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Summer 2000 is here...and if the July 4th weekend is any indication of what's to come, then we are looking at a spectacular summer. The beaches are ready, thanks to a volunteer work crew that spent spring weekends repairing the bulkheads and steps. The ropes are up, the beach guards are at work, the lifeguards are on duty and preparations are underway for summer events. High tide at both the East and West beaches is perfect. (Ask the beach guard for your complimentary high tide schedule). Word is that low tide swimming is better at the East Beach, but hey, it's a short enough beach walk that its possible to move back and forth with the tides! For those of you who are renewing your memberships, welcome back and pass the word along. For those of you who are new to the community- JOIN NOW! Summer on Sound Beach is a pleasure not to be missed. We welcome new members! Call 744-6487 for information about membership and beach passes, or ask the beach guards for a membership form -also available at Gene's Kitchen, The Barber Shop and the Card Store!

*Did you know..*

*That there are two private beaches staffed with security guards and lifeguards available for use to Sound Beach residents and their guests?*

*That we welcome new members to our organization?*

*That we are working to foster good feelings within the community and support for local businesses?*

*That our annual dues are low in comparison with other beach clubs?*

Membership dues are what keeps us going year after year. We have tax bills, insurance bills, monthly operating expenses for the clubhouse. Then there are substantial seasonal expenses for the beaches, permits, maintenance, repairs to the steps and bulkheads, security and lifeguards.

Please help us protect the special magic of Sound Beach!

*What Do You Get When You Join?*

*The S.B.P.O.A. a 71 year old 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*

*\*A discounted rental rate of our clubhouse facilities for your private parties*

*\*A voice in decisions that affect your community*

*\*An opportunity to serve on the board of directors*

*\*The chance to be a part of a vital community organization with a friendly and eclectic membership*

# What's Coming Up?

Here's a list of events to mark on your summer calendar...and a recap of last year's fun!

## Red Cross Swimming Lessons July 10th -21st Monday through Friday East Beach

Free to Members - All levels

Register with Lifeguard

### Clam-b-Que

July 15th 6:00 pm

S.B.P.O.A. Clubhouse Malba Drive

Ten years ago Carol Hetherington and Ellen Kretschmer were sitting on the beach looking forward to a long relaxing summer. There were disturbing rumors in the air about the state of the S.B.P.O.A. No money. Dwindling membership. A hardworking Board desperate for help and new ideas. The possibility that the beaches would close! The mood was glum. What could be done to help? Carol said, "Well, we give good Parties..." Clam-B-Que was born! This fundraising event has become a tradition now, for the many volunteers who set up, cook and serve the delicious food (directed by Chef Bruce Kretschmer), the clean-up crew and for those who come to enjoy the event. Guests range in age from infants (carriers placed like centerpieces on tables) to octogenarians. Teenagers show off the latest dance steps and more seasoned dancers flaunt *really* fancy footwork. *Everyone* does the slide and the macarena. Folks return to Sound Beach just for this party, sure to run into an old friend or make a new one. New residents come and are welcomed into the buoyant crowd. Everybody eats, drinks, laughs, dances and marks the third weekend in July on next year's calendar. The event raises money for the Association and builds community spirit. Don't miss it! For tickets, see Ellen or Carol or call 744-6487

Ellen and Carol thank the volunteers, the guests, Matt's One Stop for the donation of propane, and Drew Streeff of Hartlins, who schucked what seemed to be about a million clams. They all helped to make CBQ'99 a success and are gearing up for this year!

### Field Day

August 5th - West Beach

Games! Races! Raffles!

Refreshments!

So many people work to make Field Day happen! Every year, weeks before the event, Colleen Termini and Pat O'Neill begin soliciting raffle prizes from our local (and some not so local) businesses! The day of the event, Nancy Paul and the guards start early, lugging supplies down the steps to the beach, setting up the cooking and refreshment area and clearing space for the games. Then they cook and serve the food, coordinate and conduct the races, give out prizes, clean up and carry everything back up to the top of the cliff at the end of this very full day! The races are always fun and exciting, and the children go home full of food and laden with prizes and candy! Eyes shine with pride after showing off new skills. The Raffle is wonderful and punctuated by cheers and laughter! Many thanks to Tom Mialkowski for last year's donation of 250 hot dogs! (We missed seeing you at the grill, Tom!) to the hardworking beach staff and to Matt's One Stop for keepin us cookin'!

*Check the signs  
at beaches and in the square for  
information about other events!  
(Softball games, Karaoke Night)*

**Volunteer Appreciation  
Beach Party  
August 12th West Beach**

The menu for the afternoon beach party on August 12 will draw on the culinary talents of our community. Pot Luck with a Design! Jan Whiten and Eileen Finn are again planning the party, held to thank the volunteers who have worked throughout the year and to recognize their efforts. It always seems to fall on a gorgeous late afternoon, the kind of "I don't really want to leave the beach to go home and cook, I'd rather stay right here until the sun goes down" day! Here's your chance! Please let Jan or Eileen know what you are bringing and include your favorite recipe! Pat Grove will be putting together a Sound Beach Cookbook!

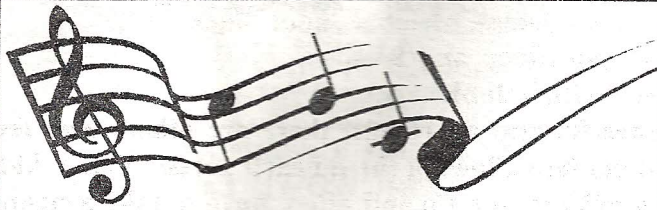
**Annual Meeting  
August 19th  
9 AM  
S.B.P.O.A. Clubhouse-Malba Drive**

The purpose of this meeting is to report to the membership about the status of the organization and to explain future plans. The membership is encouraged to participate, ask questions and be a part of the decision making process. PLEASE try to attend this important meeting! We need input, and it is important that you know and participate in the thoughtful, ongoing dialogue about our future. Reports are given from the Financial, Property and Maintenance and Membership, Fundraising and Special Event committees, The financial report is distributed and Auditor, Tom Whiten, having reviewed the years records will present his report on process, record keeping and integrity of the organization. Audrey Moerlins will conduct board nominations. Several members are up for reelection. This is the time to get involved! Lots has to happen throughout the year to prepare for the summer, and the more people that become involved, the better things will be for all of us. Come and hear what has been done, what still needs to be accomplished and find a way to help!

**Swing Dance Party  
August 19th  
Clubhouse Malba Drive**

The S.B.P.O.A. has a reputation for throwing great parties..but WOW! Last year's 70th Anniversary Celebration really hit the top of the charts! It was so good that we are doing it again, *Memories of Swing*, the 17 piece swing band, arranged for by Jerry Costanzo, will be back! The music was absolute alchemy, bewitching the crowd like magic slippers! It was almost impossible to sit one out. Those who tried found that their tapping feet soon sent them out onto the middle of the floor again! Folks changed partners, attempted new and complicated dance steps, beamed at the radiant faces around them. The mood was indescribable! Last year, the menu, coordinated by Jan Whiten and Eileen Finn was a glorious array of dishes cooked by members of the association. This year, your ticket will include admission and dinner, thanks to Margeaux Ringwald. Make your plans early - it is going to be a great night!

Last year, Rose Solazzo and Marge Batillo received awards for over 25 years of service to the S.B.P.O.A. Martin Haley presented the association with a \$500 matching grant. Nancy Paul donated \$1,000 to the Association in memory of her mother, Carol Paul, who served for many years as Board Secretary. The money was earmarked for the planned outdoor deck, an addition that will make the clubhouse an even more beautiful place for parties and events. Florence McArdle put together a display of Sound Beach Memorabilia and Photographs dating back to the 1920's. Many thanks to all who allowed us to use their photos for this event. Thanks also to Germaine Hodges, for her work on the beautiful souvenir booklet. The exhibit featured Edith Kelly's Sound Beach Collage, which won the Prudential Real Estate Photo Contest, postcards and posters from Sound Beach in the 30's and a series of photos taken of a crowd of teenagers on Submarine. The faces of the children at the beach were the same from decade to decade. The more things change the more things stay the same. Watch for more info about tickets!



### *A Special Note of Thanks*

*to Jerry Costanzo who wowed us with his incredible singing at the 70th Anniversary Party. Jerry was instrumental in obtaining the fabulous 17 piece "Memories of Swing" band at one half their regular price and then donated half of that to make it all possible! What a swinging night! To the band, all we can say is "Thanks for the Memories! You gave us a night to remember!" To Jerry for making it happen, a chorus of "Thank You's"!*

*Marty Fullam*

**Annual Coastal Clean up  
September 16th  
Low Tide - Both beaches**

This will be the fourth year we have participated in the American Littoral Society's Beach Cleanup. All along the eastern seaboard, volunteers pick up rubble and trash, and the ALS documents and evaluates the kind of the debris collected. It uses the statistics to raise public awareness and to convince lawmakers of the need for legislation to protect the environment. The amount of trash is overwhelming, and it feels good to be a part of a solution. A September day on the beach is heavenly anyway, so please make time to participate! Until then, please continue to bring a bag to the beach and try to take more up the steps than you bring down. Every little bit helps!

**Prizes Donated by the Following Businesses Made the raffle an Exciting Part of FIELD DAY '99**

### **SOUND BEACH**

*Hartlin Inn  
The Great Wall  
Mr. 'C's Video  
Korner Bargains  
Gene's Kitchen  
Handy Pantry  
Buddy's Bakery  
Village Barber Shop  
Special Moments Card Store  
Deli Express  
North Shore Liquors  
Rubino's  
Sound Beach Deli  
Matt's One Stop  
Washing Well  
H.S.B.C.  
Helen Anne Dean*

### **ROCKY POINT**

*Dynasty  
Pompeii's  
McDonald's  
Hallmark  
Cards and Things  
Sun Wo Restaurant  
Central Bagels  
The Wall  
Royal Plaza Liquors  
Brian's Aquarium  
Daniel's Hair Salon  
Rolling Oaks  
Bella Maria  
Kirin Restaurant  
Carvel  
Friendly's*

### **MILLER PLACE**

*C.P. Lamanno's  
La Casa Cafe  
Anthony Joseph  
Sonny's Gifts and  
Collectibles  
Dee-Jo's More Than Pets  
Chase Manhattan Bank  
Friendly's  
Mc Nulty's  
Better on a Bagel*

**MOUNY SINAI**  
*Handlebars  
Carry All Wine and Liquors  
and the NEW YORK METS!*

## *Welcome to our Beach Guards, Beach Cleaners and Lifeguards*

Bruce, Cassidhe, Lindsay, Ann, Kim, Trendon, James, Melissa, Jamie, Joey

Danny, Scott, Lauren, and Shannon, Joey, and Danny

Support them as they do their Job!

Although most people who approach the steps are respectful and courteous, there are others who feel justified in challenging the guards and trying to cajole them into allowing them beach access. These kids have to explain the status of our beaches, encourage new folks to join up, and often, have to take a strong stand to uphold our membership policy. (It's amazing to me that adults would be so boorish as to put a working teenager in such an awkward position.) We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their conscientious work, for their hours under the scorching sun, and for representing us to the public with such courtesy and character! I realize in writing this that these words are long overdue, and would like to also thank former beach guards, Lauren De Dominic, Lauren Perazzo, Virginia Paul, Shalyn and Tara Gordon, Nick Scalone, Melissa and Matt Lane, to name a few, for paving the way.

### **ASSOCIATION NEWS -LOOKING BACK OVER THE WINTER MONTHS**

Most of us don't realize the amount of work that goes into maintenance of the beaches each spring. The old bulkhead at the West beach had been almost demolished, and only the frame and the pilings were left intact. It took weeks for the volunteer crew to repair the damage and we thank them! The area behind the bulkhead was an eyesore and a hazard, but finally, our application for permits was approved and we were able to dump sand there to cover the rubble. The rocky condition of the West Beach during low tide was, and continues to be, the cause of much concern. The Spring tides replenished much of the sand but we still feel that we should have an alternate plan. Discussion has been devoted to possible solutions. The fact is that much of the problem has been caused by the Highway Department's failure to maintain the work it has done in the past. (Rusted gabions and cement blocks are imbedded in the sand and present a serious danger.) We need to continue our efforts to make them follow through on their promises and fulfill their obligations. The East Beach is a delight, thanks to Mother Nature and again, those tireless heroes, the volunteers who gave up weekends this spring to do these repairs! THANK YOU, Vic Scalone, Jerry Milmo, Jerry Costanzo, Ray Costanzo, Jimmy Okuba, Richie Morea, Edward Cantwell, Bruce Walsh, Marty Fullam, Keith Culley, Margeaux Ringwald, Dan Fuchs, Paul Picciotti, Andy Petrilak, John Vecchio and others! The clubhouse looks beautiful, thanks to Margeaux's painting and

design. Jim Salvatore continues to maintain it beautifully and has worked hard to make sure that the grounds are attractive as well. There were several changes to our Board of Directors. At the September 9th meeting of the Board of Directors, the following officers were elected: *Paul Piciotti* continues as President, *Vic Scalone* as Chairman of the Board, *Eileen Cantwell* as Board Secretary and Membership Chair and *Rose Solazzo* as Association Secretary. *Michele Pacilio* was elected Vice President and *Jerry Milmo*, Treasurer. *Margaux Ringwald* and *Keith Berg* joined the board: *Chris Gobler* and *Mickey Loicano* have resigned and were thanked for their service. *Dorothy Farrell* stepped down from the position of treasurer but will remain on the board. The Department Heads remain the same. Clubhouse: *Marge Battillo*, Board Counsel: *Irv Frankel*. Beach Commissioner: *Nancy Paul*, Property and Maintenance: *Andy Petrilak, and Bruce Walsh*, (As of May 2000, *Margeaux Ringwald* has assumed this title), Environment: *Hannah Robinson*, Newsletter: *Dorothy Cantwell McCabe*. Other valued board members are *Jerry Costanzo, Linda Cuomo, Marty Fullam, Steve Redman, Hank Sien, Willie Smith, Margaret Von Anken and Monica Walsh*. All are volunteers. We thank them for the exceptional job they have been doing. Nominations will be held at the Annual Meeting, and election of officers will take place at the September board meeting.

### **Sound Beach Artists at work!**

*We are privileged to have wonderful artists in our community who have donated their time and talent to help our association. Maureen Daly, whose murals can be seen at North Country Wines and at Gene's Cafe, painted and donated the beautiful beach scene which we displayed in the square for all to enjoy. Unfortunately, it was stolen. The theft is a crime and insult to the entire community and we hope that those guilty will reflect upon their actions and return the painting. Margeaux Ringwald did a stunning job painting the interior of the clubhouse; the kitchen and the restrooms are beautifully decorated with her lovely and meticulous handiwork. Carol Hetherington's signs, announcing upcoming events have become a welcome sight in the square for all of us!*

A bit of trivia from Jack Lavin and Charlie Buhler..In the early '40's (can't quite pin down the year) there used to be a Miniature Golf Course in Sound Beach. It was located across the street from what is now Gene's Kitchen. In order to attract customers, the owner let children play the course for free so that it always looked like a thriving business. The marketing plan mustn't have worked, since it only lasted one season, but it was a special summer for the kids who played!

The S.B.P.O.A. was highly visible in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and at the Fire Department's 70th Anniversary. A beautiful float, built by Willie Smith, Andy Petrilak and Jerry Milmoie was cheered by all the onlookers. The Strittmatters, the Smith family, Gloria Yorio, Audrey Moerlins, Margaux Ringwald, Edward and Eileen Cantwell decorated the float in a beach motif and rode along as comfortably as if sitting on the beach itself

### **Saint Patrick's Day Party**

Saint Patrick's Day 2000 culminated with a terrific party at the clubhouse. Margeaux Ringwald coordinated everything -great corned beef and cabbage, terrific band, all the decorations! Folks who came to this event are already looking forward to the next one!

### **Trash and Treasure**

Our 8th annual sale was again a success. People donated, stopped in to buy, and went out with everything from electric potato peelers to exercise machines. Anthony Armante donated a huge selection of cameras which were bought by a photography teacher in a local school. Audrey and Eileen thank all who helped. Leftovers were donated to local charities so that everyone benefited

### **Water Skiing Score Card!**

*Those of us who sat on the beach last Summer were treated to a thrilling summer-long ski show presented by Ski Masters, Ellen Kretschmer and Bruce Walsh and a growing group of skilled and determined skiers. Thank you! We look forward to watching your 2000 Ski Show!*

*Tara Gordon and Bruce Kretschmer, Jr. earned the title of Junior Master*

*Certificates of Accomplishment were awarded for Slalom Skiing to Joey Termini, Lauren De Dominic, Lauren Perazzo and Shalyn Gordon.*

*Halley Kretschmer, the youngest member of the team, received a certificate of accomplishment for skills on double skis. Kneeboarders included Alex Demmerle, Ben Vartanian, Corey Streeff, Casidhe Streeff, Amy Perazzo, Molly Meeker & Jenny McCabe.*

**KEEP THE PENNIES COMING TO  
EDWARD CANTWELL AND THE  
RECYCLE CANS TO MARTY FULLAM  
BOTH ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO BE  
PROFITABLE FUNDRAISERS!**

## *News about You 1999-2000*

Congratulations to John O' Neill on his retirement from the N. Y. C. Fire Department after 29 years! John can be found on local golf courses enjoying his free time. Edward Cantwell also retired from his job at Rosemary Kennedy School and is looking forward to traveling, (first trip was to Colorado and Arizona) bowling, and local volunteer work. Rose Solazzo retired after 20 years of teaching at Ascension Elementary School in Queens. Jennifer O'Neill, former life guard, and Chris Tetteris were married on September 10th at Fox Hollow in Woodbury and went to Hawaii for a two week honeymoon. The trees at the bride's home on Glen Drive were decorated with white ribbons and bows and as Jennifer walked past them to enter the limousine, the sun came out and blessed the day with its golden rays! Last summer, Bruce and Ellen Kretschmer and many friends and family from S.B. traveled to Salem MA, to attend the wedding of Jill Kretschmer to Abel Rosenberg. The prenuptial lobster dinner was a mini Clam B Que, (staffed by many of the same seasoned volunteers). The couple took their vows aboard a boat in the middle of the harbor, with a spectacular sunset for a backdrop and later, celebrated in style beneath a thrilling display of fireworks! Then, this June, Heather Kretschmer married Brian Hassel on Marco Island. After days of revelry and a beautiful ceremony, the bridal party and family drank champagne on a trolley tour of the island, ending up in Kretsch's for a festive reception which lasted until the wee hours. In August, Melissa Robertson, granddaughter of Gloria and Rudy Yorio, married Anthony Troiano at St. Raphael Church in East Meadow. The Troianos are settled in their new apartment in East Meadow. Lots of travel tales last Summer ...Bob Bedrossian toured Italy and found time to relax and enjoy the Italian and French Riviera. Hannah Robinson climbed the Himalayas in Tibet, believe it or not, her FIRST climbing experience. Marcella and Andrea Cuomo traveled to Venezuela for a two week family reunion and sightseeing trip. Jimmy Okuba's son and two friends put almost 10,000 miles on Jimmy's car as they traveled all over the United States. Jimmy himself stayed home, and perfected his windsurfing skills. Lauren de Dominic welcomed her 21st birthday with a big bash at 6 Valley Drive. Congratulations to Alexandra Fusco who graduated from Scranton University, to Kitty Mc Kinleys grandchildren, Matt, who received his degree from Boston College and Jill who received hers from Loyola. Long time members, Julie and Ed Lozita, are very proud of their son, who graduated from Fordham University, Phi Beta Cappa and Magna Cum Laude. Hartlin's Linda and Steve Sarrich presented daughter Katelin Jean with a baby brother, Steven Edward. Brian and Barbara (Tursellino) Mc Carrick are delighted at the birth of John Brian on August 18th. Brother Liam will be 2 in November. Lauren Anne Bonomi was born on September 26th to Brooke and Eileen (Cruse) Bonomi. Steven and Joyce Buhler announce the birth of their daughter Jordan Mikayla. Rose and Joe Taranto welcomed their first great- grandchild this year. Mia Rose was born in Arizona to Lynn Marie and Brian Alexander. Rose and daughter, Ann, traveled to Sicily and swam in the Mediterranean! Daniel McCabe landed a role in an independent feature film.. "The Boys of Sunset Ridge", which will be released next fall and played the lead in the world premier of "The Dead Eyed Boy" at Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Melissa Lane spent part of her summer working at Hartlin's and then headed down to Marco Island for the Winter both working and attending college. Congratulations to Betty Mayer and John Foley on their engagement; the wedding is planned for July 2001. Congratulations to Tara Scalone, who graduated this June from S.U.N Y at Stony Brook and will begin her teaching career at Rocky Point High School, to high school graduate, Lauren Perazzo, who is off to Sacred Heart in the Fall, and to Bill Finn, who graduated, Summa Cum Laude, from St. John's University. and will attend "The School of Visual Arts" for graduate studies. Shannon and Kathleen White, granddaughters of John Cruse, are performing Irish Step Dancing at many affairs all over the Island. Cassidhe Streeff sang "Amazing Grace" and Jessica Kearns sang "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" at NYSMA. Amy Perazzo sang "Hero" at her graduation. Mark Forman ran in the Shelter Island 10K and continues to train along the North Shore. And...who did win that two person Yahtzee tournament that Nancy Paul and Sissy Lane were enthralled with at the beach all summer long? Will there be a rematch this year?

