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Six hours. So much can happen in six hours at a Day Apart retreat. Recently, a friend came back for a visit to Rolling Ridge. We had not seen her for a while. A good number of years ago she came to a Day Apart retreat on Forgiveness. It changed her life. We didn’t know it, but since that retreat, she’s been different, living from a heart filled with forgiveness. Not that it’s been easy, but it has been good!

Another friend wrote us a letter about her stay at Rolling Ridge and how the warm embrace of staff and the peacefulness and beauty of the land transformed a fear that had been holding her back.

For over 65 years, Rolling Ridge has welcomed people to this life changing place. We are thankful for people sharing their stories with us. We know that there are hundreds more. We trust those moments of insight, or revelation, that help transform our world into a more gentle, forgiving, and peaceful place.

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The Arches Society

Rolling Ridge is pleased to announce the formation of the Arches Society. The Arches Society recognizes and honors those people who have included a gift to Rolling Ridge in their estate plans.

The arches at Rolling Ridge frame the view to the landscape, linking our attention from the inside to the fountains and beyond. So, too, those who make legacy gifts link us to the future.

The simplest form of estate gift, indeed the vast majority of such gifts, is to include the Ridge in your will. Another very simple step is to make Rolling Ridge the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Either one can be done quite easily, and many people find that their capacity to give to what matters to them is greater through careful estate planning.

As a member of The Arches Society, you affirm that you want this oasis of quiet beauty and gracious hospitality, this place of peace and exceptional programs to continue well into the future. (continued on pg 2)

Restore, Rebuild, Renew - The Campaign for Rolling Ridge rolls into its second year with high hopes. As people hear the story and view the plans, we hear, “I can hardly wait for the elevator - thank you for doing that.” “How soon before I can hold my reception on the new Lakeside patio?” “So glad you are incorporating solar in a discreet way into the plans.”

As people get excited about the vision, the Campaign continues to secure Leadership gifts and pledges to make the restoration and expansion possible. The $4.2 million goal will add two elevators, build a new outdoor lakeside patio, add twenty bedrooms and thirty bathrooms, and increase energy efficiency and comfort. Plus restore the fountains and create the Center for Spiritual Leadership. Wow!

Please contact Executive Director Larry Peacock for a tour of Rolling Ridge or a visit to discuss the vision and the support needed.
WE CELEBRATE!
Highlights of 2013

Did you see it? Were you there? Here’s some things we celebrate from 2013— a most blessed year.

1.) Our 65th Anniversary— Afternoon Tea in the courtyard with harpist Elizabeth Kubota, Jazz on Tyson Patio with Occasional Brass, Mary Elizabeth Moore delivered the keynote address, the 1st annual “Loaves and Fishes” award presented to Jim Todd, 100’s of guests and alumni.

2.) Thanks to so many responding to our “Fire & Ice” appeal. We repaired the fire escape leading to Moses dormitory, and replaced the reach-in refrigerator in the Kitchen.

3.) The 3rd annual Peace Conference with Imam Suhaib Webb— gave insight and hope for harmony.

4.) Fletcher Steele Round Table— five speakers told about our landscape designer and affirmed Rolling Ridge as a historical and beautiful gem

5.) New Events: Mother’s Day Brunch, Farm to Table Dinner, “Still Waters”, our Sunday evening worship.


7.) The introduction of the “Center for Spiritual Leadership” and the new Indoor Labyrinth

8.) We celebrate 102 donors in the fall appeal, numerous building improvements, new flags and signs upon entry to RR, over 450 facebook likes, 2014 Calendar sales, 15 pieces of artwork sold from the Lakeside Gallery Dining room showcasing the work of the Andovers Artists Guild.

Thank You, Thank You

- Charlotte Home Foundation— funds for Pool Pump Repairs— the pool was enjoyed by 350 children from Community Day Care throughout the summer
- United Methodist Foundation of New England— your grant supported Capital Campaign materials and visits!
- Festival of Trees— your grant began the courtyard restorations to the entrance pillars and stucco repair!

Art Reception/Open House And COOKIE WALK!

Where ELSE can you come for an evening and enjoy an art gallery with new work from local artists of the Andovers Artists Guild, enjoy a hot cocoa by the fire, sample sweet desserts from the fabulous Chef Rebecca, AND fill a container with her amazing and delicious homemade cookies?

It’s the Rolling Ridge COOKIE WALK where you can travel from room to room at the Ridge, and put a few cookies from each table into your bucket! All for a nominal fee of only $5. Then you can take your wonderful cookie selection to the sitting room and enjoy them with coffee or cocoa, as you browse the latest work from the Spring Show in the Lakeside Gallery Dining room.

Arches Society (continued)

You can find out more about planned giving and options beyond a simple bequest by visiting our website or by calling Larry Peacock, Executive Director. Of course, we encourage you to discuss the best options for you with your financial advisor.

We are excited to be starting a legacy giving program to help to carry Rolling Ridge well into the future. We would be delighted to talk with you and to have you as a member of The Arches Society. If you have already made provisions for Rolling Ridge in your estate plans, please let us know.
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DONOR APPRECIATION EVENTS SCHEDULED

Watch for invitations to the Afternoon Tea (3:30pm-5:30pm) or the Evening Dessert (6:30pm-8pm). All persons who made gifts to Rolling Ridge in 2013 are invited on April 1st.
Winter and Spring Programs at Rolling Ridge

- Winter Sabbath Retreat, on February 16-17, 2014
- “Winter Quiet Day” on February 17, from 9:30am-2pm
- “Seven Sacred Pauses” on 3/31 & 4/1, with Cynthia Good and Susan Morrison
- “New Lenten Perspectives on Fasting” on March 3, from 9:30am-3:30pm
- “Useful, not Busy” on March 10 from 9:30am-3:30pm
- Reiki, level two, on March 17, 2013 from 9am-5pm
- “Forgiveness” on March 17, from 9:30am-3:30pm
- “Nurturing Passionate Spirituality” on March 18, from 9am-4pm
- “Gateways to God” on March 24-27, 2014
- “Emmaus Hours” on March 31, from 9:30am-3:30pm
- “Introduction to the Enneagram”, on April 2, from 9:30am-3:30pm
- “Filling Cup” on April 8, from 9:30am-3:30pm
- “Earth Day/Praying with Clay” on April 28, from 9:30am-3:30pm
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Special Mother’s Day Brunch

Treat the Mom in your life to a wonderful brunch buffet in the beautiful, art-filled Lakeside Dining room. Join us on Sunday, May 11 for our second Annual “Mother’s Day Brunch.” Your choice of two seatings: noon or 2:30 pm. Last year, both seatings sold out! Cost for the brunch is $24.95 per adult, and $12.95 for children under 12. Reservations can be made at www.rollingridge.org/dining/mother’s day

From the Director: The Tipping Point

In 2000, Malcolm Gladwell wrote The Tipping Point, a book that analyzed how and why new ideas, services or products move through a population very much like diseases, like one kid passing the flu to a whole class. Products and ideas can be small but they can reach a point where everyone wants one or acts differently. It’s a book about changes sweeping through like social epidemics.

I see hints of a Tipping Point at Rolling Ridge. For sure, a lot more people know about Rolling Ridge, but it is a part of a bigger trend. Statistics show that church attendance is declining in the United Kingdom but attendance at retreat centers is growing. We see growth at Rolling Ridge as our weekdays are nearly as full as our weekends. One new group asked for four mid-week days in the fall and the only week open was Thanksgiving and even that may be busy.

As Life gets busier, the need for peace increases. Even through this cold and snowy winter, we have been booked solid since January 2nd. Groups searching for retreat spaces come to Rolling Ridge. The world is tipping in our direction and we are so grateful for your support. Your gifts make improvements. Your pledges move the Capital Campaign forward. Your kind words let others know about Rolling Ridge. Your tweets and Facebook comments spread the news. Your visits bless us.

Tipping point—everyone needs a retreat. We look forward to seeing you here. Please call us early to book your meeting or event.

Rolling Ridge is your place for calming peace, creative thinking and joyous community.

News from the Campaign

The surveyors were at work this week. The Executive Director was out making visits. The Development Consultant organized the Grants committee. Office Staff sent thank yous. Every day, work is happening on the Capital Campaign, to move us closer to new bedrooms and baths, elevators and solar panels, programs and fountains. Nearly $800,000 has been raised in cash and pledges toward our $4.2 million goal. We are so grateful!

Invest in the future of Rolling Ridge. Give Executive Director, Larry J. Peacock a call and schedule a visit or tour to learn how you can participate in the exciting new additions and restorations. You can make a difference.
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**In Joy and Memory**

Audrey Kennedy loved Rolling Ridge and sprucing up Moses Hall. The Moses building was the original carriage house of the 1920s estate and had been converted to a meeting room and dorms in the 1950s, thanks to a gift from the Horace Moses Foundation. By the time Audrey came to the Ridge, the former carriage house needed much care; by bringing her children, brothers and sisters, and friends of her children, neighbors, and many others, she improved and blessed Moses Hall. It became a popular and sacred space for retreats and events thanks to the faithful and engaging efforts of Audrey.

Several weeks ago, suddenly and sadly, Audrey died at age 77. Rev. Jim Todd, former Director of the Ridge and former pastor of Audrey, was invited to lead her memorial service and worked with the family for a fitting memorial for Audrey. Audrey happily gave her blessing to the idea of a special bench to be placed near Moses Hall, the sacred place she loved and cared for. Next time you visit Rolling Ridge, look for the bench that bears this plaque, “Audrey Kennedy, Selfless Supporter and Faithful Friend of Rolling Ridge." Thanks, Audrey and Family. Thanks, Jim.

(If you would like to honor Audrey, you may also contribute by sending a check payable to “Rolling Ridge” and marking Audrey Kennedy in the memo.)

You may also choose to memorialize someone else at the Ridge. Please contact Larry Peacock for memorial opportunities.

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**Book Signing and Reception**

Come to Rolling Ridge on Monday, May 5th from 5:30pm-8pm to celebrate the release of Larry Peacock’s new book, *Openings, a Daybook of Saints, Sages, Psalms and Prayer Practices*. Refreshments will be served, and Larry will read from his book at 6:30pm and 7:30pm in Tyson Hall. Books will be for sale that evening and can be signed by Larry.

Cost of the book is $20, which includes a $2.00 Restoration fee for Rolling Ridge.

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**Ridge on the Road**

Join Executive Director, Larry Peacock, at these events:

- May 3, Mass Bible Society’s Training Event from 8am-4pm at Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Rolling Ridge will have a display and Larry’s new book for sale. Drop by anytime.
- May 4, at 10am, Larry preaches at Wellesley United Methodist Church, Wellesley, MA.
- May 20, Larry speaks at the Retired United Methodist Ministers gathering at Westboro United Methodist Church.
- June 12, at 11am, Larry leads a workshop on resilience and prayer at United Methodist Annual Conference at Gordon College. Rolling Ridge will also have a table at Annual Conference and sell cookies.

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**We love hearing from you—Letters, Emails, Short Notes**

“Thank you for all the work you do which makes it possible for growth and transformation along my faith journey,” said one note.

An email written after our “Still Waters” Sunday evening Taize gathering said, “How wonderful Sunday evening’s service felt to me. It has stayed with me throughout the week. I have found Taize services to be lovely, but Sunday’s was so moving. I could feel the Holy Spirit with the flow of energy in the joined voices. It was so beautiful to ride this flow!”

Thank you for writing!!

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**WELLNESS NEWS:**

Several groups are taking advantage of our Wellness Opportunities and adding corporate wellness to their events. Call Laurie Brown for details.

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New Groups and businesses

- Hope & Friendship Cancer Support
- Mass. Reflexologists
- New England Environmental Education Alliance
- Stonyfield Farms Inc.
- PPNE Professional Photographers
- “Bands of Brushes”

BOOK YOUR GROUP RETREAT TODAY!

We still have some space left in 2014. Call Laurie Brown, Event Specialist at 978-682-8815 x12

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Have You Remembered the Ridge in your Will?

Consider joining the Arches Society by adding Rolling Ridge in your will or estate plans. Contact Executive Director, Larry Peacock to discuss ways of leaving a legacy for others to experience the peace and renewal you have found at Rolling Ridge.

Thank You, Boy Scouts

Two North Andover scouts are working on Eagle Scout projects at Rolling Ridge. We are excited to contemplate new signs for the trails and a new bridge over a marshy place on the trail. Watch for a special trail day to dedicate the scout’s gift.

Upcoming Programs at Rolling Ridge

- Drumming for Joy with Jane Gossard on April 28
- “Earth Day/Praying with Clay” on April 28, with Linda Gebhart
- Book Signing and Reception with Larry Peacock on May 5
- “Body Electric” on May 14, with Jana Marie Whitten
- Spring Sabbath Retreat on May 18-19
- Spring Quiet Day with Larry Peacock on May 19
- Drumming for Joy with Jane Gossard on May 19
- “Learning to see as the Mystics see” on May 20, with Patricia Cushing
- “Writing thru grief and loss”, on June 4, with Ray McGinnis
- “Ridge Day” on August 17
- “Back from overwhelmed—practical time management for those on the journey” with Pam Kristan on September 9
- “The Gifts of Awareness” with Linda Grenfell on September 24

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A Treasure in our Midst

Fletcher Steele (1885-1971), the landscape architect of Rolling Ridge designed more than 700 landscapes and gardens, wrote 3 books and authored over 100 articles on landscape design. He believed American gardens should be designed as a work of fine art. Visitors to his gardens often remarked how much the garden spaces reminded them of Renaissance villa landscapes they had visited in Italy, Spain and England, yet they remained distinctly American – inspired by the past but not confined by it.

We are working on a brochure and map of Rolling Ridge and other Fletcher Steele gardens in New England. We have a hidden gem in North Andover. Give us a call for a tour. The restoration of the gardens is a part of the Capital Campaign.

OUR WISH LIST

Our Wish List of things we could use if you have them and don’t need them anymore, or perhaps you would like to donate to us:

- Bureaus
- Rocking chairs (outdoor)
- End tables
- Night stands
- Serving dishes
- Patio furniture
- File cabinets
- China Tea Service
- Coffee Tables
- Area Rugs (good condition)

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Cost is $40. Public Address is at 7:30pm (no charge or registration required)

This event is co-sponsored by The Methodist Federation for Social Action, Center for Religion and Conflict Resolution, Boston University School of Theology, and the Rolling Ridge Center for Spirituality and Leadership.

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3-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

Over the past 30 years a quiet revolution has been occurring within Christian life as the ancient practices of prayer and spiritual formation have been reclaimed. In the midst of busy and often anxious lives, people have been discovering the deeper spiritual practices that bring rest, clarity and energy. Come claim and experience the riches of Christian contemplative life and see how they are transforming individuals and communities. Discover how faith communities are reaching out as spiritual renewal and prayer centers breathing new life into congregations and neighborhoods. This Quiet Pentecost touches hearts and changes communities.

Join us October 9-12 as Dr. Dwight Judy leads us in exploring the Quiet Pentecost that is moving through churches and transforming lives. Daily worship and communion, small group sharing, insightful presentations, respectful silence, and gracious hospitality at Rolling Ridge.

For further information, or to register, contact Rosemary McNulty at the Registrars office (978-682-7676 x201). Registration deadline is 9/9/14. Co-Sponsored by the Spiritual Formation Initiative.

However

More new groups are coming. Ridge programs are changing. The place looks so much better.

However. We need an elevator, more bedrooms, more bathrooms and better heat and air conditioning for today’s guests.

Restore, Rebuild and Renew– The Campaign for Rolling Ridge will transform the However into WOW. Praise God for the place and ministry of Rolling Ridge. We are actively receiving gifts and pledges for the $4.2 million Campaign. Speak to Rev. Larry Peacock, Executive Director about how you can participate in the transformation of the Ridge into an up-to-date, retreat and conference center offering programs through the new Center for Spirituality and Leadership.
PICNIC DAYS!
Celebrate summer at the Ridge! Host your Family Day, reunion, church or school event or celebration at Rolling Ridge. Enjoy delicious catered picnics, Clambakes, and BBQ’s starting at $16 per person. Call Laurie Center for Spirituality & Leadership

My experience from my first moment at the Gateways training was nothing short of life-changing. My small group and small-group leader were perhaps the most supportive group I have ever been a part of... I am becoming a person with the depth of soul and experiential spiritual practice that I have longed to be.

-Lisa Fagerstrom

TENDING THE SOUL OF THE INSTITUTION – a 3-day learning event
This learning retreat coming on January 6-8, 2015 will blend attention to the personal presence of the leader and the leadership skill training needed to guide the congregation in discernment. Participants will nurture their capacity for tending soul in the congregations they lead and the places they serve. Led by former Alban Institute consultants, Susan Beaumont and Alice Mann, this program is presented by the Center for Spirituality and Leadership (CSL) at Rolling Ridge. For more info, go to rollingridge.org/programs.

GATEWAYS TO GOD
The second session of Gateways to God is well underway. Please pray for the 18 participants in the two-year spiritual direction and congregational formation training program at the Ridge. The next two-year program begins in 2016.

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD
Are you longing for a deeper awareness of God’s presence? Seeking for something more that Sunday worship? Come to Drawing Near to God, an eight month journey of spiritual deepening at Rolling Ridge beginning in September, 2014 and concluding in April, 2015.

One Saturday a month, explore your personal spiritual journey and practice a variety of spiritual disciplines that lead to greater awareness of the Divine.

Drawing near to God is led by Cynthia Good, Spiritual Director and Teacher. Visit www.rollingridge.org for more information.

RIDGE DAY IS AUGUST 17!
Come to the Ridge on Sunday, August 17 from 1:30-5:30 and bring your family, your church group, your “gang” and enjoy a BYO-picnic on the Rolling Ridge grounds. We will supply the swimming pool. The event is FREE! (donations are always welcome). Snacks and beverages will be for sale, as well as Rolling Ridge cookies.

Want more? Stay for dinner at 5:30 and join us for a special worship at Point of Pines at 6:30. (weather permitting). This is the monthly “Still Waters” Evening worship at the Ridge. Prayers, songs, silence and conversation. For dinner reservations ($20 per person) visit www.rollingridge.org or call 978-682-8815. There is no charge to attend the worship service only.
Elizabeth O’Connor in her book, Call to Commitment, writes, “There will be no peace or healing in our day, in our world unless little islands of koinonia can spring up everywhere – islands where (God) is and we can learn to live in a new way.”

I like the phrase “islands of koinonia”, an old Greek word often translated fellowship or community. Places set apart for learning and rediscovering the Holy in all of life. Maybe on the islands there are inns of hospitality, places to rest and renew, dine and relax. Rolling Ridge is a peninsula, not an island, but it is certainly a place of community, hospitality and learning.

One guest said, “we are all changed by this wonderful opportunity that you helped provide.” When people drive down the road, they are entering a different space, a place set apart for thinking, wondering, conversing, resting. Human beings were not made to stay in a state of stress all the time with all the fight or flight hormones racing through their veins on alert. We need pockets of solitude and islands of rest.

We are taking significant steps toward the vision. It is happening right now! New designs to open the original entrance road, reconfigure the parking lot and add a new accessible walkway are being readied for the town. The courtyard has been re-landscaped and will be repainted. The new Center for Spirituality and Leadership will gather thinkers and visionaries together to sketch new programs. Excitement and momentum is building for the Capital Campaign— a BIG updating while preserving the gracious hospitality and quiet beauty of Rolling Ridge. Join us.

One of our Harvard Landscape researchers found a letter from the 1940s from a young person who wrote, “we’re going up to Mr. Tyson’s pink chateau this weekend.”. Mr. Tyson was the second owner who sold Rolling Ridge to the New England Conference. Thanks to a grant from the Methuen Festival of Trees, we are planning to repaint the courtyard walls. What color of pink is the challenge.
A View from the Ridge

STILL WATERS

You are invited to an evening of Still Waters – a Sunday evening conversation around food, spirituality and compassion. Still Waters is a monthly spiritual community for all who seek a spirituality that values harmony with creation, works for peace and justice, receives gifts from other traditions, and appreciates silence, music and joy.

We begin with a delicious meal from Rolling Ridge's chef before gathering for a time of contemplative worship, weaving silence, prayer, song and conversation.

We trust you will find it a gentle evening to meet friends on the spiritual journey and to experience the Still Waters of rest and renewal.

Still Waters will be held from 5:30pm-7:45pm on:

- September 14
- October 26 – Taize Service
- November 23
- December 14

Cost of the dinner is $20. To register, go to www.rollingridge.org/programs/stillwaters

Eagle Scout Projects

Two scouts working on their Eagle Scout Awards have selected projects at Rolling Ridge. John Ballerini is working on new signs for the trails and Thomas Doughty is working on a new raised wooden walkway over a wet marshy area. Thanks to John and Thomas and their supporters for these plans.

BOOK YOUR GROUP RETREAT TODAY!

We have some space left in 2014.
Call Laurie Brown, Event Specialist at 978-682-8815 x12

Ridge on the Road– Maine, Tri State

September 19-20, Larry will be leading a retreat for Northern Maine District. If you are from the area, please consider coming. October 18, Larry will be leading worship for the Tri-State District Resourcing Day at York UMC.

Stocks and the Ridge

Making your gift to Rolling Ridge with appreciated stocks provides significant tax advantages to you as you support something you believe in. Recently, we have completed a campaign gift made this way with the help of the United Methodist Foundation. It is easy to make the stock transfer, and it allows you to do good and feel good in two ways. Please contact Larry Peacock at 978-682-8815 for more information on how to make the transfer.

New England 3-day Academy for Spiritual Formation, with Rev. Dr. Dwight Judy, begins on Thursday, October 9. Single, Shared, and Commuter rates are available, as well as Clergy Grants, and Laity Scholarships. There’s still room for you! To register, contact Rosemary McNulty, Registrar’s office, at 978-682-7676, x201.

THE NEW ART SHOW BY THE ANDOVERS ARTISTS GUILD ENTITLED “EVERY LEAF A FLOWER” BEGINS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 IN THE LAKESIDE GALLERY DINING ROOM.

“Drawing Near to God” begins on October 4 and runs thru to May 9, 2015. Join spiritual leaders, Cynthia Good and Jill Colley Robinson for this eight month journey of Spiritual Deepening. Registration deadline is September 15th. Register or call today!

Changing the World, one retreat at a time...
A Downton Abbey Christmas at the Ridge: Sponsorships available.

We invite you to be one of our sponsors for the first Christmas Feast in the style of Downton Abbey at Rolling Ridge. With its cobblestone courtyard, grand living room, winding staircase and Lakeside Gallery Dining Room, Rolling Ridge is the perfect setting for an elegant dining and social evening, this December, on Saturday the 13th, from 5 to 8 pm.

Your support will enable historic improvements to the not for profit estate that is used by groups and organizations all over North America & New England for meetings, conferences and retreats. Proceeds from the evening will be directed toward the restoration of Tyson Hall – the original living room with its fine wood trim, marble fireplace, and arches, yet hidden by carpet and lit by harsh fluorescent lights.

With your donation, you will receive tickets to the evening of music and a sumptuous three-course dinner with special desserts. And you will receive recognition and honor in our advance publicity, on our website and in the evenings recipe and program book.

Sponsorship Levels:
- Ethan Allen: $1000 or more, incl. 6 dinner tickets
- Russell Tyson: $500-$999, incl. 4 dinner tickets
- Fletcher Steele: $250-$499, incl. 3 dinner tickets
- John Wesley Lord: $100-$249, incl. 2 dinner tickets

To speak to us about sponsorship, call us at 978-682-8815

For more information or To Purchase Tickets to A Downton Abbey Christmas ($40 each)
visit www.rollingridge.org/programs/specialevents

Have you remembered Rolling Ridge in your will? www.rollingridge.org
New Staff at RR
Welcome to our new cook, David Brown, a retired police officer with loads of restaurant and cooking experience.

Linda Atherton is adding to her jobs at Rolling Ridge by becoming the new Assistant to the Guest Services Director. In this role, she will be working on planning for guests, following up via our reservation system and answering phone calls and emails.

New Groups at RR
- Life Transitions Meditation Center, Santa Fe, NM, Ralph Steele
- Dr. Roger Jahnke Tai Chi / QiGong Training, Santa Barbara, CA
- Health Actions, Santa Barbara, CA
- St. Stephen’s of Lynn, MA
- Malden Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- BU Student Health Ambassadors
- Bariatric Education Center of Lowell
- Northern Essex Community College
- U-Tec Lowell

Goodbye & Hello
Thanks to Chef Rebecca Nolet for nearly 5 years of culinary delights at Rolling Ridge. She is moving into a family business and we will miss her greatly.

Welcome to Chef Sabina Petersen. She comes to us from Chive Catering in Beverly and will begin delighting our guests on September 8.

Upcoming Programs at Rolling Ridge

Drumming for Joy on September 9
Still Waters on September 14
The Gifts of Awareness with Linda Grenfell on September 24
Many Paths Home with Grace Durfee and Deborah D’Onofrio on October 2
Drumming for Joy on October 9
Listening for the Heartbeat of God - Experiencing Gifts of Celtic Imagination with Paul Millin on October 21
Still Waters on October 26
Reiki Level One with Gale Lyman on October 27
Clear Water: A Haiku Invitation into our Luminous Sacred World, with Jeannie Martin on November 7
Waking up to Hope, with Cindy Barg on November 12
Family Caregivers Take Time! with Mary MacDonald on November 13
Reiki Level Two, with Gale Lyman on November 17

Visit www.rollingridge.org for a complete description of our programs and registration. Click on “Programs” and “Day Apart Retreats” or “special events”.

WE THANK YOU
Our volunteers continue to grace and bless us with their efforts.

Thank you to Melissa Sweet who comes and weeds the flower beds, even on hot days!

Thank you to Gail Hernandez and Daryl Arsenault for assisting us with our Spring Appeal.

Thank you to St. Augustines youth for their volunteer work helping to pave the way for the new walkway to the offices.

Thank you to Betsy Peterson of Wilmington for the donation of the wonderful patio set!