

DUNBARTON NEWS

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THANKS A MILLION! With the help of the **Blue Apron** volunteer's efforts, the **13th Annual Dunbarton Arts on The Common** committee presented a check for **\$11,000** to the Dunbarton Town Hall Restoration Project, a 501 (c) (3), charitable organization. Thank you to the 50+ juried exhibitors and the support of our underwriting sponsors: Grappone Automotive Group, Gary Chicoine Construction, JCM Management, Concord area Dunkin' Donuts, Capital Well Clean Water Center, Dodd Electric, GN Fencing, Classic Builders & Sunrooms, Dunbarton Family Dental Care, Dunbarton Telephone Company, Fire Pro LLC, Granite State Communications, Hopkinton General Store, Lakehouse Tavern, Mr. Gee's Tires, AOTC Cusano's Cafe Food Tent, AOTC Raffle Tent, and all the area merchants who donated items and gift cards for the raffle baskets. Thank you.

COMING: 2019 Summer Reading Program at the Dunbarton Library, June 25 to August 9, **"A Universe of Stories"** The Dunbarton Public Library's Summer Reading Program is always a fun way to include reading and related activities in summer family time. Reading through the summer helps maintain and improve reading skills. Reading, Weekly Raffles, Fun and Educational Programs. Here are some of the confirmed programs: Wednesday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. - **Touch a Truck 3:** Dunbarton's Finest Rescue Vehicles will be on Display. Thursday, June 27 and July 11, The **Reads to Dogs** program will return 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call the library to register for a session. Wednesday, July 3, July 10 & July 17, 10:30 a.m. **Story Time for Toddlers.** Wednesday July 10, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. come to the **LEGO Party.** Friday, July 12 at 1 p.m. We'll be: **Wild about Turtles.**

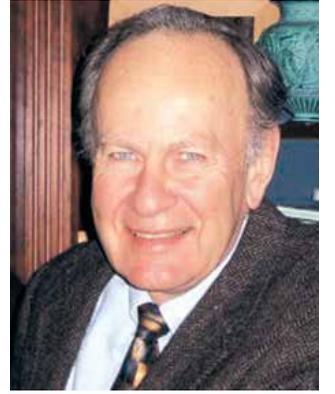
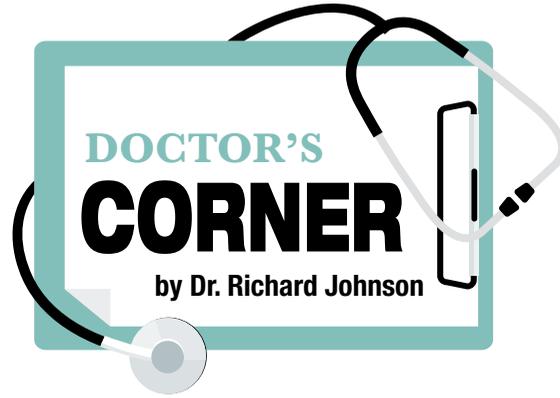
JUNE 27, WINGS AT NIGHT: NH Audubon Visit 1:30p.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be presented at the Dunbarton library. While both of these nocturnal animals, owls and bats, rely heavily on their sense of hearing to survive, each has its own way of catching prey. Kid friendly event.

THE DCCUC BOOK CLUB WILL BE READING CHRIST THE LORD: Out of Egypt by Anne Rice. Meet to discuss the book on Thursday, July 11 at the vestry. Host will be Tina Bean. All welcome.

WOMEN'S SAFETY CLINIC Sponsored by the Dunbarton Police Department Thursday, July 11, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dunbarton Elementary School. The workshop will teach you basic moves for protecting yourself against an attacker. It will be taught by Christina Dow, co-owner of The Training Station. Free to Attend. Pre-Registration required. Contact Detective Laura Cattabriga at 774-5500. Sponsored by The Training Station Fitness & Martial Arts.

SAILING TOWARD MY FATHER Tuesday, July 16, at 6:30 p.m. Come to the library to see the play performed by Stephen Collins. Sailing Toward My Father is a a one-man play about Herman Melville, the American author best known for his whaling epic Moby Dick. The play will chronicle Melville's life from youth to old age, concentrating on his evolution as a writer and his complex relations with God, his parents and siblings, his wife and children, and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

VEGGIE UP! Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. The topic at the library will be Veggie UP! Roasting Vegetables presented by Michelle D. Smith, MS, RDN, LD of the Concord Hospital Center for Health Promotion.



ABORTION

It is not unusual for a society or a group of people to become numb [accepting, unaware, uncaring or comfortable] with what has become woven into the fabric of their every day lives. Indeed without the periodic clarion call to action we are all too often simply as unaware as the proverbial frog in the increasingly hot water. Let's look at some examples from history where the 'accepted' way of living was eventually challenged: In 1800 slavery was normal and supported by international law. Then the Quakers, William Wilberforce, and many others spoke up and acted, and by 1900 slavery had been outlawed by every country in the Western Hemisphere. But today there is still slavery in the world of sex trafficking and slave labor. Until the civil rights movement began in the 1950s African-Americans were still without many "rights". Then Rosa Parks, Booker T. Washington, M. L. King, Jr and many others spoke up and acted. Their action led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. But discrimination, on many levels, still exists. The culture of sexual abuse of children and nuns by Catholic priests has been reportedly present since the 11th century. The documentary Suffer The Children (1994) and The Boston Globe (2002) investigation forced the church to try to correct this evil; the most recent event being the Motu Proprio, Vos estis lux mundi, issued by Pope Francis on 9 May 2019. The pending legal cases and criticism of church and societal culture make this an ongoing problem.

Today we have in the US not only an accepted 'right' to end the life of an unborn child, but we have legalized this 'right' with a Supreme Court ruling (Roe vs. Wade), which many want to be viewed as 'established law' and therefore beyond challenge. Actually, as I have just illustrated, it has been the 'challenging' of 'established' law and cultural practices that has protected lives.

A woman [I had been her family's surgeon] asked to speak with me about getting a 'safe abortion' for her teen-age daughter. In the conversation I explained that a 'safe abortion' could be done, but of course it would not be 'safe' for the baby. She asked, "What do you mean?" I said, "Because they will kill the baby". To which she replied, "Why would they do that?" The frog [our culture] is totally unaware of the rising temperature. We have used vocabulary to disguise what we are doing. Surely 'termination of pregnancy' could not be construed as killing anyone! "My body, my right" fails to understand that the baby in the uterus is not part of "my body". In fact, I am carrying another human being, and it should be my responsibility to protect this baby as surely as I would protect the rights and privileges of the persons I discussed at the beginning of this article. The 'products of conception' are not simply 'tissue' that needs to be removed. It is indeed a developing human being. The earliest indication that the developing baby is alive is the contraction of the heart tube, which is nothing less than the baby's developing heart.

We are in the water of our culture and the temperature is rising. It will take some serious challenging to our culture to continue to protect rights of freedom, equality, and justice for all persons. Whenever one group of human beings asserts its right to determine the fate of others, it is the beginning of oppression. We all have a choice to make: will we remain silent and let others who have the power, the money, the influence or even the 'law' on their side decide the fate of human life, or will we speak up and take action?

You ask about the 'pregnancy' that I spoke up for? My wife and I carried that baby to her adoptive parents, and she is now a young woman making her mark in our culture.

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