

(Continued from the other side) All of the activities became too overwhelming for Mrs. Richardson, and she sold to Colonel Warren Nichols and his wife, Nana, in June 1947. They were the first to run the FourWinds as an Inn, and did so until October 1950.

Next came Philip and Maude Gass who continued to run the Inn for two years.

By far one of the most colorful characters came next and purchased the FourWinds November 1952. His name was Nicholas Lemtugov. He and his wife, Eleanor, were the first to turn the Inn into a country motel by having five units built.

Nicholas was Russian and spoke seven languages. He was always very presentable; even when he was out gardening, he would be wearing a well pressed shirt and a bow tie. He and Eleanor took great pride in the property.

In July of 1960, Sara Mary Robinson appeared on the scene and bought the FourWinds from the Lemtugovs. She was very wealthy and bought the property as an investment. Sara never lived at the FourWinds, but brought in her sister-in-law, Lee, to manage the country motel with Anne Harris. Lee and Anne were great friends, and during the time they managed the FourWinds, it flourished. Six more units were built and there was a lot



FourWinds Winter '99



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of redecorating and winterizing.

Over the next few years Sara's health declined and her lawyers suggested she sell. She did so in August of 1963 to Richard and Charlotte Bartholomae.

The Bartholomae's made a lot of improvements to the motel, including adding six more units. One day in the Spring of 1964, while they were living in the main house, there was a knock at their door. On their doorstep was an old man in his seventies. He was about six feet and fairly thin. Behind him on the drive was a horse and buggy. He introduced himself as Mr. Frank Benedict! He had wanted to stop by and see the house he had lived in as a boy. At that time he was living with his wife in East Dorset. Here was William Benedict's Grandson, and he told Richard and Charlotte how as a boy he used to bring in wash water for his Grandmother that he carried from a cistern that had been designed to collect rain water in the cellar. Mr. Benedict enjoyed walking about the house and talking about how things used to be. The Bartholomae's two sons grew up at the Country Motel and they enjoyed it very much. They would play with other children that came to visit the area with their parents,

and with some, became good friends and would have adventures together skiing in the winter and exploring in the summer.

The acreage size of the FourWinds was reduced to seven and a half, when Richard and Charlotte sold the Country Motel to Jeremiah and Carolyn Little in September 1978. The Littles had the upstairs of the main house changed into living quarters, remodeled the kitchen, closed in the front porch and made it an office, turned the first floor of the main house into a restaurant and bar, and made even more improvements until they retired.

In July of 1998, Ron and Beth Naples became the owners of the FourWinds. Once again they put in a garden on the north side of the house, and they restored the main house to a residence were they also raised their two boys.

On March 25, 2002, Ali Akbar and Sana Evaji purchased the FourWinds from the Naples. For ten years in Connecticut, they devoted all their time to running two family owned grocery stores. Their four children helped every day after school. The Evajis decided they wanted a change. After looking at several different locations, they were very happy to find the FourWinds Country Motel.

Ali and Sana delight in the joy of offering oversized rooms featuring Hitchcock furnishings accented with country antiques. Each of the eighteen rooms overlooks the breathtaking Green Mountains. There is an in ground pool as well as a cottage designed for recreation and special events. The FourWinds offers elegant country lodging in a family friendly environment.



FourWinds Main House