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**Saturday, March 8th
from 5-8.**

Salustro's Pizzeria has graciously offered to provide a pasta dinner to help raise funds to assist the Granville family who had a devastating house fire on Feb. 12, 2014. The Granville Federated Church has offered to host this event. Granville is a wonderful little town that I believe will wrap their arms around this family and provide assistance. Let us show this family what it means to be a Granvillian!

**Price: \$10.00 adults and
\$5.00 children under 12.**

**Please bring a baked dish
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Over the last 40 years, the **Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars** has raised funds in various methods and currently, we are engaged in our annual Mail-a-thon campaign. In February, letters were mailed along with the '2013 Year In Review' newsletter to Granville and Tolland residence. In this 40th milestone year, please consider making a special 40th year gift to help our local scholars. Donations received by April 1 will directly help your local scholars in the next academic year. Please feel free to share this donation opportunity with family, friends and past-recipients living outside of the Granville Tolland communities by simply sharing our website, www.granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org or mailing donations to, GTDFS, PO Box 214, Granville, MA 01034-0214. Over four decades, the Granville Tolland communities' generous support has been greatly appreciated by previous and current local students in pursuit of their college degrees, highlighting two current recipients this month.

March Scholars' Profiles:

Amy LeFebvre is a senior at **Ohio Wesleyan University** and organizing her next step. As a Studio Art major with minors in Sociology and Anthropology, Amy has high hopes of becoming a Museum Curator. She recently took a three-week "Theory-to-Practice" trip into New Mexico where she met with artists, museum officials, and even shadowed an alumnus to gather more information about job options within her desired field. Over her four years, she has worked on the Werner Gallery Board, and participated in her school's Inter-Faith house.

"Thank you so much in furthering my education by assisting my finances over the past four years. I feel I cannot thank you enough."

Samantha White is a freshman at **Our Lady of the Elms College**. She became very inspired by a family friend who works as a nurse and now hopes to become one herself. Samantha sees it as "a great way to both give back to society by saving lives and helping those in need." She keeps busy outside the classroom as an active member of Diversity club, International club, friendship partners program and Vice President of Art Club. Samantha keeps active as a member of her school's cross country and track teams.

"I want to thank the Granville-Tolland Scholarship Fund for the opportunity they have given me. Without their donation, it would have been much harder for me to receive an education I need in order to move forward in my life."

NOW AVAILABLE, the scholarship application for 2014-2015 is online at, www.granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org Applications must be received before May 1, 2014. Any resident of Granville or Tolland who will be enrolled as a full time student in an undergraduate program for the 2014-2015 academic year is eligible.

Senior News

Thought for the day:

Blessed are they

With a cheery smile

Who stopped by to chat

For a little while

Blessed are they that

Make it known

That I am loved and not alone

Grace McDonald

Recipe of the day

Pancake in the oven

3 tbsp. margarine or butter

3 eggs

½ cup flour

¼ tsp salt

½ cup milk

Melt margarine in a skillet over low heat, beat eggs, add flour and salt, and beat until smooth. Stir in milk then pour batter into hot skillet, place in a 400 degree oven for 15 minutes lower heat to 350 and bake for an additional 5 to 10 minutes longer Serve with syrup, powdered sugar or jam

FROZEN BREAKFAST FOODS AVAILABLE

The COA has received the frozen breakfast foods; they are now available for all our seniors and Veterans that are interested in receiving them. Please call Val @ 357-3068 or Dottie Bettinger @ 37-6698 and we will deliver them to you as soon as possible. The foods include fruit slurries, muffins, snack loaves corn/apple, snack loaves cherry and raisin oatmeal. Directions for the slurries, muffins and loaves, remove from freezer and thaw. The oatmeal poke holes in cellophane and place in the microwave for 4 minutes, remove and carefully remove cellophane and stir oatmeal, add milk if desired.

The Council on Aging will be hosting the Blue Ribbon Singers; they will be singing Patriotic songs and songs from Irving Berlin

April 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

Granville Council on Aging board members are:

Patti Dickenson, Chair

Mary Woodger, Treasurer

Linda Mihlek, Co Chair

Mona LeFebvre

Dorothy Bettinger



Senior St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

For: All Granville Seniors

When: Monday, March 17, 2014 at 12:00PM

Where: Granville Town Hall

There will be no charge. Please RSVP if you are attending so that we can plan the food.

RSVP: Patti Dickinson 357-8761 or Linda Mihlek 357-8781

Granville Federated Church,

American Baptist & United Church of Christ

16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034

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Join us at Granville Federated Church!

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. **Church School** runs concurrently with the Worship Service; starting after the second hymn. A **coffee hour** follows the service each week.

New member classes: Please call the Rev. Patrick McMahon at 413-579-4674 for information regarding the new member classes.

An Irish theme **Potluck Supper** takes place on Sat., March 1 at 6 p.m. Bring an Irish dish to share (or whatever) and enjoy warm fellowship as we eat, followed by card and/or board games. If you have a favorite game, bring it along. Color for the night is green. Know an Irish joke, song or story? Here is your chance to perform!

March 5th is **Ash Wednesday**.

On Mar. 9th we will carpool and go as a group to **Ripley's Maple Corner Farm** for a pancake brunch after the Worship Service. Please sign up at church so we can let the cooks know ahead of time.

The Rev. Patrick McMahon continues the **discussion** of the book Zealot on Sunday, Mar. 9th. Zealot is a book about the historical Jesus. A Bible study and sermon discussion takes place on Sun., Mar. 23rd. This is a good time to strengthen and enrich your faith and fellowship with fellow parishioners.

Breakfasts continue to be a place of fellowship and delicious eating. The March breakfast will be on Sunday, Mar. 16th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. We serve pancakes or French toast, bacon or sausage, home fries and scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, Danish, and more—all for a free will donation! No church membership required, but all are welcome to stay for the service if they want.

The **Ladies Aid** meets again on March 19th for a potluck luncheon followed by a meeting. All

women are welcome. Come and bring a friend or neighbor.

A **Grinder and Bake Sale** takes place on Sun., Mar. 30th at 11 a.m. Please see Carolea, Jan or Carolyn to order and pay for your grinder.

We continue to thank all who support the Granville Church **Capital Campaign**. Pledge payment continues for two years. Donations without pledges are still accepted. Just mark Capital Campaign in the memo on your check.

Another option for supporting the drive is to buy Fair Trade **food products** that are for sale at the coffee hour each Sunday. Very tasty, we've tried them all! Ruth Dickinson Berquist is in charge of this.

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CORI Background Checks: A Sign of The Times

There are lots of things about the good old days that I recall fondly. I remember that growing up in Granville, the world felt very safe to me. I grew up on South Lane where my neighbors were, my uncle, my great aunt, and my grandparents. And I knew all of the rest of the neighbors by name and they knew me. In those days we didn't wear seat belts, our parents left us in the car when they shopped and we roamed far and wide during the day. It seemed that I couldn't get in trouble, even when I tried.

I remember one time my friends and I were working on a project at the library. We had strict instructions to stay at the library. However, we just could not resist sneaking over to Ma Stacker's for a candy bar. By the time we got home our 'crime' had been reported. We had been seen 'walking the streets' and someone gave my mother a call!

Things had changed a great deal by the time I was raising my own three kids. I could not imagine letting my own kids roam as we did. I no longer knew my neighbors. And the headlines began to horrify every parent. Places we had considered safe turned out not to be safe after all, as the abuse of children came to light in just about every arena. Maybe we had been too trusting?

That brings us to the present day. In response to reported abuses schools, civic organizations, and churches now require background checks. At first these were required of people working with children, now they have been extended to include those working with the elderly or with those facing physical and mental challenges. In my day job, as a pastor, I am required to have an even more extensive background check that is renewed periodically. Along with most churches, we have adopted a safe sanctuary policy requiring our Sunday School teachers to have background checks

You would not be alone if you felt that this requirement is intrusive and even insulting. Here

you are volunteering your time and wanting to do something good for others—and yet a background check is required? It is also awkward for those of us leading organizations. On the one hand we are desperate for volunteers and on the other hand standing before us are generous volunteers, some of whom we have known forever, and yet we are required by law to initiate the background checks. However, if a background check, saves just one child or elderly person from being abused, this sign of the times, is worth the trouble. Thanks, though, for your understanding and patience. I hope the following information is helpful. If you have any more questions, call me at 357-3068.

Valerie Roberts-Toler

Community Outreach Worker: Granville Council on Aging

What is a CORI?

A CORI is a check for Criminal Offender Record Information.

Why is a CORI background check required for Council on Aging Volunteers? What is the purpose of the CORI check?

Massachusetts state law requires CORI checks for employees of programs that serve children (M.G.L., Chapter 6). State law was expanded in November 2002 to include:

Employees and volunteers providing services to elderly or disabled persons in a home or community-based setting (Section 172C) These must be renewed every two years.

The purpose is to ensure that those who work with vulnerable groups do not pose a risk to others.

For whom is the CORI check requested?

CORI checks are completed for: All current and prospective employees and volunteers providing services to elderly or disabled people in their homes or in community-based settings.

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What information does a CORI request?

The CORI request provides access to conviction and pending court activity data. CORI applies only to crimes punishable by incarceration. It does not include civil matters, acquittals, or accusations that were dismissed. The intent is not to cause harm or public embarrassment to people for past mistakes that they have already been punished for.

How is CORI information requested?

Individuals fill out the "CORI Request Form" and return them to George Reichert: Coordinator II ; Southern Hilltown COA Consortium who submits the information to the Criminal History Systems Board for processing.

Who receives and reads the results of the CORI check?

A person authorized under the CORI Act and certified by the Criminal History Systems Board receives and reads the results. The Criminal History Systems Board has authorized George Reichert. CORI results may be shared with the applicant to whom it pertains.

What will happen if there is an offense on record?

The Criminal History Systems Board (CHSB) has developed a list of offenses considered "Lifetime Disqualifications." People with these offenses are disqualified from working or volunteering with vulnerable populations.

Is the CORI confidential?

Yes. Dissemination of CORI results to any unauthorized party may subject the offending agency or individual to a fine of \$5,000 and/or up to one year in jail, in addition to other civil penalties. CORIs are secured in a locked file.

I had a CORI check done for a different organization. Why do I need another?

A CORI result does not transfer from one organization to another. Each agency must complete its own CORI check on an individual. Due to the confidential nature of the CORI process, agencies are not permitted to share the results of CORI checks.



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VETERANS TAX EXEMPTIONS

CLAUSES 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E AND PARAPLEGIC

WHAT ARE TAX EXEMPTION CLAUSES 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, AND 22E?

Tax exemption clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, and 22E release an individual from the requirement to pay all or a fraction of the taxes assessed on their real property. These clauses provide exemptions from \$400.00 up to \$2,500.00 for qualified veterans and their spouses (or surviving spouses). Surviving spouses of veterans entitled to exemptions under 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E and paraplegics will continue to receive the full exemption, even if they remarry.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Disabled veterans and their spouses (or surviving spouses) are eligible provided they meet pre-determined qualifications. Also eligible are veterans who were awarded the Purple Heart, Gold Star Parents, and veterans who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force Cross. Please contact your local Board of Assessors for eligibility prerequisites.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Applicant must have been residing in

Massachusetts for at least six months before entering the service or have lived in the Commonwealth for at least 5 years before filing for the exemption. The veteran must own and occupy the property in whole or in part as his or her domicile on July 1 of the tax year.

Please note: Individual communities may adopt a shorter qualifying residency requirement. Contact your local Assessor's Office for more information.

ARE PARAPLEGIC VETERANS ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXEMPTION?

A total exemption is available to paraplegic veterans and their surviving spouses, even if they remarry. The veteran must be certified by the Veteran's Administration as paraplegic.

HOW DOES ONE APPLY?

Application must be filed annually with the local Assessor's Office in your city or town on or before December 15 or within three months after the actual bill is mailed, whichever is later. If there are any questions, please contact your local Board of Assessors.

CAN A DECISION BE APPEALED?

If the application for exemption is denied, the applicant may appeal in writing to the State Appellate Tax Board, 100 Cambridge Street Ste. 200, Boston, MA, 021 14, or call (61 7) 727-31 00, or visit their website at: www.moss.gov/atb.

Shifting Gears

The Registry of Motor Vehicles will do a Safe Driving Workshop for drivers 55+

**May 19, 2014
at 1:00 at the Granville Town Hall.**

There is no charge for this event.

The Workshop will cover the following:

- ◆ New laws that affect drivers in Massachusetts
- ◆ Frequent causes of collisions for older drivers
- ◆ How to obtain a disability plate or placard
 - ◆ The warning signs of unsafe driving
 - ◆ Adaptive equipment for elder drivers



ELDERLY AND HARDSHIP TAX DEFERRALS

WHAT IS A TAX DEFERRAL?

A tax deferral permits one to defer payment on property taxes. As opposed to an exemption, these deferred taxes must eventually be paid. Below are the two types of deferrals currently available: Clause 41A for seniors and Clause 18A for taxpayers of any age with financial hardships.

CLAUSE 41A

Under Clause 41A, one enters into an agreement with the local assessor to defer payment of all or part of the taxes plus 8% interest until that deferred tax and interest reaches 50% of the property value.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must be 65 years and occupy as a domicile the property on which the taxes are being deferred, or be joint owners with a spouse or another person(s).

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Applicant must have owned and occupied any real estate property in Massachusetts for 5 years.

Applicant must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years.

Applicant must have income which does not exceed \$20,000 in the calendar year preceding the year of application

Please note: A community may adopt a higher maximum qualifying income that shall not exceed \$40,000.

CLAUSE 18A

Under Clause 18A, assessors may grant taxpayers experiencing financial difficulties a temporary tax deferral. The taxpayer may be of any age and the hardship may be due to any number of reasons, including a change to active military status.

Assessors have the discretion to establish specific criteria for determining whether a taxpayer meets the statutory standard of financial hardship. It can be granted for a maximum of three consecutive years. After the end of that period, the deferred taxes must be paid. The taxpayer may pay the deferred taxes, plus interest, in annual installments over a five-year period. The first payment is due two years after the last year of the deferral. For more information or an application, please call your local assessor's office.

HOW DOES ONE APPLY FOR A TAX DEFERRAL?

Contact your local Board of Assessors for an application.

Clause 41A can be used in conjunction with an exemption for which an individual qualifies. Applications under Clause 41A must be filed with the local Board of Assessors on or before December 15 each year or within three months from the mailing of the actual tax bill.

CAN A DECISION BE APPEALED?

If the application for tax deferral is denied, the applicant may appeal in writing to the State Appellate Tax Board, 100 Cambridge Street Ste. 200, Boston, MA, 021 14, or call (61 7) 727-3100, or visit their website at: www.mass.gov/atb.

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ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTIONS

CLAUSES 41,41B AND 41C

WHAT ARE TAX EXEMPTION CLAUSES 41,41B and 41C?

A tax exemption releases an individual from the requirement to pay all or a fraction of the taxes assessed on his/her personal or real property. Clause 41 benefits persons seventy (70) years of age or older. It provides the greatest benefit, a deduction of \$500 from the year's tax bill. Clause 41 B or 41 C exemptions have broader allowances for total assets and income. Also, under local option Clause 41 D, communities may increase their income and asset limits annually by a cost-of-living adjustment established by the Department of Revenue.

Individual cities or towns must adopt the legislation that provides for the exemption under Clause 4'1 B or 41C.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Senior citizen homeowners are eligible for the tax exemption under Clause 41,41B or 41C.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Applicant must be 70 years or older prior to the year that the exemption is being filed, as well as own either all or part of the property that is being assessed.

Applicant must have owned and occupied real estate property in Massachusetts for five years.

The applicant has been domiciled in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years.

Surviving spouses who inherit such property filing must have occupied the property for 5 years.

Please Note: In addition to requirements listed above, Clause 41,4'1 B, and 41 C have several limitations. The local Assessor's Office can provide an individual with further information regarding the requirements for the exemption clause being used in the local city or town.

HOW DOES ONE APPLY?

Applications must be filed annually with the local assessor's office in the applicant's city or town and are due within three months after the mailing of the actual tax bill.

CAN A DECISION BE APPEALED?

If the application is denied, applicant may appeal in writing to the State Appellate Tax Board, 100

Cambridge Street Ste. 200, Boston, MA, 021 14, or call (61 7) 727-31 00, or visit their website at: www.moss.gov/otb.

CLAUSES 17,17C, 17C1/2 AND 17D

WHAT ARE TAX EXEMPTION CLAUSES 17,17C, 17C1/2 and 17D?

Tax exemption clauses 17, 17C, 17C1/2 and 17D release an individual from the requirement to pay all or a fraction of the taxes assessed on real property. There are no income limitations for tax exemptions filed under Clause 17.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Clause 17 exemptions are available to surviving spouses, a minor whose parent is deceased, or persons over seventy (70) years of age.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Applicant must be seventy (70) years or older and have owned and occupied the property in Massachusetts for no less than ten years (clause 17, 1 7C, and 17C1/2) or no less than 5 years (clause 17D).

Surviving spouse or any minor whose parent is deceased who occupies the residence as their domicile.

Clause 17, 17C, 17C1/2 and 17D have real estate and personal property tax requirements that may vary from community to community depending on local acceptance. Contact your local Assessor's Office for information on the conditions that apply.

HOW DOES ONE APPLY?

Contact the local Board of Assessors for an application form. One must apply each year for an exemption. Generally, an applicant can receive only one exemption, so submit the application for the exemption which will provide the greatest benefit.

Applications under Clause 17,17C, 17C1/2 and 17D must be filed with the local Board of Assessors on or before December 15 of each year or within three months from the mailing of the actual tax bill.

CAN A DECISION BE APPEALED?

If the application is denied, applicant may appeal in writing to the State Appellate Tax Board, 11 00 Cambridge Street Ste. 200, Boston, MA, 021 14, (61 7) 727-31 00, or visit their website at: www.mass.gov/atb/.

WORLD BOOK NIGHT

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Come enjoy an evening focused on BOOKS

Drop In Anytime Between 6:00 and 7:30, at the Granville School

This is a community event which will take place all over the U.S.A.

It is modeled after a British program.

THE GOAL IS TO SPREAD THE LOVE OF READING, PERSON TO PERSON!

Bring your beach towel, blanket, or camp chair and relax while listening to a variety of children's books read by members of the community.

Book Swap (all ages) starting at 6:30. (Maximum 10 books)

Bookmark Craft, Door Prizes, and Fun

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Would you be interested in being a reader on World Book Night? Come share your favorite children's book? What is your child's, or grandchild's favorite book?

Share it with the community.



Fill out the form attached and mail it to:

Granville Village School

C/O Linda Dickinson

409 Main Road

Granville, MA 0 1034

(or drop it off at the school)

DEADLINE: April 16

World Book Night Reader Form

You may also call the school with this info

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

How long will it take you to read this book? _____

**Due to World Book Night (April 23) falling during school vacation,
our event will take place on May 1.**

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Mary Ellen (Heiden) Billings Woodell,

Mary Ellen, age 80, of Granville, formerly of Southwick and Port Charlotte, FL, died early Thursday afternoon, January 30, 2014 at Noble Hospital in Westfield. She was born and educated in Springfield, a daughter of the late William and Eva (DuBois) Heiden. Mary Ellen took great pride in being a loving mother. She was a Boys Scouts Den Mother, a pioneering volunteer for The Special Olympics, member of the Southwick American Legion Auxiliary Post 338, as well as an avid library patron and volunteer. Along with playing with cards at family gatherings, she enjoyed local Pitch leagues and the New England Sports Teams, especially the Boston Red Sox. At the age of 50, Mary Ellen proudly returned to school and became employed for 15 years as a pharmacist technician at the Medicine Shoppe in Port Charlotte, from which she retired in 1999. She was the devoted wife of the late Peter D. Woodell who died in January of 2000 and the former wife of Donald K. Billings who died in January 2013. Mary Ellen leaves seven children, Michael Billings and his longtime companion Deborah Kosko of Bristol, CT, Patricia Malcolm and her husband Donald of Punta Gorda, FL, Valerie Wackerbarth and her husband Stephen of West Springfield, Dennis Billings and his wife Sharon of Granville, Kenneth Billings and his wife Linda of Port Charlotte, FL, SSG Glenn Billings, Retired US Army and his wife Lisa of Livermore, CO, Lynne Elfeky and her husband Hamad of Simsbury, CT; 3 step-children, Marie Mathes of Agawam, John Woodell and his wife Marrienne of Forestdale, MA and James Woodell and his partner Arthur Smith of Washington, DC. She also leaves three brothers, Reverend William Heiden of Pensacola, FL, Kenneth Heiden of Springfield, and Frank Heiden of Agawam; and her sister, Carol Aiken of Westfield. She departs from her 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, in addition to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Joan Crepeau and Joyce Mastroianni and her grandson, Christopher Billings

Patricia Ann (Walker) Oleksak

Patti, age 55, entered into eternal rest on February 11, 2014 at home with her family after her long, courageous battle with cancer. She was born on March 14, 1958 in Springfield, MA. She was the daughter of Dorothy Capaccio and William Walker. She married William Oleksak Jr. on July 7, 1978; they were married for 35 years. Her family was everything to her which is why she dedicated her entire life to being a stay at home mom to her three children. She was a loving Mimi who loved to spoil her five grandchildren. Patricia is predeceased by her beloved brother Scott Walker, her father William Walker, her step-father Nicholas Capaccio and her nephew Joshua Walker. Patricia is survived by her loving husband William Oleksak Jr., her three children who she loved more than anything; her son William Oleksak III and his wife Amanda, her daughter Jessica Coty and her husband Patrick, her youngest daughter Shannon Bennett and her husband Christopher, her five grandchildren Logan, Kaylyn, Ashley, William IV and Haylee, her dearly loved mother Dorothy Capaccio, her father-in-law William Oleksak, her incredible brothers; Billy Paul Walker, Bobby Walker, Bruce Walker and his wife Cyndi, Nicky Capaccio and Tommy Capaccio, her sister Judy Bolduc who she loved so much, her sister-in-law Linda Walker who she loved like a sister and many very special nieces and nephews.

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Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

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What percentage of financial need is expected from your parents? _____

How do you plan to finance your education? (Use additional paper if necessary.)

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Please list your college choices and note acceptances.

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