



FILL THE VOID NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome

to the third newsletter from the Contoocook Valley Visual and Performing Arts Center team (CVVPAC). This is the occasional e-mail to keep you in the loop about our ongoing efforts. If at any time you'd rather not be on our distribution list -- or if you have any comments or suggestions -- just drop us a line.

## Black Fly Story Hour

**BLACK FLY**  
STORY HOUR



The evening of March 21 brought out a swarm of storytellers for a very entertaining evening. The ConVal-connected performers included a diverse group: Teachers Amanda Bastoni and Greg O'Brien; seniors/now grads Tory Eichler & Doris Donelan, and Ethan Gourlay; parents Jenny Donelan, David Flemming, Rob Eichler, and Jonathan Gourlay; and alum Griffen Fletcher. Dan Frehner was the emcee. Stories ranged from "Daddy Issues" to "Snow White and the Seven Ego-States" to "Scotland by Bus," and there was a bonus feature: a short film set to "The Black Fly Song." You can see the "Black Fly Song" and animation on [YouTube](#).

Stay tuned: A new Black Fly production may be in the works for this fall. Contact Martha Eichler at [info@convalvpac.org](mailto:info@convalvpac.org) if you're interested in telling your tale.

## On the Legal Front

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by CVVPAC and the ConVal School Board. It establishes procedures for the alignment of the arts center development with planned improvements in the high school infrastructure, as well as the use of the Center for community and education when construction is complete. The application for 501(c)(3) status is on track. These accomplishments set the stage (pun!) for fundraising as the project enters its preliminary architectural design phase.

# Personnel Changes

## Administration and Board Changes

The past month has brought about a number of changes in the Board constituency, for a variety of reasons. The Halpers are making some life changes that involve down-sizing and moving. After several years of guiding this project expertly to its current state, John is also in need of a much-deserved respite. John has handed Project Management tasks off to Rob Eichler. For now, and until they move, John remains on the Board, and Liz remains on the Board as Treasurer.

## New Board Members

Please welcome **Bob Edwards**, resident of Antrim, a CVHS parent, and Vice President, Mascoma Savings Bank. Also **Mary Lou O'Neil**, a Hancock resident and School to Career Coordinator at CVHS, and **Rob Eichler**, parent of two CVHS grads, resident of Peterborough and management consultant for Wipro Technologies. All three have been contributing many hours of thoughtful work to frame our MOU, and on Board and committee assignments. To that end, adding them to the Board aligns their contributions with the organizational structure.

## Changes on the Board

As we work toward completion of our 501(c)(3) federal non-profit status application, and to launch our project forward on the MOU tasks, the Board has made the following changes:

- \* Brian Pickering has stepped down as President. Rob Eichler will take his place in this role. Brian continues his Board Membership, and will head up a new committee, Connections and Synergy, in which he will continue to maintain the close ties with the SAU Board and coordination with strategic plans for the CVHS architectural improvements.
- \* Krystal Morin has stepped down as Vice President. She will continue as a Board Member, assisting Brian on the newly formed Connections and Synergy Committee, as well as contributing to the Marketing and PR committee. Bob Edwards takes on the role of Vice President.

Let's welcome our new Board members, and continue to support each other as we take on new roles to carry us forward to a successful future.

## New Address

The physical location of our organization has been moved from the school address to 73 Hunter Farm Road, Peterborough, NH 03458. Additionally, we have secured PO Box 61, Peterborough, NH 03458 as a mailing address.

## Volunteers

**Monica Riffle** has joined as our most recent volunteer, stepping up to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for our upcoming endeavors.

Also new to our organization is **Felicity Pool**, who supports our efforts and will contribute positively to our mission.

Let's welcome all our new volunteers, and express heartfelt thanks to all who contribute such valuable time and talent to furthering our goal to Fill the Void!



**Fiscal Sponsorship** We are proud to be under the fiscal sponsorship program of **Arts Alive!**, a non-profit organization advancing the arts and culture in the Monadnock region. Under their auspices, we can receive tax-deductible contributions for our campaign.

*As always, we thank you for your support of the Contoocook Valley Visual and Performing Arts Center. If you know individuals who might be interested in supporting this project, please feel free to forward this newsletter to them via email, or have them contact us at [info@convalvpac.org](mailto:info@convalvpac.org).*

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