

2023 Year in Review and Impact Report



THE RANDOLPH
FOUNDATION

FROM THE RANDOLPH FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

On the cover: Randolph and Gorham residents before a match at the Ravine House Pool tennis court. The court is maintained by volunteers and The Randolph Foundation.

Dear Friends, Neighbors, Volunteers, and Community Members,

I am honored and privileged to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you as the newly elected President of the Randolph Foundation. With immense enthusiasm and a deep sense of responsibility, I embark on this journey to serve our community through the platform of philanthropy and shared vision.

For 61 years, the Randolph Foundation has been a driving force behind numerous initiatives that have uplifted lives, increased the quality of life, enriched education, and strengthened the social fabric of our community. As we move forward, my commitment is to continue fostering an environment of inclusivity, transparency, and innovation that allows us to adapt to the evolving needs of our community. I will be calling meetings with various community and organization leaders to discuss their challenges and needs and how the Foundation can assist in achieving their missions. In the coming months, I will be asking the board for their thoughts around these questions:

- How do we ensure board participation and engagement year round?
- How do we provide our board members, volunteers, and communication partners with the tools and resources they need?
- How do we maximize the impact of our grants and scholarships?
- What ways can the Foundation address isolation, loneliness, and lack of connection which the surgeon general has called a public health crisis? As the Founder of the Porches of Randolph I believe porch parties have helped build social connection, but there's so much more that can be done.

These endeavors will require not only our financial support, but also our collective wisdom, creativity, and determination. I am excited to work alongside my fellow board members, volunteers, and partners to achieve these goals. Your engagement, whether through financial contributions, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about our work, is invaluable to the Foundation. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant community that thrives on the principles of collaboration, compassion, and empowerment.

I look forward to the opportunity to learn from each of you and collectively steer our foundation and town towards the future.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Together, let's make a lasting impact that resonates for generations to come.

With Gratitude,
Redza Dempster
Redza "Red" Dempster
redza@rfnh.org



Celebrating Heroes

In Randolph, the spirit of volunteerism has always far exceeded the size of the town. Volunteerism is intertwined in our history and contributes to our great community. To help celebrate the tremendous efforts of our volunteers, the Randolph Foundation debuted the Unsung Heroes initiative. In addition to recognizing its own Unsung Heroes, the Foundation invited local community organizations to nominate their candidates who were honored at the Annual Meeting on August 11.

Randolph Library Unsung Heroes: Sandy and Ted Weir

Sandy has served as an Assistant Librarian and former Trustee, and contributed countless hours to the annual Book & Bake Sales, serving as Cashier. Ted has contributed many hours to the annual Book & Bake Sales by setting up tables and offering his truck to move books, and he has served as the official weather observer for the "When Will the 7 Break" contest. Both served on the Library Future Plans Committee and the Library Building Committee. They have been long-term members of the Friends group and staunch supporters of the Library.

Randolph Church Unsung Hero: Heywood Alexander

Heywood's tenure as organist for Sunday church services spans 80 uninterrupted years, beginning as a young teen. He has served multiple terms on the Board of Directors, updating by-laws and policies, and overseeing the music program for many decades. Together with his wife Bea, they established the Alexander Fund to support local nonprofits. Heywood worked closely with Charles Ruggles on the building and installation of our magnificent pipe organ. He continues to serve as a "wise elder", sharing institutional knowledge and helping to guide the church forward.

The Randolph Foundation Unsung Heroes: Dave and Alison Tomlinson Jean Malick

The clay tennis court has been meticulously cared for by David and Alison Tomlinson for decades. They have voluntarily stored equipment, managed the sprinkler system, fixed the fence, raked, weeded, rolled, and repaired every inch of the court. Along the way, the Foundation purchased equipment for a sprinkler system which pumps water from below the dam up to the court. Jim Penney buried the line with his plow, Bill Demers put in the electrical infrastructure, and Bill Arnold installed the pump. New fencing was purchased in memory of Craig Malick by Jean Malick, which the Tomlinsons installed with the help of Jean and Sam Morneweck. Jean Malick has been organizing doubles tennis games for years. More recently she has added pickleball, with games played on the courts at Gorham Common. On the surface, it might seem that it's just about sport and recreation, but her work has brought together citizens of Randolph and Gorham, and fostered a sense of community among the players.



From Left: Ted and Sandy Weir; Yvonne Jenkins, Librarian; Steve Teczar, Chair, Library Board of Trustees



From Left: Heywood Alexander; Sarah Gallop, Randolph Church Vice Moderator; John Weatherly, Randolph Church Moderator; Redza Dempster, President, The Randolph Foundation



From Left: Dave and Alison Tomlinson; Jean Malick; Mark Kelley, Immediate Past President, The Randolph Foundation; Redza Dempster

Helping Seniors

The Randolph Foundation Awarded a Grant to Berlin-based Coos County Nursing Home Residents to Visit Living Shores Aquarium

"It was scary at first because it made me think of the movie JAWS, but then it just tickled!" Richard, a resident at Coos County Nursing Home in Berlin, recently visited Living Shores Aquarium in Glen, NH, for the first time, and experienced the nibble fish in a touch pool. He and six other residents along with their Activity Department Staff escorts arrived at the Aquarium just ahead of a spring rainstorm and were treated to a spacious indoor dining room with picture windows. There they enjoyed a picnic lunch lovingly prepared for them by CCNH kitchen staff before venturing in to see the displays and exhibits. Residents saw birds up close and personal in the aviary, were able to pet stingrays, and observe a training session with otters. Several residents and their escorts made use of the QR code-activated scavenger hunt, searching the exhibits for different species of fish and other water creatures. One resident summed it up when she said she saw "everything there was to see!"

Entrance fees for the visit were covered by a grant from the Randolph Foundation, received back in spring of 2020, at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. "It means the world to us to be able to do normal activities again with the residents. To see the smiles on their faces, and for them to see the smiles on OUR faces is heartwarming," says Jen St. Onge, activity aide and LNA. "These feelings were echoed by



"Having this opportunity to finally take the residents to visit the aquarium, and to be out in public, was definitely a day to remember."

other staff who were present. The otters were adorable, but seeing the residents watching all the kids there was just as much fun for me. Their smiles said it all!"

I cannot begin to express the excitement of the residents and my staff to have the opportunity to visit the aquarium. It was such a special day with so many smiles and looks of awe and wonder as they touched and watched the fish and birds. I was even able to add to the show, when a bird landed on my head, and they thought that was quite funny! The staff at the aquarium was so accommodating and made us feel so welcomed, allowing us to eat in their "closed" dining area, visiting with us, and offering to take group photos. It has been a long journey through Covid; having this opportunity to finally take the residents to visit the aquarium, and to be out in public, was definitely a day to remember. Thank you so much!

-Diane Booth, Activity Director

Supporting Youth



Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 284 Berlin, NH 03570

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10/11/2023

Dear Randolph Foundation,

We would like to thank you again for the Archery Equipment Grant that helped make our 4H Youth Shooting Sports a success.

The program served 40 area youth, half of which had never shot before. Through social media and word of mouth, we garnered some great publicity. As a result, we were asked to put together a 1-day archery shoot for Gorham High School's "Mountain Day".

Both the summer long program at our range as well as "Mountain Day" were a great success.

We are attaching a photograph of the "Mountain Day" shoot showcasing the equipment purchased with the foundations grant.

AVFGA is grateful for your role in making our Youth Shooting Program come to fruition.

Respectfully yours,

Androscoggin Valley Fish and Game Association



Expanding Horizons

The Randolph Foundation awarded a grant to the Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School System to support Dance of Hope to visit several local schools

Dance of Hope is Africa's leading youth-based arts education program that captures the messages of hope and resilience emanating from memorable stage productions, cross-cultural programs, and youth educational outreach.



To view a **4 min video** and hear from students and teachers about their experience visit:

<https://qrco.de/beNVWm>

or scan the code to the right



SCAN ME

“ The entire day was amazing. The students learned so much. And we got every child from the Learning Center (except those that nap) to Grade 12 into an assembly. The middle schoolers and high schoolers attended workshops, Q&A sessions and simply chatted over lunch with our guests. Without the support of The Randolph Foundation we could not have made this happen. ”

– Sarah Clemmitt

Scholarships and Grants Report FY2023

Garrett Rella, Grants

Maria Neal, Scholarships

Total Awarded \$10,830

Grants

08.23.2022: Grant for \$580 submitted by Jennifer Blair to take the 3rd grade class of the Edward Fenn Elementary School on field trips to AMC Pinkhams, Living Shores Aquarium, and Maine Wildlife Park.

09.15.2022: Grant for \$100 submitted by Melanie Morin and Jamie Knight for a field trip to the Highland Center. The field trip was for the 2nd grade class of Edward Fenn Elementary School.

11.16.2023: Grant for \$2,000 submitted by Sarah Clemmitt for the Dance of Hope visit to Gorham Middle & High School.

01.11.2023: Grant for \$500 submitted by John Micucci for his senior capstone project. The project was to build a gaga pit at the Gorham Recreation Center.

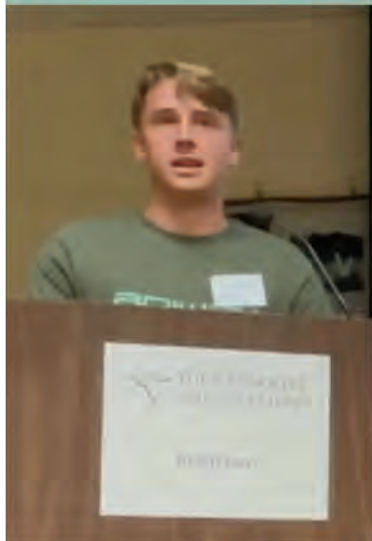
05.25.2023: Grant for \$1,400 submitted by Ray Cotnoir of the Androscoggin Valley Fish and Game Association for the purchase of 5 compound bows, 60 aluminum arrows, 1 30x10 foot arrow curtain (safety backstop) and 1 bow maintenance/repair kit.

Have an Idea for a Grant?

Apply online at rfnh.org or contact garrett@rfnh.org for more information.

Scholarships

The Randolph Foundation continues to support our community members who are pursuing higher education through our scholarship program. This year we awarded \$6,250 in scholarships to students entering their first year as well as to students returning who continue to show academic excellence. Our distinguished scholarship recipients this giving cycle are **Grace Bradley, Nathaniel Leblanc, John Micucci, and Jordan Kai Parlett.**



Did You Know?

The Ravine House Pool & Durand Lake

Are managed and maintained by both the Town of Randolph
and The Randolph Foundation

Committee:
Lauren Bradley
Mark Kelley
Gary Newfield
(term ended Aug 2023)

Your donations allow the Randolph Foundation to facilitate and pay for the following:

General

- Coarse mowing of the area between the Pool and the Tennis Court which will include mowing blueberry fields around the court on odd years

Durand Lake

- Monitor water inflow and the overflow/outflow
- Brushing and/or mowing the outer slopes of the dam after September 30th & before the snow. The purpose being to allow the wildflowers & berry bushes to seed & spread naturally in order to promote wildlife and beneficial insects such as bees and butterflies.
- Trails around the Lake including mowing except those covered by other entities.
- Mowing the grassy area between the Lake and Route 2 on even years
- Maintain wildlife openings as needed in conjunction with the Town

Tennis Court

- General maintenance and repair of the court, net, and fences
- Pumps, plumbing, and electric for sprinklers

Ravine House Site

- Mowing
- Gardens and Benches
- Signage

Durand Lake 60th Anniversary



Save the Date
August 2, 2024

The Randolph Foundation is proud to lead the birthday celebration of our much beloved lake in 2024. In addition to recreating the dedication events of August 2, 1964 with descendants of those residents who were present, we'll have other fun activities planned as well.

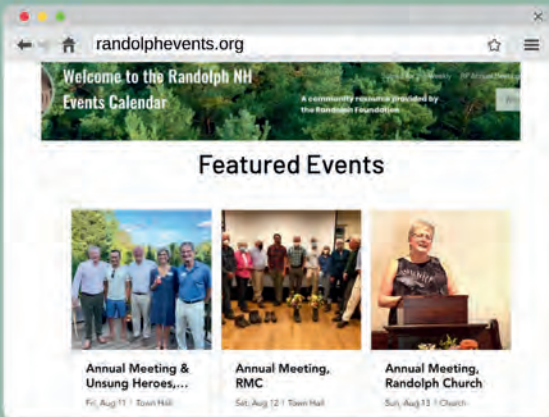
The Town Report for 1964 carries this paragraph:

By midsummer the lake had risen to a sufficiently respectable size to warrant a formal dedication, and on the afternoon of Sunday, August 2nd, Randolph gathered in the still unfilled hollow at the west end . . . Elizabeth Hilles arranged the program; Almon Farrar introduced it; Ammi Cutter made the address; Bob Edwards wrote and conducted the responsive dedication, in poetry; Jim Alexander led the singing; Barbara Wilson wrote the dedicatory song; Marjorie Cross smashed the champagne bottle; Gordon Lowe poured in the fish; Jack Boothman planted the tree; Burton Dempster launched the canoe; Johnny Clark and Gerald Reed fired the cannon; Douglas Horton presided when necessary over the gentle melee; and a good time was had by all."

Communications

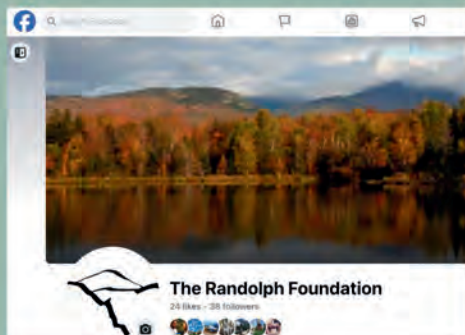
Committee:
Redza Dempster
Mark Kelley

One of the original purposes of The Randolph Foundation was to produce publications that provided timely and relevant information to groups and individuals with an interest in our exceptional community. That mandate remains, but has evolved to include digital communications as the Foundation reaches out to the next generation of community members.




RandolphEvents.org


In time for Summer 2023, the Foundation launched a year-round events calendar website. If you have a public event you would like listed visit the website to submit details or email it to randolphnevents@gmail.com. Access has also been shared with major event planners in town.



Facebook and LinkedIn

We launched both in the Spring of 2023. Stay in touch. Follow and like us to receive updates, news, and photos.

 facebook.com/RandolphFoundation

 linkedin.com/company/the-randolph-foundation

We are also looking for volunteers to provide content and serve as moderators and admins. If you'd like to volunteer please contact redza@rfnh.org

Publications

The Mountain View is a magazine-like publication mailed to permanent and seasonal residents and distributed to approximately 700 homes in the months of September, December, April, and June. We welcome articles and photographs reflecting the interests and diversity of the people of Randolph and the surrounding areas.

The Blizzard is an at-a-glance calendar publication mailed to residents from September to June.



The Randolph Weekly is an events listing newsletter published and circulated each Friday from the 4th of July to Labor Day. The Weekly is disseminated to the various boxes (birdhouses) dispersed throughout town and the Grand View Lodge.

The Weekly celebrated 30 years in the summer of 2023! To commemorate the occasion the Foundation introduced a printed supplement highlighting the major events of the summer.



GUIDE TO SUMMER'S BIGGEST EVENTS!

Summer 2023 marks 30 years of The Randolph Weekly serving our community. To commemorate this anniversary The Randolph Foundation is proud to bring you this special supplement to The Randolph Weekly covering some of the major events in July and August.

Due to printed space restrictions not all events can be included here. For a full listing of events, contacts, and rain dates visit RandolphEvents.org, pickup your printed Weekly every Friday at a birdbox, or download a copy at RFNH.org.

JULY	
SUNDAYS STARTING JULY 2  Summer Worship 10:30am Randolph Church	TUESDAY, JULY 4  RMC 4th of July Tea 3pm The Kelleys' Yard 98 Randolph Hill Rd
FRIDAY, JULY 7  The Randolph Art Show Opening Reception 3pm Town Hall	SATURDAY, JULY 8  Electric Vehicle Showcase 11am-1pm Library
SATURDAY, JULY 22  Library Book & Bake Sale 9am-3pm Library	FRIDAY, JULY 28  RMC Annual Dinner 6:30pm 115 Main St. Gorham <small>(Contact RMC to be seated)</small>

Building a stronger, safer community

"Thank you for the time and effort into bringing people together at the Fall Harvest Potluck. It really is so thoughtful - the way you transformed Town Hall. It was great to meet and talk to people I don't really know and rarely see in Randolph."

-Harriet Phinney



In an effort to help address the national epidemic of loneliness and social isolation The Randolph Foundation sponsored and hosted a town-wide **Fall Harvest Potluck Dinner on Friday, October 13**. Open to all at no charge, it was well attended, and an enjoyable evening of food and camaraderie. Many thanks to all the volunteers and especially Kathleen Kelley who through her decoration skills and organization made the night a true harvest celebration. Look for more events in the future!

Based on a survey conducted after the 2023 Annual Meeting, respondents were open to seeing the Foundation sponsor and host more events than it has in previous years.

Did You Know?

Lifeline is 24/7 Monitoring Service Offered at No Cost to Randolph Residents*

VRI Cares provides assistance so residents can be safe and independent in your own home. Knowledgeable, caring staff will offer help at the touch of a button. The Town of Randolph and The Randolph Foundation provides basic service at not cost for year round and seasonal residents. To sign up for this service, please contact **Heather Wiley** via phone at 603-466-5179 or email at rcotnoir@ne.rr.com.

*Some restrictions may apply



Bicentennial Celebration

Town of Randolph
1724-2024

Celebration Committee

Co-Chairs:

Sarah Eusden Gallop

Guy Stever



Randolph will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2024! The Town of Randolph and The Randolph Foundation are proud to jointly sponsor the Bicentennial festivities.

Guy Stever and Sarah Eusden Gallop are co-chairs of the overall planning process. Anne Post Poole is leading the Celebration Weekend on August 2nd – 4th, and Harriet Phinney and Kempy Minifie are organizing the Friday and Saturday night events. We are grateful to a wonderful corps of volunteers who are helping with all of the following activities!



During May – August 2024, Bicentennial events will include a Woodspringstock concert, an event commemorating Incorporation Day (June 16, 1824), a Bicentennial exhibit, community quilt displays, a Bicentennial film, and a return of the Rendezvous. Other features will be a Bicentennial postmark, the presentation of a LIDAR (light detection and ranging) project and (hopefully!) a celebration of a historical designation for the Town of Randolph.

The **August 2nd – 4th Celebration Weekend** will include community dinners, music, a parade, games and activities, food trucks, a square dance, a tennis tournament, a Durand Lake 60th birthday party, a hymn sing, various presentations, a church concert, and a 50/50 raffle. These last two events will raise funds for area nonprofits that serve our neighbors.

There will be fabulous Bicentennial items for all! Judy Hudson is writing a new *Randolph at 200* book which will be made available free of charge to all residents, along with a Bicentennial calendar. For sale will be commemorative medals, Bicentennial hats and shirts, and hiker signs that households can personalize and display.

Make sure you follow **Randolph NH 2024 Bicentennial** on **Facebook** to learn more about details and dates as they become available! That page will serve as the central information source for the 2024 celebration. Questions about the Bicentennial can also be directed to **RandolphAt200@gmail.com**.



The Path Forward

While we continue to safeguard storied traditions we will also look at ways of improving and growing.

Grants

The Board is currently looking into ways to reintroduce ourselves and promote the Foundation's mission and the availability of grants to the community to encourage more applications.

Scholarships

We will convene an Advisory Committee of board and non-board members to evaluate and recommend possible changes to the Scholarship program to boost impact. Ideas to consider include scholarships for trade schools, community colleges, resumed undergraduate education, job retraining, and adult education. If you're interested in joining the Advisory Committee or have ideas write to redza@rfnh.org.



Community 'Wish List'

- Additional benches around Durand Lake
- Durand Lake all persons, all access trail
- Upgraded playground equipment
- Additional trees near playground/gazebo
- Appalachia Trail head restroom facilities
- Route 2 parking access to Durand Lake
- Volunteer coordination

While we cannot guarantee all projects requested by the community will be funded or enacted we always welcome your thoughts. If you have a project idea that you would like The Foundation to further explore, please write to redza@rfnh.org.

How Can You Help?

Donate. Volunteer. Join the board.

Meet new friends. Work with your neighbors. Have a say. Make an impact. Have fun.

**Are you interested in joining the board now or in the future?
Contact mark@rfnh.org.**

Giving Back. Give Local.

"There's a collective love for Randolph and a deeply rooted desire of so many community members to make it truly the best place in the world."

— Redza Dempster, President, The Randolph Foundation



We are all approached with requests to donate to so many worthy causes.

Here are five reasons to donate to The Randolph Foundation:

01

Whether you visit for a day or you live here year round you belong. You are part of the Randolph Community.

02

You can enhance your own life by improving the areas where you work, live, visit, and play.

03

No gift is too small. Small gifts are multiplied with gifts from others.

04

You join a community of collaborators and volunteers. A community with empathy, kindness, and a collective and caring mindset.

05

You have a chance to change the lives of your neighbors and witness the impact.

DONATE



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And Don't Forget The Randolph Foundation
on #GivingTuesday, November 28!



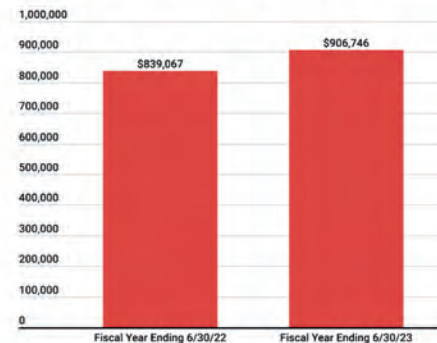
Financials

The assets of the foundation managed by Janney, Montgomery, Scott totaled \$906,746 at the end of June. This compares with \$886,461 at the end of March and \$839,067 at the end of the Foundation's fiscal year ending June 2022.

The portfolio appreciated by 3.8% for the quarter and by 9.7% for the twelve months to the end of June 2023.

Caesar Bryan, Vice President & Finance
Rick Umiker, Treasurer

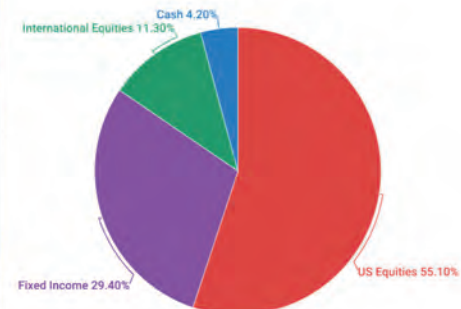
Endowment Assets



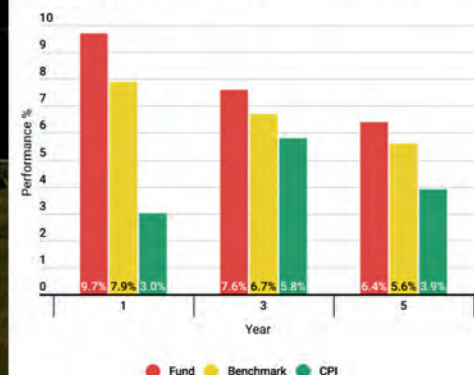
Treasurer's Report FY2023

Accounts	FY23 Budget	FY23 Actual	Change	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	Change
Income						
Donations	35,000.00	41,507.00	18.6%	42,454.67	41,507.00	-2.2%
Interest - Northway	1.00	1.28	28.0%	1.28	1.28	
Transfer from Janney	28,600.00	11,000.00	-61.5%	15,000.00	11,000.00	-26.7%
Total Revenues	63,601.00	52,508.28	-17.4%	57,455.36	52,508.28	-8.6%
Expenses						
Admin	9,000.00	12,613.02	40.1%	10,143.01	12,613.02	24.4%
Durand/Ravine	6,000.00	1,016.16	-83.1%	25,223.93	1,016.16	-96.0%
Grants	17,000.00	15,884.00	-6.6%	765.00	15,884.00	1976.3%
Gorham Rec.	500.00	2,025.00	305.0%	385.00	2,025.00	426.0%
Lifeline	2,000.00	2,546.75	27.3%	1,769.25	2,546.75	43.9%
Website	1,000.00	897.00	-10.3%	757.00	897.00	18.5%
Scholarships	9,000.00	6,250.00	-30.6%	7,550.00	6,250.00	-17.2%
Blizzard	2,300.00	2,684.00	16.7%	2,177.00	2,684.00	23.3%
MountainView	11,000.00	9,075.29	-17.5%	9,775.06	9,075.29	-7.2%
Weekly	1,800.00	1,440.00	-20.0%	1,075.00	1,440.00	34.0%
Celebration 2024	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.0%	0.00	4,000.00	
Total Expenses	63,600.00	48,815.18	-23.2%	59,620.25	48,815.18	-18.1%
Income - Expenses	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,693.10		\$ (2,164.89)	\$ 3,693.10	
Scaranza Memorial	\$14,985.00					

Endowment Asset Allocation As of 6/30/2023



Endowment Investment Performance



The John Scaranza Scholarship fund assets are held at Janney and invested in a money market account separate and segregated from the endowment's assets and does not include funds that are held at Northway Bank.

The Randolph Foundation is continually grateful to Geoffrey Berringer and his colleagues at Janney Montgomery Scott for all their time and assistance.

We thank you for your ongoing and generous support!

Your Randolph Foundation

Officers/Committees:

Redza Dempster, President & Communications

Caesar Bryan, Vice President & Finance

Rick Umiker, Treasurer

Jennifer DeMarco, Secretary

Mark Kelley, Immediate Past President;
Communications & Nominating

Board Members/Committees:

Lauren Bradley, Ravine House & Durand Lake

Beth Krusi, Nominating

Maria Neal, Scholarships

Garrett Rella, Grants

Gary Newfield, Ravine House & Durand Lake
(Term Ended August 2023)

*The following are non-board members, but who nevertheless
work tirelessly on the Foundation's behalf:*

Bicentennial Celebration Co-Chairs:

Sarah Eusden Gallop

Guy Stever

Ravine House Pool & Tennis Court Volunteers:

Dave and Alison Tomlinson

Lifeline Liaison:

Heather Wiley

Publications Team:

Lucy Sandin, Editor, *The Mountain View*

Linda DuPont, Editor, *The Blizzard*

Keith Dempster, Editor, *The Weekly*



The Mountain View editor, Lucy Sandin, left, with a fellow AT hiker. Lucy completed the AT in October 2023.

Join Us!

**Are you interested in
joining the board now or in
the future?**

Write to mark@rfnh.org

Contact the President

Redza Dempster
redza@rfnh.org
call/text 973-652-3845

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\$10,830 

Scholarship and Grant
Dollars Awarded

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Scholarships
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14 

Subscribers to
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5 

Grants
Awarded

700+ 

Households receiving
publications by mail

Thank you for your
continued support!



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