tea party. Tea sandwiches, bear shaped cheese adorned crackers as well as tea cakes, cookies and cream puffs were served. This is one of our house director Pat's, favorite functions.

The children enjoy the beauty of the historic house, act so grown up and have such good manners. Jessica Swift would be very happy to have the house used in this manner.



The children and their guests lined up on the circular stairs in the entry of the Community House.



Tables were decorated with spring pastel colors. The young people and their parents enjoyed great food and conversation.

## Join the Partners

I/We wish to become a Partner for the Middlebury Community House and help maintain the house.

- Annual Membership \$15       Renewal \$15
- Additional Contribution is enclosed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: Middlebury Community House Partners  
Mail to: 6 Main Street Middlebury, VT 05753

**Contributions will go directly towards designated house repair.** Partners will receive two newsletters each year with information about the House and updates regarding maintenance projects. A 501 C-3 Organization, your donation is deductible in accordance with the law.

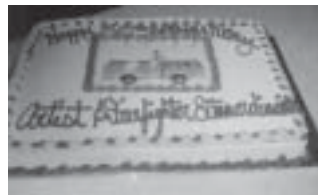
# A Look at Who Uses The Community House



The seventh grade class at Gailer School planned, cooked and served a meal to their parents. The kitchen was busy all day as the students created dinner. Parents and students enjoyed the delicious buffet in the lovely environment of the Middlebury Community House.



Surprise - "Milestone" Birthday party was held for Mike Mayone. Quite a coup for his wife and son to pull off. Mike was honored by several members of the fire department, friends and family. Congratulations!



## Directors of Middlebury Community House

- Lynda Rheaume, President  
*Member at Large \**
- G. Kenneth Perine, Finance  
*President National Bank of Middlebury \**
- James Swift, ESQ.  
*Rep. Swift/Stewart Family \**
- Raymond Churchill, Bldg. / Gds.  
*Member at Large \**
- Linda Busier  
*President Woman's Club*
- Jessica Liebowitz  
*Rep. President Middlebury College*
- Phyllis Cunningham  
*Regent, DAR*
- Richard Emilo, Clerk  
*Member at Large \**
- Kevin Newton  
*Member at Large*
- Fletcher Brush  
*Member at Large*

- Staff:**
- Patricia Hornbeck  
*House Director*
  - Mari Quesnel  
*Treasurer*
  - Elizabeth Quesnel  
*Housekeeper*
  - Norm Grenier  
*Maintenance*

*\* Trustees*

## Call to Action

Looking for volunteers: *Do you enjoy gardening?* The Community House has a lovely front garden that was planted the fall of 2004. *And boy, is it ever growing well!* We would love to have an interested party help shape the garden - pruning the flowering bushes and weeding. Please call 388-2071 if interested or stop by to see our needs.

## Generous Community

Special thanks goes to Jessica Liebowitz who coordinated the donation of a computer to the Community House. The Community House has been working with a dated machine that didn't have the capacity to handle sophisticated computer programs. Jessica worked with Thomas Cutter and Sasha Huntly from the Library and Information Department at Middlebury College who made the donation possible and assisted in setting up the computer.

The Board of Directors appreciates Ellen Emerson, from Vermont Web Programmers for maintaining our web site. [www.middleburycommunityhouse.org](http://www.middleburycommunityhouse.org)

This newsletter was published as an introduction to the newly established Partners for the Middlebury Community House. Please consider becoming a supporting partner. Your interest in the Community House can ensure a solid foundation for generations to come. If you want more information please call 802-388-2071. We appreciate your time and any donation you feel able to give.  
A 501-C 3 Corporation, contributions are tax deductible according to the law.