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A Reading List

BY KAREN CORD TAYLOR

BEACON HILL VILLAGE MEMBERS are a verbal bunch. We became aware that many have written books, sometimes many books. Textbooks, novels, memoirs, books of advice on how to live and how to manage money, biographies, histories — you name it, some Village member is likely to have written one.

On page 6 is a list of our authors and some of their books should you want to read a book written by someone you know. Let us know if you should be on this list too.

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BHV AMBASSADOR Program

BY DEBORAH DROSNIN

WE ALL KNOW how it feels to walk into a room and see a sea of unfamiliar faces. And when all those faces seem to know each other it can make you wish you'd never ventured into that room, no matter how much you were dying to hear the evening's speaker.

Welcoming new members and making them feel comfortable has always been a high priority for Beacon Hill Village. And thanks to BHV members Ken Scott, Atheline Nixon and Madge Sargent, staff member Patricia Butler and social work intern Allie Hesketh, we're doing better than ever.

A key component in this effort is our Ambassador Program. Ambassadors are seasoned members who have volunteered to be paired with a new member. Their role is what you might expect – make a welcoming call, invite the new member for coffee or offer to meet at a BHV program of interest to both. (A special nod to Madge, who volunteered to coordinate the ambassador program back in 2012, and to Roger Cox, each of whom has been an ambassador to scores of members over the six years they have been involved with the program.) To build our pool of Ambassadors and provide them with additional support and guidance, Ken, Atheline, Madge, Patricia and Allie helped create an Ambassador Handbook, which gives structure to a program that's been in place for many years. Early in April, approximately

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5th Annual CKT Sets New Records



CKT committee members (left to right) Janie Wallace (co-chair), Rachel Clafin, Barbara Lindeman, Sally Brewster, Reese Berman, Atheline Nixon, Aideen Jenkins (co-chair), Marion Nierintz, Diana Crane and Judy Fitzsimmons. Committee members not shown in photo, Maryjane Mitchell and Judy Siegel

THE WEATHER COOPERATED and the sun came out on the afternoon of Saturday, April 7, for the 2018 Creative Kitchens Tour. Thanks to the tremendous dedication of the committee and the support of volunteers, businesses and individual contributors, this year's tour was the most successful yet, raising approximately \$50,000 for Beacon Hill Village. (See *Creative Kitchens Tour 2018 by the Numbers*, page 6).

We are especially grateful to the many individuals and local businesses who supported the Tour, including presenting sponsor Cheers for Children Kershaw Foundation, Beacon Hill Hotel & Bistro, WinnCompanies, William Blair, CapitalOne Bank, Coldwell Banker|The Hammond Group, Connected for Life at North Hill, Hingham Institution for Savings, Payne|Bouchier Fine Builders and Merrill Lynch among others. ■

From the Executive Director

Dear Members and Friends:

RECENTLY I WALKED through the Public Garden with a member on our way back from a BHV event. We commented on the beauty of the “tender green” of the early foliage on the budding trees and blossoming flowers. The coming of spring reminds me to take a moment to pause, appreciate my surroundings and be grateful for the transition from the cold, stark winter to warmer weather and a landscape alive with the sounds and colors of renewal.

This spring, I am also reminded of how thankful I am for the many people who support Beacon Hill Village in a wide variety of ways, from our members, volunteers and staff to our friends, neighbors and donors – all giving to the Village in ways big and small. This support enables us to continue to do what we do together – to change the experience of aging by connecting our members to resources and support, and to each other.

We are all deeply appreciative of our Creative Kitchens Tour committee and volunteers. For the fifth straight year, the Tour was a great community-building and fundraising event, made possible through the generosity of this year’s homeowners, business sponsors and individual supporters (*see page 1*). Thank you to all who helped to make it such a success.



On the Creative Kitchens Tour!

Spring is also a time of change, which is true for the Village as well. We say a very fond farewell to Patricia Butler, who has been on the other end of the phone for so many of our members for more than six years. I am personally grateful to Patricia for her deeply caring nature and responsiveness with our members, her sense of humor and dedication to BHV, her willingness to step up and take on whatever needs to be done, and for the support that she has given me, her co-workers and our members over the years.

Thank you Patricia, and all who make the Village what it is today.

Warm regards,
Laura Connors

MEMBER SERVICES STAFF

Godspeed, Patricia, and Welcome, Gina

BY BETSY PETERSON



Patricia Butler



Gina Paglucia Morrison

WE BEGIN WITH THANKS to Patricia Butler for her many invaluable contributions to Beacon Hill Village during more than six years as half of the Member Services team (pairing first with Suzanne Hudson and then with Janice

Ruell, who joined the staff in November 2015). When she came to BHV, Patricia was both excited and nervous at returning to the work force. She had spent twenty years raising her three children, but also maintaining her social work license and volunteering in various roles with the elder population. Now, as she prepares to leave us, she speaks with gratitude of her years at BHV. She didn’t expect to experience so much growth and to learn so much. She loved becoming part of the Village movement and, above all, is sad to leave the many connections she made with BHV staff and members. She has helped a large percentage of our members over the years, but in many cases became closest to people she knows only by voice. Member Services does most of its work by phone and computer, and a good amount of their time goes to BHV members who do not often participate in BHV activities.

Whether in person or on the phone, Patricia immediately conveys her compassion, gentleness and patience. She has found the work of finding answers to problems, whether large or small, both challenging and rewarding. Now she’s ready to enjoy more time with her family and at their second home on Cape Cod. She appreciates the difficulties that can arise as we age and has found some great role models as she foresees her own aging.

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No one can “replace” Patricia, but we are excited to welcome her successor, Gina Paglucia Morrison, as the new member of the Member Services team. Gina comes to BHV after a twenty-year business career, working as a consumer and industry researcher, strategy consultant, and project manager. In the past few years, her passion and interests have turned to elder advocacy and services, healthcare advocacy and the patient experience.

These interests were sparked by witnessing the challenges her parents faced as they aged. Convinced there had to be “a better way for seniors to age with dignity, have a higher quality of life, remain at home and stay active,” she decided to focus on elder care. She researched the field and sought volunteer work that would give her hands-on education while utilizing her business skills. In the past few years, Gina has interned at an elder services agency, served as an ombudsman in a long-term care facility, and volunteered at her local Council on Aging. She currently teaches community workshops for seniors on fall prevention and balance strategies. Gina is also a co-chair of the Dana-Farber Patient and Family Advisory Council, a team of patients, caregivers, and Dana-Farber leadership that works to support and enhance the patient and family experience.

Gina is excited to get to know and help the members of BHV. “I know from my time as an ombudsman that sometimes the smallest things can make someone happy and feel respected and cared for.” ■



BEACON HILL VILLAGE

JUNE 2018 CALENDAR

A reservation is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. 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 and we are unable to fill your spot.

FAREWELL

Patricia Butler

Wed., May 16 | 4:30 - 6 | Beacon House | 19 Myrtle St.
After more than 6 years as Member Services Coordinator, Patricia has decided to start the next chapter of her life. Please join us for a celebration of her dedication to BHV and to thank her for her caring support to so many of us over the years. *RSVP to the office.*

Friday, June 1 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Crossing the Line to Freedom: A Musical Narrative

Boston Lyric Opera and *Castle of our Skins* join forces to showcase the lives and stories of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr. and Paul Robeson through the music of opera at this outdoor performance at the Boston Public Library. *Meet in the McKim Courtyard at the BPL at 12:15 p.m. and look for the group. Seating is not reserved. Free. Optional high tea in the Courtyard Restaurant after the concert (\$39; pay at the restaurant). BHV members and their guests.*

Saturday, June 2 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Peabody Essex Museum by Ferry



Join us on the fast ferry to Salem for a tour of the exhibit *T.C. Cannon: At the Edge of America* at the Peabody Essex Museum. One of the most influential, innovative, and talented Native American

artists of the 20th-century, Cannon embodied the activism, cultural transition and creative expression that defined America in the 1960's and '70s. Lunch at Tavern on the Green at the Hawthorne Hotel (or elsewhere, on your own). Return on the 4 p.m. ferry. *Meet at Long Wharf-North Pier, on the north side of the Long Wharf Marriott, next to Christopher Columbus Park, at 9 a.m. for our 9:30 a.m. ferry. BHV members: \$40 (\$25 for PEM members). Guests of BHV members and prospective members: \$60 (\$45 for PEM members). Trip price covers ferry and admission to and tour of the Museum.*

Tuesday, June 5 noon lecture (and lunch)

Lecture: From Broken Glass

Steve Ross, author of *From Broken Glass: My Story of Finding Hope in Hitler's Death Camps to Inspire a New Generation*, is the survivor of ten concentration camps. He emigrated to the U.S. after his liberation, became psychologist for the City of Boston, founded the New England Holocaust Memorial and devoted his life to helping inner-city youth. Speakers at this celebration of Mr. Ross include Mayor Marty Walsh and former Mayor Ray Flynn, Mr. Ross's son and the co-authors of Mr. Ross's memoir. *Meet at the Boston Athenaeum, 10 1/2 Beacon Street. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for noon lecture. Seats are not reserved. Lunch at Carrie Nation. Free for Athenaeum members; \$10 for non-Athenaeum members (pay individually at the door). BHV members and their guests.*



Steve Ross

Tuesday, June 5 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Conversations with...Chris Bourg

Director of Libraries at MIT, Chris Bourg has written and spoken extensively on the future of research libraries, diversity and inclusion in higher education, and the role libraries play in advancing social justice and democracy. *Meet at King's Chapel Parish House, 64 Beacon Street, at 5:30 p.m. for light hors d'oeuvres and wine; program begins at 6 p.m. BHV/BHS members: Free. Guests of members and prospective members: \$20.*

Wednesday, June 6 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Beauport, the Sleeper-McCann House

A National Historic Landmark, Beauport was the summer home of one of America's first professional interior designers, Henry Davis Sleeper. Perched on a rock ledge overlooking Gloucester Harbor, Beauport was Sleeper's retreat, backdrop for entertaining and professional showcase. On our private tour of this 40-room mansion we'll see Sleeper's lifetime collection of curiosities, colored glass, folk art, china, and silhouettes. Lunch in Gloucester. Stairs only to the second floor. *Van departs Café Tatte, 70 Charles Street, at 9:45 a.m., and Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street, at 9:55 a.m. BHV members: \$70. Guests of BHV members and prospective members: \$85. Price includes van transportation and private tour.*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>BOOK GROUP BHV members meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 2-3:15 p.m. at 74 Joy Street, first floor conference room; to discuss a book previously selected by the group. Members take turns facilitating the discussion. <i>Closed.</i> Contact the BHV office if you are interested in joining a new book group.</p> <p>CANDLEPIN BOWLING Join BHV members for candlepin bowling at Sacco's Bowl Haven in Davis Square, Somerville, on Tuesday, June 19. Cost for bowling approximately \$10. Meet at the turnstiles at Charles/MGH at 10:30 a.m. BHV members and their guests. Registration required.</p>	<p>Meditation (8:45) Walk with Roger (9:00) Calendar Mailing (10:30) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Beacon Hill (11-noon)</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (10 and noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11) Lecture: From Broken Glass (12-1) & Lunch Terrific Tuesdays (4:00) Conversations with... Chris Bourq (5:30-7)</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Beaumont, the Sleeper-McCann House (9:45-3) Trader Joe's (10:00) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Beacon Hill (11-noon) Market Basket (noon)</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Meditation (8:30) MIT Public Art Tour (2:00) Men's First Drink (4:00)</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (10 and noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11) Crossing the Line to Freedom: A Musical Narrative (12:30-1:30)</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Peabody Essex Museum by Ferry (9-5)</p>
<p>KNIT & STITCH BHV members generally meet twice a month to knit, crochet, embroider or do other stitch work. In June, the group will meet at the Back Bay home of Fran Goldberg on Wednesday, June 13 and 27, from 1-3 p.m. Contact Diana Crane (dcrane@es55@comcast.net) if interested and to be added to Diana's email distribution list.</p> <p>MEDITATION Meets every Monday at 8:45 a.m. and Thursday at 8:30 a.m., except as otherwise indicated, at the Beacon Hill home of BHV member Susan Cox. Contact Susan (ssn.cox@gmail.com) for more information.</p> <p>MEN'S FIRST DRINK Join the men of Beacon Hill Village for a late afternoon drink as they continue their exploration of Boston's watering holes. Men's First Drink generally meets on the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. Contact BHV member Roger Cox (rcox1@comcast.net) for the location and to be added to Roger's email distribution list. BHV members and their guests.</p> <p>WALKING GROUP Join Roger Cox and other BHV members for a weekly Monday morning walk. The group meets at 9 a.m. at Hill House, 127 Mt. Vernon Street (the old Firestation). Contact Roger (rcox1@comcast.net) for more information and to be added to his email distribution list.</p>	<p>Meditation (8:45) Walk with Roger (9:00) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Beacon Hill (11-noon)</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (10 and noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11) River House Rooftop Cocktail Party (5:30-7)</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Total Fitness w/Cindy - Beacon Hill (11-noon) Knit & Stitch (1-3)</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Meditation (8:30) Black Heritage Trail (10-11:30)</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (10 and noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11) Whale Watch (2:30-5:30 cruise; meet at 2)</p> <p>15</p>	<p>KNIT & STITCH BHV members generally meet twice a month to knit, crochet, embroider or do other stitch work. In June, the group will meet at the Back Bay home of Fran Goldberg on Wednesday, June 13 and 27, from 1-3 p.m. Contact Diana Crane (dcrane@es55@comcast.net) if interested and to be added to Diana's email distribution list.</p> <p>MEDITATION Meets every Monday at 8:45 a.m. and Thursday at 8:30 a.m., except as otherwise indicated, at the Beacon Hill home of BHV member Susan Cox. Contact Susan (ssn.cox@gmail.com) for more information.</p> <p>MEN'S FIRST DRINK Join the men of Beacon Hill Village for a late afternoon drink as they continue their exploration of Boston's watering holes. Men's First Drink generally meets on the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. Contact BHV member Roger Cox (rcox1@comcast.net) for the location and to be added to Roger's email distribution list. BHV members and their guests.</p> <p>WALKING GROUP Join Roger Cox and other BHV members for a weekly Monday morning walk. The group meets at 9 a.m. at Hill House, 127 Mt. Vernon Street (the old Firestation). Contact Roger (rcox1@comcast.net) for more information and to be added to his email distribution list.</p>
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<p>GROCERY SHOPPING TRIPS Door-to-door transportation to Stop & Shop in Somerville every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and noon and Friday at 10 a.m. and to Stop & Shop in Brigham Circle every Friday at noon. A driver will help carry your groceries. BHV members only. \$10</p> <p>TAXI COUPONS Come to the BHV office on Friday, June 8, between 11 and noon, to pick up your taxi coupons on 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> <p>TERRIFIC TUESDAYS Terrific Tuesdays meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at 75 Chestnut Street to discuss and plan outings related to the arts. The group often</p>	<p>Meditation (8:45) Walk with Roger (9:00) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Beacon Hill (11-noon)</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (10 and noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11) East Boston Greenway Walk (10-12:15) & Lunch</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Trader Joe's (10:00 and noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Beacon Hill (11-noon) Lunch Group: Davio's (12:30)</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Meditation (8:30) Waterworks Museum (11 a.m. tour; meet at 10:15)</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (10 and noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11)</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (10 and noon) Total Fitness w/Cindy - Back Bay (10-11)</p> <p>29</p>



MIT Public Art Tour

Thursday, June 7 2 p.m. tour MIT Public Art Tour

MIT has a world-class public art collection throughout its vast campus, comprised of more than 1,500 paintings, sculptures, and photographs. Hosted by BHV member Joan Doucette and led by the MIT List Visual Art Center, this sculpture tour will take us along the Charles River to view the works of modern and Minimalist masters Jacques Lipchitz, Michael Heizer, Henry Moore, Sol LeWitt and others. *Meet at 1:50 p.m. in front of the MIT Coop on Main Street, across from the outward-bound Kendall T Station. Optional casual lunch at Clover, next to the Coop, at 1 p.m. Free. BHV members and their guests.*



River House Cocktail Party '17

Tuesday, June 12 5:30 - 7 p.m. River House Rooftop Cocktail Party

What better way to spend a June evening than on the rooftop deck of River House, overlooking the Charles River. Bring a finger-friendly hors d'oeuvre or bottle of wine or other beverage and enjoy the company of your BHV friends and neighbors. Elevator to the top floor and then up a flight of stairs. *Meet at the River House, 145 Pinckney Street. BHV members and their guests: \$10 (to cover the cost of rooftop rental).*

Thursday, June 14 10 - 11:30 a.m. Black Heritage Trail

Join National Park Service interpretive rangers for a 90-minute guided walking tour of Boston's Black Heritage Trail. During the 19th and 20th centuries, Boston's free African American community led the nation to end slavery and achieve equal rights. Their houses of worship, homes, schools, and Underground Railroad sites make up the Black Heritage Trail. One mile on hilly streets. *Meet at the Robert Gould Shaw and 54th Massachusetts Regiment Memorial (across from the State House). BHV members and their guests. Free.*



Black Heritage Trail

Friday, June 15 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. cruise (meet at 2 p.m.) Whale Watch

Head out to the Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary, a rich feeding ground for whales, dolphins, sea birds and other marine creatures, on this three-hour cruise narrated by New England Aquarium naturalists. Travel by high speed catamaran with outside viewing decks, climate-controlled interior cabin and snack bar. *Meet at 2 p.m. at One Long Wharf, near the Aquarium T, for 2:30 p.m. departure. BHV members and their guests and prospective members: \$38 seniors; \$31 children 3-11; and \$45 adults.*

Monday, June 18 2:30 - 4 p.m. cruise (meet at 2:15 p.m.) Architecture Cruise

Hosted by the Charles Riverboat Company and narrated by a Boston by Foot guide, this 90-minute tour offers spectacular views of historic and contemporary architecture along Boston Harbor, the Charles River Locks, and the Charles River Basin. *Meet at the Charles Riverboat Company ticket booth, located outside the Food Court at the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall, at 2:15 p.m. for our 2:30 p.m. cruise. The Mall is a short walk from the Lechmere stop on the Green "E" Line. BHV Members: \$26. Non-members: \$35.*



East Boston Greenway Walk

Thursday, June 21 12:30 p.m. Lunch Group: Davio's

A northern Italian steakhouse that serves simple regional Italian food, including paninis, pizzas, pasta and fish, and a three-course \$25 power lunch. *Meet at 75 Arlington Street. BHV members and their guests. Pay individually.*

Tuesday, June 26 10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (plus lunch) East Boston Greenway Walk

Join BHV member Davida Carvin on this three-mile fast-paced walk along the East Boston Greenway, a linear park made possible by the donation of a disused rail corridor that links the Boston Harbor with new parks created as a result of the Big Dig. The walk passes Constitution Beach, the new East Boston Public Library and Bremen Street Park, an 18-acre urban park with an amphitheater, fountain and community gardens. Lunch at the Reel House in East Boston, on the water. Return on the Blue Line from Maverick (or other options). Bring water. *Meet at the Government Center T at 10 a.m. for the Blue Line to Orient Heights, where the walk begins. BHV members and their guests. Free.*



Waterworks Museum

Thursday, June 28 11 a.m. tour (meet at 10:15 a.m.) Waterworks Museum

Located on the site of the original Chestnut Hill Reservoir and pumping station, the Waterworks Museum features exhibitions on the engineering, architecture, social history and public health of one of the country's first metropolitan water systems. Join us for a private tour of the Museum and its collection of original coal-powered, steam-driven water pumps. *Meet at Park Street T at 10:15 a.m. for Green Line to Brookline and 1/2-mile walk to the Museum. BHV members, their guests and prospective members: \$5.*

A Reading List continued from page 1.

- **Barbara Berkman:** edited the *Handbook of Social Work in Health and Aging* and was co-editor of the second edition of this volume
- **Ruth Ann Bramson:** *Charles Henry Miller, N.A., Painter of Long Island*, and *A World Unto Itself: The Remarkable History of Plum Island, New York*, both with Geoffrey K. Fleming
- **Randy Lee Comfort** (see *Member Profile*, page 7): *The Unconventional Child, Teaching the Unconventional Child* and *Searching to be Found*
- **Jill Ker Conway:** *The Road from Coorain* and at least 15 others
- **Linda Cox:** *Lone Holdout: A Memoir*
- **Mary George:** *Language Art: An Idea Book for Creative Writing* and *Magpie Cottage: Summers in Ireland* and others
- **Amy Kwei:** *Under the Red Moon: A Chinese Family in Diaspora* and others
- **Vincent Miles:** *Boys of the Cloth: The Accidental Role of Church Reforms in Causing and Curbing Abuse by Priests* and *The Lost Hero of Cape Cod: Captain Asa Eldridge and the Maritime Trade That Shaped America*
- **Brian C. Mitchell:** *How to Run a College: A Practical Guide for Trustees, Faculty, Administrators and Policymakers*, with W. Joseph King
- **Betsy Peterson:** *Voices of Alzheimer's: Courage, Humor, Hope, and Love in the Face of Dementia*
- **John Spooner:** *No One Ever Told Us That: Money and Life Lessons for My Grandchildren* and 10 other books of financial and life advice as well as fiction
- **Jeffrey Steinfeld:** *Molecules & Radiation* and *Chemical Kinetics and Dynamics*, the last with J.S. Francisco and W.L. Hase
- **Karen Cord Taylor:** *Legendary Locals of Beacon Hill* and *Getting to Grand Prairie: One Hundred Londoners and Their Quest for Land in Frontier Illinois* and others
- **Elsie Wilmerding:** *This Land is Mine! A Story of Crazy Horse and George A. Custer* and others ■

— Get Published —

SOME MEMBERS' BOOKS have appeared the old-fashioned way — find an agent, get a publishing contract and let the publisher design, format, print and market your book. And you'll be paid.

But unless an author is famous and writes best sellers, he or she is likely to make relatively little from a book after sharing it with an agent and receiving a percentage usually in the single digits. And most authors complain that publishing houses do little to market most books. If authors believe they already have a market, they might decide to publish the book themselves through Amazon's self-publishing service or one like it.

That's why I decided to self-publish with my last book, *Getting to Grand Prairie*. The book was about several families of immigrants who moved to a small farming community in Illinois—and since I had the email addresses of hundreds of their descendants I knew I could easily do my own marketing to a targeted audience. I figured I could make back more of the money I had spent re-searching the book if I published it myself, and I probably did.

Mary George, however, had different reasons for publishing her books herself. Her first book was about teaching writing to children and was published by a Harper and Row subsidiary. But she was taking on the role of archivist for her family and wanted a permanent method to capture its history.

"I had my father-in-law's tapes of his younger days in the Arizona territory and my father's rough notes on his life in the territory of Hawaii," she said. "I made it into a book for my family called *Two Grandfathers*."

That was in 1970, before computers could produce words and machines could spit out paperback books one at a time when needed.

Mary then wrote *Magpie Cottage: Summers in Ireland* about her family's thatched roof cottage that let her and her husband, both educators, escape summers in Florida, where they were living at the time.

Her last book was about her recovery from a series of unexpected medical problems. It taught her a lesson to share. The hospital where she was treated was concerned that she might breach patient or provider confidentiality, so she withdrew the book from publication even though it was intended mostly for her family.

She recommends that if other people are in your book, you should probably get their permission if it is to be sold through a public platform like Amazon. ■ — *Karen Cord Taylor*

Creative Kitchens Tour 2018 *by the Numbers*

12 committee members

8 unique kitchens on Beacon Hill and Back Bay

300+ attendees

14 business sponsors

49 individual supporters

22 donors to the Grand Drawing

21 advertisers

6 businesses offering in-kind support

95 volunteers

IN MEMORIAM

Jane McKinnell

Ed Siegel

Leon Trilling

MEMBER PROFILE

Randy Lee Comfort

BY KAREN CORD TAYLOR

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, RANDY LEE COMFORT settled down in Boston. Maybe. This adventurous recent new member of Beacon Hill Village previously settled down in Los Angeles, Massachusetts, Brazil, Colorado, Switzerland and England to name a few places. What may keep her here now is that her four children and three grandchildren are spread throughout the States, she has friends in Boston, and a house she bought a few years ago sits in Onset.

Oh, and maybe the view she has from her cozy, modern 28th-floor apartment on Stuart Street in Chinatown will make her stay. That view encompasses the Dorchester Gas Tank and the Blue Hills and stretches all around past the Hancock Tower, the river and into Cambridge.

How did she adjust to so many different places? “I tend to be optimistic, upbeat and open minded,” she said.

Those qualities served her well in letting her feel at home wherever she is.

Growing up in LA, she came east to Smith College, served in the Peace Corps in a small town outside the newly built city of Brasilia and moved to Denver to raise her children. Along the way she earned a degree in social work at Penn and later a PhD in educational psychology. She wrote books, *The Unconventional Child* and *Teaching the Unconventional Child* as well as *Searching to be Found*, which focuses on children who learn differently and on adopted and foster children.

After raising her own children, she moved to Bristol, England, where she started *Our Place*, a center for foster



families and those who adopt. She said she was always fascinated by Jane Addams and her founding of Hull House. She lived for 25 years in Bristol. One day she found a large envelope from the UK’s foreign office in her post box. She feared she was in trouble and would be deported, although she could not imagine why.

When she opened the envelope, however, she found she had been awarded the title of Officer of the Order of the British Empire for her work with families. An admirer of her work at *Our Place* had nominated her. She accepted the honor, but, as an American, she was not invited to tea with the Queen as are British nationals.

Her optimism, idealism and service to others have followed her to Boston. She volunteers as a counselor at SquashBusters, which supports children with sessions in homework, skill building and, of course, squash. She also serves on a foster care review panel for the Department of Children and Families. She likes to embroider, garden at her house in Onset, travel, socialize, read and listen to classical performances. She does not like to cook. ■



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20 BHV members – current and new Ambassadors – met at Atheline’s home for an evening of information and camaraderie.

Reese Berman takes her role as ambassador seriously. Reese was paired with Vicki Poulos, who joined the Village in January. Immediately after receiving her assignment, Reese called Vicki and invited her to join her and her husband Stan at several programs. Vicki took her up on her offers and together they attended the Passover Seder and a couple of *Conversations with...* programs. “Knowing that Reese would be at a program made it so much easier,” Vicki said.

Another successful pairing is Murray Frank and Tom Keyes, who became a Village member last Fall. Murray and Tom have met for coffee a couple of times, see each other at Men’s First Drink and have dinner about once a month, alternating between Beacon Hill, where Tom lives, and the South End, Murray’s neighborhood. And Tom is now volunteering with BHV, helping members with their Apple devices.

The Ambassador group meets occasionally to share their experiences and support each other.

If you’re interested in becoming an Ambassador, please contact the office. ■

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(above) It's spring! Donald Weiner, Barbara Lindeman, Diana Crane, Davida Carvin, Larry George, Roger Cox and Sylvia Blumenthal on a walk led by Roger along the Esplanade and Commonwealth Mall. (upper right) On a tour of the North Bennet Street School, Susan McWhinney-Morse, Mary Thomsen and Harold Weintraub watch with interest as a student in the School's bookbinding program works on a project. (lower right) Judith Rosenmeier, Cynthia Scott, Anne Van Nostrand (hidden), Carleen Mamnone, Carol Silverman, Carla Nelson, Mary Scudder, Rose Gilford, Virginia Soule and Mary Hirsch on a private tour of the Portland Museum of Art's 2018 Biennial Exhibition (on view until June 3; well worth visiting!)