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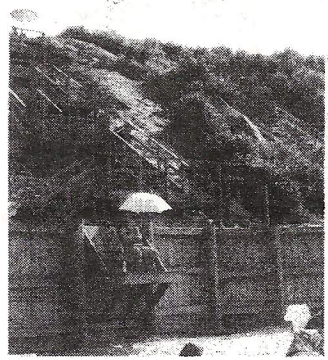
# SOUND BEACH BULLETIN

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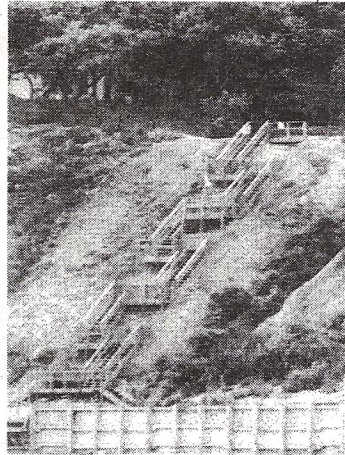
Summer 2005

## Stairs Built at the West Beach

During a late spring storm the stairs at the west beach were lost as the cliff beneath them collapsed. Many residents, including Marty Fullam, who organized work teams, spent scores of hours completing the stairs you see pictured here.



Any observer couldn't help but be moved by the incredible sense of dedication and community displayed as the stairs were being built. Volunteers too numerous to mention sometimes put in twelve hours a day of hard labor completing this project. Many compared the spirit of the venture as similar to that of an Amish barn raising.



This sense of community is what makes Sound Beach the special place it is. Many residents grew up on this beach, brought here by their parents or grandparents. The general feeling that originally formed the S.B.P.O.A. is evidently still alive and well. It is something rare in this day and age, and it is something that cannot be bought. A sincere thank you goes out to all volunteers who gave their time, talent and sweat to keep the spirit of Sound Beach alive for all of us, new and old residents alike.

## Repairs to East Beach Stairs Start

Stairs at the East Beach sustained some damage this past winter. Community members, led and organized by Jimmy Perreca, have joined together to repair the lower part of the stairs and clear away vegetation from the existing structure. A heartfelt thanks to these volunteers as well, as they work to preserve access to our wonderful beach. Additional volunteers are welcomed! If you would like to be part of this effort, look for notices of work days posted at the top of each set of stairs.



## Clam - B - Que

You haven't lived until you have been to a Clam - B - Que. This tremendous fundraiser, benefiting the SBPOA, has held annually for the past fifteen years. Several hundred people gather at the clubhouse sharing fantastic food, fun, dancing and friendly conversation.



Ellen and Bruce Kretschmer organize and run this annual event. Their loyal friends, who have been there helping them since Clam-B-Que #1, seem to have a good time as well as making sure that all who attend enjoy themselves.

Always the third Saturday in July, mark your calendar for next years event! You really don't want to miss it.



### Brick Dedication

The completed bricks for the walkway at the clubhouse have been delivered and are awaiting dedication. The bricks will be dedicated in the near future. If you haven't donated a brick yet you may still do so as this will be an ongoing project. The cost is \$50 a brick. Fill out the form provided and return with your check for \$50.00 to:

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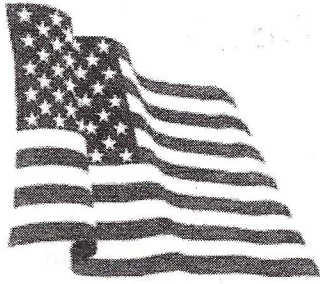
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### Active Service Members

In an effort to show an appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices made by families on active duty, SBPOA voted last month to offer free membership to families with immediate members currently serving on active duty in the military. (See membership form provided on p. 7 in this newsletter)

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Sat. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM General Meeting** – S.B.P.O.A. board reports to members. All are invited. This is also an opportunity to share concerns, ask questions, or volunteer to help with any of S.B.P.O.A.'s various activities.



**Sat. August 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, Annual Meeting** - The purpose of this meeting is to elect new board members. If you would like to nominate someone and put their name on the ballot send their name address and phone number to SBPOA PO Box 213, Sound Beach, NY 11789.

### Mark Your Calendar...

**Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> – Field Day, West Beach 12 noon** Kids and adults alike enjoy Field Day. Games like the three lagged race, the sack race, and one of the most interesting, the greased watermelon race, run throughout the day. There are raffles, hot dogs, corn, beer and soda, prizes for the kids. Overall a great family day on the beach, you don't want to miss it!

**Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> – Beach Cleanup Day** All over the country on this designated clean up day, volunteers work to remove garbage that washes up on our beaches. Bring gloves to the beach, (garbage bags provided) and join us in this effort!

### Veterans Memorial

Representatives of several local organizations are currently actively participating in the construction of a memorial to our veterans in the park across the street from the post office. If anyone is interested in participating in the design and development of this memorial contact Bob Bedrossian at 744-2249.

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party at the Clubhouse** Start planning your costume!

Cleaning out your old attic or bungalow?  
Don't throw out any old pictures!  
Call Bob Bedrossian at 744-2249.  
He is working on preserving  
Sound Beach history and  
welcomes any additions to  
his records.

### SBPOA Congratulates the Sound Beach Fire Dept. on their 75th Anniversary

We are looking forward to the Sept 1st parade through town where fire trucks from all over will be participating. Sound Beach Connecticut will also be sending a truck. We all applaud the good work these volunteers have given our community for the past 75 years.

## News From and About Members and Friends

### ***Passing of Ted Nasdahl***

By Tom Whiten, Chairman of the Board

Ted Nasdahl passed away at 92 years while undergoing physical therapy in Florida. I spoke to Ted two weeks prior to his death and he told me he was looking forward to returning to his home in Sound Beach. Ted's home was on Port Jefferson Road, surrounded by woods that Ted owned, maintaining the rural environment that drew him to Sound Beach so many years ago. I had called Ted to ask him about association business transacted in the late 50's when Ted was our board council. His memory was as sharp as a tack and his articulation as precise, the latter a result of his life-long career as an attorney. I used to run into Ted on and off around town and he would tell me, 'he was doing OK for an old man.' Ted lived on his own until a fall required his family in Florida to offer him some assistance, reluctantly accepted.

One memory of Ted's input into association business sums it up for all the 30+ years that I have known Ted. Firstly, let me tell you that I was afraid of him when I was first on the board at 30 years old. I tried to learn from and how to deal with the powerhouse of board members of the time. Knowing Ted was to love him, for underneath his bullet proof exterior (probably from trying cases in the court environment) was the sweetest kindest man one could know. He supported me and counseled me, and for this, I will be eternally grateful.

In the mid-seventies the association wrestled with the providing garbage pick-up in the association dues. The pros and cons for doing so were significant and each had a significant number of Sound Beach residents on its side. A meeting was called at the clubhouse to decide the issue. In a packed house, the pros and cons were being bantered back and forth without resolution. From the back of the audience Ted Nasdahl powered down the aisle between the sets exclaiming "It's time we got out of the garbage business!" as he made his way to the front of the assembly. There was silence, Ted's presence had worked its magic again, and the group voted the garbage out of the dues. When Ted Nasdahl spoke, people listened.

We will miss Ted, his guidance, his love for Sound Beach and his friendship.

*We received a note from Kay Matsuda whose mother-in-law "Minn" passed away in August 2003. Kay wrote a beautiful tribute.*

Minn was born in Seattle, Washington on May 31, 1911 to parents who had immigrated to America from Japan. She received her B.F.B. from the California School of Arts and Crafts. Her work was exhibited in the Oakland Museum of Art and the San Francisco Museum of Fine Arts. In later years her work was exhibited in New York City galleries. During World War II, she and her husband Tom Matsuda relocated to Salt Lake City where their son Karl was born. After the war the family moved to New York City and Minn found work as art director at Sterling, a publishing house. The house in Sound Beach was built with a lot of help from friends and neighbors, and finally 'completed' by 1976. Although she enjoyed swimming, her garden kept her busy most of the time. She often stopped to chat with neighbors who passed by as she worked. She loved Sound Beach and the peacefulness of being so close to the water.

## *Sound Beach – Marco Island Connection*

By Robin and Steve Redman

This was our first summer spending time in Florida and our first of the four major hurricanes that we would experience. We have a condo in Marco Island and my sister, Dawn, has a home in Punta Gorda. Both are on the west coast about an hours and a half drive between us. For Hurricane Charlie, Marco Island was placed under mandatory evacuation. Steve and I went to our 'safe house' Dawn's, as her area is the highest spot in the county. Steve helped board up her doors and windows just to be on the safe side, as it was only supposed to be a category two on a scale of 5. Within 1 hour, the hurricane changed direction and was now teetering between a category 4 and 5. Hurricane Charlie went through swift but brutal. During those short minutes our ears wouldn't clear; it was like we experience on a plane. The walls of her home moved slightly in and out. Quite scary. But the devastation following was tremendous. Some of the boards flew off her house; pieces of tile roofing from a house down the street hit her roof. 8 of her oak trees fell, 3 into the roof, her pool cage flew away as did her fence. The roof started leaking and destroyed much of her furniture.... and the electricity would not return for many weeks.

As many of you know, we were in Florida because Dawn had quadruple bypass surgery last June and our mom who has lung cancer was living with her. We needed to get them into air conditioning as soon as possible. God takes care of us in many ways. This time Marco Island was spared so 5-7 of us resided in a 1-bedroom apartment for weeks. On our drive out of Dawn's development we witnessed condos with no walls, roofs, etc., trailers in parks completely twisted. Dawn and I realized just how fortunate we were.

Initially, Steve was able to purchase 3 chainsaws and went right to work cutting trees off the house. Obviously he did not have the manpower he needed. He asked everywhere he could if anyone knew laborers that would travel with him to Punta Gorda to work. All of us were getting discouraged.

My girlfriend from Sound Beach, Eileen Glinka, called to see how we did following the hurricane. Who knew that phone call would begin our course to recovery! Eileen called Bruce Kretchmer in Marco Island and must have explained our situation. Ellen Kretchmer called us the next day, as soon as she got home from driving from Sound Beach. They offered their truck and anything else we needed. She had already lined up laborers willing to travel to Punta Gorda with Steve. Steve went to pick up the workers and who is the first to get into the car but Ellen. She 'had the day off'! Ellen was up in the trees with the chainsaw higher than anyone. Bruce and Ellen's gift to us of pure friendship was just what the doctor ordered and something we cannot repay.

Shortly after this, we received 2 beautiful cards signed my many of you with your most generous gifts. Dawn and I cried often over the out pouring of kindness and caring of our Sound Beach family. Even Steve had trouble keeping his eyes dry. As Dawn and Bonnie lost their beds from water damage, we put your gifts to the purchase of mattresses.

We would especially like to thank **Eileen and Ted Glinka, Herman and Kathleen Zwich, Audrey and John Moerlins, Dorothy Villaran, Linda and Richie Morea, Eileen and Ed Cantwell, Mark, Joanne and Faye Forman, Bruce Walsh, Ellen and Marty Fulam, and the entire Paul clan, including Nancy, Virginia, Liz and Andy, Harry and Rios, Harry and Donna, Eric and Mary, and Anna and Will Fris, Jie Bill, owner of Dai-kichi Japanese Restaurant and all at Matt's One Stop.**

When we moved to Sound Beach in 1977 we had no idea how special this place is that we call home. We felt so lonely and isolated after the storm only to fee blessed and thankful knowing we live among the best people on earth. We love you.

# Looking Back...

We haven't had a newsletter in a while so here are some details of the events of the past year; most of which you can look forward to again this upcoming year!

## Holiday Party

We held our annual Holiday Party with Pickwick Beach Association in our clubhouse on Malba Drive on December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This was the second annual holiday party held by our two communities, part of our continuing efforts to promote the "Know Your Neighbors" theme started with Pickwick more than a year ago. Liz Petrillak, Kim Picciotti (SBPOA) and Ann Marie Schmidt (PBA) coordinated the efforts between the two groups and made the event a memorable occasion. Santa, arriving from the north, was observed by the excited children through the clubhouse windows as he approached the clubhouse with the gifts that he would soon distribute. He came in and individually welcomed the children, making his way around the hall through the fables of energized happy children, adult children and grand-adult children. Santa made his way to his chair, positioned next to the Christmas tree, sat down and rested for a few moments, than handed out presents to the children, some in awe, others not knowing what to make of this jolly old soul. Each child had his/her picture taken with Santa as he handed them a present he had brought to Sound Beach from the North Pole. Santa was overheard asking the children if they would continue to be good until the 25<sup>th</sup> and thereafter; all answering him with a very positive yes' response.

The party was well attended by children from both communities, who came with their parents and grandparents. There were cookies and juice for them to enjoy while they made picture frames in anticipation of Santa's arrival. Thanks to Donna Eberspacher and Harry Paul, the picture with Santa was taken and copy presented to each child during the party, so they could mount it in the picture frame they had constructed while waiting for Santa to arrive.

The party concluded with a performance by Pink Silk, a group of Pickwick young ladies that have become very popular local entertainers. Those that had attended our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Sound Beach were also entertained by the group, supported and heralded by Ann Marie Schmidt of the Pickwick Beach Club.

Plans are in development for our third annual holiday party in 2005.



## Halloween Party

The annual Halloween party, chaired by Nancy Paul, was enjoyed by young and old last October. Everyone from tiny tots in Bunny costumes to adults in Raggedy Ann and Andy outfits marched in a festive parade.

The food was delicious and the D.J. perfect for the crowd.

Thank you to Nancy and her dedicated crew for a very good time!

Nancy has again offered to chair this year's party so make sure you join us this Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> for a night of fun!



## Trash and Treasure Sale

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Trash and Treasure Sale was held the first weekend in June. Everything we sold was donated, so there was no cost to us, and we were able to make a sizable donation to the SBPOA.

Every year the sale is a lot of fun for both the hard working volunteers as well as the friendly buyers.

Audrey and Eileen who chaired this event want to thank everyone who participated, including those who donated saleable items, those who bought items and especially those who spent three days setting up, selling, and packing up unsold items. Most of what was leftover was sent to South Dakota Indian Reservations via a couple that travels there every summer.

Mark your calendar for next year's sale, the first weekend in June. Every year it gets bigger and better!!!





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