

Hotel Revisited

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Allison Aldrich next led us through two songs about food: *My Mother's Cooking* (Does anyone know who wrote this?) and *The Lemon Pie Song*, written by the late Cora Alice Tolman (see note), and which tonight was dedicated to Max Nunnemaker, who just so happened to bring a lemon pie to share! The song was set to the music of a familiar hymn, so an automatic "Amen" (to lemon pie) concluded the song.

Note: Cora Alice Tolman, came to Nelson as a schoolteacher, and taught in the Old Brick Schoolhouse. She was a noted member of the WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union), met and married Robert Tolman, and lived in the house that is now Bert Wingerson's home.

We ended the evening singing the familiar *Hills of Nelson*, written and composed by Gordon Peery, and also played by him on the keyboard.

Being tightly seated in the vestry made for wonderful sound. Several singers from the original production were scattered throughout the audience, so their knowledge of the songs helped tremendously. I even caught a few unlikely people singing along — swept away by the music — off-guard and possibly off-key! But they didn't care — they were enjoying the evening.

I've since accused one of them of singing. "I saw you," I said.

"Oh, no, you didn't," he jokingly denied my accusation!

Thank you all — and a very special thank you to the Nelson Congregational Church community for coming to our rescue on this bitterly cold January evening.

And, stay tuned for more: On Saturday, March 27, we will incorporate the songs that we learned Friday, January 29th, with more original songs and many of the stories (and perhaps even some new ones!) from the original 1997 production of Hotel Nelson, into another evening out at The Hotel Nelson. Contact me at 827-3226 or Kathy at 847-9785 if you'd like to help. And log on to www.movinginstep.org for more information.

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chequer two fined awl yore
mistakes.

- Brendan Hills

RABIES CLINIC
Saturday, March 20, 2009
(snow date: April 4)
9 a.m. to 12 noon
Nelson Town Hall



Dogs, cats, ferrets, & rabbits.
\$10.00 per animal.

Pets must be on leashes or in carriers.
Town Clerks from Nelson, Sullivan & Stoddard
will be available to do dog registrations.
Bring your current Rabies Certificate.
All communities welcome!

Nelson: A reminder that all dogs must be licensed annually by May 1. A certificate showing an up-to-date rabies shot must be presented to the Town Clerk at the time of licensing.

Also, since 1995, Nelson has had a dog control law that basically requires all dogs to be under the control of the owner and not wandering about getting into mischief.



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