

# *Neighbor to Neighbor*

HELPING NEIGHBORS SINCE 2004

Spring 2018



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## **Program Director's Note**

After a successful fall annual campaign in which we exceeded our expectations and raised nearly \$19,000, we're looking forward to the sweet days of spring and summer, the green time of year when everything seems possible.

One of the most important tasks N2N can accomplish is to help our elder neighbors know there are people who care about them and want to see them thrive as visible and valuable members of our community. I'm constantly impressed by the willingness of people in small-town Vermont to help one another, often without being asked. It's one of the things that makes this place special and amazing.

Thank you so much to our donors for your gifts. We believe that what we do is important...and from your generosity, so do you.

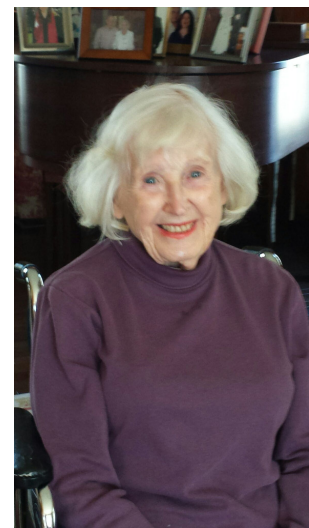
With Gratitude, Robin



# Elder Neighbor Spotlight

## Renée Snyder

Renée Snyder is one of our newer members of Neighbor to Neighbor. She moved to Manchester from California with her husband in 2001 after visiting some good friends here. She grew up in Staten Island, New York. She had a passion for music and, as a teenager, sang in a Red Cross benefit choral concert directed by Arturo Toscanini during World War II. Later, she worked for an MGM radio station in New York City as a music programmer before marrying and moving to New Jersey. She still loves music of all kinds. She has a wonderfully wry sense of humor and is a delightful addition to our Neighbor to Neighbor family.



The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been.  
--Author Madeline L'Engle



**Mission Statement: To assist our neighbors to live independently by providing no-cost, volunteer services that help to nurture relationships.**



# Steering Committee Spotlight

## Rob DiCrosta

Rob DiCrosta, the newest member of our Steering Committee, has been a tireless volunteer for Neighbor to Neighbor for the past several years. He is one of our drivers, assists with shopping, and is a great helper at our monthly events. He has lived in Rupert since 2013, when he retired from an executive position with a high-tech electronics company. He brings his expertise in finance to our organization (along with a witty and always-positive attitude!). He loves the outdoors and keeps busy on his property by cutting wood and building stone walls. He and his wife are also both active in Ravnah as hospice volunteers. We are lucky to have Rob as part of N2N.



From a care recipient voicemail message to the N2N office: I hope you have a wonderful day and that the sun is on your face.



## Volunteer Thank Yous

You're the cream in our coffee & the heart of N2N!

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# Events!



We continue with our monthly social events for our care recipients. Crazy weather has made attendance a challenge, but we are looking forward to some wonderful programs in the coming months. You are always welcome to join us at the First Congregational Church in Manchester Village on the third Thursday of each month...unless we are out and about! Give Robin a call and make a reservation. (802) 367-7787.

## September 2017: Lunch and Music with the Dorset BBQers

We were serenaded by the wonderful barber shop quartet that hails from Dorset. Our guests sang along and had a great time!

## October 2017: Soup and Skits

After a delicious lunch of homemade soup and fresh bread, we welcomed The Savvy Seniors, who put on skits about elder financial abuse and how we can all protect ourselves from becoming victims.

## November 2017: Tea and "Hello, Dolly!" at Long Trail School

Long Trail School ninth graders treated our care recipients to a fancy tea party, complete with cucumber sandwiches. After that, we stayed to watch the dress rehearsal of the fall musical.

## December 2017: A Holiday Concert with the Arlington Middle and High School Chorus

The annual lunch and Holiday Concert by the Arlington Middle and High School Chorus, led by Patti Cody, was a great success, as always. Such a talented group!

## January 2018: Winter Games!

Homemade baked ziti made a cold January day a lot brighter, followed by a lively session of conversation and various board games.

## February 2018: That was Then, This is Now

Some ninth graders from Long Trail School joined us for lunch and a wonderful discussion of teenage life "then and now." We plan to continue our collaboration with these Long Trail School students.

## March 2018: Local History is on the Menu

Jon Mathewson, curator of the Dorset Historical Society, joined us for a warm winter meal and presented a program on the early history of our local area.

## April 2018: Spring Musical at MEMS

We took a short trip to MEMS for lunch and the annual presentation of the 7th and 8th grade musical, which this year was "Mary Poppins."

## Upcoming Events:

May: The final concert by the Arlington Middle and High School Chorus led by Patti Cody, who is retiring this year. Don't miss it!

June: Our annual trip to Rogerland in Arlington for lunch and a stroll in the gardens.

Keep checking in for more exciting events coming up in the summer months!



# Book & Author Luncheon

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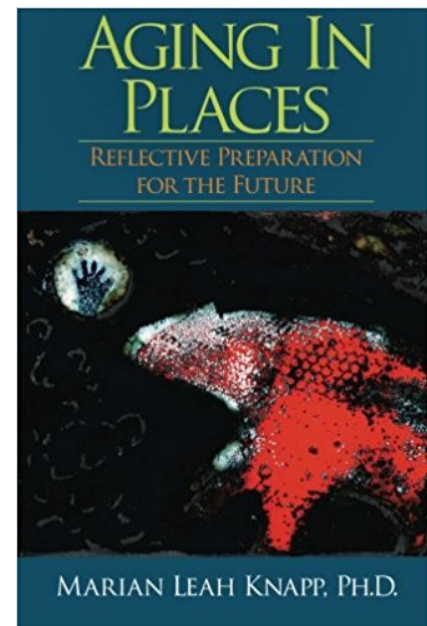
FRIDAY, MAY 18TH, 2018

12 PM

MANCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB



We are privileged to have Marian Knapp, elder advocate and author of *Aging in Places* joining us for lunch and conversation. Marian received her Ph.D. at the age of 70 and is a popular columnist in Newton, MA. She is a long-time activist for the elderly. Her book (which will be available for sale) is part memoir and part commentary and offers ideas and reflections on ways to plan for a meaningful future, both in society and in our relationships with family, friends, and ourselves.



**Tickets are \$45 (\$20 of which is a tax-deductible contribution to N2N).**

**For more information, or to purchase tickets, call Robin at (802)367-7787 or visit our website:**

**<https://neighbortoneighborvt.org>**





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Please consider making a donation to help Neighbor to Neighbor fulfill its mission. Your gift is tax-deductible and could be designated in memory of or in honor of someone special to you.

**Contact us!**  
**(802) 367-7787**

## Do you like pie?

We are holding a PIE AUCTION in the fall as our major fundraiser. We will be searching out master pie bakers to help us reach our goal of 100 pies. We will be in touch!



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