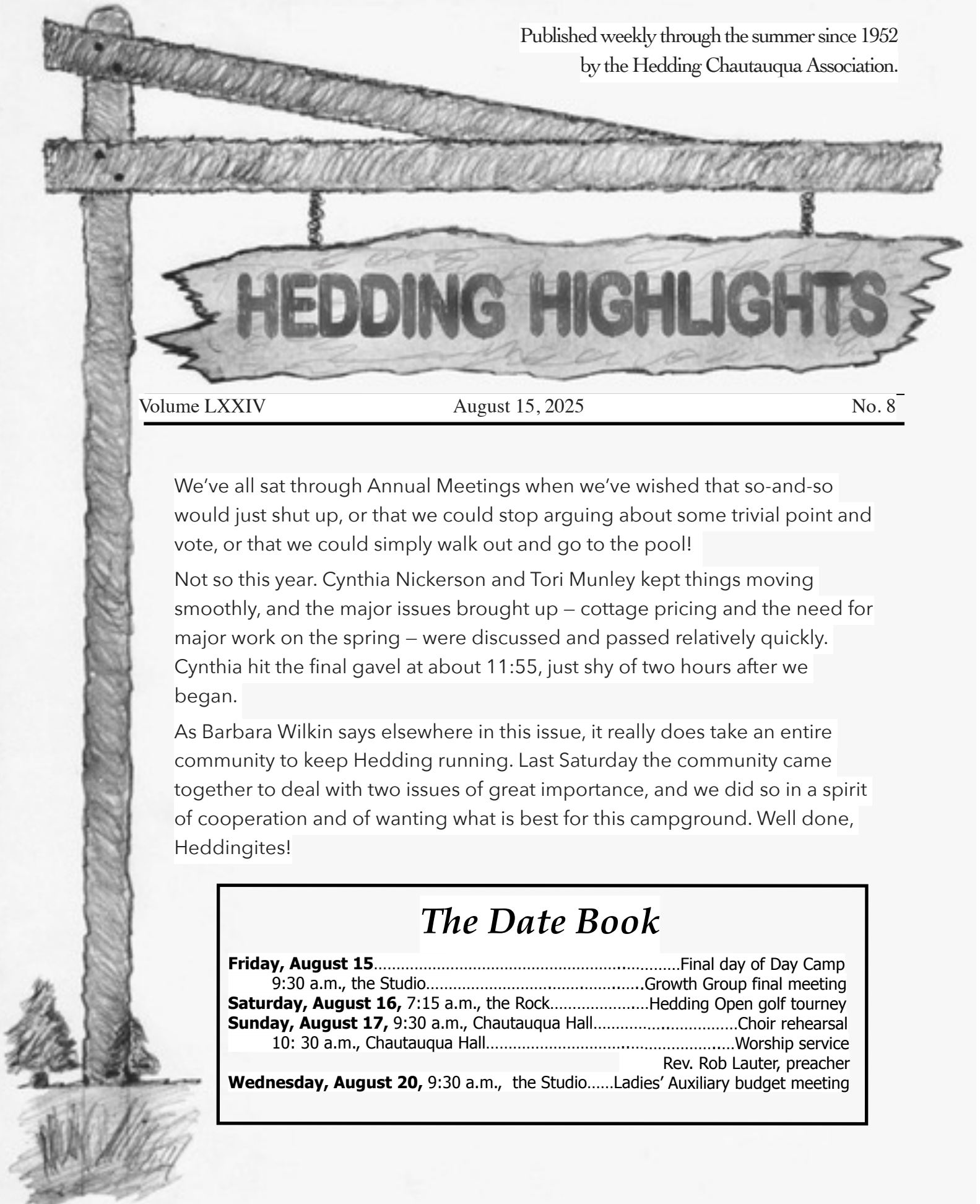


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We've all sat through Annual Meetings when we've wished that so-and-so would just shut up, or that we could stop arguing about some trivial point and vote, or that we could simply walk out and go to the pool!

Not so this year. Cynthia Nickerson and Tori Munley kept things moving smoothly, and the major issues brought up – cottage pricing and the need for major work on the spring – were discussed and passed relatively quickly. Cynthia hit the final gavel at about 11:55, just shy of two hours after we began.

As Barbara Wilkin says elsewhere in this issue, it really does take an entire community to keep Hedding running. Last Saturday the community came together to deal with two issues of great importance, and we did so in a spirit of cooperation and of wanting what is best for this campground. Well done, Heddingites!

The Date Book

Friday, August 15.....Final day of Day Camp
9:30 a.m., the Studio.....Growth Group final meeting
Saturday, August 16, 7:15 a.m., the Rock.....Hedding Open golf tourney
Sunday, August 17, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
10: 30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Worship service
Rev. Rob Lauter, preacher
Wednesday, August 20, 9:30 a.m., the Studio.....Ladies' Auxiliary budget meeting



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▲ Around and About

Special thanks go out to Cynthia Nickerson, who once again led us through another amicable and successful Annual Meeting.

The ongoing support of Officers, Trustees, Organizational members and, of course, volunteers, makes my job so much easier. It truly does take the entire community to keep Hedding running.

I have received some inquiries about how **donations can be made towards the Historical Spring Project**. I have set up a basket on my porch for donations big or small. After October 15, donations can be sent to: Hedding Camp Meeting Association, P.O. Box 517, Epping, NH 03042.

Also, a reminder: Anyone who is not current with their assessments is asked to stop by and set up a written payment plan with me.

Much appreciated,

— *Barbara Wilkin, Comptroller*

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We didn't have room for Ian's latest *oeuvre* last week, so here it is! — *Ed*.

ROADKILL

Mr Skunk had a funk
 Died last night's roam
 Got hit by a car, didn't get far
 Smell that french cologne.

— *Ian Davidson*

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A happy August 12 birthday to new Chautauqua Veep Tim Sheppard!

— *The whole fan family*

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Happy birthday to Will Pecoraro on August 13. I hope it's the best one yet.

— *Love, Dannielle*

Cherie and Mumford Blotz wrote us to say that their Knowles Avenue cottage will probably be empty this year because of an industrial accident at the Kreem-O-Lishus Mayonnaise factory in their home town of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, that involved their 220-lb. bull mastiff, Tinker Bell. The Blotzes, both veteran emulsifiers at Kreem-O-Lishus, had retired shortly before Covid hit, but were pressed back into service post-pandemic, when experienced emulsifiers were in short supply.

Tinker Bell had always gone to work with Mommie and Dada, Cherie told us. The dog had grown accustomed to the faintly putrescent smell of the mayonnaise, and the whoosh of the razor-sharp steel blades in the low-slung emulsifying tank usually lulled her to sleep. One morning a few days after the Blotzes' return to work, however, a new smell wafted from the tank. The kitchen was testing the new cheeseburger-flavored mayonnaise, and Tinker Bell found the aroma droolingly irresistible. With a mighty leap, she plunged headlong into the churning tank. With a stomach-wrenching SCR-R-UNCH, Tinker Bell Blotz was one emulsified puppy.

Paralyzed with shock, a little nauseous, Cherie and Mumford were flummoxed. What could they do? Their shift was ending, and they couldn't just tell the management to dump 30,000 gallons of New Cheeseburger Mayo into the Okmulgee River, which was the town's only source of water. So, they decided to do — nothing. Hanging up their emulsifying rakes, they walked out of the plant. Everyone was too busy to notice that Tinker Bell wasn't with them.

The next morning, the quality control crew came to collect a sample of the new product for routine testing. Surprised and thrilled with their findings, they sent a report to the management: The protein content of New Kreem-O-Lishus CheddarBurger Mayo was 2.3 times higher than their regular mayonnaise, so they could market it as a health food! And those meaty little lumps? They could only be a stroke of genius from those Einsteins in Product Development — actual simulated chunks of meat in a cheeseburger-flavored mayonnaise! Those fine yellowish hairlike strands were obviously some kind of imitation American cheese that hadn't fully emulsified. "What would they think of next?" the QC people wondered. "Maybe they could take those meaty hunks, add a little THC, and package them as New Kreem-O-Lishus CheddarBurger Mayo gummies! Whatever they come up with, we have the Blotzes to thank for a beautiful emulsifying job."

Cherie and Mumford didn't grieve long for Tinker Bell. When they heard the news from the quality control lab, they went right out and bought six bull mastiff puppies. If they had anything to say about it, New Kreem-O-Lishus Hi-Protein CheddarBurger Mayo was going to dominate the world of mayonnaise.

"So," Cherie concluded, "we've got our hands full with six bull mastiff puppies, and there wouldn't be room for them in the cottage. Our best to you all, and we'll hope to see you next year."

Religious LifeLines

Our service this week will be led by Pastor Rob Lauter from Christ Community Church in Weare, N.H. Rob is a cottage owner with his wife Sarah and four children. Greeters last week were Peter and Anna Wicks. Flowers were given by Mary Jane Anderson and family in memory of loved ones, and by the Wicks family in loving memory of Ted and Beth Wicks.

Our last Growth Group will be held Friday, August 15 with Terry Herring at 9:30 a.m. in the Studio. We would like to thank Michelle Jaques for bringing back the Wednesday evening hymn sing. Great job, Michelle! If you have not ordered flowers yet this year, there are two services left to sign-up at the Post Office,

The Religious Life Committee would like to thank Chris Clark for his recommendation of Choral Majority, who performed last Saturday night for the community. What an amazing group of performers, especially Ross Clark on the bass saxophone!

— Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary

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At the request of several people, we are printing the list of Hedding residents and loved ones whose memory was honored at the Memorial Service on August 3:

Kelly Brady	Virginia Kuhl
Jeanne Brown	John McKinley
Michael Bussell	Kenneth Peach
Maryanne Clark	Howard Robboy
Anne Clinton	Kurt Ruekal
Maureen Crowell	Denise Sheppard
Jane Davidson	Garry Steel
Gary Dudley	Carl Swansen
Paula Dudley	Beth Wicks
Alice Goguen	

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Booster Fund donations received over the last two weeks:

Anne Lord Rockhold	Andrea and John Fuller
Kathy Lord	Margaret Redhouse
Nancy and Jim Bergeron	Betsy and Joe Stone
Meg Carr	Lisa Blackburn
Keith Brady	Carrie Holt
Mr. and Mrs. Ano Nymous	Susan Swansen
Cindy and Harry Eddy	Norma and Michael Biggins
Betty Hamilton	XiaOuyong and Alan MacDonald
Charlene and Vin Upham	Charla and George Fisher
Kris and David Stone	

See you in church!

— Jenni Lamb

Good news for Hedding

So what is this “good news”? It is that your creator loves you right now just the way you are! As it is written in John's gospel, chapter 3, verse 16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life.”

There are a couple of key words in this verse: “believe” and “perish”. Consider “belief” or faith; it is written in Hebrews chapter 11, “What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things unseen.” Are you among the everyone John speaks of?

As for this word “perish”, it can be defined as “to die or be destroyed”, typically in a violent manner, (according to Alexa) — so telling us we are going to die is not news, but John also tells us that we can have eternal life. The perishing happens to us [or not] after physical death. God's desire is that we will believe him. Come, become a forgiven child of God forever! And tell someone you now believe.

— In Christ's love, Will Kenney

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50 years ago this week

From the Highlights, August 10, 1975

On Monday and Tuesday, August 11 & 12 or Tuesday and Wednesday, August 12 & 13, 1975, Chautauqua Hall will be closed while the Hall is being sprayed and treated for Bat Control. We ask that all stay out of the Hall except those involved in the program.

— Board of Trustees

Hedding has an asset in its youthful Trustee, John McKinley, who on Sunday climbed to the tower and put the pull rope back on the bell — thank you John! Also, at the same time he installed an additional speaker in the belfry for Chautauqua. Thanks again John!

Day Camp

And with that, the 2025 season comes to an end... There's still time to order a personalized Hedding backpack online! Go to the Hedding Campground website, click on Day Camp, and at the bottom of the page is a link to order. The backpacks will be embroidered, and look pretty amazing, if we do say so. If you are having trouble accessing it, please see Jenn or Ross Clark, who can take your order as well.

We want to thank our directors, counselors, and volunteers from this past summer: Monica Sinclair, Lucy Marro, Sophie Lawrence, Jacqueline Fuller, Erica Tweedie, Kira Price-Wicks, Cassie Walker, Zoe Blackburn, Maddie Freeman, Vivian Kinney, Charlotte Stoll, Will and Darby Van de Veen, Mark Odian, Mark Davidson, Sharon Powers, Lindy Doherty, and Jay McKinley.

Our community shows up and creates this blessed environment. We make the summer season fun for our children, and we also instill in our youth the values of swimming safety, teamwork, and responsibility. We could not and would not do it without countless people whose work may go unnoticed. So we extend a thank you to everyone who gives their time, money, knowledge, or talents to keep this tradition thriving.

— Robyn Renzelman and Shandra Wall (co-chairs)
Jenn Clark, Ross Clark, Dannielle Dwyer,
Jen Lawrence, Stephanie Regan, Sharon Powers,
Jami Stoll, and Brenda Zimmerman
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I can't believe our summer has come to an end! I've had an absolute blast with the kids this summer, and I hope they have had fun too. We spent our last week of Day Camp cramming in as much fun as possible. The campers completed their swimming tests down at the pool throughout the week — it's been wonderful to see so many of them reaching out of their comfort zone, whether jumping off the end for the first time, learning to dive, or just pushing their limits to become stronger swimmers! Down at Arts and Crafts, the campers got to have some fun and make fossils. Thank you, Erica, for everything you've done with the campers this summer! We also spent some time playing games together, drawing with sidewalk chalk, making pizza (thank you to Mark Davidson and Sharon Powers for the tremendous help with that!), doing our annual talent show, and just soaking in the last few days of summer. We also finally got to take our trip to Fort Foster, which is a Hedding favorite, ahead of our last day of camp fun with the Kiddie Carnival and the water carnival. Thanks to everyone who helped make camp special this summer, your donations, time, and support are appreciated by both myself and the kids. I also want to give a shoutout to Kira, Cassie, Charlotte, Zoë, Vivian, and Maddie for

working so hard as counselors this summer. Hope you all have a happy and safe rest of your year!!

— Jacqueline Fuller

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Our youngsters in **Kiddie Camp** have been busy! We have been exploring all things Hedding these last few weeks. Our adventures have included a trip to Vincent Rock, a hike to the garden, sampling ALL the sports in the ballfield, and they even enjoyed riding their homemade "pool noodle horses" around grounds. Thanks to Mark Davidson, the kids also had the chance to practice their cooking skills while making homemade pizza on the grill. Shandra Wall was our final mystery reader of the summer; the kids enjoyed the story "We are going on a bear hunt," followed by their very own bear hunt where they used their homemade binoculars to find bears hidden around the community house. Kiddie Camp will finish off their summer with some fun at their annual water carnival put on by the day campers this Friday!

Thank you for allowing me to spend the summer with your wonderful kids, it has truly been a memorable experience and I hope the children had as much fun as I did.

— Monica Fuller

Diane's Cottage Salon

Men, women and children

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For appointment, call 617-365-2596

Library/Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop has been very busy this summer. We still have a lot of good items left. The \$1-a-bag sale will begin on **Monday, August 18**, so come on down and fill a bag for a dollar! Also, please pay up any money owed to the Thrift Shop before the end of the summer. All money goes to the Ladies' Auxiliary for improvements to Hedding.

Finally, I will need help packing the Thrift store up on **August 30** — any help would be greatly appreciated, even if it is for only an hour or two. Thank you for all who have donated, bought or worked at the Thrift shop.

— Liz Kenney

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Many thanks to Deryn Smith for her donation of new children's books. Come check them out. Next week will be a great time to curl up with a few good books.

— Barbara Cullen

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY

BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

On the Tuesday before Camp Meeting in 1900, a baseball game was held between eight ministers and one layman who were on the grounds and the regular Hedding team. The game was fun from the beginning and without any dull moments.

"The ministers marched on the diamond accompanied by a mascot in the shape of an ugly-looking bull terrier, gaily bedecked with red ribbons."

The rest is part quote and part additions for clarity, as the Weekly Union of Manchester listed the ministers and their positions, but not the Hedding team's players.

"Comical incidents abounded. Rev. Hooper was presented a bushel basket to use in his work at left field. Rev. Hitchcock, the right fielder, placed 200 pounds of ministerial humanity over the inoffensive and diminutive form of the opposing first baseman. Rev. Onstott, the first baseman, rolled his dignity all over the first baseman's line. Rev. Edgar Blake, second base and future Methodist bishop, cut the figure of his life as he wrestled with base runners. Rev. Wilkins, third base, and Rev. James Cairns, shortstop, ran races with each other attempting to cover the entire field. Rev. Dorion was a sight to behold, whether in the catcher's cage or the pitcher's box. Frank Geyer, the layman, alternated with Rev. Dorion as pitcher and catcher and helping the ministers in their attempt to paralyze the ball and hypnotize opponents and spectators."

The Hedding team won 24 to 9, which is not surprising as they were a team with younger players and had won several games over the summer against various local town teams.

"The whole game was a great success as a burlesque."

Chautauqua

Congratulations to the new officers of the Hedding Chautauqua Association:

President: Bethany Snyder

Vice President: Tim Sheppard

Treasurer: Lisa Blackburn

Secretary: Donna Crowell

Highlights publisher: Joe Sheppard*

**by special dispensation from the Vice President, who, according to Chautauqua's Bylaws, "Shall be responsible for the editing, publication, printing and distribution of the Hedding Highlights." So he gets all the glory, but the old man — formerly the VP — does all the work! A little reverse nepotism here?*

New members:

Jim Odian

Tanya Sheppard

Jean Stone

Roger Stone

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Biggins

Deryn and Mark Smith

Mr. and Mrs. David Stone

H.A.A. News

It has been a joy seeing the ballfield and park filled with action this summer. This heat is not stopping us from getting outside! The Hedding Open golf tournament is this Saturday August 16; registration starts at 7:15 a.m., and golf starts at 8:00 a.m. The fun doesn't stop at the golf course! Please bring your favorite side dish to share and join us for a cookout and award ceremony at 5:00 p.m. at the Community House; hotdogs and burgers will be provided.

— Monica Fuller

New HAA Members:

Mr and Mrs Capodilupo

Cynthia Nickerson

Mr and Mrs Biondo

Mr and Mrs Smith

Mr and Mrs Yates

Catherine Rockhold Annunziata

Peter Rockhold

Elizabeth and Joe Stone

Bergeron Family

Norma Biggins

HAA Sponsors:

Anne Lord Rockhold

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Luncheon Outing took place at Applecrest Farm. Everyone enjoyed good fellowship, delicious appetizers and entrées.

Thank you to those who drove and everyone participating.

Next Wednesday, August 20, we'll have our last meeting discussing the budget at 9:30 a.m. in the Studio.

— Chris Copeland