

First Things First

First things first: On behalf of the town's residents **I would like to say thank you** to Sandy, Lloyd, and Sam for their combined 46 years of public service. That dedication ought not to be taken for granted. Since I took office, each one has personally told me to call if I had a question regarding town government, for which I am appreciative.

There was a good turn out for both our board meetings in January **and I invite and encourage all residents to attend at least one board meeting during this next year.** If you can, try to pencil in a fourth Monday of the month into your already busy schedule. You weren't too busy to vote last year. Your turnout in the past election was higher than the Presidential year election. Fifty-six percent of those registered voted last November 8th.

One goal I had has already been met. Town Clerk Mary Bell is now a notary public. JCEO outreach worker, Cindy Waldron, is scheduled to take the test, too. Those of you who mentioned to me last fall the need for a notary public, **you will now have that service available in Town Hall.**

The renovated building next to Town Hall which houses the town court and JCEO has some bare walls. I contacted the art department of the high school. I hope to have **student art featured**, on a rotating basis, in both the renovated building and in Town Hall. Not only will it give some very talented student artists an audience outside the school, but it will decorate the town offices in a very local, personal manner.

My office hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. If those hours are inconvenient for you, I can be easily available before eight, also every afternoon and evening and weekends. Please call me.

I met with the three water district commissioners in January and we discussed water district concerns. I also met with Saranac Key Club advisors and we hope to have that service group work with people in the town (see the related article). The town continues to pursue the clean up of the Reed property in Redford. We have scheduled a town audit. In this issue of the Town Crier we recognize some of those 111 registered voters in the town who have reached or passed their 80th birthday. They are now official members of the Saranac "Four Score Club."

If you have the computer skills to design and maintain a web site for the town and would like to volunteer your time, please contact me or any other town board member. **We would like to have a web manager chosen soon** and a town web site up and running by June.

Thank you to Joyce Ryan – our esteemed editor – for volunteering to put together six instead of four issues of the Town Crier this year. Having edited newsletters in the past, I know the hours of work involved. That Joyce is volunteering her time is a testament to her civic devotion and personal stamina.

Many people have already stopped in at Town Hall to say hello, and I invite you, too. If you have a complaint, I'll listen. If you have a question, I will try to get you an answer. If you've never been in Town Hall, I'll give you the tour. If you'd like to volunteer, I'll take down your name. When I was campaigning door-to-door, I looked for mats, rugs, wall hangings, anything that said, "Welcome." I warmly noticed that one little sign that you may or may not have put much thought into when you displayed it. You may have thought it merely a decoration. To me, it was more than that. Well, I've got a welcome sign over my door at Town Hall for you. Please visit.

I also plan to make "home visits." A common dissatisfaction of public servants is, "The only time we see you fellers is when yer lookin' fer a vote." I hope to put a dent in that criticism.