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May Your Days Be Merry and Bright!



Club Treasurer Kathryn Blume (left) has recently completed a theatrical tour of Vermont. Presented by the Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance, this Vermont created original play is a funny, fast-paced journey through the history of how women fought for and won the right to vote in the U.S. A review of the performance can be read [here](#).

VIDEO: ENJOY THE SUFFRAGIST RE-ENACTMENT!

We're now officially a **tax-exempt 501-C-3** organization thanks to some impressive sleuthing work by club secretary, Terry Hook. You know what this means ... you can send us money! We have no intention of charging dues to be a member the Yale Club of Vermont, but having some funds on hand to defray operational and administrative costs currently being absorbed by board members will be appreciated. If you are motivated to support your local club, please send checks to Kathryn Blume, Treasurer, 205 Roscoe Road, Charlotte, VT 05445. (We'll be able to accept donations online eventually, but for the moment it's via check only.)

Samantha Langevin is the **Alumni Schools Committee** coordinator for Vermont. She's also a board member for the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op who has just begun a search for a new General Manager. Samantha writes: Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op, a community-owned grocery store, is seeking a new leader as the

beloved general manager of 28 years retires. Founded in 1976, our store serves an active—and continuously growing—community of nearly 6,000 member-owners, employs over 100 people, and has sales of over \$20 million a year. The general manager reports to a local, eleven-member Board of Directors that is elected by the cooperative's members. [Click here for more complete information.](#)

Club Member Ann Larson shares her experience of **interviewing prospective students**. "In response to the suggestion to join the team that interviews prospective Yalies, I want to second the emotion. I've lost count of the number of amazing young people I've met (in Philadelphia area, southern Indiana and, for 15 years here in Vermont. It's hard to see so many of them turned down for admission (however, several were very happy to go to Harvard, Princeton and Stanford, not to mention UVM and Middlebury.) And it can be a pain to write those reports—I'm reminded of my habit of coming up to deadlines when writing college papers. But the visits are so inspiring and give me such hope for that generation. I could tell story after story. I'm still good friends with one of the Indiana candidates who went on to Swarthmore and a rewarding career. Even when they don't get into Yale, I've been able to help some to discern among their acceptances: the important thing to me is for them to have the best match even if they're accepted but go elsewhere. (And, hey, the swag I've been sent each year as thank you's is a treat.)"

Terry Hook (this guy is everywhere!) breaks the sad news. "Although our friendly rivals at the Harvard Club of Vermont would in principle love to get together with us for **The Game**, the stars are not aligning for it this year. Whereas Vermont used to be in the news as having the lowest Covid infection rate and the highest vaccination rate in the nation, we're now in the news for spiking cases. It doesn't seem like a good time to plan an indoor event. ESPN will broadcast the game and many will be able to watch it at home. It won't be the same, but perhaps the hills and valleys of Vermont will echo to tiny isolated cheers for the players of the 137th Game." We'll have to "march, march on down the field" by ourselves at noon, Saturday, November 20.

Sign-up for **Winter Fun Day at Stratton Mountain**, January 24, 2022. We need a rough head-count by December 15 to decide if we have the critical mass to make this a reality. If you think you are likely to go, [click here](#). (This does not commit you to anything. Details, including pricing, are available on the website. (A big tip of the hat to Michael Jacobson for his work in setting this up.)

Speaking of Spring ... This just in from Dorothy Porter, class of '86 from Brattleboro. "I am more than happy to host an event down here in Brattleboro. We have a lovely farm that we rent to friends and family and host events. On that subject I was wondering if it is appropriate or would be appropriate to put my farm venue on the Yale Club of Vermont website. As I said I only rent seasonally to friends and family and I would be happy to include Yalies in that group." Here's [information](#) to whet the appetite and help get you through the winter.

Book Club Goes with Gunther. Joe Gunther is the lead investigator in Vermont author, and Yalie, Archer Mayor's mystery series. Archer Mayor is currently a death investigator for Vermont's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Over the past thirty years, he has also been a detective for the Windham County Sheriff's Office, a volunteer firefighter/EMT, and the publisher of his own backlist. Specific titles will be announced later. Next Book Club meeting, January 26.


