



Dick Backus, left, and Nat Corwin chat on November 5th, when they and other members and volunteers attended NF's Potluck Luncheon Gathering to enjoy delicious food, socializing with friends and neighbors, and the special music presented by Mary Sholkovitz, Bob Schneider, and Jessica O'Malley. If you missed this one, please mark your calendars for the homemade soup and bread luncheon scheduled for January 28, 2012.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Meet for Breakfast/Coffee: December 5th

We have reserved a table at Friendly's for Monday, December 5th, at 9 a.m. Please join us if you can.

Meet for Lunch: December 14th

We are reserving tables at the Coonamessett Inn for 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, December 14th. Please call the office to reserve a seat. If you find you can attend at the last minute, just come. We'll simply add another chair.

Next NF Board Meeting: December 15th

NF Board of Directors will meet at 2:00, Thursday, December 15th, in the Boardroom at Falmouth Hospital.

NF Book Club: January 5th

NF Book Club will meet at 2:30, Thursday, January 5th. The book selection is *A Troubled Man: A Kurt Wallander Novel* by Henning Mankell. Please join us if you're interested. Just call the NF office for location.

Tea at Two: January 19th

An NF "Tea at Two" is planned for Thursday, January 19th, 2:00 p.m. at Dillingham Place. It is for potential new members. Please consider all the people you know and pass along names of those who might be interested in joining NF to Membership Chair Joanne Voorhis or the NF office.

Soup/Bread Gathering: Saturday, January 28th

Our annual homemade soup and fresh bread luncheon and a time to socialize for members, volunteers, and guests will be held on Saturday, January 28th, at 12:00, in Fellowship Hall, 1st Congregational Church on the Green. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

NF Computer Class Planned for Early 2012

We are pleased to announce a friendly computer learning class for NF members. It will be held in the new library and computer lab at Falmouth Academy on a Saturday early in 2012. Since it will be primarily one-on-one with Falmouth Academy students, it will be a great opportunity to ask any question, no matter how basic or advanced, to help you navigate your computer. It will be a relaxed atmosphere, and *not* in a lecture format.

Everything will be hands-on, so bring your laptop if you have one. Computers will be available at the school for those who do not have one or can't bring one. To give us some advance information, we will ask you what areas you are interested in,

whether it be emailing, handling attachments, printing, photographs, word processing, surfing the web, Google searching, or anything else.

It will be a fun and exhilarating time, plus it will be a great way to connect with a student. Transportation can be arranged. We hope you'll join us! The exact date will be in the January newsletter, but please let us know now if this is of interest to you.



Red Wright, NF Member
by Mavise Crocker

My interview with Red Wright in his beautiful oceanfront home had hardly begun when it was interrupted by wildlife distractions. First it was a red-tailed hawk sailing in front of the large living room window and into the woods on its search for prey. A moment later we were brought to our feet by a handsome coyote trotting purposefully along the deck surrounding the house. He was a handsome fellow, well-fed with a thick gray and brown coat – oblivious to those of us inside ten feet away, watching in fascination.

This is one of many reasons that Red and his wife Mary love living on the Cape, specifically in Falmouth and the Woods Hole area. It is close to the ocean, close to several oceanographic centers, and close to nature. Yet their friends wondered why for almost twenty years they spent the winter months not in Bermuda or the warm Caribbean, but on one of the San Juan islands off the coast of Seattle, known for its misty, wet weather.

The answer is simple: one of their daughters lived there with her husband and two sons, whom they might otherwise see only briefly, on holidays. She is now Director of a private school in Portland, Oregon. Another daughter is a Latin teacher in a Massachusetts public school, and a son is fulfilling

a lifelong dream of being a professional boat builder in Maine. They are a tight-knit family, brought up in Woods Hole, keeping their love of the sea intact wherever they live.

Although Red received his M.A. and Doctorate from the University of Rhode Island, he did not originally plan to have a career in oceanography; he planned to be a journalist. After graduating from Princeton, he worked for two years on a newspaper in Albany, NY, and then for six years he was a newspaper reporter for *The Providence Journal*.

During that time, he was approached by WHOI to be the institution's Public Information Officer, a post he held for two years until, after close association with WHOI scientists and after serving on several ocean research voyages, he was bitten by the oceanography bug. That is when he decided to enroll at the University of Rhode Island to earn his doctorate in physical oceanography. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Red was also associated for many years with WHOI and with the Marine Fisheries branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association in Woods Hole. After retiring, he founded the Associated Scientists at Woods Hole, an organization allowing retired scientists to procure grants for research. He also was on the Board and served as President of the Bermuda Biological Station, a marine scientific laboratory similar to MBL, which was originally a summer research center but is now a thriving year-round organization.

For many of us who have worked hard at first and second careers in our lives, the joys of retirement have come like frosting on the cake, and this is what has happened to Red Wright: raised on a very active small farm near Philadelphia, he learned the benefits of hard work at an early age. Not many school-age kids today are required to milk five cows and practice the cello before breakfast every morning!

He and his wife Mary (now retired from the Southeast Massachusetts Regional State Board of Education) are thoroughly enjoying their retirement. Their journeys have taken them to various parts of the globe—to Italy, to New Zealand in the Pacific, and even to Alaska. Back in Falmouth, Red has become involved in various volunteer organizations. We are especially glad to have had him as a Neighborhood Falmouth Board member, helping

Falmouth retirees to remain independent in their own homes as long as possible.

LAUGHING FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

Several people have recently recommended a yoga class that advertises deep breathing, gentle stretches, and laughter as exercise. It is being offered every Monday morning beginning promptly at 9:27 and finishing at 10:07 in the Gus Canty Community Center. It is free—all are welcome!

LOCAL "PILGRIMS"



Caught on camera during Thanksgiving week and submitted by one of our NF board members, Bobbie Miner.

NF/SENIOR DISCOUNTS

Falmouth Taxi Company: 25% discount to Falmouth Seniors. Be sure to ask for the discount if you use their service.

Eastman/Ace Hardware: 10% discount to members of NF on most full priced items and available every day.

Windfall Market: 5% Senior discount every Wednesday.

Family Foods: 10% Senior discount every Wednesday (no deli items or alcohol).

Mahoney's Garden Center: 10% Senior discount every Wednesday.

Dunkin' Donuts: 10% any time—you have to ask.

We gratefully acknowledge support from the following merchants who responded to our recent business appeal letter:

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