# SOUNDs from the BEACH

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The Quarterly S.B.P.O.A. Newsletter

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What a wonderful Summer! A plethora of beautiful beach days, clear blue skies, the sun warming us like a relaxing massage and lovely cool water to fall into as the temperature soared. The jingle of the ice cream man and the mad dashes up the steps to catch him, the raft at the end of the ropes ,scene of many a king-of-the-raft game as well as a great place for a rock-me-to-sleep snooze in the late afternoon. Great parties at the beach, at the clubhouse and in backyards under starry Summer nights. Thanks to all our members who renewed their memberships in the SBPOA, and a special welcome and thank you to our brand new members. Whether you are new residents of our community or old friends, we welcome you! Please feel free to ask questions, share your ideas and volunteer to be a part of the many exciting events. We plan to continue to address issues that affect our lives in Sound Beach and we hope that you will become vital and helpful parts of our Association. We are sure that you will come to love Sound Beach as we do and we look forward to the contribution and energy that your presence will add to our community. This newsletter will look back on Summer `97, share information about board activities and social events during the Fall and Winter and, for those of you reading this for the first time, will introduce you to us, The Sound Beach Property Owner's Association.

## Association News

This year,it became necessary for us to replace several hardworking members of the Board Sadly, our wonderful Secretary of many years, Carol Paul, passed away,and our organization and community join her family in mourning her loss. Our President, George Fecht, left his office to care for his wife, Evelyn, who passed away in the beginning of the summer. Evelyn was a tireless and indispensable asset to the S.B.P.O.A. The energy of these women was an inspiration and we will miss them.

The 1997-98 board of directors was voted in at the General Membership meeting in August. Elections to specific offices were held at the September Board meeting. The current board is :

Chairman: Vic Scalone
President: Tom Hetherington,
Vice President: Paul Picciotti,
Treasurer: Dorothy Farrell,
Secretary: Eileen Cantwell,
Beach Commissioner: Nancy Paul,
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**Trash and Treasure** ``A great success - Our best year yet!'' say Audrey Moerlins and Eileen Cantwell, who chair the annual event. ``Lots of fun. We met so many nice people. They came; they donated; they bought; they bargained!'' Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made the day possible: Shirley Strittmatter and her grandaughters Cassie & Chrissie Maraviglia, Marilyn Weber, Mickey Locano, Rose Taranto Gloria Yorio, Linda Cuomo, Richie Gagliardi, Dorothy Villaren, Mary Ellen & Marty Fullam,Edward Cantwell and a big hand to our Caretaker, Charlie Demarco, who gave us his advice, his muscle and his Van.$1300.50 1/2 to the Bulkhead Fund and 1/2 to the general account.

**7th Annual CLAM B QUE** This party keeps on getting better and better, and this year, raised $3,200 for the organization. Ellen Kretschmer Carol Hetherington and Chef Bruce Kretschmer and their staff of seasoned, well-trained volunteers should take this show on the road. From the clams on the half shell, through the main course to the final morsel of scrumptious deserts, from the festooned conga line to the last Electric Slide, the spirit of celebration filled the air. It was a perfect, star studded balmy Summer evening and the mood was buoyant! Special mention must be made of Erica's personalized, clamshell pins! Many thanks to all who worked from noon to noon (and more!) to make this happen, and to all who came, enjoyed the party and helped to continue the tradition of a Sound Beach Party! If you've been away, try to make it to this event in `98! This year we were visited by Dennis Streeff, Julie Devita, and Janice Vail and, according to them, none of us have changed a bit! Where were You?

**Field Day '98** Beach Commissioner, Nancy Paul and her staff ran a great day of Games and races on the West Beach. As always, there were plenty of events, refreshments and prizes for young and not so young. Thanks to Pat O'Neill and Colleen Termine for running a wonderful raffle with prizes from local merchants and to Marty Fullam for his Teddy Bear Raffle, which delighted the children!

**Softball Games**
This summer we had two great evenings of Softball. Virginia Paul made the arrangements with the Town of Brookhaven, and both events happened without a hitch. In July, at Hawkins Avenue Park the Board team played a team of members - a double header with many exciting and funny moments. Pitchers were Vic Scalone and Lou De Dominic. Family members battled each other, finding themselves on different teams, Andy Lane working with daughter Melissa, trying to tag out Mom, Sissy, Lou De Dominic trying to strike out his Daughter, Lauren. Everyone had fun, including the spectators. Willie Smith, daughter Katie and son Zack had Box Seats, (or should we say, ``Truck Seats''). It was a hot night, but Willie created a plastic swimming pool in the back of his pickup, complete with umbrella, so they watched the game in cool comfort. All played well, but the board took both games. Will they keep their title next year? Challenge other clubs? Time will tell...

**Beach Party**
Many thanks to Jan Whitten and Eileen Finn, who organized the Pot Luck Beach party, held traditionally to thank the volunteers, who work so hard to make the Summer possible. Great food, great day!

Thank you to Matt's One Stop for his Donation of Propane for the Clam B Que! To Davis Peach Farm for their neighborly great prices and wonderful Service.

# FUND RAISING UPDATE

## BULKHEAD FUND

The new Bulkhead on the West Beach has saved the area west of the steps from extensive erosion and has saved our access to the beach. Thank you to all who have continued to contribute to this fund. Our second payment is due in September and despite the hard work that our fundraising volunteers have done, we are still a little short. If you have'nt made a donation this year, please, try to make the sacrifice now! Please share the responsibility, so that we can all continue to enjoy the summers on or special spot on the Sound. Mail donations to S.B.P.O.A., BOX 213 SOUND BEACH, NEW YORK 11789.

## PENNY DRIVE

We take nickles and dimes too! Many of you have continued to donate your spare change to the Association and so far, so good!
Its a great way to involve the whole family - just keep a ``For the Beach" jar in your home, and when your pockets feel too heavy, toss the change in! You'll be surprised at how quickly it adds up! Then bring them to a meeting, or directly to Eileen Cantwell, who will deposit them in the Bulkhead Account. Total so far - $1,304.45

## CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

We know you've been drinking lots of liquids during this hot Summer! Still have your empties? Drop them off at 15 Valley Drive. Marty Fullam will return them and deposit the refund into the Bulkhead account. Total so far - $1,000.

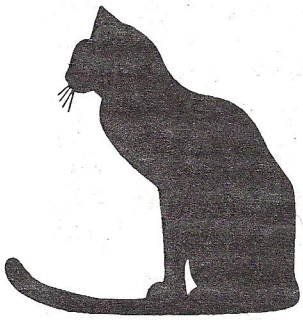
## SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Spare yourself a trip to the Dump! Willie Smith is coordinating a Scrap Metal Drive. We can use brass, bronze, aluminum, copper. If it won't hold a magnet, its probably O.K. Call Willie for drop-off dates at 744- 2067.

## HELP WANTED! MALE - FEMALE

WE HAVE ALL HEARD THE EXPRESSION, "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK". WE ARE IN NEED OF MANY VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE OUR WORK LIGHT! PLEASE!! PLEASE!! PLEASE!!! HELP US. WE WOULD LIKE TO SET UP A ROSTER OF PEOPLE WILLING TO LEND A HAND, ONLY WHEN NEEDED. WE ARE ASKING ALL FAMILIES TO LIST THEIR MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP IF CALLED UPON. THE WORK WOULD BE MINIMAL AND NOT LEFT TO THE FEW WHO HAVE SO GRACIOUSLY CARRIED THE BURDEN THIS FAR. WE CAN USE MANY SPARE HANDS TO HELP WITH ASSOCIATION PROJECTS. IF ANY ONE HAS SPECIAL EXPERTISE IN AREAS SUCH AS CARPENTRY, ELECTRICITY, PLUMBING, PAINTING, SEWING ETC., LET US KNOW! WE NEED PEOPLE WE CAN DEPEND ON TO ANSWER THE CALL YOUNG OR OLD! YOU WILL BE MATCHED TO A JOB OF YOUR CHOICE AND CALLED UPON, ONLY AS NEEDED.
MARTY FULLAM IS COORDINATING THIS PROJECT FOR THE PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ALL OF YOU. CALL HIM AT 744-9390 OR WRITE TO 15 RIVERHEAD RD., SOUND BEACH, N.Y. 11789 OR DROP THE INFO OFF AT HIS HOUSE! PLEASE HELP AND MAKE THE WORK LIGHT FOR ALL!

# What's Coming Up?

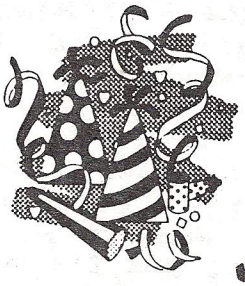


## HALLOWEEN PARTY

This year's Hometown Halloween Dance is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 25th, 8PM at the Clubhouse. It's an wonderfully creepy evening - Music, Dancing, Refreshments, Costume Parade, Prizes for the creepiest and most creative costumes! You'll be astonished at the imagination and creativity that our guests reveal with their costumes - bring a camera! Monster-ously fun for everyone! Call 744-1427 for tickets or to volunteer!

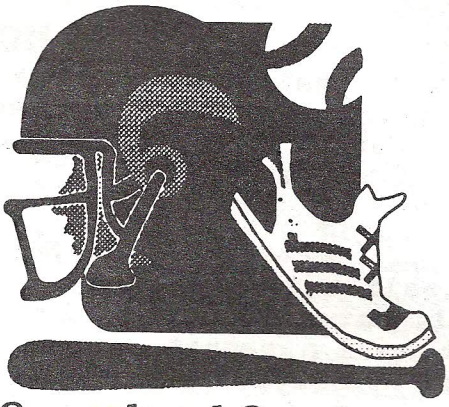
## Crafts Fair

Gloria Yorio hosts the opening event of the Holiday Season in Sound Beach. The Holiday Crafts Fair , to be held at the Clubhouse on Nov. 8, 930-400. Tables are still available - Vendor and volunteers are invited to call 744-7835 for information. Bring your list, and start your Holiday Shopping with us! Delicious hot and cold refreshments, Surprise visit from Santa!



## New Years Eve

Stay Close to home as you ring in the New Year, 1998! Come to our annual New Years Eve Party, hosted by Nancy Paul and Committee. Individual or table reservations are available, so you can bring your party with you! Call 744-8676 for info.



## Superbowl Sunday

Watch the game in comfort and conviviality in our beautiful Clubhouse. Large screen TV and refreshments. Scott Connor arranges this party each year Call him at 821-2806 for details.

*Coming Next Summer - OLDIES DANCE*
*Music from the 50's, 60's and 70's*
*6 Valley Drive is organizing this new event!*
*Get out your Poodle Skirt, Nehru Jackets*
*August 19th at the Clubhouse!*

# FIELD DAY WINNERS

WATERMELON
(13-15) Robert Burtis
WATERMELON
(16& UP) Jerry Milmoe
Swimming (7-9)
1.Patrick Chercheile
2.
3.Rebecca Preuss
(10-12)
1. Brian O'Neil
2. Bruce Kretschmer &
Greg Foley
3. Joey Termine
(13-15) 1.Robert Burtis
2. Bridget Foley
3.Robert Winiarski &
Tara Gordon
FIND SHOE (3&under)
1. Danny Maraviglio
2. Paul Duca
3. Doug Foley
SPOON & EGG
1. Lauren Duca
2. Kerin Cash
3. Michael Carlino
RUNNING (7-9)
1. Isabel Hirsh
2. Jimmy Brennan
3. Rebecca Preuss
(10-12) 1. Greg Foley
2.Patrick Shields
3. Joey Termine
(13-15) 1. Sylvio Termine
2. Robert Burtis
3. Mike Palumbo
(3& Under)
1. Doug Foley
2. Joanne Downinng
3 Paul Duca
(4-6) 1. Lauren Duca
2. Halley Kretschmer
3. Mark Paul
Wheelbarrow (7-9)
1. Brian Daly & Paul Lipsky
2. Corey & Casidhe Streeff
3.Jessica Krell & Amy Perazzo
(10-12)1.Greg Foley &
Patrick Shields
2.Joey and Danny Termine
3.Lauren Hetherington &
Casidhe Streeff
(13-15) Robert Burtis &
Sylvio Termine
Crawling 1. Doug Foley
2. Paul Duca
3. Joanne Downing
Sack Race (4-6)
1. Miles Farrell
2. Michael Carlino
3. Halley Kretschmer &
Melissa Maraviglio
(7-9) 1. Paul Lipsky
2. Rebecca Preuss
3. Chris Costanza
Isabel Hirsh
(10-12)1. Briget Foley
2. Greg Foley
3. Joey Kearns
(13-15)1. Robert Burtis
2 Sylvio Termine
3.Brianne Berner
(16 & up) Mike Palumbo
2. Rob de Dominic
3. Lauren De Dominic
( Crab race) 1. John Carroll
2. Halley Kretschmer
3. Meagan O'Neil
Egg Toss Chris Costanza
Dennis Foley
(10-12) Danny & Joey
Termine
2. Ryan O'Neil &
3. Alex Demerie & Jessica
Kearnes
Egg Toss (13-15) 1. Mathew
Lane
16 & UP Danny White &

## FUN FOR ALL
## Can you find these summer words?

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1.End of Summer Issue
2.Sunsets
3.Field day
4.Hot dogs
5.Corn on the Cob
6.Sunshine
7.Tans
8.Sandcastle
9.Seashell
10.Long walks
11.Friends
12.Family time
13.Sand
14.Hugs

**Bob O'Neill Reclaims his Reputation!**
**Let the record show that Bob O'Neill, was the winner of last year's (1996) Egg Toss! Many apologies for the error.**

***Rent our Clubhouse for your private parties! Call 744-5450 after 5 for details***

# HOME TOWN HALLOWEEN DANCE

Sat. October 25

8:30-12:30

## Sound Beach Clubhouse

## Music-Food-Soda-Beer

## COSTUME PRIZES

(Costumes Optional)

$15.00 per person BYOB

## Support the SBPOA

744-1427 Call 744-9390

# BUSINESS NEWS

Kathleen Lehey,N.P.,Filomena Bunke N.P. and Susan L. Phelan N.P. are pleased to announce the opening of their new offices on July 15, 1997. Individual and Group Psychotherapy, Psychopharmacology, Couples Work and Alternative Healing modalities are offered. As Nurse Practitioners in Psychiatric Mental Health, we are Registered Nurses, with Masters of Science from Stony Brook University. From our nursing background we bring knowledge and experience in the areas of physical and Psychopharmacology, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatric Emergencies and Administration. Areas of specialization covered by the practice include eating disorders, grief work and therapy for adults abused as children.

Thank you to Pat Pitaro, (father of Gerry Card of Matt's One Stop,) who created such a beautiful garden around the Sound Beach Established 1929 sign. His son-in-law, Jay, volunteered to keep the new park clean and is seen every morning, sprucing it up after he opens his station across the street.

*Kathleen Lehey, N.P.*

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## THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS

The wonderful Field Day raffle, organized by Colleen Curtin and Pat O'Neil, could not have happened without the support and generosity of local merchants. Please show your appreciation by shopping locally!

**Sound Beach Merchants**
Sound Beach Deli
Mr C's Video
Gene's kitchen
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Matt's One Stop
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North Country Wines

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**Rocky Point Merchants**
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Four on the Floor
Plaza Sports
Pompei's
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Tilda's Bake Shop
Gyro Palace
Daniel's Hair Salon
Bruce's Brooklyn Bagels
Brian's Aquarium
Mr McGoos
Rocky Point Jewelers
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Genova's Pizza
Hair Waves
Grand Central Bagels
Thrifty Beverage
Subway
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CP Lamanno's
Sonny's Cards & Things
Anthony Joseph's
Silato's Liquors

...and Dan Curtin for his beautiful Handmade Adirondack Chair and Trellis

# News About You...

**Rob De Dominic Sr.Class President, graduated from the University of Scranton and is working in the communications field. Lauren de Dominic has begun her Sophomore Year at Plattsburg. Joey Grosso is a Jr. at Fordham University. The newest addition to the beach from 6 Valley Drive is Lauren Caravella. Paul Davis was away this summer, working in Theatre in Pennsylvania, acting and doing technical work. Christine was here as our lifeguard. Both attend Washington College in Maryland. Gloria & Rudy Yorio are proud grandparents of Nicole Joy ,born June 27. Parents are daughter Joanne & Glen Newberger. Kitty McKinley & Uncle Jerry McKinley announce the birth of Caitlin Mckinley Bennett. Grandparents are Kitty's son, Tom, & Wife Jane, Parents - Grandaughter Pamela & her husband Jeff Bennett. That makes Kitty a Great( we always knew that!) Grandmother! May Garbarinio celebrated her 93rd birthday, Jill Hetherington celebrated her Sweet 16th birthday with a party at the Clubhouse. Rose and Joe Taranto's grandaughters, Brianne Berner and Michelle Taranto graduated 8th Grade. Taylor Taranto graduated pre-K and his brother Johnny Kindergarden. Rose and Joe celebrated their 47th anniversary on June 10th. Evelyn, Barbara & Ray Fusco joined with many families and friends at a 69th anniversary party for Ray's parents, Carmel Meglio Fusco and Victor Fusco. Some of you may remember the beautiful Meglio girls, Carmel, Rita & Emma, whose parents had a bungalow on S.B. Blvd. Rita & her husband, Tom McVey, live in San Diego. They are now touring Europe, seeing some of the places where Tom was stationed when he was in the service. Rita used to sing (Oh, how we did harmonize!) under the light of the silvery moon on the beach many years ago. Two of Jenny Lawrence's grandsons were married this Summer. Granddaughter Lauren Peterson, daughter of Jean Peterson, graduated SUNY at Albany. She is working in Albany as an Assistant Producer for NBC. Willie Smith received the Yearly Service Excellence Award from LILCO,presented to him at the Watermill Inn. This was due in part to the many letters from customers about his excellent service and helpfulness. Willie and his Wife, margaret, celebrated their 11th annivrsary this August 8th. For the first time in their history, Rocky Point High School was the league champion in Tennis. David Godin, son of Maureen & Eric Godin was named Most Valuable Player. A trophy engraved with David's name will be displayed at the school. a very special welcome to new members of our beach community, Amanda Paul, born to Mary and Eric Paul, Twins Thomas Peter and Gerard William, born to Donna and Jerry Foley.**

## *A Community Oasis*

*With many of us living the fast paced life in the present, some of us long for lazy hazy days of Summers past. Summers filled with play, rest and enjoyment.Well I can think of no better place to live and still find that than Sound Beach! Last year, after purchasing a house in Sound Beach, I joined our local property owners association. With my family's membership,I found that sense of community that we all long for in this hectic world. I wanted, for my children, a safe place to play and have the summer fun that I had growing up. Well, all is possible in Sound Beach. We have our own private beach that we can relax on and get to know our neighbors. We don't have a snack bar but we bring our lunches and dinners down to the beach and have a safe place for our children to play. I am surprised that more people do not take advantage of this wonderful organization and all that it offers. I have heard that some of my younger neighbors say that they prefer to go to beaches that are farther away than ours! So our beach has stairs that you have to walk down... So what? We have many senior members, able to make it down and teach us what community is all about. For that I am grateful so if you are a property member in Sound Beach and long for the joys of yesterday. Come on and Join! It will be your own community Oasis. I'm proud to be living in Sound Beach!*

*Mary Jane Mac Elveen*

## A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE AND FOND REMEMBRANCE

We quipped at family gatherings about Mom's need to always take a new way home. She never wanted to travel the same path twice, unless, of course it was to share a pleasant view with us. Her present journey takes her on a brand new course; away from Sound Beach, her paradise island, away from our Dad, her knight in shining armor and away from her loved ones, her family, her friends, her students.

Evelyn Fecht's year long battle with leukemia ended on June 18th, but not without a fierce battle. She tried many a new way to conquer the demon, made N.Y. history by being the first woman in the state to try a new experimental chemo (after two prior encounters with conventional chemo). She tried it twice, not wanting to give up. Her courage was relentless. We marveled at her spirit, showered her with purple gifts (her signature color). It seemed the world was praying for her.

"Sometimes God isn't very good to his friends," I suggested, groping for some explanation, at one of her very infrequent low points. She answered quickly, with her favorite saying, "Well nobody's perfect except you and me, and I have my doubts about you!" Her sense of humor was priceless.

Mom's journey through life took her down many a colorful road. She was born to Anna and Joe Ambert on Feb. 25, 1922 in Rosedale Queens, where she continued to live until her retirement from teaching, with the exception of sneakaway Summers in Sound Beach. Her youth revolved around basketball, (a playmate of Bob Cuzzi you remember him!) and modeling (she was a beauty!) and so a handsome pilot from Queens Village named George, took notice. Five children later, Nancy, Pamela, Gregory, Laurie, Douglas, several dogs, cats and a hardware store, brought more basketball playing, coaching, cheering, involvement in St. Clare's parish Rosary Society, swimming teams, parish shows, youth clubs, CYO basketball, civic association etc. I will never forget sitting on a nuns lap at St. Clare's, watching my mother perform "Down on the East Side on 33rd and 3rd" in a red sequined gown, with a slit all the way up the side.

Her Phys. Ed. teaching years began at St Clare's, traveled to Mary Lewis and finally to her beloved Stella Maris in Rockaway. She knew every shortcut there! Coach Fecht led many a team to championship before retiring in 1987, received many honors during her stay, perhaps her favorite, 1984 Coach of the Year. She was honored with a dinner dance, attended by more than 400 people. She loved Stella Maris. We were afraid that she would convince the nuns to let her join (if they had a purple habit and she could sneak George in.) We thought she'd never leave.

Evelyn was quite proud of her grandchildren, with Brian leading the pack, followed by Kevin, Jami, Lauren, Michael, Kristin, Alicia Danny and Anabel, born this year. They've all had their hands on a basketball, to say the least!

One would think that retirement was just that: To retire, to rest, to reestablish oneself. Not for Effie Mae! Before we knew it, she was teaching little ones from St. Louis de Montfort about God and collecting their parent's money at church. Her favorite new path? She donned a clown costume and began her clown ministry bringing delight to the faces of the less fortunate as Silly Dilly. Ev and George both became very active in the S.B. P.O.A., the Mt. Sinai Sr Citizens Club, Brookhaven Children's Hospital program, lending their talents to cover duties for officers and volunteers for many fund raisers and committees.,Their marriage mesmerized many by its show of trust compromise, dedication companionship and most of all, love. Yes much love, it was an inspiration to many, displayed by the hundreds of notes and lovely letters we received from as far away as Switzerland.

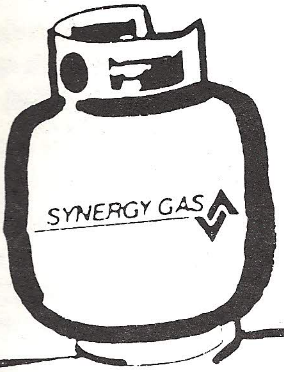
We are so very grateful to you all for your kind words, prayers, practical help and especially your blood donations. You truly elongated the life of one so dear to us and we know so dear to you too. You are a truly caring community.

The grieving process has no time limit, so we must go one day at a time. We know you know that and so we will count on you still to help us through this difficult time. After all, we need someone to guide us down this new path.

Yesterday was History. Tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift.
That's why we call it The Present.

Sincerely,
The Fecht Family

## WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS...





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*Our hats off to all the volunteers who serve*

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Just when it seemed as though Winter had forgotten us, February dropped its belated greetings from the sky, transforming what had been a cold, drab season into magic. And despite the inconvenience, falling snowflakes, moonlight on a field of white, the world in brilliant black and white, a toppling snow man melting in the sun ... I wouldn't give it up, would you? Then March, perhaps sensing that we'd become a little too sure of the Spring, sent some a brutally cold weather our way. But believe it or not, Spring, really is around the corner .The crocuses and daffodils know it and are spreading the word! Won't it be a welcome change? We at the S.B.P.O.A are starting our membership drive, planning some exciting new events, continuing our fundraising efforts do that we can all enjoy another Sound Beach Summer on our beaches, at our clubhouse, here in our beloved community with old friends and hopefully, many new ones! If you are just hearing about us for the first time, let us introduce ourself to you in these pages. Please feel free to call any of the numbers listed inside for information. If You are already a part of our organization, you know the program! Spread the word, keep in touch! We'll be seeing you before you can say ``Memorial Day Weekend!''

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

The good news is: The stairs to the Beaches have survived, and the new bulkhead on the West Beach has been erected. This served to protect the cliff from erosion, although a certain amount of damage is always inevitable. Crews will be working throughout the spring to get the beaches ready for the summer season. Plans for our annual Spring events have been made, committees formed, although volunteers are more than welcome - to assist or to plan and organize additional events!

## Board Changes

The S.B.P.O.A. Board of Directors has undergone several changes this Winter. Because of personal and family responsibilities George Fecht, our President has stepped down and Tom Hetherington, Vice President, has assumed the office and responsibilities of President. Paul Picciotti, by appointment of the board, will serve as Vice President. Vic Scalone is bringing great energy to his new position as elected Chairman of the Board. The board continues to meet monthly to address issues solve problems which affect our community year round and to make plans for the Summer season. Meetings are open and we welcome your questions, suggestions and help. if you would like to attend or find out more about our organization please call Vic Scalone, Chairman, 744-5678 or Eileen Cantwell, Membership Chair 744-6487

**Rent our Clubhouse for your private parties! Call 744-5450 after 5 for details**

# Tribute to a Very Special Lady, Carol M. Paul

On March 12th, 1997, our tiny hamlet of Sound Beach, the parish family of St. Louis de Montfort and the Sound Beach Property Owners Association lost one of their finest, Carol M. Paul. I believe that Carol, along with her wonderful mom and dad,, May and Jack Garbarino and Carol's brother, Bobby, were coming to Sound Beach just about all of Carol's 58 years. They were 'Summer People' for many years, who came out from Brooklyn to enjoy life in Sound Beach. Carol loved the beach and she made many, many friends in Sound Beach. She was a member of the 'Sound Beach Hobos' and she had a ball and thoroughly enjoyed her childhood. Carol and her wonderful husband , Harry, and their five great children eventually moved to Sound Beach all year round. Carol was very involved in the mission church, St. Louis de Montfort and then later, in the newly formed parish of St Louis. Carol, along with some other fine ladies, formed the religious education program for our children, so that they wouldn.'t have to travel to Port Jefferson. She worked in the Baptism Program, Adult Education, Delivering Meaals, Helping to form Hospice and she workred for the good of the children in the Rocky Point School District. She worked very hard for the Sound Beach Property Owners' Association. She was a member of the board for many years and served as our wonderful secretary. Carol touched many lives; she especially touched many womens' lives with the At-Home Retreats and Renewals. She was a prophet in her own time, she was a woman with a vis`ion, she was a woman ahead of her time, but first and foremost, she was a wonderful wife and mother. On behalf of all the people that Carol has touched I thank her. She will be sorely missed. To Harry and the children, and grandchildren, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Rest in Peace, Carol, You have done a wonderful job in this life. I will pray for you and to you every day

Marge Battillo

**HALLOWEEN '96,** held on October 27th at the Clubhouse drew a small but enthusiastic crowd. The costumes were all great, making it difficult for the judges to pick the winners. 1st prize went to Nancy Paul, as Count Dracula, 2nd to Nancy Winiarski as the Mummy. Both were part of a group called ``The Monster Mash'' from the song of the same name. (Can any one tell us who sang it and what was on the flip side?) We also thought Sissy Lane's Hairdo was.. well you had to see it...amazing! 3rd place went to Tee Comito, who came as an adorable, French maid. Since Tee was born in France, and came to Sound Beach after marrying her wartime sweetheart, Joe Comito, it was perfect casting. Thanks to the committee!

***New Years Eve*** About 30 revelers rang in 1997 at the Clubhouse. Nancy Paul and her committee arranged the party which was enjoyed by all.

***Holiday Crafts Fair*** was held in November at the Clubhouse. There were 23 tables of crafts of all kinds - Christmas Ornaments, Wooden crafts, yummy homemade candy, ceramics, bonsai plants... and many more beautiful items. One of our members, Anne Cartwright, had many beautiful homemade gifts for sale. Each table donated a gift to the auction table, so many people went home with prizes. Santa Claus made an appearance, with candy canes for all the children. Gloria Yorio & her committeE did a great job again and the S.B.P.O.A. benefitted with $824, half to the General Fund and half to the Bulkhead Fund.

## Superbowl Sunday

Everyone had a good time at the Superbowl Party, on Superbowl Sunday. Scott Conner, chairman, rented a big screen TV so everyone could watch the Packers beat the Patriots. Lots of fun, food and drink. See you in 1998!

*Dear Members,*

*Spring is almost here and we must restart our membership drive for summer" 97. Our tresusury is quite low. Now is the time to send in your money - if not the full amount, partial payments would help until the season opens.*

*The bulkhead on the West beach is finished and looks beautiful! The town has promised more needed fill. As the bulkhead is only half paid for, we must continue to ask for contributions. The town has been working on the pipes at the East Beach. When that's completed, we intend to do extensive repairs and hopefully, build another bulkhead.*

*This is your beach, your town and it is your money and efforts that make it a great place to live and raise families. We have a great group of volunteers who help! Come join us!*

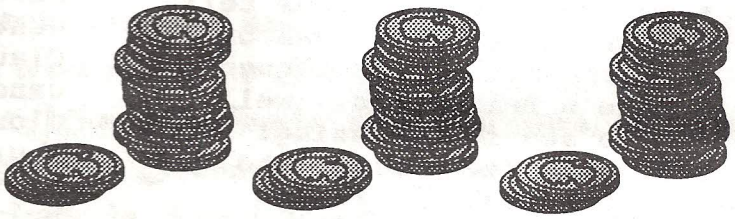
*This is muy last year as your president. I Have enjoyed every year. I must resign, due to failing eyesight and the fact that my wife has been diagnosed woith leukemia. Evelyn and I will continue to do all we can for the associatiom. We thank you for all your prayers and wish the best in the years to come.*

*George Fecht*

# FUND RAISING UPDATE

## Bulkhead Fund

Congratulations and thanks to all who have brought us this far! The bulkhead is finished and is a little over half payed for. We still need to raise the balance over the next two years. Please contribute to this neccessary improvement fund! We are not trying to stop Mother Nature, but we are trying to minimize the annual damage done to the cliffs and our stairs and preserve our access to the beach.



## Pennies for the Beach

They're adding up. We hope that you've been literally saving your pennies all winter! Bring them to any meeting, any special event or directly to Eileen Cantwell, who just keeps rolling along (Although if you'd like to bring them already rolled, that would be fine too!) We`ve been collecting them for a year and so far the total is $1106. Let's see what we can do by July 4th!

## Can and Bottle Collection

This recycling project has been successful in raising $766.00 so far. Drop off your redeemable bottles and cans at 15 Riverhead Drive. Marty Fullam will turn them in and use the proceeds to increase our Bulkhead Fund.

## Cups for Sale

Sound Beach Cups for cool drinks have netted 78.00. More (donated by Ellen and Bruce Kretschmer) are still available at $1.00 a cup.

## WHATS COOKING IN SOUND BEACH?

We d like to put together a Sound Beach Cookbook! Send us a ``secret'' recipe you'd like to share! Anything from appetizer to dessert, picnic snack to gourmet entree. If you like, include a short anecdote about enjoying the dish. Was it at your annual Christmas Dinner, Early morning Fishing trip breakfast, Backyard bar b que, Anniversary meal. We are also looking for illustrations and a cover design. We think it will be a great project to work on together. So get cookin! Send your recipes to Dorothy Cantwell, PO Box 175 Sound Beach, New York 11789

# WHATS COMING UP?

## BEACH RESTORATION

Volunteer work crews will be starting again to prepare the beaches and the steps for summer use. These are the people that make it happen and they could use your help, hands and hammers! Please come down and lighten the load. Call Marty at 744-9390 or Tom at 744-7044 for schedule!

## TRASH & TREASURE SALE

Here we go again! Audrey Moerlins and Eileen Cantwell are hosting the annual TRASH AND TREASURE SALE to be held in the Clubhouse on June 7th & 8th from 10AM-4PM. Forget that New Years resolution to throw things out! Save them for the sale! We'll be there all day Friday, June 6th to accept donations and make pickups. Last year furniture was a big selling item. The numbers to call are 821-4103 and 744-6487. Volunteers for the weekend are also needed.

## Official Beach Opening

We plan to open the beaches this year on Memorial Day Weekend. Watch for signs around town. Night security will be starting on the weekends as Summer approaches. Our lifeguard and day security staff will also be ready to help make the Summer safe for us a

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## CLAM B QUE

This years date for the Clam B Que is July 19th .This is a not-to-be-missed event for the whole family, so mark your calendars! Food Fun Music and lots more at our beautiful Clubhouse on Malba Drive. Ticket info 744-6487

## Field Day

Saturday, August 2nd at the West Beach. Games, races and fun on the beach. Start practicing your Potato Sack and Wheelbarrow technique now! Prizes food refreshments and a spirit of friendly competion.

## Softball Game

Start oiling your gloves and dusting off your bats! We're hoping to have be able to play a full softball game this year! The town has promised its cooperation A lot of excitement was generated by this event last year and we've shown our stuff.! Dates TBA !

## Annual Meeting - Aug. 9 - 10 A.M.

Membership is invited to come to the clubhose to hear board and committee reports. Auditing and nominating commitees will make presentations and issues can be discussed and addressed by those

***Did you know ...***

***that there are two private beaches staffed with security guards and lifeguardes available for use by Sound beach residents and their guests?***

***that we welcome new members to our organization***

***that we are working hard to foster good feelings within the community and to support local businesses***

***that our annual dues are low in comparison with other local beach clubs***

It's that time again - the time to become a 1997 member of the Sound Beach Property Owners Association. We're ready when you are! Our dues are $125 for senior and $150 for family membership. You still have the option to pay your dues in $25 or more increments, as long as you are paid up by the time the beach opens in late May. Come on and join the fun, sun and good fellowship! Call me at 744-6487 for information or just fill out the application form below. Ruth and Denise of the Sound Beach Barbershop will also have memberships for sale. So join and get a great new haircut at the same time. Your beach passes and membership card will be delivered to you as soon as receive your membership dues.

Eileen Cantwell,Membership Chair

**What do I get if I Join?**

**The SBPOA, a 68 year old community organization, entrusted with the care and maintenance of the beach access along the cliffs in Sound Beach is open to new (and renewing) members. With your membership you will get:**

***Beach rights for your family and any out of town visitors**

***Discounted rental rate of our clubhouse facilities for your private parties**

***A voice in making decisions which will affect your community**

***Opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors**

***A chance to be a part of a vital, warm community organization with a friendly and eclectic membership**

***MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE WHAT KEEPS US GOING YEAR AFTER YEAR. WE HAVE TAX BILLS, INSURANCE BILLS AND MONTHLY OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE CLUBHOUSE. THEN THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL SEASONAL EXPENSES FOR THE BEACHES - PERMITS, MAINTENANCE, SECURITY AND LIFEGUARDS. PLEASE HELP US PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE SPECIAL MAGIC OF SOUND BEACH!***

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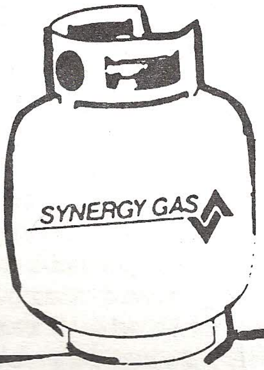
# News About You

Here's we've heard: Big Birthday Celebrations! Rose Yorio's 90th birthday! A suprise party was held in her honor at the Clubhouse. Bill Winniarski celebrated his 75th birthday with a party for family and friends on November 29th. His wife, Lee and daughters, Michelle, Joanne, Carol and their families were on hand to share in the festivities. Grandchildren Joey, Meaghan and Caitlin enjoyed the fun too. Other birthdays include Joe Comito,(his 80th), Rose Taranto, Winifred Boller, Bruce Kretschmer, Dan Mccabe and Jenny McCabe. Get Well Greetings to Mary Anne Daly who is recovering from surgery. Jerry Foley brought back a deer again this year from his hunting expedition with Richie Morea, Bruce Walsh & Leonard Belmonte. The group used Carol Hetherington's house in Catskill as a home base. Some friends from Sound Beach had a wonderful visit with Mae Christiansen, formerly of Kew Drive and now living back in Astoria. Bill Carlson, whose parents were good friends of Mae's dropped in the same day. He recalled good times in Sound Beach as a teenager. Jessica Kearns received a letter from Governor Pataki, congratulating her on winning the Spelling Competion in her school. Jessica was also chosen to represent her school at the NYSMA Music Festival as a vocal soloist! Brooke Bonomi, one of our members, was featured in a Newsday article and in several local papers. Brooke, a History teacher at Rocky Point High School, formed a group of High School students into the ``Singing Santas''. Brooke transformed lyrics from songs of the past into Christmas carrols and brought his group to songfests at locations around the island. They have produced a CD called ``Meet The Santas''. This year, the proceeds from the sale of the CD went to Little Flower Childrens' Foster Care Service. Brooke presented the check to Robin Amato, Public Relations Director for Little Flower Service. Coincidentally, Robin is also a member of our organization. Small World!. Another group of Santas Helpers, Students of Carol Hetherington at Catskill High School were busy again this year. They raised over $6000, which they used to buy Christmas food and toys for needy children in their own area. The Santas then delivered the goodies to homes, making many lives happier! Kathleen McArdle's work was included in a painting, prints and drawings exhibit at the Gallery Studio in Port Jefferson. Congratulations to John and Laurie Passimante on the birth of their daughter Annabelle. Laurie is daughter of happy grandparents George and Evelyn Fecht.

We don't know these guys but we're proud of them anyway! Gary Sweat won a trivia contest on the Regis and Kathy Lee Show. When asked about his home town Gary praised Sound Beach as ``a great place to live'' and so it is! Featured in Bill Blyers Newsday column ``on the Water'' was oceanologist Glenn Williams of Sound Beach. He was part of a team at the Aquarium for Wildlife Preservation in Coney Island which deals with native marine life. He was responsible for mapping and directing the excavation of The Rye Cliff, a ferry which burned and sank at Sea Cliffin 1918. The crew dove in a 17500 gallon tankrestoring some of th hull under water. They have retrieved, among other things, the steering wheel of the steam ship, a paddle wheel and an anchor, now on display.

***Many Thanks to George Fecht for the energy, passion and diplomacy that he brought to the office of S.B.P.O.A. President and to his wife, Evelyn, who has helped the Association in so many ways!***

## *WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS...*

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