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Coming: A New Way to Connect



Murray Frank (left) and Charley Davidson have created a list serve for Beacon Hill Village and are testing it for ease of use.



Dodie McGrath, 93 years old and a proud BHV member since the early days of the Village, delights Executive Director Laura Connors at the annual Holiday Party. (See back page for more pictures.) Dodie, a former public relations professional for MGH and Conrad Hilton prior to that, told Laura that the holiday party was “the high point of the Christmas holiday season.” Less able to get out than when she first joined BHV, Dodie said “it was like coming home to see old friends and to meet others” at the event. She says that, although she didn’t realize it at the time, BHV has been a lifeline that has kept her going for the last 12 years with a variety of fun activities and special friendships.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, SOUTH END resident Murray Frank has participated in the South End’s Senior List Serve, through which he got to know his neighbors and the topics that interested them. So when he joined Beacon Hill Village, he asked, “Why doesn’t the Village have a list serve?”

It soon will. Murray has partnered with fellow Village member and high tech guru Charley Davidson to create one.

“It’s a way to communicate with everyone in one fell swoop,” says Murray.

List serves enable subscribers to exchange emails only with the people who have signed up for the service. Why would you need such a thing? You’d be surprised at how valuable they become. People who use them say they help solve those niggling trivialities of life that can sometimes get you down.

For example, messages from list serve users could go like this: “I’m getting a new television set. Does anyone want my old one?”

A participant might ask fellow list serve members about getting a group together to attend an art gallery opening or take an excursion. Or several participants might carry on a conversation about a problem the community is facing. You can respond or not, depending on your inclination. In one New Hampshire town with an active and beloved list serve, the emails grow in number and in feeling shortly before the town meeting in March. One of the best outcomes of any list serve, beyond its practicality, is that it binds together a community in a way unimaginable 20 years ago.

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From the Executive Director

Dear BHV Members:

Dr. Bill Thomas, author of *Second Wind*, calls aging the “ultimate team sport” which, for me, is a great description of Beacon Hill Village. We’re all about connecting with and supporting each other to maintain our independence through interdependence and to find new strengths and opportunities for creating community. Over the past three months, our members:

- Participated together in more than 70 trips, activities, programs, and exercise classes,
- Took advantage of nearly 300 rides and grocery shopping trips, and
- Received 80 referrals to services and 300 check-in calls.

And no one describes the value of the Village better than our own members, just as a group did when they met with Mayor Walsh in December (*Beacon Hill Village Meets the Mayor*).

But BHV’s impact doesn’t stop at the Boston city line. I recently participated in the “Aging Innovation” week in Taipei at the invitation of the Hondau Senior Welfare Foundation Silver Linings Global, and the Taiwan government. I had the opportunity to see Beacon Hill Village through the eyes of another culture – the excitement and hope that others have for the village model as a possible solution to the aging crisis in Taiwan. My visit included delivering a keynote address about BHV’s story during the International Forum, conducting two separate workshops on the village model, attending a Broadway-style production starring elders from around Taiwan, and even throwing out the first pitch AND scoring the winning run as a member of the “all star team” at a seniors’ baseball exhibition. (The Red Sox hats I brought as gifts were a great hit!!)



I am privileged to be a part of this amazing Village – this community of older adults taking an active role in their own aging, helping each other while helping themselves, and all the while serving as a role model for changing the experience of aging.

With warm regards, Laura Connors

A New Way to Connect continued from page 1.

A few corporate list serves, funded by venture capitalists, have recently popped up in Boston neighborhoods. But local list serves are better. A corporation’s goal is ultimately to make money, which is not the goal of a locally managed list serve. Corporations may collect information through your email in ways that might make you uncomfortable—if you knew about those ways at all. At the least, a for-profit site will probably ultimately be peppered with advertising. List serves run by neighbors don’t have those pitfalls. Charley rejected some of the software offered for even local list serves because he said they wanted too much information.

The South End list serve was designed by Todd Davis, a South End resident. In a nice coincidence, Beacon Hill Village member Betsy Boveroux now manages it. Village members in that neighborhood already know a list serve’s value.

Charley Davidson is doing both design and management for Beacon Hill Village’s list serve. He is well equipped for the job, having learned Fortran, an early programming language, in college. “I was always the kid in the office who knew how to play with the computer,” he says.

Charley and Murray have completed the set-up of the list serve, and it is now in the testing stage. Look for a message soon inviting you to sign up. ■

Beacon Hill Village Meets the Mayor



A delegation from Beacon Hill Village met with Mayor Walsh at his office in December to introduce him to BHV and our activities, services, and opportunities. Each member described to the mayor how they participate in the Village and the benefits they get from being a member. Mayor Walsh was interested in how other Boston neighborhoods could establish such an organization.

From left to right are Beacon Hill Village President Daniel A. Taylor and Joanne Cooper, Murray Frank, Joann Carroll, John Stanton, Mayor Walsh and Marion Nierintz. ■

Beacon Hill Village

MARCH 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.

Monday, March 2 8 p.m. concert; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

First Monday at Jordan Hall – Chamber Music Series

After a winter break, the New England Conservatory's popular monthly chamber music series resumes with a concert featuring works by Lee Hyla, Charles Ives and Tchaikovsky. *Take the Green "E" Line to Symphony Hall stop. Optional dinner (pay individually) at Pho & I, 267 Huntington Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. For concert only, meet inside Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, and look for the group. BHV members only. Free.*

Wednesday, March 4 10 a.m.

Market Basket – New Trip!



You asked. We listened. This month, we're providing door-to-door transportation to the Market Basket in Somerville. As always, a driver will help carry your groceries into your home. If there's sufficient interest, we'll make this trip a monthly event,

on the first Wednesday of each month. *Space is limited. BHV members only: \$10.*

Thursday, March 5 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Taking Care of the Older Body

Dr. Juergen Bludau, geriatrician and author of the book, *Aging, But Never Old*, will talk about how best to take care of the older body, including nutrition, brain health, physical activity and doctor visits. Dr. Bludau will give a brief talk and then answer your questions, so come prepared! *Meet at Beacon House, 19 Myrtle Street. BHV members only. Free.*

Monday, March 9 2 - 3:30 p.m.

CPR Training

This CPR class teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, which involves chest compressions but no mouth to mouth contact. Hands-Only CPR is considered as effective as conventional CPR in situations where an adult suddenly collapses. You'll have an opportunity to both observe and practice in this hands-on course and will receive course materials for future reference. *Meet at Beacon House, 19 Myrtle Street. BHV members: \$25. Non-members: \$35.*

Tuesday, March 10 9 a.m. - noon

Free Tech Help

Google employee Ian Swett will hold 45-minute one-on-one tutorials with BHV members to help them become more proficient with their smart phones, laptops or other portable devices. *74 Joy Street, 1st floor conference room. BHV members only. Free.*

Wednesday, March 11 5:30 - 7 p.m.; tour at 5 p.m.

Conversations with... Brenton Simons, Genealogist



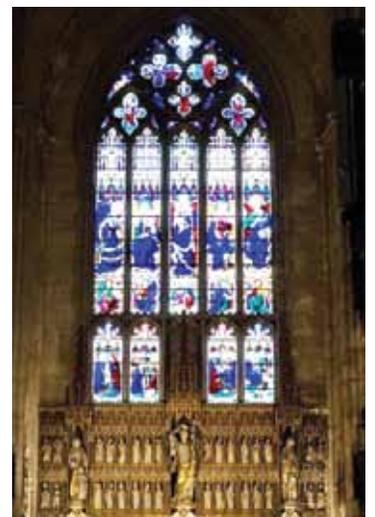
President and CEO of the New England Historic Genealogical Society Brenton Simons will talk about how to get started on researching your family history, including resources available at NEHGS and online. He will also discuss how to take care of and preserve family documents and old photos. Mr. Simons is the author of several books, including *Boston Beheld: Antique Town and Country Views and Witches, Rakes, and*

Rogues: True Stories of Scam, Scandal, Murder and Mayhem, 1620-1775. Meet at The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 99-101 Newbury Street (between Berkeley and Clarendon Streets), at 5 p.m. for a tour of the NEHGS, or at 5:30 p.m. for Conversations with. . . only. BHV/BHS members: Free. Non-members: \$20.

Thursday, March 12 noon

Emmanuel Church – Noon Concert

This 30-45 minute concert, performed in the intimate space of the Lindsey Chapel, features Bach's Partita No. 1 in B minor, one of six sonatas and partitas for solo violin and viola. *Meet in the lobby of Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street (two blocks from the Arlington T Station), at 11:50 a.m. and I'll hand out our free tickets. Optional lunch after the concert at Thai Basil. BHV members and guests. Free.*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MEN'S FIRST DRINK The men of Beacon Hill Village continue their once-a-month exploration of Boston's watering holes on Thursday, March 5, at 4 p.m. Location TBD. Pay individually.</p> <p>TAXI COUPONS Come to the BHV office on Friday, March 13, 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, 3rd floor.</p> <p>TRIP TO TRADER JOE'S Door-to-door transportation to Trader Joe's in Cambridge on Wednesday, March 18, at noon and 2 p.m. Space is limited. BHV members only: \$10.</p> <p>TERRIFIC TUESDAYS BHV members meet at 75 Chestnut St. at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss and plan outings related to the arts. All BHV members welcome! Registration not required.</p> <p>ANOTHER CUP - NEW LOCATION! BHV members meet at the Map Room Café, Boston Public Library every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee and conversation. All BHV members welcome! Registration not required.</p> <p>RUMMIKUB WITH TINA & JOAN Join BHV members Joan Doucette and Tina DiMaggio for an afternoon of Rummikub on Sunday, March 22, 3-5 p.m., at Tina's home on Beacon Hill. Beginners and more experienced players welcome! BHV members only.</p> <p>MEDITATION Geared to people who are new to meditation. Meets every Thursday at 8:45 a.m. at the Beacon Hill home of BHV member Susan Cox. BHV members only.</p>	<p>Calendar Mailing (10:30) First Monday at Jordan Hall (8:00; dinner at 6:30) TBS&S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Terrific Tuesdays (4:00) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>Market Basket (10:00) Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>Meditation (8:45) Another Cup (9:30) Taking Care of the Older Body (3:30-4:30) Men's First Drink (4:00) Power Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Pilates (12:15-1:15)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) TBS/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Core Essentials /BHAC-No.Sta. (8:30-9:30) Yoga/BHAC-NE (9:15-10:30) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>COOKING AT THE BCAE Asian Fusion: Thai, Chinese, Indonesian Thursday, March 19 (11 a.m. -1 p.m.) To sign up for this class, please call the Boston Center for Adult Education at 617.267.4430 and indicate that you are a member of BHV. BHV members: \$40/class. Meet at the BCAE, 122 Arlington Street.</p>
<p>CPR Training (2-3:30) TBS&S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p>Tech Help (9-12) Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>Conversations with... Brenton Simons, Genealogist (5:30-7; tour at 5) Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>Meditation (8:45) Another Cup (9:30) Emmanuel Church (noon) Power Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Pilates (12:15-1:15)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Taxi Coupons (11-noon) TBS/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Core Essentials /BHAC-No.Sta. (8:30-9:30) Yoga/BHAC-NE (9:15-10:30) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>HEALTH & WELLNESS: Core Essentials (\$5) Pilates (\$5) Yoga/BHAC (\$5) Beacon Hill Athletic Club North Station 261 Friend Street</p> <p>Circuit Training & Stretching/Robyn (CT&S) Beacon House 19 Myrtle Street</p> <p>Total Body Strength & Stretching (TBS&S) (\$5) Total Body Strength (TBS) (\$5) Muscle (\$5) Power Muscle (\$5) Stretching (\$5) Yoga (\$5) Beacon Hill Athletic Club North End 85 Atlantic Avenue</p>	
<p>Supper Club: Red Lantern (6:00) TBS&S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>Addison Gallery of American Art (9:45-3) Trader Joe's (noon & 2) Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>Meditation (8:45) Another Cup (9:30) Cooking at the BCAE: Indonesian (11-1) Power Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Pilates (12:15-1:15)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) TBS/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Core Essentials /BHAC-No.Sta. (8:30-9:30) Yoga/BHAC-NE (9:15-10:30) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>Exercise/BHAC-BH (\$5) Beacon Hill Athletic Club Beacon Hill 3 Hancock Street</p> <p>Tai Chi/Dorri Li Beacon House 19 Myrtle Street Call instructor at 617.512.9575 for the fee for this class.</p> <p>Walking/Robyn 127 Mt. Vernon Street</p>	
<p>TBS&S/BHAC-NE (8:30-9:45) Walking/Robyn (9-9:50) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) Lunch Group: Mooo (12:30) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Yoga/BHAC-No.Sta. (12:15-1:15)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p>IKEA (9:30-3) Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) CT&S/Robyn (10-11)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p>Meditation (8:45) Another Cup (9:30) A Conversation with Each Other: Medical Alarms (10-11) Travel Group: Turkey (5-6:30) Power Muscle/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Stretching/BHAC-NE (9:15-9:45) Exercise/BHAC-BH (10-11) Pilates (12:15-1:15)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p>Grocery Shop (9:30 & 11:30) TBS/BHAC-NE (8:15-9:15) Core Essentials /BHAC-No.Sta. (8:30-9:30) Yoga/BHAC-NE (9:15-10:30) Tai Chi/Dorri Li (11:45-12:45)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>		
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Red Lantern



Addison Gallery of American Art (painting above: Childe Hassam, Little Cobbler's Shop, 1910)



IKEA



A Conversation with Each Other: Medical Alarms



Diablo Glass School

Monday, March 16 6 p.m.

Supper Club: Red Lantern

Located in the Back Bay, Red Lantern is a lively (if sometimes noisy) restaurant that features Asian cuisine and chefs who grill, stir-fry and make sushi beneath a large, gold-leafed hood that mimics the shape of a folding lantern. *Meet at 39 Stanhope Street, a three block walk from the Copley T Station. BHV members and guests. Pay individually.*

Wednesday, March 18 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Addison Gallery of American Art

Located on the campus of Phillips Academy in Andover, MA, the Addison Gallery has one of the most important collections of American art in the country. We'll have a private tour of the exhibit *Heaven and Earth*, featuring works by Homer and others from the museum's permanent collection, with time to visit other exhibits. Afterwards, we'll walk across the street for lunch at the Andover Inn. *Meet at (the former) Café Vanille, 70 Charles Street, at 9:45 a.m., or Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street (between Dartmouth & Exeter), at 9:55 a.m. BHV members: \$25. Non-members: \$40. Lunch is pay individually.*

Tuesday, March 24 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Group: Moo

Located on Beacon Hill, Moo is a modern steakhouse where Chef/Owner Jamie Mammano creates classic, yet modern steakhouse dishes. Moo offers a three-course lunch menu for \$25, or you may order a la carte. *Meet at 15 Beacon Street. Pay individually.*

Wednesday, March 25 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

IKEA

The store that needs no description. Join Joan Doucette and other BHV members for a shopping excursion to IKEA in Stoughton. Wear your walking shoes – the store is huge! And when you get tired of shopping, you can take a break and enjoy Swedish meatballs or other selections at the IKEA restaurant. *Meet at (the former) Café Vanille, 70 Charles Street, at 9:30 a.m., or Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street (between Dartmouth & Exeter), at 9:40 a.m. BHV members: \$25. Non-members: \$35.*

Thursday, March 26 10 - 11 a.m.

A Conversation with Each Other: Medical Alarms

So many choices, including whether to choose a device that works only in your home or one with a GPS that tracks your location, wherever you are. Join other BHV members for a conversation about these devices, to share your experience or learn from others. *Meet at 74 Joy Street, first floor conference room. BHV members only. Free.*

Thursday, March 26 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Travel Group: Turkey

Frank Mead and Penny Bragonier will share pictures of and stories about their recent trip to Turkey. *Meet at 72 Mt. Vernon Street. BHV members only. Free.*

Tuesday, March 31 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Glassblowing Demonstration

On our visit to the Diablo Glass School in Boston, we'll be treated to a glassblowing demonstration and also learn about the nature of glass and the steps involved in the process from a professional. Pieces are available for purchase! *Meet at (the former) Café Vanille, 70 Charles Street, at 10:30 a.m., or Starbucks, 165 Newbury Street (between Dartmouth & Exeter), at 10:40 a.m. BHV members: \$30. Non-members: \$45.*

Beacon Hill Village to Participate in National Study

We have long believed that those of us who choose to join a village may lead a healthier and happier life than those who choose otherwise. But this belief has been mere conjecture on our part, something unproven and unsubstantiated. We now have an opportunity to examine and test this belief. We have been asked by the University of CA at Berkeley and the Village Network Research Committee to participate in a nationwide evaluation of Villages. It is an exciting opportunity for all of us – each member of our village – to be involved in furthering our understanding of the values inherent in village membership.

This study will gather information that describes Villages across the country and the impact they have on their members. Combined data from many Villages is an essential tool for demonstrating the value of Villages to both policymakers and funders. Evaluation also provides useful information for individual Villages aiming to improve programs or demonstrate their impact on members.

We hope that every member of our village will want to participate. It will require completing a questionnaire either online or on paper in the privacy of your own home, or, if you prefer, at small gatherings where members may sit together and fill in the blanks. All information will remain confidential and survey responses will be submitted anonymously. Because of the overlap in questions, this survey will also replace BHV's annual member satisfaction survey.

More information will be available in the near future and we will do this work over the next several months. So...stand by with your pencils sharpened (or your PC's turned on), and be ready to participate. This is truly exciting and meaningful work. ■

Programs Popular with BHV Members

ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH Beacon Hill Village member Roberta Meyers plans an outing related to the arts. Joan Doucette regularly hosts a gathering for members interested in travel. Roger Cox started First Drink, a men's group that meets monthly every second Thursday at four p.m. Susan Cox has gathered several members for weekly meditation sessions.

These are only a few of the programs Beacon Hill Village offers to its members. Some, called affinity groups, have been initiated by members around shared interests, as those above were. Others, put together by Village staff and the program committee, range far and wide.



BHV members (left to right) Patricia Stevenson, Richard Jewett, Elaine Davidson, Diana Ambrose and Rita Horgan wait for the commuter rail back to Boston after their visit to the N.E. Sculpture Service in Chelsea, where they learned about the lost wax process for casting bronze sculptures.

However they come about, programs have been an important part of the Village since its inception. Programs make it simple for members to share interests. Because the staff makes arrangements and provides transportation to more distant destinations, Villagers find it easier and more fun to get to places of interest. The number of programs has grown considerably over the years. Some special interest groups are now so large they have outgrown their meeting places and cannot take new members. But other similar groups get started.

The official programs usually begin with suggestions from either Deborah Drosnin, the staff member overseeing programs, or Betsy Peterson and her volunteer program committee. About 15 special programs are listed on the calendar each month. Participation varies. August's programs attracted just under 100 members. But in October, 251 people signed up. Those numbers don't include such informal gatherings as the meditation group, Terrific Tuesdays, and other groups.

Participants have toured museums, a courthouse, libraries and the State House. They go shopping – regularly scheduled trips to grocery stores, and one-time visits to such places as Assembly Square and IKEA, a trip planned for the spring. A popular offering since the Village began has been "Conversations with," featuring an interesting member of the downtown community or a person with a unique expertise.

Betsy Peterson, along with the services committee, has encouraged the Village to offer more wellness programs. A January discussion of how to avoid falls attracted a crowd. A CPR course will be offered soon.

In 2014 the Village sponsored four trips outside of Massachusetts. Members visited Chicago and New Haven and were joined by other local villages in visiting Philadelphia. An international trip sent 20 members

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A Woman Who Gets Involved

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN her life Atheline Nixon has settled down. When she was a child, her family moved from New York to Oklahoma to Florida to Cleveland. Then her husband's jobs took her and their children to Boston, Chicago, New York, Paris, Wayland and several places in between.

In every location, even if it was for only a short time, Atheline got involved in her community so she could understand local problems and get to know the neighbors who were attempting to solve them. In one memorable truncated experience, she won a seat on the Chappaqua, NY, town council, only to resign less than a year into her service because her family was on the move again. Later, after a move to Massachusetts, she went to work, serving in several social service agencies, including working as an administrator in the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Department of Revenue.

In 1987, Atheline moved into downtown Boston – first Myrtle Street and finally, in 2001, Mount Vernon Street. She's staying put now.

She became involved with Beacon Hill Village shortly after its founding. She had hip surgery, and her friend, Muffin O'Brien, suggested she get some help through the Village. She got the help, but she also again got involved.

Soon Atheline was a member of the board of directors. As such, she chaired the membership committee, and helped last year with organizing the Kitchen Tour, since organizing is what she does best, she says. This year she and Kitty Flather are co-chairing the tour.

She spends time with her children, two of whom live in Idaho, lured by the outdoor life. A third child, Atheline 3rd, lives on a dairy farm in Maine. The name Atheline comes from her mother's family, Danish immigrants who wanted to honor the Danish king Edgar the Aetheling who reigned in the 11th century.

Atheline is pleased she has been able to carve an independent, satisfying life for herself at a time she could not imagine when she was younger. "You think things are all set when you get older," she reflected. "Then you find a new community, and develop a new circle of friends." ■



Atheline is at home on Mount Vernon Street.

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and friends to Cuba for a memorable week.

Many programs are free to members, and non-member friends can often participate for a fee. If a program needs a rented space or a van or a destination charges admission, members pay to cover those costs.

A new program topic that has garnered interest is walking. Davida

Carvin led a walk in Charlestown, and Roger Cox led one around Jamaica Pond. With so many interesting neighborhoods and walking paths in the Boston area, it looks as if this is the next new trend in programs. ■



Program coordinator Deborah Drosnin, left, meets with program committee chair, Betsy Peterson, to go over plans for the next few months.

BHV WELCOMES...

BACK BAY

Beatrice (Betty) Pitcher
Elizabeth Pitcher

BEACON HILL

Frances Burke
Mariah Daly
Louise Haddock
Doris Hearty
Carol Silverman
Beverly Sotiropoulos
Françoise Woodard

DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT

Frim Field

FENWAY/KENMORE

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BHV HOLIDAY PARTY



More than 100 Beacon Hill Village members and guests gathered for the annual holiday party in early December. Clockwise from the left: New members Patricia Harriell and Rita Horgan enjoy their first BHV holiday event. Edie Holway, John Reidy, and Bob and Biddie Owens enjoy catching up. Dorothy Leef, Joan Doucette and Joan Gladstone look radiant as always.

