



*"Building
Relationships...
Restoring Hope"*

May, 2009

The Foster Grandparent Gazette

Dear Foster Grandparents & Site Friends

ISN'T THIS AN EXCEPTIONAL spring with the abundant sunshine and fresh spring-greens bursting out? The young children must be jumping for joy!

THE NUMBER ONE TOPIC, of course, other than spring is the State budget and I would like to send out gigantic THANK YOU'S to those who testified at the Budget Hearings: Principals Linda McCallister, Steve Donahue, Emily Spears, Tim Neville and Dillard Collins; and Foster Grandparents Joan Richardi, Diane Wells, Noreen Langone and Ginette Thibault. You were absolutely excellent and certainly made an impression on the Committees. A special thanks to Tim Neville for going WAY above and beyond the call by staying until after 10:00 p.m. to testify!

Thanks, also, to all of those who came to the hearings to be counted. And I can't say enough how touching your letters to legislators have been in which you express how much the children, teachers or Foster Grandparents mean to you. Some of them are beautiful, some urgent, some brief and to the point, some poignant, some practical. But, all of them together make a heart-warming testament to all of you in service to children; your passion for the children and the value you place on your friendships with each other.

When the budget is decided upon by the end of June, it will determine the funding we can obtain from the State for the next two years! It is still **NOT TOO LATE** to send a letter to a Senator. The budget decision could effect you within a couple of years if the funding continues to dwindle to the point that we can't sustain operations.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME GUIDANCE or help with writing a letter: the content, who to send it to, mailing it out, or any other question or need, please call your Program Coordinator. Don't miss your last opportunity to make yourself heard.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING COPIES of your letters to send to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). We will send them to the Chairman of the Board, the CEO and the Director of Senior Corps. They need to see how much folks value the program, too! So, send me a copy of yours if you want one to be included!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on May 22 for the luncheon!

Happy Spring!

Alane Hill
Program Director



RECOGNITION LUNCHEON REMINDERS

All Foster Grandparents attend FREE.

- Be sure to send in your REGISTRATION FORM by MAY 4!
- Remember to enclose a check IF you are paying for a guest.
- Call your Coordinator if you need help arranging a ride.
- All of the entrees offered by the Marriott are excellent and we are limited to two choices. We chose the two with the least amount of sauce, spices or unusual ingredients in order to satisfy the majority's taste. If you don't have a food allergy or need a vegetarian meal, we can't guarantee a different dish. We're sure you will enjoy!
- There will be assigned seating. Awardees will be seated as close to the front as possible, along with their guests, teachers and friends.

Attention: Lakes Region
Foster Grandparents

The Lombard's have their art
displayed in the Tilton
Artisan Gallery on Main St.
Tilton along with
many other local
artists...



RETIREEES!

Thank you for all your
dedication to the schools
you volunteer with.
You will be missed!



- Florence Richmond of Union Sanborn
- Jim Yacopucci of Paul Smith

We send our condolences to the family of Marilyn Maraia, retired Foster Grandparent, who passed away in April. She volunteered for 3 years at Pollard school in Plaistow. She called her teachers "daughters." She had a unique sense of humor and loved playing scrabble.



Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family.





**GRAPPONE CONFERENCE CENTER
(Connected to the Courtyard Marriott)**

DIRECTIONS

**70 Constitution Avenue
225-0303**

From 1-93 North or South

Take Exit 15 West.
Turn **RIGHT** at blinking yellow light onto Commercial Street.
Follow Commercial St. 1/4 mile.
Turn **RIGHT** continuing on Commercial St.
Conference Center is 1/4 mile on the right, at the back of the
Courtyard Marriott.

From the East on Route 4/393

Take Route 4 (becomes Rte. 393) west into Concord.
Turn **RIGHT** at blinking yellow light onto Commercial Street
(just before Rte. 393 ends at N. Main St.).
Turn **RIGHT** continuing on Commercial St.
Conference Center is 1/4 mile on the right, at the back of the
Courtyard Marriott.

From Main Street, Concord

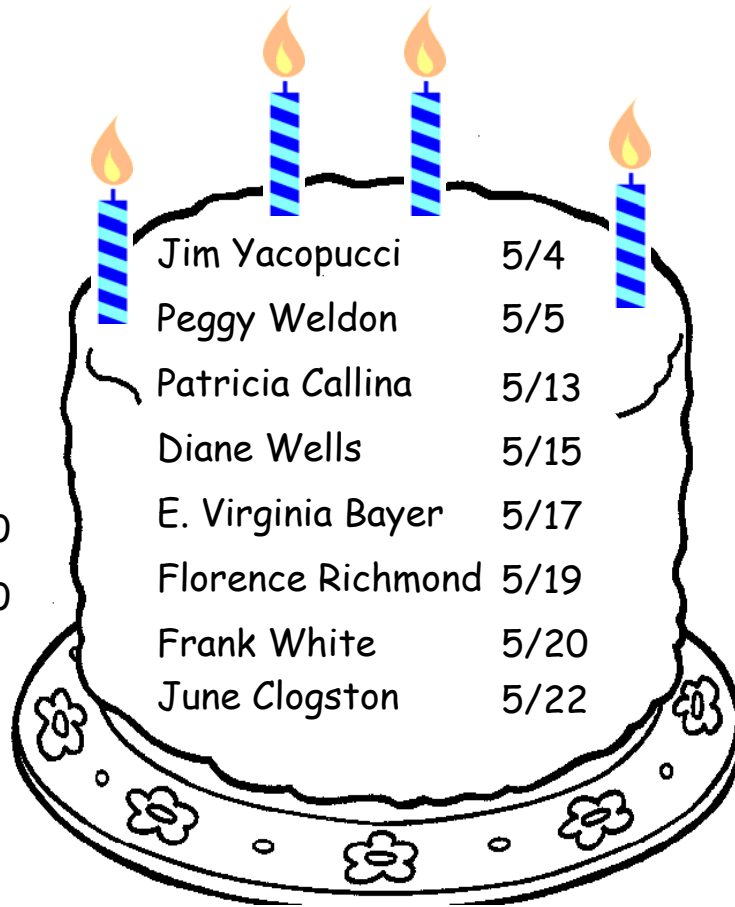
From N. Main St. turn onto Rte. 393 East.
Take the first right onto Commercial Street (just before the
ramp to I-93).
Bear left at the bottom of the hill.
Turn **RIGHT** continuing on Commercial St.
Conference Center is 1/4 mile on the right, at the back of the
Courtyard Marriott.

**THANKS TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS!
It is greatly appreciated.**



Happy Birthday

Phyllis Smith 6/1
 Cecile Freeman 6/2
 Carol Blais 6/4
 Mary McGrath 6/4
 Irene Ameen 6/6
 Lucille Fournier 6/9
 Concetta Ellis 6/10
 Gladys Raffaely 6/10



Helen Pisano 6/11
 Dorothy Moran 6/13
 Helen Marquis 6/16
 Doris McGurren 6/23
 Yvette Caron 6/27
 Rachel Goodale 6/28
 Bernice Sheridan 6/28
 Rita Bruno 6/29

Happy Anniversary

In May Years

Florence Simpson 9
 Jack Richmond 6
 Joyce Seyer 5
 Nancy DuBois 4
 Betty Lou Bolster 3
 Audrey Jackson 2



In June Years

Irene Ameen 24
 Yvette Caron 7
 Kathleen Corriveau 7
 Lucille Fournier 3
 Frank White 4



For Your Information



AT THIS TIME EACH YEAR we begin to suspend some of our monthly activities so we can concentrate on internal program tasks during the summer. So, there won't be any **IN-SERVICES** in May, June, July or August. They will begin again in September. We also won't send out **NEWSLETTERS** in June or August. But, you will receive a "special edition" in July telling you the outcome of the State budget.



IN RECOGNITION OF ALL OF OUR FOSTER GRANDPARENTS AND TEACHERS

At Day's End

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;

Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,

That you helped a single person of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;

Does the one whose hopes were fading now

with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,

"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today"?



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**HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY!**

We hope that
you have a
wonderful
day...