Greetings from José

Dear Reader

I hope this newsletter finds you full of health, joy and happiness!

We’ve had a really good start of the year here at GMC. Students are back on campus, classes have begun, and the classrooms and dorms are once again filled with youthful energy. Poultney High School students have also transitioned onto a new and exciting semester. So let’s all join efforts in welcoming these students back to school and wishing them a very prosperous and positive new semester. Certainly, students bring excitement to our community.

As the spring comes around and we begin to prepare for our New Year projects, let’s do our best to keep our attitudes and spirits elevated. It is always important to be thankful for all the goodness that surrounds us and also share that goodness with others. Let’s always try to remember that the sun shines for all of us. Whenever we feel sad, depressed, stressed, or overwhelmed, let’s remind each other that we are never alone. The world is in constant motion and so are we.

Take care, share your bright smile, and acknowledge your breath as much as possible,

José Gálvez
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Tiny Theatre presents “The Butler”

The Tiny Theatre launches its 2014 season on Saturday, January 25th with screenings of the surprise box office hit of 2013, director Lee Daniels’ “The Butler” (2013; PG-13). Inspired by the real life experiences of Eugene Allen (played by Forest Whitaker), this film tells the story of this White House butler who served eight American presidents over three decades. The film traces the dramatic changes that swept American society during this time, from the Civil Rights movement to Vietnam and beyond, and how those changes affected this man’s life and family. This film also stars Oprah Winfrey, John Cusack, and Jane Fonda, among many others.

Tickets are $4. Popcorn—$1, and Sweetwater Sodas—$.50.
Screening Times are: 1pm, 4pm, 6:30pm and 9pm.

The Poultney Earth Fair Steering Committee wishes all Poultney Families a happy 2014 and looks forward to a promising 7th Annual Poultney Earth Fair full of fun, life, and excitement. The event will again be hosted by Poultney High School on Thursday, April 24th from 2:00PM to 5:00PM and is free and open to the public.

The 2014 theme is “POWERING INTO OUR FUTURE.” It will focus on energy of all kinds: human energy and people power, solar power and other renewable energy, and the social power and community vibrancy that could drive Poultney into a sustainable future. We invite everyone - children, adults, organizations and businesses - to explore this idea and exhibit their findings at the Earth Fair.

Many displays result from creative collaborations among student groups from Poultney Elementary, LiHigh School, Poultney High School, and Green Mountain College. This event encourages students to take the lead in building lasting community partnerships through projects and displays.

Your involvement is what makes the Earth Fair a much anticipated spring tradition. The Earth Fair is ours!

If you would like more information about the Fair, want to get involved with the planning process, reserve a space for display or create a project for the Earth Fair, please contact José Gálvez at galvezcontrerasj@gmail.com or (225) 936-9973.

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**Art Exhibit by Radcliffe Roye open to the public**

The William Feick Arts Center at Green Mountain College is pleased to announce an upcoming exhibit of work by Brooklyn-based photographer Radcliffe “Ruddy” Roye. Originally from Jamaica, Roye began his career as a journalist. He was unsatisfied with the photographs that were published with his stories and started taking his own photos. Upon moving to Brooklyn in 2000, Roye started photographing for the Associated Press.

Roye is praised for the rawness of his images. His popularity on the social media photo sharing site Instagram skyrocketed after he posted images of the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, and he now has more than 46,000 followers. A self-proclaimed “Instagram Activist,” Roye combines his powerful images with in-depth, descriptive narratives. These reflections are based on engaged and intimate dialogue with his subjects, and manage to reveal not just the personal, but the universal; not just a human’s story, but humanity’s story. Roye will be participating in a weeklong residency with GMC students, which will coincide with an exhibit of his work at the William Feick Arts Center entitled Telling Stories. The residency will include class participation with students, a public artist lecture, and a public artist reception.

His exhibit is now on display through February 14 with a reception on Friday February 7 from 5-7 PM at the William Feick Arts Center. Exhibitions and events are free and open to the public. General gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1-5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information please contact the gallery for more information at 802-287-8398 or feick@greenmtn.edu

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**Benefit Ham Dinner for Fire Victims on Feb 8th**

Poultney United Methodist Church will host a Benefit Ham Dinner for the Rutland Fire Victims on Saturday, February 8th. Dinner will be served between the hours of 5 to 7 PM in the church fellowship hall, a handicap accessible site. The ham will be either McKenzie and/or Harrington. The meal will be served buffet style, first come, first served. Takeout will also be available. Reservations are not required. Poultney United Methodist Church is located at 108 Main Street, Poultney.

All are welcome!

A benefit dinner event, free-will contributions are designated for three Rutland County families who lost their homes to fire this winter – the James family of Pawlet, the Chandler/Savage family of Castleton, and the Cole/Wardwell family of Chittenden. All contributions will be graciously received at the door and/or by mail (Poultney UMC, P.O. Box 203, Poultney, VT 05764-0203) and dedicated to relief for these families.

Volunteers who would like to help set-up, serve, or clean-up will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Pastor David Adams (802-287-4406).

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**Cheer for the Eagles at basketball home-games**

The basketball season kicked off late fall last year and continues to excite our community with its upcoming games on this New Year. Please join us in supporting the GMC eagles at any of our upcoming home-games this season:

- **Friday, January 24, 2014**
  - Men’s Basketball vs. Thomas @ 5:30p.m.
  - Women’s Basketball vs. Thomas @ 7:30p.m.

- **Saturday, January 25**
  - Men’s Basketball vs. Me.-Farmington @ 1p.m.
  - Women’s Basketball vs. Me.-Farmington @ 3p.m.

- **Tuesday, February 4**
  - Women’s Basketball vs. Lyndon St. @ 5:30p.m.
  - Men’s Basketball vs. Lyndon St. @ 7:30p.m.

- **Wednesday, February 5**
  - Men’s Basketball vs. Albany Pharmacy @ 7p.m.

- **Saturday, February 8**
  - Men’s Basketball vs. Castleton @ 1p.m.
  - Women’s Basketball vs. Castleton @ 3p.m.

- **Wednesday, February 12**
  - Women’s Basketball vs. New England College @ 5:30p.m.
  - Men’s Basketball vs. New England College @ 7:30p.m.