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Harold Carroll Elected President of BHV

HAL CARROLL WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT of Beacon Hill Village at the organization’s board meeting in June.

Hal has lived on Beacon Hill since 1975, moving to his present house on Brimmer Street in 1982. A lawyer by profession, he served as corporation counsel for Mayor Kevin White and as general counsel at the Boston Redevelopment Authority. He also practiced law at Rackemann Sawyer and Gadsby Hannah.

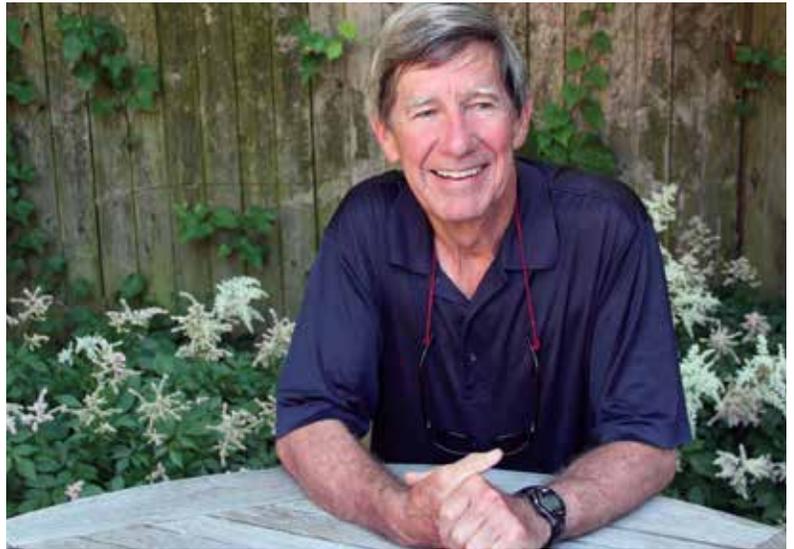
He became involved in Beacon Hill Village about seven years ago, when Lee Sprague called for a donation and asked him to become a member.

“I was the classic ‘not ready yet’ person,” said Hal. “Then I thought, ‘not ready?’ I was ready to help my community welcome older people. That’s what you should be ready to do. Diversity of age is important. It’s important to have older people around, just like we use Hill House to help make kids and parents feel welcome.”

Organizations like Beacon Hill Village make the downtown neighborhoods a better place, he said.

He should know. Over the years he has served on the boards of Hill House and the Beacon Hill Civic Association and co-chaired the civic association’s zoning and licensing committee. A gardener with enough sun in his Brimmer Street garden for roses, he became one of two men last year to join the Beacon Hill Garden Club, which had not had men as club members since its early days. He raised his two children on Beacon Hill. Sophia now lives in Concord with her two children, and Sam lives in Brooklyn.

Hal spends his free time practicing the flute and taking trips to Germany, where he lived for a year during college. “I spend a lot of time in Berlin,” he said. “It has been interesting to watch a city evolve from chaos.”



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Village Council Begins Work

AS FRANK MEAD, ONE OF Beacon Hill Village’s founders, put it, “Beacon Hill Village members view aging as the ultimate team sport.”

The team just got bigger.

This past May, BHV established the Beacon Hill Village Council, a group of 24 downtown Boston thought leaders who will help the organization promote its mission, identify challenges and lend expertise in marketing, fundraising, outreach and raising awareness.

Some members of the council are also members of BHV, but all are not. Some are too young to join. All, however, have already been participants in making downtown Boston neighborhoods stronger and care about the people who live here.

“We hope the council will be an extension of our board of directors,” said Marion Nierintz, the council co-chair along with Frank. “Council members

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From the Executive Director

Dear BHV Members:

Activity Support Community

THESE ARE THE WORDS THAT come to mind when I try to boil down the benefits of being a member of Beacon Hill Village. We offer a plethora of activities that stimulate, educate, and contribute to our overall wellness. We provide support and assistance to help make life easier and to give us peace of mind. And we create a community of friends and neighbors that can make our lives a little fuller ... a little richer ... and make our neighborhoods a better place to live overall.

We concluded our fiscal year on June 30. Here's a look back at the past year in numbers that highlight all the ways BHV has expanded our community and provided activity, support and opportunities for our members and the neighborhood.

40 new members from **7** different neighborhoods, expanding the richness and diversity of our community

1898 times our members attended one or more of our **146** BHV-organized activities
39 outings and trips "hosted" by our dedicated member volunteers

648 hours that our members exercised together with Robyn, our fitness instructor

167 gatherings of affinity groups around shared interests, from movies to politics, from meditation to "happy hours," and much more
330 rides to the airport, events, and appointments provided by our dedicated drivers

4018 bags of groceries carried for or delivered to members **948** times

462 referrals to information and services and **1570** check-in calls made to our members

It is a joy and a privilege to work with such a wonderful group of members, volunteers, village leaders and staff as together we continue to expand and improve what we do as a village, each and every day, creating opportunities for our members to choose how they live as they age, and in turn, improving the experience of aging.

With gratitude,
Laura Connors

Meet Claire



Claire Wickersham is the newest member of the Beacon Hill Village staff.

She has just started as BHV's new part-time marketing and fundraising coordinator. In addition, she is handling member services Monday through Wednesday while Patricia Butler is on leave for the summer.

Claire, who grew up in Syracuse, was a speech and hearing major as an undergraduate at the State University of New York in Cortland. While working at a nursing home as part of her program, she

realized she enjoyed working with an older population. So for her master's degree at Miami of Ohio, she switched to gerontology.

She read about the village model and movement, learned even more at a conference organized by the Gerontological Society of America, and decided she wanted to intern where it all began. She was accepted by BHV for an internship last summer and moved to Boston, where she had been only once before for a wedding.

With her master's degree under her belt, Claire will begin a PhD program in gerontology at UMass Boston this September. She is living near the JFK T station in Dorchester with a high school friend so she can get to work easily. Of course, that location is also only a short distance from UMass Boston too. She will continue to work in marketing and fundraising at Beacon Hill Village this fall.

When she finishes her degree, she wants to continue to work in the village movement. Right now, though, she believes she needs more instruction, especially in marketing and business. Executive Director Laura Connors is confident that she'll probably be running a village one of these days. ■

MEDITATION

As Meditation becomes a more common part of our daily lives, more studies take place and more data becomes available on its benefits. Studies have shown it to be beneficial for those worried about memory loss, as well as effective in lowering blood pressure. The less time we have to give to meditation, the more we know to make room in our busy lives for it. As our practice increases, meditation becomes the base from which our activities flow.

BHV member Susan Cox offers meditation classes for BHV members on Monday and Thursday mornings at 8:45 a.m. After a summer break, classes resume on Monday, September 14, and Thursday, September 17. Call Susan Cox at 857-233-4247 to register. Free.

BHV WELCOMES

BACK BAY

Helen Gillcrist
Warren Johnson
Raffaele &
Barbara Santoro
Adele Sheinfeld
Saul Touster &
Irene Tayler

BEACON HILL

John & Sarah Ames
Richard O'Brien
Janice Paulsen
Ed Pinkus
Susan Putnam

FENWAY/KENMORE

Alfreta Barrett

MIDTOWN

Ron Bento

NORTH END

June Olsen

Beacon Hill Village

SEPTEMBER 2015 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

A reservation is required for all programs unless otherwise noted in the program description. Prices listed are per person and must be paid at time of reservation. Space is limited; BHV members have priority. Refunds will be made for cancellations received at least one week prior to an event unless tickets have been pre-purchased or non-refundable payments have been made. In that case we can make a refund only if we are able to fill your spot.

Wednesday, September 2 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Group: Post 390

Located on the site of the former Back Bay Post Office, Post 390 puts a contemporary twist on the traditional tavern experience, with seasonally inspired dishes that reflect Chef Eric Brennan's passion for fresh ingredients. *Meet at 406 Stuart Street (corner of Clarendon), a short walk from the Copley T Station. BHV members and their guests. Lunch is pay individually.*

Wednesday, September 9 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Conversations with... Lucas Cowan

We are delighted to partner with APPLab, a member committee of the Boston Society of Architects, for a talk by Lucas Cowan, curator of public art for the Rose Kennedy Greenway. In an interview shortly after he



assumed his position as curator in September 2014, Mr. Cowan described as his goal for the Greenway to "create a natural showcase chock full of unexpected art the public never would have thought would be there." After Mr. Cowan's presentation we'll walk over to the Greenway to view Janet Echelman's aerial sculpture, arriving at dusk. *As with all programs, registration is required. Meet at BSA Space, 290 Congress Street. BHV members: Free. Non-members (on a space-available basis): \$20.*

Thursday, September 10 4:30 p.m.

Maidens & Martinis: McCormick & Schmick's

Join the women of Beacon Hill Village for a drink (alcoholic or otherwise) at McCormick & Schmick's, which offers a Happy Hour Menu from 4-6 p.m. *Meet at 1 Faneuil Hall Market Place. BHV members and their guests. Pay individually.*

Friday, September 11 10:30 a.m.

Emancipation Trail Walk: Part 2

Join Vincent Licenziato on Part 2 of the *Emancipation Trail*, a walk he created through Beacon Hill, the Back Bay and the South End. The tour celebrates the women and men of both African and European descent who advocated

for the freedom and civil rights of African Americans and led the fight for "liberty and justice for all." Part 2 features the two statues from which the trail takes its name: *Emancipation Group* in Park Square and *Emancipation* in Harriet Tubman Park. *Meet at the corner of Charles & Boylston Streets at the Wendell Phillips statue. Distance covered is one mile, at a leisurely pace. BHV members and non-members: \$10.*

Saturday, September 12 9:30 - 2:30 p.m.

33rd Annual Fine Arts & Crafts Festival: Codman Estate

Featuring the work of more than 100 artisans and craftspeople, the Fine Arts and Crafts Festival takes place at the Codman Estate (Lincoln, MA), owned and operated by Historic New England. A tour of the first floor of the mansion and gardens is free with your admission to the festival. Lunch is available for purchase from food vendors. This is an on-your-own trip hosted by BHV member Joan Doucette. *A minimum of 10 people is required to run this trip. BHV members: \$30. Non-members: \$40. Admission to the festival (\$5; free for members of Historic New England) and lunch are pay individually.*

Wednesday, September 16 9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Worcester Art Museum

We're taking advantage of free "senior" Wednesdays in August for our visit to and private tour of the Worcester Art Museum. On display during



our visit: *American Folk Art, Lovingly Collected; Remastered: A New Look at Old Masters; Africa's Children of Arms*, the work of three photographers that tells the stories of former child soldiers; and *the Small Cowper Madonna* by Raphael, on loan from the National Gallery of Art. After our tour we'll have lunch at the Museum Café (pay individually). *Meet at Café Tatte, 70 Charles Street, at 9:45 a.m., or at Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street (between Dartmouth and Exeter), at 9:50 a.m. BHV members: \$45. Non-members: \$60.*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY						
<p>TRIP TO MARKET BASKET Door-to-door transportation to Market Basket in Somerville on Wednesday, September 2, at 10 a.m. and noon. A driver will help carry your groceries! Space is limited. BHV members only: \$10.</p> <p>TRIP TO TRADER JOE'S Door-to-door transportation to Trader Joe's in Cambridge on Wednesday, September 16, at noon and 2 p.m. A driver will help carry your groceries! Space is limited. BHV members only: \$10.</p>		<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Terrific Tuesdays (4:00)</p>	<p>*Exercise at Beacon House (10-11) Market Basket (10 & noon) Lunch Group: Post 390 (12:30)</p>		<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)</p>							
2	<p>Labor Day BHV Office Closed *Exercise at Beacon House (10-11)</p>	7	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Calendar Mailing (10:30)</p>	8	<p>*Exercise at Beacon House (10-11) Conversations with... Lucas Cowan (5:30-7)</p>	9	<p>Men's First Drink (4-5) Maidens & Martinis (4:30)</p>	10	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Emancipation Trail Walk (10:30) Taxi Coupons (11-noon) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)</p>	11	<p>Arts & Crafts Festival: Codman Estate (9:30-2:30)</p>	12
<p>Rosh Hashanah (begins at sunset)</p>	<p>Rosh Hashanah Meditation (8:45) *Exercise at Beacon House (10-11)</p>	13	<p>Rosh Hashanah (ends at sunset) Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30)</p>	14	<p>Worcester Art Museum (9:45-3) *Exercise at Beacon House (10-11) Trader Joe's (noon & 2)</p>	15	<p>Meditation (8:45) Boston Athenaeum (11:45); lunch at Scollay Square Travel Group: Switzerland (5-6:30)</p>	16	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)</p>	17	<p>TERRIFIC TUESDAYS BHV members meet on the first Tuesday of each month (the 1st in September) at 4 p.m. at 75 Chestnut Street to discuss and plan outings related to the arts. All BHV members welcome! Registration not required.</p>	18
	<p>Meditation (8:45) *Exercise at Beacon House (10-11) MGH Russell Museum & Ether Dome (10-noon)</p>	21	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Program Committee Meeting Yom Kippur (begins at sunset)</p>	22	<p>Yom Kippur (ends at sunset) *Exercise at Beacon House (10-11)</p>	23	<p>Meditation (8:45) Presentation on Medications (11-11:30); Wellness Clinic (10:30-11 and 11:30-noon); Medication Consultations (11:30-12:30)</p>	24	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)</p>	25	<p>MEN'S FIRST DRINK The men of Beacon Hill Village continue their once-a-month exploration of Boston's watering holes on Thursday, September 10 (note new date for September only), at 4 p.m. Location TBD.</p>	
<p>Rummikub (3-5)</p>	<p>Meditation (8:45) *Exercise at Beacon House (10-11) Supper Club: Island Creek Oyster (6:00)</p>	27	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Deer Island: Wastewater Treatment Plant (9:30-1)</p>	28	<p>Tour of the Boston Globe (8:45-12:30) *Exercise at Beacon House (10-11)</p>	29	<p>Notes</p>				<p>MEDITATION Meets every Monday & Thursday at 8:45 a.m. at the Beacon Hill home of BHV member Susan Cox. After a summer break, resumes on September 14 and 17. BHV members only.</p>	
	<p>*Exercise at Beacon House (10-11)</p>	31	<p>HEALTH & WELLNESS: Beacon Hill Athletic Club (\$5/class) North Station, 261 Friend Street: Aerial Conditioning (Fri at 8:30) North End, 85 Atlantic Avenue: Total Body Strength (Mon at 8:30 and Fri at 8:15); Muscle (Wed, Thurs at 8:30); Stretching (Wed, Thurs at 9:30); Yoga (Fri at 9:15) Beacon Hill, 3 Hancock Street: Senior Conditioning (Tues, Thurs at 10)</p>		<p>*Exercise at Beacon House BHV's Monday and Wednesday exercise class at Beacon House, 19 Myrtle Street, will be self-hosted in September during a period of transition.</p>		<p>Tai Chi/Dorri Li Beacon House 19 Myrtle Street Call instructor at 617.512.9575 for fee.</p>			<p>TAXI COUPONS Come to the BHV office on Friday, September 11, between 11 and noon, to pick up your taxi coupons at this monthly distribution. Pay \$5 for a \$10 coupon book; maximum of two books per person, per month. BHV members only. 74 Joy Street, third floor.</p>		

Thursday, September 17 11:45 a.m. for noon lecture

Boston Athenaeum Noon Lecture

Collecting Shakespeare: The Story of Henry & Emily Folger

In his book about Henry and Emily Folger, author Stephen Grant recounts the American success story of the Folgers, a couple who were devoted to each other, in love with Shakespeare, and bitten by the collecting bug. After the one-hour lecture, members are invited to join the group for lunch at Scollay Square (pay individually). *Meet at the Athenaeum, 10½ Beacon Street. BHV members and their guests. Free.*

Thursday, September 17 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Travel Group: Switzerland

On their trip to Switzerland with Road Scholar, Mary Scudder and Joan Doucette traveled classic train routes through the Swiss Alps, rode the famed Glacier Express and were transported on the picturesque Swiss-Italian narrow gauge line. Experience the trip through their slides! *Meet at 72 Mt. Vernon Street. BHV members only. Free.*

Monday, September 21 10 a.m. - noon

MGH Museum of Medical History & Innovation and Ether Dome

Opened in April 2012, the Paul S. Russell, MD, Museum of Medical History & Innovation's exhibits allow visitors to follow the hospital's history of research, patient care and medical discovery across



three centuries. After visiting the Museum, we'll walk over to the Ether Dome, now a teaching amphitheater and historical landmark, where more than 8,000 operations were performed between 1821 and 1868. *Meet at 2 North Grove Street. BHV members and their guests. Free.*

Thursday, September 24 11 - 11:30 a.m. (presentation)

Wellness Clinic & Presentation on Medications

At this session of BHV's Wellness Clinic, a pharmacist from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences will make a 30-minute presentation on medications, including drug interactions, medications that contribute to falls, and compliance. After the presentation, the pharmacist will be available to meet with members one-on-one to review their medications or answer questions. Kate Sciacca, RN, will also be available to meet with members one-on-one to check their blood pressure and other vital signs and to discuss health care questions before and after the presentation. *When you register for this program, please indicate whether you would like to meet with the pharmacist and/or Kate. Meet at 74 Joy Street, first floor conference room. BHV members only. Free.*

Sunday, September 27 3 - 5 p.m.

Rummikub with Tina & Joan

Join BHV members Joan Doucette and Tina DiMaggio for an afternoon of Rummikub at the Beacon Hill home of either Tina or Joan. *BHV members only.*

Monday, September 28 6 p.m.

Supper Club: Island Creek Oyster

You don't have to love Oysters to LOVE Island Creek Oyster Bar, although it doesn't hurt. A farm-to-table restaurant, Island Creek Oyster Bar is a hybrid of New England shore food and seasonally influenced seafood that also has non-fish offerings. *Meet at 500 Commonwealth Avenue, a short walk from the Kenmore T station. BHV members and their guests. Pay individually.*

Tuesday, September 29 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Deer Island Sewage Treatment Plant is the centerpiece of MWRA's \$3.8 billion program to protect Boston Harbor against pollution from Metropolitan Boston's sewer systems.



On our 1½ hour private guided van tour of the treatment plant, we'll learn about each stage of the treatment process. After the tour, we'll have a chance to stretch our legs and take a short walk along the HarborWalk. *To participate in this trip, you must have a valid government-issued photo ID and complete an authorization for release of information form. Closed-toe shoes required. The deadline to register for this trip is September 14. BHV members: \$20. Non-members: \$35.*

Wednesday, September 30 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tour of the Boston Globe



Don't miss this chance to not only tour the Boston Globe's facility, but also sit in on the morning newsroom meeting and have a Q&A with Globe staff members. Our one-hour tour of the Globe's facility

will involve 1.5 miles of walking and a couple of flights of stairs. *If you would like to participate in the newsroom meeting and Q&A but not the tour, please let the office know. Closed-toe shoes required. Meet at the Charles/MGH station at 8:45 a.m. for the Red Line to the JFK/UMass station. The Globe is 1/2 mile from there. We're also offering "shuttle" rides from the JFK/UMass station to the Globe. BHV members only. Cost for shuttle is \$5/round trip.*

Travel to Cuba with Road Scholar



TRAVEL TO CUBA ON THIS nine-day, eight-night trip in March 2016, with visits to the heart of Havana, the Matanzas region and the Varadero beach area. Join local musicians, athletes, artists, performers, dancers, farmers and

entrepreneurs for an intimate and insightful look at the people and culture of Cuba. This trip is offered to members of Beacon Hill Village and other Massachusetts villages. For more information, call the BHV office. Price: \$3,695 double occupancy, \$4,180 single occupancy (which includes round-trip airfare between Miami and Cuba; airfare between Boston and Miami is on your own). To register or for questions, please call Road Scholar at (800) 322-5315 and reference program #20610, “The People of Cuba: Meet Leading Musicians, Athletes & Artists,” March 7th departure. ■

‘I Didn’t Know BHV Did That...’

LAST MONTH A MEMBER FOUND herself in need of a new pair of slippers. Her favorite pair was falling apart and she was hoping to find something similar. This seemed like a difficult task without internet in her apartment, so she mentioned it to BHV. Before she knew it, BHV was working with her to look for exactly what she had in mind. Although shoe shopping may not be a typical request, it’s safe to say that BHV is not afraid to step into someone else’s shoes... or slippers... to solve any kind of problem. ■

In Memoriam:

Peter Allinson, Sarah Appleton, George Imrey, Edward Kessler, Ann Kramer, Katie Woerner

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He is an avid sailor, keeping a couple of boats in Biddford Pool, Maine, where he still lives part-time in the house in which he grew up. He and his brother once spent three weeks crossing the Atlantic, following Columbus’s route from the Canary Islands to Antigua, on his brother’s 49-foot wooden sloop. “There was little out there,” he said of the ocean, “except for one sperm whale, a freighter and flying fish that would hit you in the face at night.”

Hal wants to forge closer ties between the Village and other downtown organizations. He also wants to start an affinity group for musicians. “We could get some musicians going,” he said. “We don’t have to be accomplished. We’d just play at people’s houses.” Stayed tuned. ■

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End

by Atul Gawande

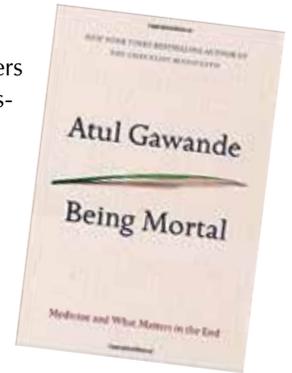
Some downtown Boston readers have called this book depressing. While praising it highly, many reviewers have said this is a book about death.

I’d correct them. This book is uplifting and energizing. It is a book about autonomy, which is also what Beacon Hill Village is all about. It is about well-being. It does deal with death and how to make it what you want. But it also makes you think about how important autonomy and well-being are to living as well as dying. Dr. Gawande mentions Beacon Hill Village in the book as an innovative option for independent living.

Gawande, as you probably know, is a local boy, raising three children with his wife in Newton, practicing surgery at Brigham and Women’s, and serving as the executive director of Ariadne Labs, which provides “simple threads to guide patients, doctors and families through critical moments in their lives with compassionate simple and practical solutions.”

In his spare time, he writes articles for *The New Yorker* and books that have changed the practice of medicine. And he is only 45 years old. His humanity sparkles in all of his writing. In this book, he writes as a loving son about his physician father’s struggle to maintain his autonomy in the face of a fatal disease. He points out how too many doctors cannot face patients who can’t be cured. He shows how patients who can control their lives, even in the face of death, have better outcomes in every way than patients who are subjected to medicine’s extreme solutions that have little hope of helping. He also writes about the difficulties in achieving autonomy in living and dying.

Don’t be put off by mortality in the title. You’ll enjoy the humanity, intelligence and story-telling Gawande has to offer. ■



The Beacon Hill Village board has seen a few changes this year. In addition to Hal assuming the role of president, Doug Fitzsimmons has been elected vice president. Former president Dan Taylor will remain on the board and chair the nominating committee. Kitty Flather, who was a strategic member of the fundraising team and helped get the kitchen tour underway, has finished her term and will leave the board. We will miss her.

Other board members are John Besser, treasurer, Betsy Peterson, secretary, and directors Sally Brewster, Joanne Cooper, Murray Frank, Karen Garvin, Matt Liang, Susan McWhinney-Morse, Frank Mead, Marion Nierintz, Athline Nixon, Donna Petro and Steve Roop. ■

VILLAGERS IN ACTION



At the Arnold Arboretum in front of the Atheline Wilbur lilac bush, named after the mother of BHV member Atheline Nixon “to honor a lovely lady who cherished lilacs,” are BHV members (left to right) Cynthia Scott, Richard Jewett, Joanne Cooper, Bernice Broyde, Davida Carvin, Mary Hirsch and Page Osborn.



BHV members traveled by T to Brookline to visit the International Paper Museum, which houses handmade papers and other objects collected by the Koretsky family during their travels around the world. Members, from left to right, Barbara Rappaport, Joan Gladstone, Joanne Cooper, Reisa Bunick, (Charlie Davidson and Elsie Herrmann partially hidden), and Joan Doucette enjoyed a papermaking demonstration and a video of traditional papermaking in China.



BHV Celebrates Members' Birthdays

Beacon Hill Village celebrated its members' birthdays with an all member birthday party, giving a special nod to the nonagenarians (ages 90 to 99) among us. Could you have guessed that thirty of our members – nearly 10% – are 90 years of age or older? The party was a big success and we expect that it will become an annual event. Shown here, from left to right, are nonagenarians Henry and Joan Lee, Dorothy Leef, Alan Spitzer and Maryann Surman. ■



Top: Afreta Barrett, Glenda Tall, Carol Silverman, Barbara Lindeman, Joanne Cooper, Page Osborn, Roberta Meyers and Amy Kaplowitz (left to right) are enjoying the boat ride to Salem to visit the Peabody Essex Museum.

Bottom: Touring Garden in the Woods by trolley are BHV members Elsie Herrmann, Cynthia Alcorn, Diana Ambrose and Margaret Warner.

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will support our strategic initiatives, introduce us to funders, and share their expertise.

The council includes such clergy as the Reverend Joy Fallon of King's Chapel, business owners such as Jack Gurnon of Charles Street Supply and Jennifer Hill of Newbury Street's Kitchenwares and Blackstone's in the Back Bay and on Beacon Hill, non-profit directors like Susan Brown of the Boston Center for Adult Education, such neighborhood leaders as Sharon Malt and industry leaders like public relations executive Micho Spring.

Council member Rabbi Howard Berman of the Central Reform Temple on Newbury Street, said he believes the council's breadth of representation from different fields and in different neighborhoods has the potential to take BHV to a different level.

"My primary role will be to help facilitate connections with my clergy colleagues," he said.

The demographics of churches and synagogues in downtown Boston overwhelming comprise the over 50-year-old set, he pointed out. Becoming involved in the Village will help him and his colleagues use it as a resource for their pastoral work. "Beacon Hill Village is one of the city's best kept secrets," he said. "Even to those who are aware of its existence it is not clear its outreach goes beyond Beacon Hill. Having this council will help spread the word."

Council members will meet formally twice a year to be brought up to date on Village activities and concerns. Staff and board members intend to regularly reach out to them for consultation and advice.

Other members of the council are Jan Beaven, Barbara Berkman, Joan Bok, Meredith Clapp, Jim Furlong, Keeta Gilmore, Ted Gup, Helen Gillcrist, Bethany Kendall, Henry Lee, Dale Mitchell, Mary Nada, David Rosenbloom, Amy Ryan, Sandy Shapiro, Emily Shea and John Spooner. ■



Keeta Gilmore of Beacon Hill and Jennifer Hill of the Back Bay are two members of the new Beacon Hill Village Council.