



**Diane Retzky**

Diane has 20 years of experience in HR and is responsible for all aspects of human resources at New England Development where she has worked since 2008. She spearheads the company’s recruitment and retention initiatives and works closely with New England Development’s family of companies, including MarketPlace Development, Nantucket Island Resorts, and Newburyport Development, on their human resources needs. Diane received a B.S. degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and her M.B.A. from Babson College. She is a member of Society for Human Resource Management and a member of CREW Boston, successor to NEWiRE, New England’s leading network of professional women working in commercial real estate. 2015 will mark her first year on the Council Board.

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**Barbara St. John**

Barbara is a Family Nurse Practitioner at Goldstein Dermatology in Natick. For the past ten years she has consulted for Candela-Syneron Corporation as a Clinical Nurse. She is also a member of the Dermatology Nurses Association and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. 2015 marks Barbara’s first year on the board here at the Needham Community Council. She is an active member of the Needham community where she has worked with the Needham Women’s Club since 2000. She is currently finishing up a two - year term on the NWC board as President. Barbara has worked closely with the Women’s Club to help support the Needham Community Council’s various causes as well as helping support many Needham based organizations while being a member of the NWC. She also volunteers for the PTC at Broadmeadow Elementary School and Nobles and Greenough School. Barbara has lived in Needham for the past sixteen years with her husband and three children.

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**Chris Thomas**

Chris has worked in fund-raising for over 20 years and is presently Senior Director, Major Gifts with the American Cancer Society. As part of a team lead by Tim Torgerson, Chris is working with donors and other ACS staff to secure high level gifts that will impact their mission with a focus on the American Cancer Society research efforts. He has been with the American Cancer Society for over 17 years. Chris was a longtime member of the Association of Fund-raising Professionals – Massachusetts Chapter Board of Directors where he has served as president along with a variety of other officer positions and presently serves as co-chair of the Diversity Fellowship program he created. He has additional fund-raising experience as Campaign Director with both the New England Medical Center and the Merrimack Valley United Fund. Chris is a graduate of Harvard University and lives in Needham with his wife and 4 daughters. Chris joined the Needham Community Council Board in 2010.

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# Introducing the 2015-2016 Needham Community Council Board Members!



## OFFICERS

**Frank Bond**– *President*

**Deb Jacob**– *Vice President*

**Carole Sullivan**– *Secretary*

**Jeffrey Stewart**– *Treasurer*

**Lisa Cherbuliez**– *Past President*

**Sandra Robinson**– *Executive Director*

## DIRECTORS

Lynn Alberding\*

Maria Furlong

Caren Carpenter

Jonathan Kappel

Bill Concannon

Eilene Kleiman

Priscilla Dasse

Margie Margolis

Glen Davis

Andrew McCollum\*

Bob Dermody

Diane Retzky\*

Mark Fisher

Barbara St. John\*

John Frantz\*

Christopher Thomas

\*New Board Members





**Frank Bond**

Frank has been the President and Chief Compliance Officer of Bond & Co. since 1997. Bond & Co. is an independent financial planning and investment advisory practice. 2015 will mark Frank's eleventh year on the Needham Community Council Board. Frank is a member of the Investment Committee and has helped manage the Council's investment portfolio since he started. He was the Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee and is currently the President of the Council's Board of Directors. Frank has served on the board and is also a past treasurer of Plugged In, a teen band program which educates young musicians about how to be in a rock band; while at the same time about the importance of giving back to the community – both locally and globally.

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**Deb Jacob**

After earning her Masters in Health Care Administration from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Deb worked for over twenty years in the Healthcare Industry. Upon retiring, she turned her focus to various volunteer activities. She currently volunteers in: The Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention (since 2006), the Needham Domestic Violence Action Committee (since 2007), Needham High School's Take Back the Night Club (Advisor since 2008), Board member of the Needham Historical Society (since 2008), Board member of Friends of the Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention (since 2011). Deb has participated in the Seasonal Giving Program at Dana Farber Cancer Institute since 2003. She has received the State's Unsung Heroine Award and the Needham Public Health Youth Coalition Prevention and Wellness Award for her work as an adult advocate for youth wellness. 2015 will mark her sixth year on the Council Board.

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**Carole Sullivan**

Carole is an Executive Director at the Needham Children's Center. She began her Teaching/Directing career at Needham Children's Center in 1982. "The field of Early Care and Education is a passion of mine. Over the years I have continued my education with classes at Wheelock College and training's through many professional Early Childhood organizations." Carole is a member of the National Association of Education of Young Children and BAEYC. She served as the Chair of the Needham Early Childhood Council for 8 years and is still a member today. Carole is currently a member of the Needham Business Association, Needham High School Distinguished Award Community and a past active member of the Needham Suicide Prevention Committee. She was born and raised in Needham and Needham is still her home. Carole has been on the Board at the Community Council since 2009.

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**Eilene Kleiman**

Eilene is a long time member of the Needham Community. She and her husband have lived in Needham for the past thirty years. Over the years she has volunteered in the Needham Schools as well as the Charles River School and Concord Academy. She spent several years as the Activity Director in an Assisted Living Facility in Needham, and presently serves on the Needham Council on Aging Board. 2015 will mark Eilene's second year on the Needham Community Council Board. She has volunteered for the ESL program for the past six years. She began as a tutor, led conversation classes, and is now helping in the coordination of the program.

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**Margie Margolis**

Margie is a longtime Needham resident, she and her family have lived here since 1971. Margie worked as a first grade teacher for twenty three years at Hillside School. There she helped coordinate teachers and students with collecting food and goods that were delivered to the Council Food Pantry on a monthly basis. "When I retired, I was eager to be part of the Council Board to be a stronger force in the over-all operation and to serve in any way I was needed." 2015 will mark Margie's third year on the Needham Community Council Board. She continues to help Needham Public Schools in scheduling deliveries to the Food Pantry; and she has also helped with the "Back to School Supplies Project" at the Council.

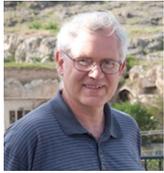
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**Andrew McCollum**

Andrew is a Partner and Managing Director at Greenwich Associates, the global research-based consultancy. In this capacity, Andrew is responsible for managing relationships with leading asset managers, investment consultants and other service providers in the United States and Canada. He received his BA in Political Science from Cornell University and his MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University. Before joining Greenwich Associates, Andrew was a Managing Director at Chatham Partners and responsible for managing the company's research and consulting relationships with asset managers and defined contribution record-keepers. Prior to that, he worked in the Financial Services and Corporate Strategy Practices at CEB (Corporate Executive Board) advising firms on strategy development, strategic planning, M&A, and competitive intelligence, among other topics. He currently lives in Needham with his wife and two daughters. 2015 will mark Andrews' first year on the Needham Community Council Board.

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**John Frantz**

Although currently retired, John was previously employed by The Boston Consulting Group. There he provided consulting services to major corporations, held a senior internal financial management position and led the Investment Committee in overseeing the firms U.S. retirement plans. 2015 will mark John's first year on the Needham Community Council Board. He also does work with the Carter Memorial United Methodist Church. There he is Co-Chair of the missions/outreach team. They pursue a range of initiatives to help a variety of local, national and internal services and charitable organizations, including the Needham Community Council. John is also a chair of the endowment team, which oversees the church's endowment funds. When he is not working and volunteering John likes to run triathlons.

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**Maria Furlong**

Maria is currently affiliated with UCC Reporter Digest, a student publication at BC law school. She graduated from Boston College and Boston College Law School. She has worked as a judicial law clerk at law firms in Boston, and as legal counsel to both Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy Trustees. 2015 will mark Maria's third year on the Needham Community Council Board. Prior to being on the board, she had contact with The Council through her work with the Broadmeadow School Student Service Club, and also through co-chairing the Broadmeadow Service Committee. She is also a volunteer at Circle of Hope in Needham. Maria has lived in Needham for the past 16 years with her husband and three children.

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**Jonathan Kappel**

Jonathan is employed at Clark University as a Director of Campaign Advancement. Previous to working at the University he worked as a fundraising professional at the Anti Defamation League, American Jewish Committee and Clark University where he has returned after 10 years. He received the Senn-Greenberg award for excellence in staff leadership from the Anti-Defamation League. Jonathan and his wife, Carol co-created the Ultimate Pink Drink fundraiser benefitting breast cancer research. He is also a Gala committee member of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Needham; and a previous board member of the Needham Educational Foundation. 2015 will mark his second year on the Council Board.

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**Jeffrey Stewart**

Jeffrey has worked in banking for 15 years. He is currently an AVP, Branch Manager for Needham Bank, where he has worked since 2011. He graduated from Suffolk University in Boston with a Bachelor of Science in Management. Jeffrey currently resides in Framingham with his husband and son. He joined the Needham Community Council Board in 2013 and is currently the Treasurer. "The Council helps support many local Needham families in a variety of ways... The dedication of the Council's volunteers is awe-inspiring."

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**Lisa Cherbuliez**



Lisa has lived in Needham for over 20 years with her husband and three daughters. She is currently employed by Bigbelly as a Director of Customer Engagement. She has lived in Needham for the past twenty two years. 2015 will mark her eighth year on the Needham Community Council Board. "I joined the Board to increase my impact in making the Needham Community stronger, more diverse and welcoming to all residents. I've enjoyed the opportunity to work with so many volunteers working with Council programs and Board members." Most recently Lisa led the Council's Ride for Food team which raised \$27,000 for the Council Food Pantry.

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**Lynn Alberding**

Lynn has lived in town with her husband and four children for the past six years. She is currently one of the Needham Community Council's ESL tutors. Since becoming trained as a tutor she has worked with three ESL students. Lynn has developed and facilitated a book group for ESL students, and will begin teaching a beginner's English class to Russian-speakers this spring. She also does intake assessments for all new ESL students, which allows her to work with the Council curriculum coordinators to suggest and develop new programs to meet the needs of this growing group of learners. "I love the volunteer work that I do at the Council, and am so excited to have watched the ESL program grow over the past several years." 2015 will mark her first year on the Council Board.

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**Caren Carpenter**

Caren is a certified teacher and director who has been involved in the Needham, Newton and Wellesley school systems for the past fifteen years. She currently teaches preschool at Temple Beth Elohim. 2015 will mark Caren’s second year on the Needham Community Council Board. She has shown her support over the years by volunteering at the Thrift Shop, stocking the food pantry, filling Holiday bags and bringing Holiday gifts to seniors living in Needham. Caren has lived in Needham with her

husband for the past thirty years. “I feel strongly about giving back to our community and helping those around us. Working with the Council allows us to make a difference in people’s lives.”

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**Bill Concannon**

Bill has been employed as a Real Estate Agent at Condon Reality since 1998. He has supported and participated in The Needham Community Council Annual Celebration in years past. Bill is a fourth generation, lifelong, Needham resident. He lives here with his wife Carol and three children. 2015 will mark his second year on the Council Board.

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**Priscilla Dasse**

Priscilla has donated her time by volunteering at the Needham Community Council thrift shop and food pantry since 2012. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, R.N from Boston College, and her Masters in Public Health from Boston University. Some accomplishments in her career include working as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant (1969-1972), a nurse epidemiologist at Boston City Hospital (1972-1974), Associate Director at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston (1974-1991), a Trustee at Deaconess Glover Hospital ( 1991-1998), Senior Vice President at CRICO/Risk Management Foundation, Harvard Medical Institutions (1998-2001). Senior Faculty Investigator at the Institute of Health Policy, Partners and Massachusetts General Hospital (2002), Senior Vice President, Performance Improvement and Chief Quality Officer at Cambridge Health Alliance (2002-2012) and a consultant in patient safety at Partners Healthcare System (2012-2014). 2015 will mark Priscilla’s second year on the Board at the Needham Community Council.

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**Glen Davis**

Glen is a longtime member of the Needham community. He grew up here and has worked in town for the past twenty one years. Glen is a licensed Insurance Broker and Insurance Advisor at Provider Group, LLC where he is a Senior Vice President. 2015 will mark his third year on the Board. Besides volunteering with the Needham Community Council Glen is Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Association of Insurance agents, representing over 1,300 independent insurance agencies in Massachusetts. He is a Board Member of Gift of Life an organization which brings children from 3rd world countries to Boston for life-saving heart surgeries. And he has been President of the Rotary Club of Needham since 2013.

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**Robert J. Dermody**

Bob was born and raised in Needham, MA. After graduating from Needham High School, he attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Robert then pursued a Master of Architecture degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. He is very active in the Needham community as a member of the Exchange Club, a Town Meeting Member, and serving on the Design Review Board. He is an Associate Professor of Architecture at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island, and a licensed architect in Massachusetts. In his spare time, he is a volunteer docent with Boston By Foot, and a BayWatcher for the Coalition for Buzzards Bay. Robert has been volunteering at the Council for several years, in the thrift shop and the food pantry. He joined the council's board of directors in the fall of 2013. His grandmother, Frances K. Dermody, was the first executive secretary of the Needham Community Council, serving in that position from 1940, until her retirement in 1965.

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**Mark Fisher**

Mark is the founder and president of Construction Coordinators, Inc., a Needham-based general contractor and construction manager specializing in commercial projects. His company is responsible for many popular local places, including Sweet Basil, Simon & Sons, Vinodivino and Needham Dance Theatre. He and his wife, Pam have lived in Needham for over twenty-five years and both of their children are graduates of Needham High School. Mark has been a board member of the Needham Community Council since 2007 and has served as Chair of the Building Committee since 2012. He has also represented the Council as a speller at the annual NEF spelling bee and hopes to bring the trophy home to Hillside Avenue in 2015.

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