

## The Rose Story

In the late 30s, a neighbor and later a friend, called on me and my husband and presented me with a small brooch with an opening at the top that could be filled with water for wearing a flower. Not being one to wear jewelry through the years, I decided to try adding a flower; and as I left the house, cut a rose from the garden which brightened the suit that I was wearing to the

Capitol. In fact, nearly always wearing tailored suits, I found that in a chamber

***“The Rose is a true mark of beauty and there is a feeling of loveliness and peace wherever one is found. It is indeed my favorite flower.”***

*Margaret Chase Smith quote on plaque presented to the MCS Library in 1991 by Eddie Akins.*

largely filled by men, I might add a bit of color by following this custom which I did until it became such a part of me in the United States Senate, where I served twenty-four years, my colleagues would often speak to me if I did not have a rose with the words, “Did you forget to dress this morning?” I found this rather enjoyable and most inexpensive, \$1.05 for three roses delivered at my office, until prices started to climb and now a rose that will last, makes it a rather expensive habit. The Rose Resolution, which I introduced in 1955, was passed during my days in the Senate but never in the House until this year when Senator Johnston and Representative Boggs presented the matter to the Senate and House where it was readily acted upon and sent to the President for his signature. This final act makes the rose the national flower of the United States, all from my simple approach so many years ago. *Margaret Chase Smith, 1986*

*Margaret Chase Smith is pictured in front of the Capitol in 1971. Please note lapel pin which contains a fresh rose as mentioned in the rose story to left.*

### Rewards of a Senate Career—

Said Senator Smith in a 1973 letter to Alfred Hastings from California, *“The basic reward to me has been seeing many people obtain and attain their needs partially through my efforts for them—to hear the happy words of parents of a serviceman for whom I have made an effort to help, or the grateful words of the senior citizen who has received his or her long overdue social security check as a result of my intervention, or the enthusiastic thanks of a student for whom I have obtained research information for his or her thesis.”*

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## ***Canadian Friend Returns for Further Research***

Eric Crouse, Associate Professor of History at Tyndale University College in Toronto, has returned to the Library once again to continue his study of the voluminous Vietnam War file. Eric hopes to publish “Dear Senator Smith: Small-Town New England Writes to Margaret Chase Smith About the Vietnam War, 1967-1971.”

During his recent visit, Eric was interviewed by WLBZ-2 and spoke about the types of letters he has reviewed for inclusion in his book and the various views expressed by the writers.

*Dr. Eric Crouse*

## ***Writer Studies MCS for Bangor Metro Article***

Hal Wheeler was a broadcast news reporter from 1957 until 1966 with WLBZ Radio in Bangor, Maine, and had several opportunities to interview Senator Smith. As a constituent, he also corresponded with Senator Smith and is very pleased to research material for an article to be published in the fall by **Bangor Metro Magazine**. Mr. Wheeler’s hope is to bring to the readers those things about Senator Smith that are little known and less emphasized by most journalists—what Wheeler describes as “a very uncommon portrait of Maine’s greatest lady.”

*Insert shows Photography Editor Leslie Bowman reviewing scrapbooks for just the right headline for inclusion in the photo section of the Wheeler article.*

*Hal Wheeler*

## ***Fiber Materials Awards MCS***

**Scholarships** This award was established for students entering the University of Maine system and is presented to students based on scholastic abilities, extracurricular activities, and community involvement. Two young people were chosen this year: Lauren Dunn and Nicholas Mowatt. Lauren is a two-time recipient and continues her education at the University of Southern Maine, majoring in business and accounting. Nicholas is a Bonny Eagle High School graduate who will attend the University of Maine at Farmington in the fall. He plans to major in elementary education. He is described as respectful, mature, very realistic and optimistic about his own abilities and potential for the future.



*Lauren Dunn and Nicholas Mowatt*

*Dr. David M. Barrett of Villanova University in Pennsylvania conducted research regarding the Central Intelligence Agency during the Kennedy Administration. His findings will be used in his second book regarding the CIA. His first book, **The CIA and Congress: The Untold Story from Truman to Kennedy**, leads the reader into the years from 1961-1963 and supports Dr. Barrett’s thesis that Congress “mostly ignored CIA” in the Truman and Eisenhower presidencies and “that substantial but very uneven oversight occurred, that congressional views affected what CIA did, and that such oversight was shrouded in almost as much secrecy as operations of CIA.”*

*Gail Pooler, Jodi Dyke & Laurie Pease of GFWC/ The Dove Society pose behind a display used during their final meeting of the year in which Margaret Chase Smith was honored. Lynnette King, Library administrator, is co-founder of this local women’s service club.*

*Maine State Archivist James Henderson (l) presents a first place trophy and plaque to Nicholas Reynolds of Gorham Middle School during Maine National History Day in Augusta. His junior individual documentary was titled “Galileo Galilei: Thinker Beyond His World.” The plaque was sponsored by the MCS Library*

# *Our Future in Good Hands—Our Kids are Caring! Pick A Photo!*

*Hancock School students were involved in “Coins for Katrina's Kids” and raised over \$2000 to benefit the Hancock North Central Elementary School in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The money was matched by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company. In previous years, the school has raised money to help buy the local fire department a thermal imaging camera and to benefit a local land conservancy. The school's K-2 students annually undertake a holiday gift-giving project.*

*Principal Tom Farrell visited with his students from Kennebunk High School. These young men and women are involved in the Captains' Club, a group of drug and alcohol free student leaders. Farrell was a former Skowhegan Area High School principal and long-time friend of MCS.*

*Students from Mt. Merici School in Waterville raised \$1000 for Hurricane Katrina relief through bake sales and bottle drives. They bought gifts for children at the Maine Home for Little Wanderers and put together boxes for patients at Maine Children's Cancer Program. Some 6th grade students regularly served 75-100 people at Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen; became Little Buddies to kindergarteners; helped out 20-30 senior citizens at the Muskie Center; brought in cat and dog food for the local animal shelter; and helped organize panels for the 9/11 Heart of America quilt project.*

*The UniKids Care Club of Unity bought \$825 worth of Christmas presents for Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers. They also gave 4-\$500 grants to the Belfast Area Child Care Services for playground equipment; the Waldo County Preschool for a library; the Waldo County Technical Center for exercise equipment; and the Unity Barn Raisers to support their snowmobile trail system.*

*Dexter High School Key Club members raised over \$1000 through Thirty Hour Famine for hunger relief; over \$800 for the March of Dimes; almost \$500 for UNICEF and donated \$1500 for Camp Sunshine, Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit, and Children of Peace. They also gave \$1000 in scholarships to graduating seniors*

*The Skowhegan Regional Vocational Center's Student Leadership group, requested by Ashley Zikorus and Chelsea Merry, collected two truckloads of items for a food drive; bought presents for the Giving Tree; collected for Coats for Kids; participated in the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon; and sold 60 pies which raised \$300 for the Humane Society.*

*Students from Foster Regional Applied Technical Center in Farmington organized a tribute to veterans; chaperoned Special Olympics athletes; adopted two families for Operation Santa Claus; taught health & hygiene classes to 1st and 5th graders; and participated in the University of Maine at Farmington's Children's Festival.*

*Service Club members from Winslow High School held a bake sale for Dunks for Disaster with four other high schools and raised \$1000 for the American Red Cross. They also helped the local Rotary and assisted in the Save Our Schools campaign. They served breakfast to veterans; collected for the “Coats for Kids” drive; adopted a family at Christmas; and donated \$500 to the local homeless shelter. These young people also serve as Big Brothers/Big Sisters and offer computer classes for senior citizens.*

*Glenburn Elementary School students collected toothbrushes/toothpaste for Hurricane Katrina Relief; gave turkeys for Manna's Kitchen at Thanksgiving; raised \$50 for the Salvation Army's Santa's Helpers; gathered canned and packaged items for a homeless shelter; and contributed to a Gardener's Basket for a school staff member with cancer.*

*Greenville High School Key Club members participated in Thirty-Hour Famine; hosted a party for Pine Tree Camp Kids; held a talent show fundraiser for the school auditorium; donated \$200 for a Guatemalan stove project; raised money for UNICEF; and organized food and blood drives.*

*The Nokomis High School Honors Science Research class, under the direction of teacher Howard Whitten, has started an organization called Maine Association for Disabled Sportsmen (MADS). They have raised money to outfit a handicap-accessible pontoon boat by building the world's longest canoe which measured 149 feet. It was successfully launched by 36 paddlers on July 8th.*

## Skowhegan High School AP Students Conduct Weeks of Study

Teacher Don Finley has found a valuable resource in the MCS collection which he is eager to share with his students. His Advanced Placement U. S. History class has made several trips to the Library to review the case study files which create thought-provoking classroom questions and discussions. In photo below, students are hard at work while Mr. Finley (right) is shown satisfying his own interest in the Vietnam War file.

Skowhegan Area High School students conduct research

Don Finley looks through the Vietnam War file while students gather material.

## “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B”— Winslow Junior High School Students are Amazing!

### World War II Veterans Focus of Students

In an effort to honor veterans particularly of World War II, the students of Linda Voss at Winslow Junior High School received a grant entitled “Winslow Remembers WWII.” They conducted a bottle drive to raise money for a bench at Veterans Park; organized a Veterans Day assembly and reception; learned how to jitterbug (Yes, that’s right); held a WW II activity day in which radio programs of the era were recreated; constructed display boards and WWII models; and designed placemats, calendars and DVDs honoring veterans.

On June 14, the students held a Flag Day program and a WWII era dance. In a letter to Dr. Richards, Katelyn wrote: “I speak not only for myself but my classmates as well when I say that your willingness to take time out of your schedule to hear us talk about our “Others” projects was highly appreciated. I’ve heard a few whines and complaints throughout the year from my classmates about the community service Mrs. Voss asks of us. But the day we walked in to speak to you, I think we realized how much it all meant. Most of us didn’t see what a big difference we made and how much of a help we were being. That day we truly realized the reasoning behind and the result of all our hard work. Thank you for bringing the light to our eyes.” Said another student, Jock, “I felt very grateful to have such an attentive person to share our stories with because we were proud of what we had done. The fact that you thought what we had done for others was important made us even prouder.”

Winslow students talk about their “Others” projects on May 24

### “Others” Good Deeds by the Students:

Held a Voice for Animals Walkathon; raised money for Hurricane Katrina relief; held coin drives for such causes as: Voice for Animals Hurricane Katrina/Rita pets; genocide victims in Darfur and Ukrainian students in need. They raised money for family of soldier Harold Gray who remains in a coma from roadside bomb in Iraq and raised money for a local man injured in motorcycle accident. They assisted and baked goodies for nursing home residents and shoveled, mowed, stacked wood, and raked leaves for the elderly; volunteered at the local humane society; walked neighbor’s dogs, and held a cat and dog food drive. They assisted at a homeless shelter, donated clothing, and shopped for a needy family at Christmas. They cleaned up the neighborhood roadside; tutored fellow students; and walked in March of Dimes Walkathon

Two students get into the swing of things by demonstrating the World War II era jitterbug!

Students from the MCS School Enrichment Resources class demonstrate their creativity. The “Faces of the Fallen” display at the WIMSA Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery prompted Hayley Holt to make a framed mosaic in the likeness of Skowhegan native, Jay Aubin, one of the first casualties in the Iraqi war. Each mosaic piece is a photo of each American soldier killed in the war. Artists pictured are (kneeling): Henry Ametti, Sarah Finnemore, and Sam Wheeler. Standing are: Charlotte Johnston, Anna Marshall, Hayley Holt, and Kaitlyn McGuire.

## ***Muskie Dinner Honors Henry***

Portland attorney and long-friend of both Senator Smith and the Margaret Chase Smith Library, Merton Henry was honored in May when he became the 11th recipient of the Muskie Access to Justice Award. In 1995, this special award was created in the name of Senator Edmund S. Muskie to honor lifelong commitment to justice for low-income and elderly Americans. Legal services are now provided through such organizations as Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project, Legal Services for the Elderly, Maine Equal Justice, and the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project. Speakers at the award dinner included Maine Governor John E. Baldacci, Bowdoin College President Barry Mills, Senator Susan Collins and prior recipient, David Barber. Throughout Mr. Henry's career, he has served as a mentor for lawyers and public servants wishing to emulate his professionalism and commitment to the public welfare. "He is a man of many talents...I have watched him take a leading role—not only in the legal profession but in educational, medical and religious matters. A man deeply committed to his family, he has given of himself personally because he cares for people and for the State of Maine," said Margaret Chase Smith in 1992. He has been a "quiet, steady voice for justice." Congratulations, Mert!

*Keynote speaker and U. S. Senator Susan Collins stands beside Merton Henry at dinner in his honor.*

*Clever use of "Oh Henry" candy bars at Muskie dinner for Merton Henry causes Library staff members, Lynnette King and David Richards to pose for a fun shot.*

## ***"Paving the Way" to be Released in September***

Nichola Gutgold is an assistant professor of communication at Penn State Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania. Her book, "Paving the Way for Madam President," chronicles the lives, communication styles, and presidential bids of five remarkable women while addressing the obstacles and opportunities for women as presidential candidates. Says Gutgold, "when the first woman president moves into the White House, she will be in debt not only to the tireless campaign workers, staff, press, family, friends, and, of course, the voters who got her there, but Madam President will also have her sisters to thank for paving the way. Among these are Margaret Chase Smith, Shirley Chisholm, Patricia Schroeder, Elizabeth Dole, and Carol Moseley Braun.

*Nichola Gutgold studies MCS files in May, 2005*

## ***Essay Contest Winners Announced***

Maine high school seniors participating in the annual Margaret Chase Smith Essay Contest were asked to discuss the role government should play in protecting and extending civil rights. The \$500 first place winner, Maura Cass, recently graduated from Marshwood High School and lives in Eliot, Maine. She has distinguished herself as a scholar athlete, serving as captain of the varsity soccer, basketball, and tennis teams. She has been a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, and the Spanish National Honor Society. As valedictorian



*Rita Brandt-Meyer*

of her 2006 class, she will continue her education at Dartmouth College as a pre-medical or international relations student.

The \$250 second place winner, Rita Brandt-Meyer, is interested in the arts and will be attending Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, in the fall. She has been involved in local theater for many years, plays the guitar, and volunteers at the WMPG radio station. It is her hope to continue those interests while in college.

***Update***—Katie Wilber received Outstanding State Senior Entry at the National History Day competition. Her "Senior Individual Documentary" at the University of Maryland was on Senator Smith's Declaration of Conscience. She donated a copy of her DVD for the Library collection. Katie is a recent graduate of Skowhegan Area High School and hopes to pursue a career in graphic design after completing her studies at the University of Southern Maine.

*Katie displays her personally designed DVD, "Declaration of a Conscience," as well as a copy of an "old-fashioned" 33 1/3 record of a 1950s Howard Langer interview.*



*Maura Cass*

## From the Archives

Letter from Dr. Douglas W. Kinney of Oneonta, New York in 1994

“Dear Senator Smith,

I met you in 1962 after I had received the highest score in Maine on the Civil Service Designation Examination. My uncle, then Major Harold Grant, brought me to your office in the Senate Office Building. (His son, now Admiral Harold Eric Grant, Chief Judge Advocate General of the Navy, entered Annapolis with me that year.) I came to thank you for your help in my appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy and to the Merchant Marine Academy at King’s Point. That short meeting has stood out in my memory over the years because of the warm and dignified way that you greeted me. You made me realize that I might be a person of some worth. This is significant because my family had broken up as I entered the eighth grade. I spent the eighth grade at Goodwill Homes and School in Hinckley and nearly two of my high school years at Sweetser Children’s Home in Saco. I attended four different high schools. As you might guess, I lacked confidence and self-esteem. That meeting with you was the keystone in the long process of regaining and then growing a self worth that has helped me to this day. You—and your power, dignity, and achievement—greeted me with warmth and interest. You helped me think better of myself. I owe you above others for the direction my life has taken.

I left Annapolis at the end of Plebe year. I subsequently experimented with many careers that included airline pilot, psychiatric aide at Bangor Mental Health Institute, dance instructor, customer engineer for IBM, air traffic control specialist, chemical technician, and many more. I was even a crop duster in Mississippi and a bush pilot for Dick Folsom in Greenville. After I graduated from the University of Maine in Orono, I attended Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. I then spent ten years as a commissioned officer with the U. S. Public Health Service. With P.H.S., I spent four years running a dental clinic on a reservation in South Dakota and six more years with the Coast Guard branch. I resigned my commission and am now in the New Jersey National Guard. I practice dentistry in Oneonta, New York, and dream of getting back to Maine. I keep my dental license current in Maine for that possibility.

Throughout all of my travels, the memory of those few minutes with you have stayed with me and contributed to my achievements. Without this opportunity, I wonder what direction I might have taken. You and your superb Senate record helped set an example—an ideal for me. This is important in that service and working for the common good became a large part of my life. I practice dentistry, not for wealth, but to contribute to the overall betterment of my fellow man’s condition.

I just wanted you to know after all these years what a profound effect a few minutes in your life had on most of mine. Thank you so much.”

## Citizenship Awards Announced at MCS School

Final Assembly at the MCS School in Skowhegan found seven 6th-grade students being awarded the Margaret Chase Smith Citizenship Award for their good attitude, volunteerism, politeness, attentiveness, involvement in school activities and effort. Lynnette King and Crystal Perkins presented each student with a red rose, a limited edition copy of **A Woman for All Seasons**, and a \$50 savings bond.

Citizenship Award recipients are (L-R): Megan Perkins, Connor Reeves, Makayla Wyman-Emery, Haley Strout, Briana Joubert, Danica Strout, and Stephanie Abbott.

A Maine Association of Museums lighting workshop was held in April with speaker Ron Harvey. In photo above, participants are touring the research room of the Library and discussing the ceiling and natural lighting in the area where files are maintained.

One of two Williams Elementary School classes from Oakland who included the Library in their spring field trip itinerary.

Northwood University’s University College program in June brought 11 non-traditional students, primarily from Michigan, to the Library. The summer program involves research of 19 case studies, formal reports, and oral presentations of their findings. The program also features lectures by Professor Tom Luptowski, Dr. David Richards, and Dr. Gregory Gallant.

## Congratulations, Vanessa!

Library staff member, Vanessa Caron, is officially a Northwood University graduate. She received her Associate Degree in Business Management at the Midland, Michigan, ceremony in May.

## Getting Down to the Student Level!

Dr. Richards speaks to the boys and girls from the Mother Goose Playland nursery school from Anson. He is using a photo to demonstrate Senator Smith’s home and view of the Kennebec River when logs were floated down the river to the mills. The children raised \$572 with a hop-a-thon for the Pine Tree Camp.

Members of the Skowhegan Junior Historical Society visited with advisor, Lynn Perry.

## ***“We Are Not Born Citizens”***

The Library’s annual Maine Town Meeting addressed the issue of citizenship with remarks by Dr. Suzanne Mettler and Professor Louise W. Knight. Mettler is the Alumni Associate Professor of Political Science at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Dr. Mettler’s comments and topic of her book, **“Soldiers to Citizens: The G.I. Bill and the Making of the Greatest Generation,”** was well received. Many participants actually had made use of the GI Bill after their military service. In preparation for the book, Mettler conducted a survey of 1500 veterans—male and female, African American and white, and veterans who either used the GI Bill or did not. The survey included 120 questions and the response rate was overwhelming. Dr. Mettler found that the GI Bill’s education and training benefits ultimately boosted veterans’ civic engagement and political participation. One respondent said of the GI Bill, “It was a hell of a gift, an opportunity, and I have never thought of it in any other way.” “Education promotes involvement. The GI Bill deserves its hallowed reputation as the landmark legislation of the 20th century, one of the very best things that American government has ever done,” said Mettler.

*Dr. Suzanne Mettler talks about the GI Bill*

Professor Knight is an independent scholar and spoke about “Jane Addams and the Struggle for Democracy.” She first became interested in Jane Addams in college after reading the Addams memoir, “Twenty Years at Hull House.” Knight asks, “If citizens are not born, then how is it that they develop?” Addams had an interest in politics as a young girl but was convinced that she had no place there because of the attitude of her father. She hoped he might share stories regarding his relationship with politicians of the day but never dared ask. “When we fail to ask questions, we are dogged by the not asking. It becomes a lost opportunity,” says Knight. Citizenship is a role of choice. Addams chose to move to Chicago, she chose to open Hull House, she chose to get involved in the Pullman strike. Had she not made those choices, she never would have become the citizen that she became. She grew up in a “given life,” but she lived a “chosen life.”

*Professor Knight autographs copies of her book*

## ***Field Trips Abound as School Year Closes***

*Students from the Brownville and LaGrange Elementary Schools enjoy lunch on front lawn.*

*Students from the Marti Stevens Learning Center from Skowhegan Area High School with teacher Rean McGinley.*

*MCS School students in Skowhegan do community service projects one day per month which include playing games with residents at Cedar Ridge Nursing Home; reading to nursery school, Head Start, and Montessori students; and assisting at the Humane Society.*

*Clinton Elementary School students enjoy lunch following the museum and home tour.*

*Smithfield Elementary School student signs the guest register.*

*MCS School students from Sanford board the bus for the long trip home.*

**“Trivia” Answer from May Newsletter**—The answer is in the trivia box!!! Senator Smith applied the philosophy of her life according to the **Golden Rule**. Congratulations once again to Phillis Russakoff for being the first to respond with the correct answer and location. Come on, Folks, Phillis needs a little competition!!!! The August trivia question is: **What type of piano is located in Senator Smith’s home?** The answer is somewhere in this newsletter. Be the first to respond with the **correct answer and where you found it in the newsletter**. You might win a prize!

**“We Are Not Born Citizens”** — see *Maine Town Meeting* article on p.7

*Number 100 Theme of Study*

Students from the McGraw School in Hampden had a bit of interactive education when they collected **100** items for the Hampden Food Pantry on the **100th** day of school while learning about the number **100**. Clever teaching method, Ms. McClure! In photo above, they are learning about Margaret Chase Smith who was once one of **100** senators!

Members of the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation Board of Directors met recently. Shown standing (L-R) are: Michael Quinlan, Davida Barter, Charles Cragin, and David Fry. Seated (L-R) are: Janet Mills, John Bernier, Merton Henry, Ray Hearn, and Georgia McKearly. Mr. Hearn announced his retirement from the Board and was unanimously conferred the honor of Director Emeritus.

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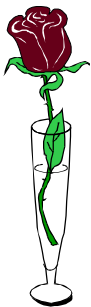
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