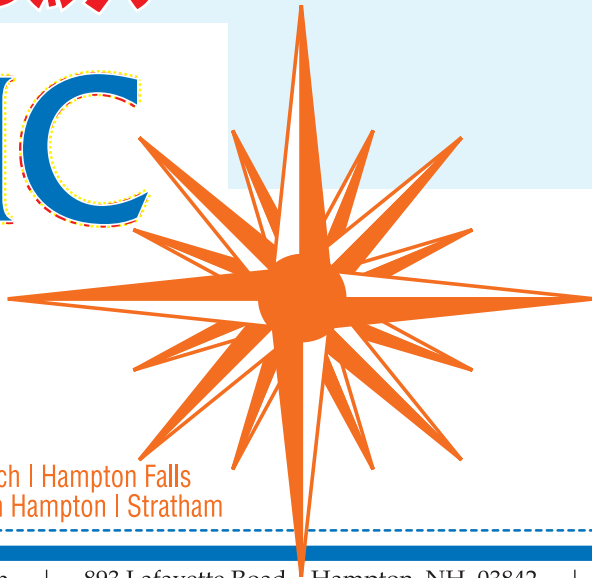


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FIT TO A 'T'

Karma Threads seeks to help teens with t-shirts

BY SCOTT E. KINNEY
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EXETER | Positive messages for teens and the chance to help others. That's the premise behind KarmaThreads — a positive messaging apparel company fusing vintage flair with contemporary design — as they announced earlier this month the launch of its first line of T-shirts for women of all ages.

With inspirational messages like "Dream," "Hope," "Laugh Often," "Love More," and other phrases, these hip new T-shirts provide an easy way for all to look good and do good.

Inspired by a desire to give back to teens in need, KarmaThreads founder, Rhonda Lee, is sharing a portion from all of the items sold to charities that shelter and nurture teens.

For Lee, it is an idea that has hung around for years and is now coming into fruition.

"I really wanted to form a non-profit organization for teens to provide clothes for kids in need," she said. "I think that it's our responsibility to help these teens that are the next generation and teach them the responsibility of taking care of their own."

On Friday, Nov. 24 — also known as "Black Friday" — eight businesses in Exeter aided in the launch of KarmaThreads by displaying the T-shirts in their stores and providing purchase information for those who are interested in giving back.

"We chose to launch the company

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LETTERS FROM 9A

we feel compelled to address some misinterpretations contained in recent Conservation Commission mailings and statements (as well as in letters to the editor) concerning Warrant Article 2 which voters will consider at the polls on December 1, 2006.

Passage of Article 2 would convey a conservation easement on Town owned land located at 57 Woodland Road to an outside organization, with the result that control over that property would be permanently taken away from North Hampton voters.

The message contained in the mailings, statements and letters to which we refer is that the property must be transferred to an outside organization in order to save it from the Selectmen who, they apparently reason, can not be trusted to keep their "hands off" conservation property.

The Conservation Commission and letter writers argue that transferring control of this 5.7 acre piece of Town land is the only way to ensure that the Selectmen

won't use it for "industrial purposes."

Emotional appeals such as these often produce emotion-driven results which in turn produce a lack of objectivity and, all too often, decisions that are not in the best interests of those concerned.

We are concerned that unless the record and the facts are clarified, the Town will lose control over this property and it will wind up being controlled by outsiders over whom we have no control or influence. It is with the greatest respect for our Conservation Commission that we offer the BOS' perspective and the facts regarding this property.

The BOS was asked by a number of citizens to find a solution to the lack of cell coverage in the eastern part of Town. Assisted by our attorneys, and after diligent, good faith and comprehensive research, we proposed for consideration by the voters a plan which would construct an "alternative antenna structure" at 57 Woodland Road in the form of either a flag pole or

a wildlife observation tower in which would be concealed an antenna — a solution which hardly merits the label "industrial" complex as it is now characterized by some. (The fact is that 57 Woodland Road was identified as Town owned land available for a cell tower in a letter to the ZBA by the lawyers representing the individual who authored and circulated the petition for Article 2.)

We recognized at all times that any proposal to change the use of Town land would require approval by the voters as the BOS is powerless to order or authorize any use of land without voter approval. After a public hearing held by the BOS, we abandoned the idea of an alternative cell tower on 57 Woodland Road because of the strength of the opposition and the results of our historical research on this property. So again, the BOS' proposal is off the table and will not move forward to a Town vote.

Some literature published by the proponents of Article 2 also claims that the BOS "tried to take" another piece of Town conservation property by eminent domain. We made no such attempt. The idea of using this land to resolve our telecommunication problems, along with other alternatives, was explored but was rejected by the BOS as not in the best interest of the Town.

All voters should understand that the BOS is powerless to dictate the use of the 57 Woodland Road property for any purpose unless the voters first approve such a proposal.

The inevitable result of a yes vote on Article 2 will be to disenfranchise voters from having any say about the future use of this Town owned property. Instead, control of the property would be ceded to an outside organization which, under the terms of the deed language attached to the petition, could require North Hampton to spend money enforcing the provisions of the conservation easement which we would be

giving away.

We respectfully suggest that Article 2 is unnecessary, an emotional reaction, and a precedent not in the best interest of North Hampton. We trust the voters to make the best decisions about the use of Town land. We do not necessarily have the same confidence about outside organizations over which we have no control or influence. We hope that this explanation will lead to a decision on Article 2 which is based on facts and not on emotions.

Emily C. Creighton,
Chairman
Donald B. Gould
Henry Marsh
Board of Selectmen
North Hampton

HONORED TO SERVE

To the Editor:

As the dust of the Election Day settles, I have discovered a renewed sense of civility and kindness from candidates I had not know before this summer.

I received congratulations with both grace and sincerity from opponents. It is then that what I realize we all need to acknowledge is that we are not really opponents so much as community members with differing ideas. We all worked hard and eight of us were selected.

I am once again honored with the opportunity to serve my district. Having walked some different streets this campaign season I met even more people who were eager to engage me in discussion about issues and wish me well.

I'd like to thank all the candidates and all those I had the chance to meet along the way. For the next two years, I will work to continue to earn the trust you have placed in me as your representative.

We have much work ahead of us and I look forward to you being part of the discussion. Please feel free to contact me (hartflock@comcast.net) with your concerns

Rep. Eileen Flockhart
Exeter

T FROM 1A

on 'Black Friday' to extend the message of thanksgiving and provide a vehicle for everyone to give back and make a real difference in the lives of teens in need," said Lee. "I'm particularly thankful for the Exeter merchants who are supported us on Friday — helping to get the word out about KarmaThreads and the charities we support. This year as consumers kick off their holiday shopping we hope that they will consider purchasing KarmaThreads T-shirts and demonstrate how easy it can be to become a powerful force for change."

The businesses participating in KarmaThreads 'Black Friday Day of Giving Back' included Aura Day Spa, Blue Moon, IOKA, La Cave a' Vin, LunaChics, Me & Ollies, Water Street Bookstore, and The Willow. Lee said she was very pleased with the participation.

"Rhonda has done a great job of bringing KarmaThreads to life, and we are thrilled to support the launch of this positive messaging apparel company on 'Black Friday,'" said Dana DeNiro, owner of LunaChics. "What a good way to incorporate giving back with the holiday season. The 'feel good' T-shirts are fashionable and are appealing to the LunaChics customers — regardless of age."

KarmaThreads has identified the New Outlook Teen Center (www.newoutlookteencenter.org) based in Exeter, and StandUp for Kids (www.standupforkids.org) based in San Diego, with programs in 30 states across the country, as charitable foundations that will receive a portion of the proceeds from KarmaThreads sales. Both organizations reach out to homeless, street kids and

at-risk youth providing educational programs that build self esteem and responsibility.

Lee can't take all of the credit for the company's launch, however. She credits her daughter, Sarah, with being an integral part of getting the project off the ground.

"From an early age I was surrounded by parents and grandparents who went out of their way to give back to others. Now it's my turn," Lee continued. "Just as my parents did, I'm sharing my desire to make a difference with my 16-year-old daughter, who has been my partner in the design and concept for all of the apparel at KarmaThreads. Together we researched and identified these two charities as organizations that supported our goal of helping teens in need of nurturing programs and shelter."

New Outlook Teen Center is happy to be the beneficiary of gifts from a company that shares a similar vision.

"New Outlook engages youth in opportunities that nurture belonging, independence, resilience, and social responsibility and we are so pleased that KarmaThreads shares our mission to help teens in need," said Whitney Edgar, community liaison at New Outlook Teen Center. "The T-shirts provide teens — and those who are young at heart — with positive, inspirational messages that are so needed in today's world."

KarmaThreads' T-shirts are available Le Club Boutique in Portsmouth, and LunaChics and The Willow in Exeter. They are also available online at www.kharmathreads.com.

SWEET FROM 22A

members can write a personal note on a tag, sign it, and send it to school along with the cookies.

All cookies should be delivered to the NHS cafeteria by 8:45 a.m. on Friday, December 15. According to Meyer, there will be "elves" posted by each door to collect the cookies as they are brought in, whether via adult or student.

A disposable container is the preferred method of transport, as the cookies will ultimately end up in more than 100 festive containers, all generously donated by Shaw's in North Hampton.

The tasty home-baked treats will be delivered to an appreciative NHS staff. "They really look forward to it," says Meyer. "And who doesn't like cookies?"

As for the tags with their holiday messages, "We will be stringing these up on garland in the faculty room," Meyer explains. "The teachers and staff LOVE to read the sentiments."

For more information about taking part in what has become an "annual beloved display of holiday cheer" — and a very sweet one at that — call Joanne Meyer at (603) 964-1331.

POINT FROM 8A

of these newly-elected Congressional representatives can make a difference — quickly.

Right now, a tiny minority of our population is going again and again through the revolving door of redeployment, bearing all the danger, doing an amazing, heroic, nerve-shattering job in a near-impossible situation.

A fraction of American families is bearing the full burden of this war, while the

rest of us mob the malls for the latest electronic toys and another Merry Christmas, or quarrel about what the holiday should be called. The newbies' perspective needs to be heard, along with that of moderate, middle-class voters, without the histrionics and hysteria that have dominated the last few election cycles.

Good luck, Ms. Shea-Porter, good luck.

AWARD FROM 22A

In your opinion, does that responsibility ever justify limiting a citizen's Constitutional right to free speech? Please be specific."

In response, Brenda's essay, which placed first in both the regional and state categories, expressed the need for mod-

HA FROM 25A

volunteers.

From there members of the Hampton fire department — who generously donated their time to help out — brought the boxes to the Congregational Church for distribution on the Monday of Thanksgiving week.

The generosity of the Hampton Academy community didn't stop with that special delivery — it overflowed from one holiday to the next.

eration between freedom of speech and public safety.

Brenda was honored at an awards ceremony held in Concord. Winnacunnet High School Principal Randy Zito and English teacher Carol Downer also attended the ceremony.

"We put together 50 boxes of food for needy Hampton families — and still have leftovers to get a head start on the Christmas baskets," said Frost. "It was a true community effort."

And it was something that made an impact on the younger portion of the HA community.

"The kids feel like they're doing something good," said Frost. "It really worked out well."

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