

SOUND_S FROM THE BEACH

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THE QUARTERLY S.B.P.O.A. NEWSLETTER

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We are delighted to be sending you our first issue of SOUND_S from the BEACH! We feel that it is important to update our members on S.B.P.O.A. board activity, which continues through the Winter months so that the beach can reopen each Summer. We also want to give you, our readers, a chance to share your news with each other. Please feel free to send us any information, personal news items, letters, opinions or suggestions and we will happily include it in our next issue. In addition, we would like to introduce ourselves to those of you who are residents of the Sound Beach community but not yet members of the S.B.P.O.A., answer any questions you may have about us, and get to know you, too. And we'd like to have fun! Don't be strangers!

Dorothy Cantwell-McCabe
& Dorothy Farrell

ASSOCIATION NEWS

SUMMER OF MIRACLES

HALLOWEEN PARTY

We like to think of Summer 1993 as the Summer of Miracles. At this time last year, the future looked bleak for the beachgoers, fishermen, and sunlovers who look forward to enjoying the beach each Summer. The Nor'easters of '92 had devastated the cliff and destroyed the steps to the beaches. Repairs seemed a financial, physical and emotional impossibility. Word spread and an all-volunteer crew, led by Tom Hetherington and George Fecht began to meet every Saturday last Spring and worked tirelessly to repair the east steps and virtually rebuild the steps to the West Ramp. Evelyn Fecht and Mary Ellen Fullam ran a fund raising raffle, Eileen Cantwell and Audrey Moerlins held a Trash and Treasure Sale and many members, former members and friends sent donations and participated in our membership drive.
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The Halloween party, held at the clubhouse, on Malba Drive, was a howling success, with 106 attendees! Volunteers co-ordinated and prepared the food, Classic Disk Jockeys provided the music; the ghoulish guests ate, drank and danced the evening away. There was a performance by The OVER THE RAINBOW ROCKETTES, (Anne Hetherington, Eileen Cantwell, Audrey Moerlins, Tee Comito, Kitty McKinley, Vera Humphreys and Dorothy Villaren)

There was a sudden, impromptu ballet by Carol Hetherington in her avian splendor and an unidentified chicken, and romance flourished between angels and devils, convicts and judges, vampires and their various victims.

Winners for best costumes were: Best Group Costume: The Fullams & Family (A Royal Flush) Best Costume: Linda and Richie Morea (Vampires with Portable Coffins), Carol Hetherington (A Plumed Bird), and Dawn Gifford
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Summer (...cont)

Nancy Paul, Beach Commissioner opened the beaches at the beginning of the season. The Summer was glorious, the weather spectacular, and the golden days felt all the more precious because they had almost been lost. Then, in August, Nancy and Staff ran a fantastic Field Day, an annual event that is always fun for all, with races, games and refreshments.

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The 3rd Annual Clam-B-Que, organized by Ellen Kretschmer and Carol Hetherington, was a tremendous success. The food, prepared by Chef Bruce Kretschmer and a staff of volunteers, was delicious, the music of Mr. Music kept everyone dancing and the high spirits and feelings of optimism and commitment to the future were infectious! Winners of the freestyle dance contest were Dan McCabe and Jessica Kearns.

The summer ended with a beach party barbeque, arranged by Rosemary Nucatola and Jan Whiten, to honor the men who had built the steps. There was a procession to the beach, graced by a splendid August sunset. The entire year's events, from the storms' violence and destruction, through the reconstruction crew's labors, to the final celebration has been documented on videotape by Jerry Milmo and Marty Fullam. Copies can be bought for \$10.00 by calling Marty at 744-9390.

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Property and Maintenance

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The ropes were pulled in and stored and the bottom landing of the steps secured for the winter. A weather watch is in effect for the Winter storm season. We hope that the Winter will be mild and the inevitable erosion will be minimal.

Halloween (...cont)

(Woman With a Stake in Her Heart). Mention must be made of John Moerlins, as Apple Annie, Ed Cantwell as Harpo Marx, and Virginia Paul, (Beach Guard par excellence) with her chain gang. Many thanks to all who came, including the Nucatolas and the Finns, who made special trips out east to join us.

A very special thanks to Mary Ellen Fullam and Evelyn Fecht for working so hard to make the evening happen.

VOLUNTEER BEATEN BY
COWARDLY THUGS

One disgraceful incident marred what was otherwise a wonderful Summer. One of the men who had worked to rebuild the steps and was part of a volunteer security crew was jumped and savagely beaten by four men from another area of Long Island when he attempted to discourage them from vandalizing the steps and harrasing a group of local teenage girls. He was hospitalized and treated at Mather Hospital. These men, who claimed to be visiting a resident of the community, had caused a disturbance on the beach on the previous weekend. Although at least one of the assailants has been identified by name, an arrest has yet to be made. The S.B.P.O.A. has made inquiries to the 6th Precinct.

The Sound Beach Property Owners Association was founded in in 1929 by a group of new land owners, most of whom had bought their parcels along with a subscription to the New York Daily Mirror. At that time, Sound Beach was predominantly a summer community and people were industriously building cottages themselves, often over a period of years, depending on available time, money and materials. Many lived in tents, by the light of gas lanterns, using water drawn from centrally located hand pumps and carried through the woods.

During those years, S.B.P.O.A. meetings were held in Astoria, Queens. The by-laws were written and the beaches and cliff property was deeded to the association. This meant that the S.B.P.O.A. would assume responsibility for taxes, maintenance and insurance if steps were to be built to provide access to the beaches. The membership agreed to pay annual dues for that purpose, because having an accessible, beautiful beach for families to enjoy seemed a priority and a privilege worth struggling for.

Maintaining the beaches and access thereto is still the main purpose of the S.B.P.O.A., although over the years, as Sound Beach has changed from a summer community to what it is today, the concerns and goals of the membership and board have also broadened. Issues of public safety, community development, recreation and goal-oriented activities for youth, and senior activities have become important.

Now, the all-volunteer board meets every month, (usually on the second Friday) at the clubhouse on Malba Drive. Meetings are open to all members and interested non-members who would like to find out more about us or bring issues to our attention. The current board is:

PRESIDENT: George Fecht; VICE PRESIDENT: Tom Hetherington; SECRETARY: Carol Paul; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Tom Mialkowski; TREASURER: Dorothy Farrell
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Eileen Cantwell; BEACH COMMISSIONER: Nancy Paul; PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE: Steve Redman; ASSOCIATION SECRETARY: Rose Salazzo; ENVIRONMENT: Hannah Robinson; CLUBHOUSE RENTAL: Marge Battillo; PUBLICITY: Dorothy McCabe; HISTORIAN: Adele Gerity; BOARD MEMBERS: Kitty McKinley, Monica Walsh, Tom Cordray, Andrew Lane, Maureen Godin, Andrew Petrilak, Victor Scalone, Marty Fullam, Hank Sien, George Sarant, Jerry Milmo and Marilyn Weber.

To confirm time of meeting or to make us aware of your concerns, please call George Fecht at 744-4799.

1993 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This year, we were happy to report that 236 families joined the S.B.P.O.A.! Many were long time members, but we had approximately 60 new members. These were obtained mostly by the personal touch...door to door visits, speaking to neighbors, greeting new residents, a table at the Post Office, sales at Hometowne Hardware Store. THANK YOU ALL!

Lets pull together to make 1994 an even bigger and better membership year. We will be telling you about incentives in our next issue. Meanwhile, if you want to get started early, we have included a membership application. There will be one in each issue. Last years members will also receive information in the mail in early 1994.

Eileen Cantwell, Membership Chair

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE HEARD: BERNADETTE DUNN and MARK FITZPATRICK were married at St. Louis de Montfort on OCTOBER 9, 1993. The FITZPATRICKS honeymooned in Florida and had a wonderful time. MARTY and MARYELLEN FULLAM greeted their 22nd grandchild, DOUGLAS SCHUYLER, who was born to BOB AND ELIZABETH FOLEY on August 21st. First cousins WILLIAM GARY VILLA and VICTORIA ELIZABETH SCOTTO were born this year to ANDREA LANE AND VINCENT VILLA , AND RITA(nee LANE)and PAUL SCOTTO. CHRISTOPHER and INGRID WEITH welcomed their son, ALEXANDER WARREN, born to them on October 31st. Grandmother JANE WEITH is thrilled. MONICA WALSH tapdanced in Herald Square with over 6,000 other hoofers at the annual Tapmania Event. DOROTHY CANTWELL appeared in Stranger on the Earth, a new play by Alexander Barnett on Theatre Row in N.Y.C., and will be acting in a one-act festival in January at the Village Gate. Its venison for the holidays! RICHIE MOREA and BRUCE WALSH both brought back deer from their hunting trip in the Catskills. JEAN and BILL TURSELLINO hadn't seen GINNY and JOHN CRUSE in over a year. Then, they met at JOHN AND BILL'S 50th anniversary of their graduation from High School! And where was it held? In Connecticut... a long way to drive to meet friends from the next block! Congratulations to WILLIAM TURSELLINO JR. who was recently commissioned Captain in the N.Y.C Fire Department. WILLIE SMITH has been putting in plants on the cliff and we thank him! He asks that people not dump leaves there, because it will kill any vegetation that is growing. If you have any plants that will do well on the cliff, please feel free to plant them. Many friends enjoyed the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Firehouse which kicked off the Holiday Season. We'd like to wish FRANK and JANET HOYT and FAMILY the best of luck in their move to South Carolina. JANET, a past treasurer of the Sound Beach Civic Association, is a long time resident of Sound Beach. She first came here as a child, visiting her grandfather, William Wilcox on Beacon Drive, later met and fell in love with FRANK HOYT. They married, had a daughter JENNIFER, and settled in Sound Beach. "It is the people of Sound Beach who make this place worth working for.", JANET says in a farewell letter. They will be missed! We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hannukka and a Happy New Year!
 (Please send us your news for our next issue!!!)

*** Application for 1994 Membership ***

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

Membership Fee \$125.00 _____

Senior Citizen \$100.00 _____

Installments _____
 (Must be paid by the beginning of the Beach season)

More Information!!!
 PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEE TO:
 S.B.P.O.A., P.O. BOX 213, Sound Beach, N.Y. 11789

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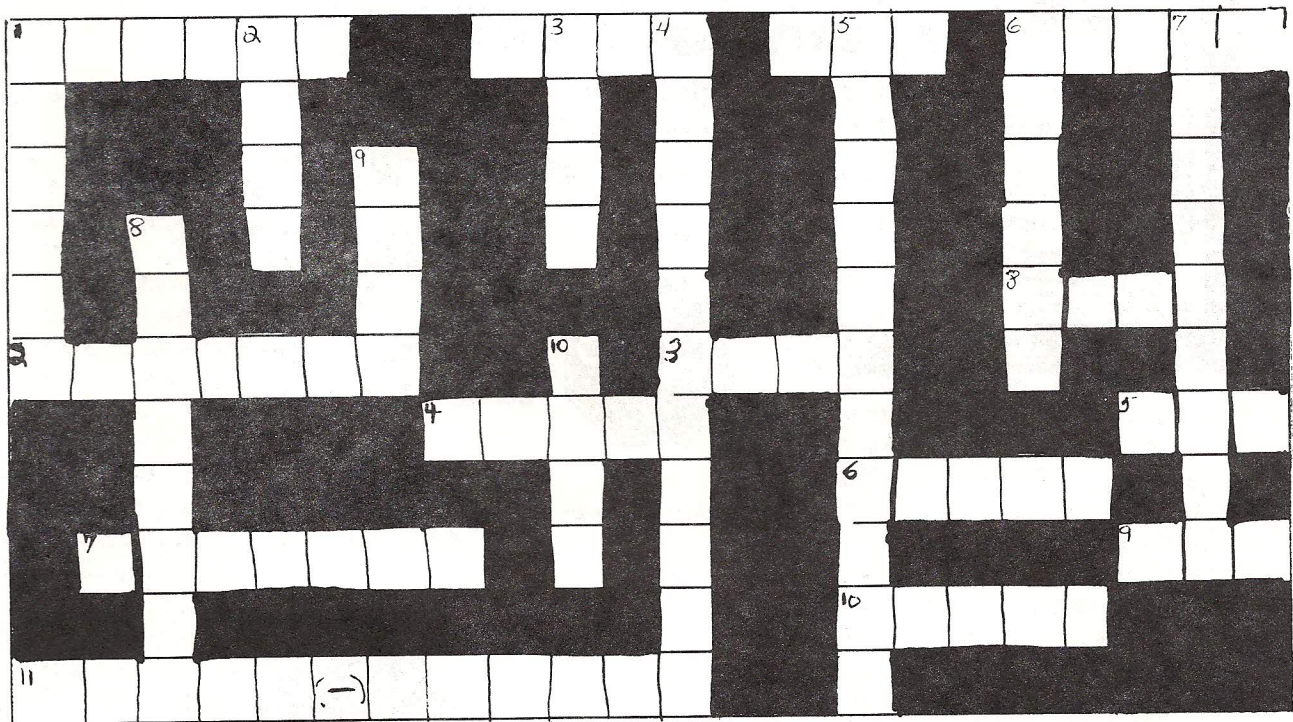
SOUND BEACH CROSSWORD PUZZLE by Dorothy Farrell

Across

1. Our new newsletter (with spaces)
2. Beautiful to watch from the cliff
3. East or West _____
4. The annual ___ B-Que served many
5. What everyone had at the Halloween party.
6. You might sleep on the beach over _____.
7. Fun and "filling" beach activity
8. What you'd get if you did # 7.
9. ___ sky at night, sailor's delight
10. Three legged _____
11. What gets greased on field day?

Down

1. What children collect at the beach
2. Have you ever bellydived off ___?
3. Relax on a blanket & catch some _____
4. What we need in order to continue
5. Where you might run for milk
6. A natural barrier we strive to protect
7. A GREAT place for parties! (Our New Years party will be here.)
8. A major rock
9. Please show your _____
10. Sun, surf, and _____



SOUND BEACH TRIVIA! TEST YOURSELF! by Dorothy Cantwell-McCabe

1. What was the original name of what is now the Sound Beach Inn? How many establishments have occupied that building? Their names?
2. Where was Ward's Grocery Store?
3. Name three people who worked the counter at the Halo Malt Shoppe.
4. Who owned the Variety Store? Where was it located?
5. Where was Sunday Mass said before St. Louis de Montfort was built?
6. Name the four major rocks in the water at the West Beach.
(Answers in next issue! Do you have any stumpers for us? Send them in! We'll be happy to include them!)

To: Kate Anson, Director of Scheduling
Office of the Mayor of the City of New York

From: Victor J. Scalone, Chairman
Sound Beach Property Owner's Association
Sound Beach, New York

Dear Kate,

We were sorry to hear that the mayor was unable to attend this year's festivities, but we do understand that he is quite busy.

The following is a brief history of our association: The Sound Beach Property Owner's Association was founded in 1929 by a group of new landowner's, most of whom had bought their parcels along with a subscription to the now defunct New York Daily Mirror.

At that time, Sound Beach was predominantly a summer community on Long Island's north shore just west of Rocky Point. The people were industriously building cottages themselves, often over a period of years depending on the availability of time, money and materials. Many lived in tents for the summer using gas lanterns, outside plumbing, and getting their water from centrally located hand pumps and carried through the woods.

During those years, the S.B.P.O.A meetings were held in Astoria, Queens. Queens was where most of the association's founders lived in the winter months. Our constitution and by-laws were written and the beaches and cliff property was deeded over to the association. The S.B.P.O.A. then assumed responsibility for taxes, maintenance, and insurance if steps were to be built to provide access to the beaches that bordered the community's north shore. The membership agreed to pay annual dues for that purpose, because having an accessible beach for families to enjoy seemed a priority and a privilege worth struggling for.

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Today the concerns and goals of board have broadened. Issues of public safety, community development, recreation and goal oriented activities for youth and senior activities have become important.

Now, the all volunteer board meets every month, 12 months per year to discuss the challenges that face our association and community alike.

If there is any other information you would like, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Victor J. Scalone