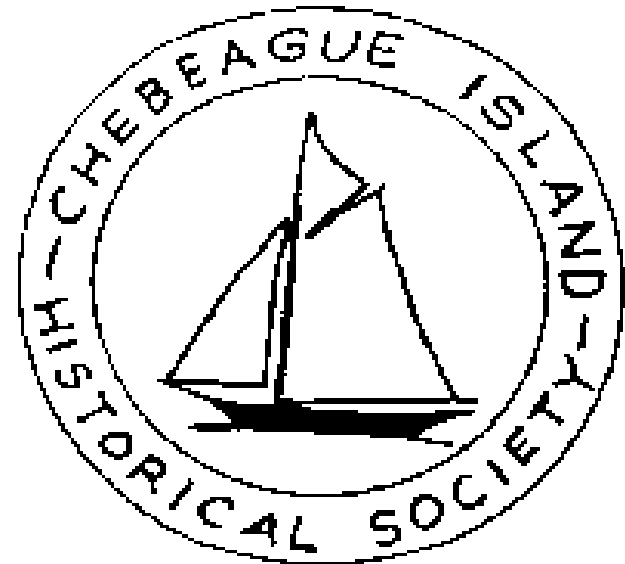


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Bertha Gray died peacefully on June 4, 2008, at the Island Commons on Chebeague Island, with her family at her bedside.

She was born Bertha Mae Fieste on December 9, 1905, in rural central Pennsylvania. Her parents were Harry and Cora Fieste. Orphaned in her early teens, she was taken in by a neighboring farm



family. After high school, she had the venturesomeness to travel east to Philadelphia for study at the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing (1924-27), where she received her nursing degree. There she met and married a North Carolinian, Garland Alonza Gray, who was completing his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania. When Dr. Gray was commissioned as a surgeon in the United States Navy Medical Corps, he and Bertha began a career of service to their country that lasted through the war years until his retirement from duty in the 1950's. From Honolulu, Hawaii, to Kodiak, Alaska, through stateside waiting while he served in the Pacific theater, to postings at numerous naval hospitals, Bertha made a home for her husband and two children, Sheila and Garland, Jr. Whenever there was need and opportunity, she returned to nursing.

In the mid-1950's, the Grays came to Chebeague Island, where they purchased the Falmouth House. It was the "anchor," in Bertha's

words, that she had always wanted for her family. There they began a second life of participation and service in the Island community. Initially summer residents, while Dr. Gray served as physician at the Choate School in Wallingford, Connecticut, they came to live year-round on Chebeague during his second retirement. The Falmouth house became an informal dispensary, where Dr. Gray volunteered medical care with Bertha by his side. Upon his death in 1983, she chose to remain on their beloved island.



For 25 years Bertha thrived in her Chebeague community, continuing to live in the Falmouth House until she was just short of 100, when she moved to the Island Commons for assisted living. A faithful member of the Chebeague Island Methodist Church, she prepared communion and worked actively for the Ladies Aid. Well into her nineties, she delivered Meals on Wheels and offered to carry the bags of others on and off the ferry boat. In every way she could, Bertha joined in Island activities, community meals, and gatherings. Her door was always open for neighbor children and friends. Almost daily she baked chocolate chip cookies, and on the chimney of the house next door, a seagull waited for its morning boiled egg and buttered toast. Passers by would see her in her garden, raking leaves, or shoveling snow--often beyond the bounds of her own yard. Her family was constantly told that she was "amazing," but Bertha did not think so. Independent, unassuming, giving naturally, she went about her days.

In 2002, she received a Living Legacy Award, honoring volunteerism, from the Southern Maine Agency on Aging. Long lived, she was presented with Cumberland's Boston Post Cane as its eldest citizen.



Bertha Gray Receiving the Boston Post Cane October 25, 2004

More recently, when recognized on her birthday in the Chebeague church, she said to the congregation, "I have had a happy life." She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Grateful for her life, her proud and loving survivors are: daughter Sheila Gray Jordan and her husband, Philip, of Chebeague; son Garland A. Gray, Jr. and his wife, Briana, of Danvers, Massachusetts; grandson John Jordan, a Chebeague lobsterman, and his wife, Catarina, of Yarmouth; grandson Philip Jordan and his wife, Jing, of Lawrenceville, New Jersey; grandson Thomas Gray of Key West, Florida; grandson David Gray and his wife, Julie, of Keene, New Hampshire; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Foreword

This is the eleventh year that the Chebeague Island Historical Society and your editors have published this report, the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter*, as its contribution to all the organizations that make the social environment of Chebeague what it is for our population. The *Newsletter* is a cooperative venture by the dozens of organizations of all sorts involved in life on our island, the largest “non-bridged” island in Casco Bay. If it succeeds in summarizing what went on during the past year or so, this is due to the help and cooperation of many people who contribute their time and skills without reward. We appreciate their help with this effort, and hope that our product meets with your approval. As we like to say: If an organization’s report is missing, it is probably because they’ve been too busy doing all the good things they do for Chebeague and too busy to get around to reporting their activities to us for this publication.

As always, the cost of publication is underwritten by the Historical Society and met in part by the modest \$10.00 that we charge for each copy. We want to reach as many as possible; please help us by spreading the word.

Copies are available at the Library, the Cobbler Shop, or at any of the Historical Society’s functions as well as at the Museum of Chebeague History. Upon request to Mac Passano, 168 South Rd., we will mail it to any address in the United States for an additional fee of \$2.00 .

We would like to thank our printer Dale Rand for their patience and helpfulness to us. For those of you who are computer literate, the current and past issues of the *Newsletter* can be downloaded in standardized PDF format file from the Chebeague Website (www.chebeague.org).

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Casco Bay Island Development Association

*Casco Bay Island Development Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 94, Cliff Island, Maine 04019*

Casco Bay Island Development Association had a year of providing community service to the Islands, and of watching out for their interests in Casco Bay policy making.

Once again, CBIDA provided the transportation for the children of Cliff, Chebeague and Long Island schools to join the Peaks Island children for a "Meet the Authors" day and other school activities. CBIDA also contributed to Homestart, the Peaks Island affordable housing program.



very exciting or newsworthy, but the lighthouse and the watchdog need to be in place.

The recent request for a change in city zoning on Great Diamond Island to allow the addition of residential - hotel - condominium units at McKinley Estates in the former double barracks has called attention to the suitability and current maintenance of the aging wastewater



In past reports I have referred to CBIDA as the lighthouse needed in bad weather or the watchdog ready to give a warning of possible danger to a family. Much of the time they just stand by. Standing by is not

treatment system. The treatment system now faces the addition of extra kitchen and bedroom units effluence. CBIDA sees this proposal as a possible threat to the health of the waters of the entire bay, as well as a threat on the quality of life of all the islands. An unfortunate development on one island can too easily become a precedent for others.

CBIDA has made some internal changes. One change is in the time of Steering Committee meetings. Feeling that Saturday morning was inconvenient for many people, the Committee now meets each month on the first Wednesday, at 4 pm, at the Casco Bay Ferry Terminal Conference Room. As usual all meetings are open to the public. For more information call me at 766-2942.

— Jean Dyer



Chebeague Island Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee arose out of our transition from Cumberland to becoming our own town. In separating from the Cumberland Cemetery Association, the Town of Chebeague Island received a transfer of funds to support the island cemeteries as mandated by State laws. Currently, the Committee is working on preparing Rules and Regulations that are applicable to Chebeague, preparation of new deed forms and record keeping procedures. Dick and Dianne Calder, who have capably maintained the cemetery for years, will continue their good works. Repair of a broken water line was accomplished in the spring of 2008. A metal sign that was once part of an old fence along North Road is being refurbished and will soon be installed.



Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Library. The public is welcome to attend.

The cemetery committee consists of:
Deborah A. Bowman, Chairman
Kenneth Hamilton, Vice Chairman
Lynne Priest, Treasurer
Gail Miller, Secretary
Richard Calder, Superintendent
Dianne Calder, Superintendent

— Deborah Bowman



Chebeague Island Community Association

The Chebeague Island Community Association's mission is to ensure the survival and long-term viability of Great Chebeague Island as a year-round community. Our work this past year has continued to focus on affordable housing, and we have also begun to work on issues relating to economic development on Chebeague.

Our second annual meeting was held August 14, 2007. The big news of the day was that we (finally) received our official IRS status as a 501(c)(3) organization. Current board members include Mabel Doughty, Bob Earnest (president), Ester Knight, Jeff Putnam, John Wilson, Beth Howe (secretary), Cheryl Stevens (treasurer), and Ruth Slagle.



Our big news from 2007 was the purchase of a house at 226 South Road which serves as our pilot project for affordable housing on Chebeague. The purchase was made with help from the Genesis Foundation (grant money and a low interest loan),

the Island Institute (grant money), and numerous donations from members of the Chebeague community. The plan calls for rental of the house to tenant(s) selected by way of a rigorous application process. The selection committee was deliberately comprised of community members who had not previously been involved with the affordable housing committee, in order to ensure maximum fairness. The house will be rented for a period of at least 1 ½ years in order to learn more about the ins and outs of affordable rental housing. Then, the affordable housing committee and CICA will decide whether to continue to rent the house, or, to sell the house (which would follow a similar set of eligibility and application guidelines). We also plan to pursue improvements to the house, especially in the area of energy efficiency.

Our next steps in the affordable housing area will include the exploration of ways that land lease or purchase could be subsidized as a way to help potential residents build homes on Chebeague; and, the possibility of CICA - built rental housing on the Island.

Our work to date in the area of economic development has consisted primarily of support for the Comprehensive Planning Committee, in its pursuit of a comprehensive plan (which would serve to satisfy State of Maine requirements, and, as a potential vision for much of community life on Chebeague). In the months ahead, we hope to grow into a role as catalyst for local economic development for the community of Chebeague.

If you would like to learn more about our work on affordable housing, please contact Beth Howe (housing committee chair) or Bob Earnest (CICA president). If you would like to learn more about our work on economic development, please contact John Wilson (economic development committee chair) or Bob Earnest.

— Bob Earnest



Chebeague Island Community Sailing School

2007 was another great year for the Chebeague Island Community Sailing School (which is sponsored by the Yacht Club). Fifty-four budding young sailors braved the chill waters at the Boatyard for their first day swim test (and often thereafter, as tipping boats in high winds is a frequent result on such small craft!). In 2007 our students and instructors enjoyed the climatic wonders of Casco Bay - sun, gentle breezes and perhaps a day or two of fog. New to the program this past year was a pair of tents serving as “sailing cabanas” (thanks to Nancy and David Hill). Also new to the program were adventures to nearby islands, created by the instructors to chase boredom on those no-wind days. Suffice to say that pirates still abound on the deserted islands of Casco Bay.



Our instructors in 2007 were Bobby Marsee as lead instructor, assisted ably by Isaac Julien, Taryn McGovern, Asa Julien, Kyra Freeman and Anna Maine, and by our junior instructors Persephone Bennett, Nate Richards and Hutch Hurwitz. Bobby will be moving on to other activities in 2008, as will Kyra; the others will be joined by

Sarah Freeman this year. It promises to be another year of good boat time, instruction, games and healthy fun for all.

It is early April as I write this update - we still have snow on the ground, it's foggy, cold and windy, and spring appears as a distant light at the end of a cold and snowy tunnel. And yet, the registration list for the coming summer is almost full; instructors are heading off to training; CICSS boats are in the barn for needed repairs; the occasional patch of mud on the roads must mean that summer is near. Cross your fingers for good sailing weather this summer.

— Bob Earnest



Chebeague Island Council

The Council continues to keep the welfare of all Chebeaguers at the forefront. Our stated mission of "... improving conditions for the inhabitants of Great Chebeague Island" is a broad one, but in many small ways, the Council encourages and promotes a community of neighbors helping neighbors.



Susie Stavropoulos, Ginny Ballard, Sasha, Nancy Hill, Joan Robinson and Chris Silva

With great appreciation and thanks, Ginny Ballard, PA is our most recent recipient of the Council's Seabury Award. Ginny is our neighbor and has served the Island in countless ways. While her work at the Health Center is done, she continues to keep her ears and eyes open to those in need through the Council sponsored Samaritan and Fuel Assistance Funds. We are indebted to her for the loving care and compassion she has shown to us all.

The Chedemption Program would not function without the dedication of Mac Passano, Beth Howe, Gail Miller and others who sort, box, and transport bottles and cans. Over \$6,000 from this project was shared with Island non-profit organizations. The Calendar, edited by Barbara Hamilton, is supported by your Council dues.



Getting ready to light the Island Christmas Tree

The Health Center continues to see patients one day weekly with Chris Silva PA. Chris is also on call for the Commons residents. Nancy Hill covers the blood draws and Joan Robinson acts as office assistant.



"Thank you, Santa!"

The Flu and Wellness Clinics organized by Claire Ross with the USM Student Nurses Casco Bay Partnership provides Islanders access to health care without leaving the Island.

For 2007-2008, the Council's officers and Board of Directors are:

Deborah Bowman President
Louise Doughty Vice-President
Mac Passano Secretary
Gail Miller Treasurer

Ginny Ballard
Carol Lynn Davis
Charles Hall
Barbara Hamilton
Nancy Hill

Ester Knight
Beth Putnam
Peter Rice
Gina Ross

—Deborah Bowman



Santa entertains children of all ages

Chebeague Island Fire Department

We responded to the usual variety of calls this past year including a chimney fire that extended into the house. We had 100% turnout of members – not bad for 5:00 am. The crews did a fabulous job of quickly putting the fire out and the house is now back to normal and the owner happy to be home. I was very proud of the job well done. Its nice to see the results of the continued training.



Our training continues with some members going off-Island for classes, and they return with new ideas and methods. The crews work hard to have themselves and the equipment ready for work. We have submitted a grant

application thanks to the huge effort by Art Lynch and others. If the grant gets awarded, we will be able to purchase new gear and equipment, without impacting the tax base. We also will be applying for a grant to upgrade the generator at the fire station and town office. We hope to be able to secure both these grants this year and are looking into a grant for a new fire truck in a couple of years. Chebeague has never received a grant for the fire dept because of being a part of Cumberland.

The membership is about 25 now and we always need more help. We are currently working 2 new folks thru the system: Hank Weatham and Justin Doughty have joined us and are eager to learn. Thanks to those folks for stepping up and making the Island a safer place to live.

Please remember to keep your smoke detectors up and running and chimneys cleaned. Huge thanks go to Jason Hamilton, Ralph Munroe and Doug Ross for their hard work this year in getting things ironed out and keeping the department moving ahead.

— Tom Calder, Chief

Chebeague Island Grange #576

The Chebeague Island Grange still carries on with its few members. There are many community projects carried out by members with the help of non-Grange people. Thanks to all of you.

We have been organizing the Island roadside cleanup since early in the 1960's. I believe that we were the first Island organization to take on that project. Truckload after truckload of junk was gathered up and taken to Macy's in the early years. Remember when we all gathered at the center, pick-up trucks, kids and adults, and did all the collecting in one day? It was fun, but many other people volunteered to help if they could do it on their own time. Today Jane Abrahamson and I call approximately 50 people with about 55 designated areas to clean up. Seldom do we have a refusal and usually that is because of illness or time away from the Island. People here are very conscious of their Island and of keeping it clean. Hats off to those walkers and joggers who continually clean the roadside all year long.



The Fourth of July Fun Run gets under way

Martha Hamilton heads up the annual Memorial Day Service held at the church in recognition of the Veterans buried in our cemetery.

This year we are doing it jointly with the Chebeague Historical Society. We place a green spray at each Veteran's grave (they number over 170 now). The Town of Chebeague buys American flags for each Veteran's grave and Joan Robinson places them. Cumberland Cemetery Association purchased all the Veteran's markers for us before we separated as a town.

The Thrift Shop continues under Sarah VanFleet and "helpers". They do a good job of merchandising all the "good stuff" coming in. Please do not bring us any "bad stuff". It is a huge job to separate and dispose of ripped dirty clothing, etc. Help us out. The money is used for insurance and the upkeep of the building.

This past year we delivered 18 Christmas boxes to deserving folks, plus the purchase of a nice roast pork for the Island Commons Christmas dinner (their choice). Grangers and several friends meet to pack the boxes with fresh fruit, home baked goods, a little candy, a small ham in each one, small cans of fruit, veggies and other surprises. You can certainly see the appreciation on each person's face when these are delivered.

Many people visiting our Library in April saw the display Martha Hamilton arranged for National Grange Month. There was much interest in the picture albums and memorabilia displayed. How great was the interest? Grange members would love to bring this organization back to its original position of a few years ago. We have the building and a nucleus to help with the start up. Is there anyone out there who is interested in belonging to a very old and well respected organization based on community service? If you have thought about it and have any interest, please call Martha Hamilton, Fran Calder or me.

— Dianne Calder



Chebeague Island Hall and Community Center

The CIHCC has had a very busy year. We completed re-shingling the roof of the entire building during the summer of 2007, thanks in part to a special fund drive by the community.



*1st row: Martha Hamilton, Jane Abrahamson, Susie Stavropolous
2nd row: Beverly Johnson, Mabel Doughty, Dianne Brewer,
Binkie Boxer, Pat StCyr, Tad Runge. Missing: Barbara Hamilton*

We are looking to refurbish the kitchen, starting with the installation of an under the counter commercial dishwasher which will clean the dishes, pots, pans, etc., much quicker and more efficiently.

The Hall has sponsored two brunches, one in October and one in April, as well as a very successful Spaghetti Luncheon in January. The Town of Chebeague Island has been using the Hall for meetings and elections. Whalers, Quilters, Yoga, Flu Clinic, health screenings, summer theater groups and private gatherings have all used the Hall on many occasions throughout the year.

The Senior Luncheons, sponsored by the Island Commons Resource Center, are now being held at CIHCC on the third Wednesday of each month, from October to May. This is a larger and more convenient space than the Parish House, and as the Island Market is closed on Wednesdays during the winter months, many workman also attend.

We are looking at various ways to alleviate the problem of cars driving onto the brick walkway by the front door. Also, we are updating and revising our bylaws; they are now in the hands of the lawyer before final acceptance.

— Jane Abrahamson



Chebeague Island Historical Society



*Grand Marshals of the Fourth of July Parade:
Cindy and Glenn Coombs*

The year 2007 was a memorable one for the entire Chebeague community. We anticipated with some trepidation and celebrated with much hope the arrival of the new Town of Chebeague Island on July 1, 2007. The CIHS was happy to participate in the summer 2007 festivities. It was history in the making, and that is the kind of thing that old (and new) historians love. The CIHS participated in these festivities by creating a commemorative coin set, by producing a first day cancellation envelope put together by Mac Passano, by putting on stage productions and by helping to organize and financially support Chebeague's magnificent fireworks display.

As Chebeague's secession from Cumberland in 2007 was largely brought about by concerns for our school and its continuing



*Shirley Burgess and Wilbert Munroe find old schoolmates
(both Shirley and Wilbert recently passed away)*

viability, the CIHS created an exhibit for 2007 about the past, present and future of schools on the Island. The exhibit committee worked for many hours digging up the facts and putting up the story of Chebeague education from 1755 to the future. We hope you enjoyed seeing this exhibit as much as we did creating it.

Highlights and programs from 2007 included the publication of a book by Jim Millinger called "Chebeague Island?". In his book Jim writes of the Island's past and of its way forward. Suhail Bisharat



These students are as obstreperous as ever!

arranged trips to Turkey and Greece in which our members participated. The following programs were also highlights of the CIHS year: a slide show on past celebrations by Donna Damon; a presentation on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow by Charles Calhoun, which was arranged by Jerry Wiles; a very enthusiastic game of So You Think You Know Chebeague at the CIHCC; a video show of old time Chebeague put together by Sylvia Ross and Ken Hamilton and presentation which told the story of Chebeague's Billy Hill and Annie Oakley, presented by David Hill and Jerry Wiles. The CIHS also published two very well received issues of our own newsletter The Sloop's Log during the past year which is sent to all CIHS members.

My many thanks go to all those on the CIHS board and to those in the Chebeague community who helped to organize our year and who joined us by giving of their time, money and enthusiasm.

The Chebeague Island Historical Society continues to gather in our past and to look forward to a future as an integral part of the Chebeague Island community. We hope you will participate with us by attending programs, by visiting the Museum of Chebeague History, and by becoming a member and contributor.

Officers: Jane Frizzell, President; Donna Damon, Vice President; Beth Wiles, Treasurer; Jim Millinger, Recording Secretary; Dianne Calder, Corresponding Secretary
 Board Members: Dick Bowen, Binkie Boxer, Bill Calthorpe, Nancy Earnest, Barbara Hamilton, Ken Hamilton, Mary Holt, Carly Knight, Marjorie Munroe, Mimi Moulton, Mac Passano, Joan Robinson, Sylvia Ross

— Jane Frizzell, Vice President



Chebeague Island Library

They say time goes quickly when you are having fun. Well, this year flew by and we had a blast. The year 2007 will always be remembered as the year of our independence. The Library became an information repository and the community table was overflowing with updates from the various transition committees. It was a busy, busy year.

The Library was open 302 days and we counted 14,810 patrons come through the doors. They checked out 16,194 items in materials and 4,636 of them used the computers. This was quite an increase over 2006.



The Library always looks to the community for display, artist and program opportunities. This year was no exception. Doug Damon showcased his beautiful handcrafted creations of heavy equipment, old time cars, a motorcycle and desk clocks. It was hard for some of us to believe they were made entirely of wood. To complement study at school, a display on Africa was made even more special by the addition of Beth Dyer's photos and keepsakes from her time there as a Peace Corps volunteer. Our board president, Sally Tubbesing brought in

some photos of a South African school from a visit she had made. When looking for something to adorn a movie display, Martha Hamilton crafted our very own golden "Oscar" statuette. Peggy Dyer lent us her scrap books and photo albums from the early years of Chebeague theater, and we had fun picking out faces.

Luke Rothschild displayed his unique "rustings" and found objects sculptures. Luke also made and left for other artists to use, a supply of stands. Sandra Rice, Jane Hahn and Kim Rich also had space to display their art, over the year. To celebrate the spirit of volunteerism, Cathy MacNeill took dozens of photos of volunteers doing dozens of duties all over the Island. It is wonderful to have patrons come in just to see the artwork displayed or to pick out a face in a scrapbook.



Artist and dancer, Dunya (Dianne McPherson) astounded us with her creative presentation of dance, film and spoken word. We learned about Madagascar and lemurs from Grace Pease and her mother, Molly Nelson. We learned about Grace and Molly from Leila Bisharat. Actress Ellen Mulrone portrayed Jeannette Rankin in "Year of the Woman" and we thank the Hodges for bringing Ellen to Chebeague. Farmer Minor has a pig living with him and we were very glad to have them both come to the Library. Daisy met a huge crowd of people in

the hall, and Farmer Minor read aloud to 100 of Chebeague's finest citizens.

The word community is used a lot on Chebeague. The Library is a community. The Library works because of the community. The community is you. Thank you for your patronage, support, ideas, involvement and volunteer efforts.

Board of Trustees: Sally Tubbesing, President; David Hill, Vice President; Lynne Priest, Treasurer; Tina Runge, Secretary; Susan Burgess, Beth Dyer, Rodney Hamilton, Darren Hillicoss, John Howard, Amy Rich, Peter Rice, Suzanne Rugh, Virginia Tatakis-Calder

— Deborah A. Bowman, Director
Sheila Putnam, Children's Librarian



*Celebrating Chebeague Island's Independence
on Independence Day*

Chebeague Island Post Office



This has been a busy and exciting year for the Post Office. After spending almost exactly two years in a small trailer at the Boatyard, the staff and P.O. Operations are about to move into new, custom-designed space at the Boatyard's expanded facility. Both the temporary and the new permanent space have been provided by Paul Belesca, owner and manager of the boatyard.

The Post Office trailer, with its interior from the previous Post office at Shirley Burgess' house may be taken to Matinicus whose Post Office was recently lost in a fire.

For the inauguration of the new Town of Chebeague Island, Mac Passano designed a special Chebeague Island Post Office postal cancellation stamp and a limited edition envelope with a map of the new town drawn by the Maine cartographer Jane Crozen, and featuring the 60 cent Acadia National Park stamp originally issued in 2001. These covers with their affixed stamps were sold by the Historical Society as part of its contribution to the celebration of the new Town; I was at the first town meeting on July 1, 2007 to receive and cancel

them. The issue was so popular that the “limited edition” grew somewhat and the Post Office was able to extend the time for cancellation.

We are now in the new facility at the Boat Yard and invite everyone to come and visit us.

— Gina Ross, Postmaster



Chebeague Island Rescue

The Town of Chebeague Island Rescue had a wonderful first year. We have a fabulous team of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and First Responders. We also receive willing and much appreciated help from the Town of Chebeague Island Fire Department, Chebeague Transportation Company, the Town of Yarmouth, and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

We no longer charge the patients for rescue services, however the Town of Yarmouth will charge for their portion of the rescue. By using Yarmouth's Rescue as our mainland link we have increased the number of hospitals to which patients may be transported; in addition to Portland hospitals Yarmouth will transport to Brunswick hospitals Parkview and Mid Coast.

Last fall the Life Flight Helicopter landed on Chebeague and the Rescue participated in a presentation about the services offered by Life Flight. This will be another resource available to our town to make life safer.



We plan to have another EMT class this year and hope that we get more volunteers. Please let Polly Wentworth know if you are interested.

We are recruiting. We are also planning a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Instructor's class on the Island so that we will have at least ten CPR instructors available to educate everyone.

CPR can be a life-saving skill for babysitters, teachers, care givers and anybody else who may find themselves in a situation where they can save somebody's life.

— Nancy L. Hill, RN EMT-Paramedic
Captain, Chebeague Island Rescue



Chebeague Island School Department

Chebeague Island School Superintendent's End of Year Report

To the Citizens of Chebeague Island:

It has been my pleasure to serve officially as your Superintendent of Schools since July 1, 2007. I was truly honored to be selected as Superintendent after an extensive search by the Transition Committee's Education Subcommittee. I have appreciated the support and thorough orientation provided by Carol White, Jerry Wiles and other members of the Education Subcommittee.



The first Chebeague Island School Committee was elected at Town Meeting on July 1, 2007. The quality of this group of elected officials has been amazing; they are truly dedicated to providing the high quality education that is needed to meet the needs of the Island students.



Former principal, David Galin, and the Chebeague Island School staff have been helpful in educating me about the programs and services provided for the students of Chebeague Island. I also want to thank Dr. Robert Hasson, Superintendent, and Scott Poulin, Business Administrator, of MSAD # 51 for their patience and assistance in making the transition to our own school system as seamless as possible.

My thanks also go to Ron Grenier and the Town Team for assisting me in the transition to the Chebeague Island School Department. The representatives of the area schools who provide educational opportunities to the Chebeague Island Grade 6-12 students have been receptive to providing me with the information needed to assure that the community and its Grade 6-12 students are receiving the programs and services they are entitled to at their off-island schools.

The 2007-2008 school year began with welcoming the staff back to school before Labor Day. Introductions were made and goals for the year were discussed. We were fortunate to retain all of the existing regular staff. Having that consistency provided a strong foundation for the start of our independence. Even more important were the additions we were able to make to the staff. Althea Dugliss was employed as Administrative Secretary and in that role works with the Superintendent/Principal and, even more important, serves as the office liaison with teachers, parents and the Island Community.



CHEBEAGUE ISLAND SCHOOL STAFF

Name	Position
o Alton L. Hadley, III	Superintendent/Principal *
o Althea Dugliss	Administrative Secretary *
o Ann Long	Food Service/Custodian
o Nancy Earnest	Pre-Kindergarten Teacher *
o Kristin (Rohrbach) Westra	Grades 3-5 Teacher
o Ruth White	Grades K-2 Teacher
o Mary Holt	Special Education *
o Lee Ann Robinson	Ed Tech II
o Marty Trower	Ed Tech III
o Louisa Wickard	Art *
o Virginia Tatakis-Calder	Phys. Education/Bus Driver *
o Elizabeth McKenna	General Music *
o Margaret Robinson	Violin
o Denise Sullivan	Occupational Therapist
o Patrick Civiello	Speech Therapist *
o Kate Eastman	Guidance Advisor *
o Nancy Hill	School Nurse *

Enrollments for the 2007-2008 year reflect 22 Pre-K-5 students at the Chebeague Island School and 23 Grade 6-12 students at MSAD #51 and 5 in private schools.

Our 2007-2008 budget reflected a decrease over the previous years' budgets under the auspices of MSAD #51. In spite of higher energy cost for diesel, heating oil, propane and electricity, as all of you have in your home budgets, we have modestly reduced the 2008/2009 School Budget. We have been able to accomplish this even with a decrease in state aid.

Thanks to the School Committee of Carol White, Chair, Jerry Wiles, Vice Chair, Beverly Johnson, Jen Belesca and Ken Pelton for their efforts on behalf of the Chebeague Island Students, especially during this year of transition. Thank you to the parents, students and volunteers who make the Chebeague Island School a very special learning environment. Finally, thank you to the staff at the Chebeague Island School who provide a high quality program for our students each day. We are fortunate to have a dedicated staff of professionals who put the needs of the students first.

— Alton L. Hadley, III
Superintendent of Schools
Chebeague Island



Chebeague Island Yacht Club

2007 was a splendid season on the water for CIYC members engaged in a variety of yachting activities. The winds were fair, the skies were clear, the bay beckoned. Commodore Cox-Chapman kicked off the Chebeague Island Yacht Club (CIYC) season with a gathering at the Cox-Chapman home on Coleman Cove over the Fourth of July weekend. Over 60 members attended to celebrate the club in the midst of a week long celebration of the birth of the Town of Chebeague Island. The agenda was weighted toward renewing old friendships and greeting new members and set the tone for the summer.



During dates in July and August, Rear Commodore Dave O'Donnell exhibited his considerable organizational skills by getting a great turnout for power lunch. Not only did he manage to feed everyone, but upon arrival, everyone who shows up gets assigned to a boat. No one ever gets left behind, you do not have to own a boat to participate, and everyone is glad they made the trip.

Sailors saw plenty of action during the summer of 2007. The winds were strong, perfect for day sailing and racing. The Ensign fleet now

numbers 18 boats thanks to the addition of a red hulled beauty owned by Ernie and Barb Greppin. Some highlights of the 2007 season's races were:

- o Superb support of Saturday racing by members willing to serve as Committee Boat.
- o A Round Island Race that started in thick fog that was replaced at the finish by strong winds.
- o The Bates Island Race had to be cancelled because of 30 knot winds bearing down on the picnic cove.

The season closed with a reception at the boatyard the weekend prior to Labor Day. The boatyard venue was chosen in anticipation of a building being constructed to house the Post Office, a chandlery, and a second floor meeting area with an anticipated large deck overlooking the bay. Paul Belesca updated the club on the plans. In addition the renovations will free up indoor work space so that boat restoring and maintenance can be done by CIBY over the winter months. Other CIBY improvements pertaining to the club involved changing the storage area for the sailing school boats from the old shed to a set of boat racks with covers.



The business conducted was the awarding of trophies, a debate over the awarding of the Bungle Award, and the appointment of new officers. The club thanked John Holt for his years of service as both membership chair and treasurer. Nancy Earnest finished a long stint as secretary. Bob Halpin will serve as treasurer and Aaron Julien will take over as Membership Chair and Secretary.

Many thanks to all those who organized outings, manned the committee boat, and participated in races. Club members hope to increase the number of boats racing in the coming season through the availability of CICSS students as crew. Teaching someone to be

comfortable on the water is a great gift that members can pass on to the younger people on the Island.

Race results and trophies for 2007:

Crow Island:	Jim Cox-Chapman (A Capella)
Ocean:	Howard Coon
Hamilton Beach:	Ralph Ragan (Ariel)
West End:	Dave Burgess (Evangeline)
Round Island:	Jim Cox-Chapman (A Capella)
Double:	Jim Cox-Chapman (A Capella)
	Jim Cox-Chapman (A Capella)
Bates Island:	Cancelled - too windy
Double:	Bob Earnest (Ripple)
	Dave Burgess (Evangeline)

Dave Burgess then awarded trophies:

Small Boats-Overall: Sarah Freeman

Club Champion: Dave Burgess

Bungle Trophy: After much discussion and four competing nominations, the award went to Dave O'Donnell for his service in the committee boat and for using his hourglass.

— Jim Cox-Chapman, Commodore



Chebeague Needleworkers

Chebeague's quilters, embroiders, appliquéd-ers, knitters, hookers and scheer und schnitters had a pretty quiet year. We met as usual on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month and during the sociable days we knit mittens and sweaters, quilted baby quilts and wall hangings, hooked intricate rugs and cut ingenious paper designs. This has become so much a part of our day to day lives, that many members could hardly remember what projects they had completed. Regular summer people came and left again and returned this spring. An unusually large number of year-round people were gone for significant parts of this particularly long and snowy winter. Even so, the collective dinners drew ten to fifteen people, with the day-members joined by several like Lola Armstrong who usually can only come in the evening, and Thea Youngs, the Island Institute Fellow, who joined us for meals and knit when she wasn't working in the Town Office. And Peggy Jones, through a difficult year of care-giving, came when she could, making a quilt for Bob and one for her grand-daughter Catie.



However, two Victorian-style crazy quilts broke this quiet mold. This kind of quilt assembles squares out of random size and shaped

pieces of fabric, basted to a muslin backing. Then each separate fabric piece is outlined in embroidery, using many different stitches in many different colors. The effect is a bit dizzying, in an ornate, Victorian manner. A uniform sashing between the squares may moderate the craziness a bit, but the general effect is rich and rather over the top.

One of the quilts was put together by Barbara Marks from squares made by her grandmother Jennie Mae Jacobs, and found in a trunk in Barbara's attic when the room was renovated. The squares were mostly in woolen fabrics, with embroidery both in embroidery floss and in wool yarn. When they were assembled with dark blue woolen sashing and borders of purple velvet and red wool, the effect was splendid.

The other crazy quilt introduced embroidery-expert Susie Stavropoulos to quilting. Still under way, it was inspired by Susie's accumulating collection of "fat quarters" - quarter-of-a-yard squares of fabric. So far this quilt is made up of 37 squares of randomly shaped cotton pieces in a large variety of colors and designs. Each piece is attached to its neighbors by colorful embroidery. The sashing material, which has not yet been cut into strips is a batik-like green fabric. The result promises to be as splendid and over-the-top as Barbara's.



Quilts like these are rarely made these days - the piecing requires more work and color-sense than the more regular square/rectangular/triangular patterns that most of us do. And few people these days can, or are willing to spend the time to master the intricacies and range of the embroidery stitches that are required for a large quilt. So Susie follows in the footsteps of Jenne Mae Jacobs, keeping a Chebeague tradition alive.

If you like to do any kind of needlework or a related craft, come and join us, day or evening. We have a sewing machine to lend and are free with our expertise and advice.

— Beth Howe

Chebeague Parents' Association

Our current officers are: Vicki Todd - President, Amy Rich - Vice President, Kelley Rich - Treasurer and Althea Dugliss - Secretary. Officers are elected at the first meeting of the new school year in September. We meet once a month and strongly encourage parent participation.



The 4th of July Festivities of 2007 held special meaning as we celebrated our own independence as the Town of Chebeague. We sold a record number of lobster rolls at the picnic, thanks to all the lobster catchers who donated from their early season catch. We recruited our favorite bakers and quickly sold out of the delicious baked goodies. The Kid's Park proved to be lots of fun with activities like the clay table and face painting. The KomLosy women brought in the largest crowd with another memorable puppet show! Plans are underway for another great 4th of July 2008 celebration. We hope to see you there.

Our other fundraising projects this summer include: the popular Calendar Raffle, New Children's Art Christmas Cards, Cookbook and

T-shirt Sales and Sally Foster wrapping paper is back by popular demand. All of this hard work and support from the island community helps us offer extra special support and enrichment for our children: from "Books for Babies", Play Groups for Little Ones and Moms, Halloween and Christmas Parties, School Field Trips, new equipment and materials for the classrooms (like the Audubon membership that brought a variety of wildlife into the school every few weeks), the Healthy Lunch Program, Scholarships and gifts for graduating seniors, 5th graders, teachers and staff members.



During the Winter, we teamed up with the Library and Chebeague Recreation Center (CRC) to host a Magician who put on a great show at the Hall. We are excited about having him back this summer to show us more tricks! We mucked through the spring months with two Pizza & Movie Nights co-hosted with the Library. It was so much fun and well attended that I am sure I will be donning my apron for months to come! The Library also helped us organize a Giving Tree during the holidays to support The Maine Sea Coast Mission with gifts for children and families and need on islands on the coast of Maine. The most memorable event at the Library for my children this past year was

when Santa Claus arrived at the Library and Hall on the Fire Truck, driven by Captain Tom. We had just finished decorating the huge tree in front of the Library with ornaments made of birdseed by Sarah and children from the Early Release Program at CRC. The tree was aglow with beautiful lights and even a star at the top thanks to Jon Rich and my husband, Stephen. We had just finished singing Christmas Carols with help from some of the Whaler's when the fire truck arrived with horns and whistles blowing. It was one of those moments as a parent that I will never forget.

May and June are busy months as we are gearing up for summer and wrapping up the school year. We helped the school host another great Education Appreciation Night at CRC. Tim Calder, our graduating 5th grader, John Summa, Mia Taliento Josh Doughty, Dennis Johnson,

George Birkett and Lida Munroe, the graduating seniors were all acknowledged. Walk to School Day, June 2, is always a fun event as entire families and friends come out to join in and then have breakfast at the school.

The CPA is most excited to be teaming up with CRC to open "The Kid's Place", a licensed day care center located at the Rec for infants and children through age 12. We are in the midst of writing policies, enrolling children and accepting applications for childcare providers. We are thrilled to be able to offer this much-needed service to young families living on Chebeague and would welcome any support from the community in the form of funds or in donated time spent reading a book or sharing a special art project or just rocking a baby or two!

It is hard to believe that it was only last year that we were working endlessly on developing our new school and planning for our new town. As the CPA President and a parent, I feel blessed to be a part of the Town of Chebeague and am proud of all of our accomplishments. I believe that all of our children will grow to appreciate and value the uniqueness of growing up on an island and will be exceptional people for this experience.

— Vicki Todd, President

Chebeague Recreation Center



A fond farewell to Beth Dyer and Sarah McKinnon

What an exciting year we have had at the CRC. We have experienced a lot of changes and growth in the past year and we have lots to celebrate, including ten years of service to the community.

We opened our doors on February 28th, 1998 and we are still going strong. The next ten years promise to be just as exciting and vibrant as our last ten and we look forward to growing along with our community. With growth and change sometimes we have to say goodbye as our staff moves on. Beth Dyer who served as our Administrative Director for over ten years left the organization to pursue a career as a Research Librarian at the University of New England. We miss Beth and her wealth of knowledge about the CRC but we are proud that she finished graduate school and is now working in her field. Pam Pulsifer who served as our Custodian for five years also left the CRC this spring for other work. Sarah McKinnon, our Recreation Director for 3 years also left the CRC this spring to pursue graduate school in the fall. Gail Miller will continue as our Pool Director this summer and we all look forward to her energy and commitment to keeping the pool in ship shape. The CRC welcomes Tracy Quadro as our new Executive Director. If you have not met Tracy yet, please stop in and introduce yourself, she is eager to meet all Islanders. We would not be able to function without our numerous volunteers and board members. Our volunteers and board members wear many hats, program instructors, painters, groundskeepers, coaches and more.



The kids were busy with some great programs at the CRC this year. We had 22 kids participate in our after school golf clinic, 2 more than the previous year. Carly Knight once again coached soccer and 15 kids kept her busy

running around Volunteer Field chasing soccer balls. We also had our first ever Scarecrow Competition this past fall. It was so fun driving around the Island and seeing the innovative and creative scarecrows. We even had a giant scarecrow over 20 feet tall haunting Littlefield Road made by Justin Doughty, Mark Bowman and Chip Corson. Early



The Recreation Center's Adult Theatre performs at the Island Hall

Release continued to be a popular program with 10-12 kids participating all year long. We made wonderful wall hangings to celebrate 10 years of programming at the CRC. These wall hangings are now on display on the walls of the CRC. Stop by and see the handiwork of our kids and what they love about the CRC. We were blessed with only a couple of weeks of skating this year at Sanford's Pond, but they were the best weeks of the winter. We had a great community skating party with over 70 people. Thanks to Sanford and Mabel for sharing their pond with us. Chip Corson taught many Islanders how to be a



gourmet chef this winter with mouth watering culinary delights. This winter we also had kids learning yoga with Carly and Sarah and 12 kids learned the art of handball with handball aficionado Tom Adams. Dylan Doughty took home a trophy in the Maine Handball Tournament. We also had 12 kids participate in tee ball this spring with Coach Gail Miller.



The past year the CRC collaborated with lots of other Island organizations to share resources and facilities. We joined up with the CPA and their dedicated volunteers to offer programs for our littlest kids. Sarah Prescott ran a popular and excellent program for 0- Pre-K kids for several months. Vicki Todd, Loretta Hamilton and Sarah McKinnon along with other parent volunteers ran a play group 2 days a week for the 0-3 year olds. They had a blast. We look forward to collaborating with the CPA in the future for more outstanding programs and opportunities for kids of all ages. The CRC also collaborated with the Library to show movies on the CRC's new big screen movie screen. So far the kids and the community have enjoyed seeing Goonies, Enchanted and The Golden Compass on the big screen. Thanks to the Library for sharing the Fire Department. We



*Jeanette Hamilton,
Volunteer of the Decade*

just name a few of our exciting camps. We look forward to another great season of Camp Chebeague, an island camp for island adventurers. We also had our first ever Quadathlon last summer. This summer the event is going to be bigger and better than ever. Stacyann Stewart directed her last performance for the Chebeague Island Players, a comedy called Dearly Beloved. We will miss Stacy and we appreciated her dedication to Adult Theater on the Island. Children's Theater Director Rachel Damon wowed us all with her production of the Music Man.

offer their volunteers fitness passes at a reduced rate to encourage fitness for our much needed and valued volunteers.

Last summer was exciting with our changes to Camp Chebeague. We eliminated the off Island campers and offered camp to kids that were on Island and we had a blast. Each week was led by a different specialist and all the campers and leaders had a great time. Rachel Damon had a popular Theater Camp where the kids learned Shakespeare, Gail Miller had our Island crafters creating fabulous masterpieces in Art Kamp, The Great Chebeague Tennis Club had our kids learning the fine art of the tennis serve, to



*Sarah Prescott,
Volunteer of the Year*

Rachel has proven over and over again to be a huge inspiration to the kids involved with Children's Theater and we appreciate her amazing skill as a director. We look forward to her next production with Children's Theater, Alice in Wonderland, and to her debut as the director of Adult Theater. The teen center and pre-teen center were open 5 days a week last summer with lots and lots of activity and fun. We also had Open Volleyball Monday nights that was wildly popular and lots of fun. The pool was open all summer with a daily average of 30 swimmers, plus our 15+ lap swimmers. We look forward to another great season at Collins Pool this summer.



The CRC was once again supported by many Chebeaguers and friends in various ways. We had time, expertise, material goods and money donated and you can see the difference. The gym and hallways have a fresh coat of paint, the fitness room has been spiffed up and

the gardens are looking beautiful. We had 2 very successful fund raisers this year. The Great Gatsby Croquet Tournament and Auction was creative and lots of fun. We had an amazing live auction of 12 different bar stools painted and embellished by 12 different Island artists, and at times the bidding was wild. Thank you to all of our sponsors, croquet players, donors and artists. The event was wonderful and will always be remembered. We also had a very successful Winter Carnival with 14 kids rocking in the ever popular Rock-a-thon and 14 crazy people plunging in the Polar Bear Plunge. The Chili Chowder Challenge was huge this year, we ran out of food for the first time ever, perhaps because we omitted the soup category. Thank you to all of who pledged a rocker or a plunger, and all who supported the event.



The cast of "The Music Man"





Thank you to the whole Island community to supporting the CRC and we look forward to another great 10 years.

— Sarah McKinnon

Chebeague Transportation Company

Compared to past years, 2007 was a rather uneventful year for the Island's transportation system. Perhaps of more interest are the changes we foresee in the coming year.

First of all, a brand new bus with seats designed for adults has been added to our fleet. With improved air ride, it nicely smooths out the potholes on Cousins Island. But more important is the fact that the new bus actually uses *half* as much fuel as its predecessors.

But despite the fuel savings on the bus, the Board of Directors regrets that we find it necessary to increase passenger fares effective June 1. As we are all experiencing, the rapidly rising cost of fuel necessitates the increase. Casco Bay Lines and the State Ferry System have also increased their fares in a similar manner.

We look forward to improved landing facilities on Cousins Island with improvements to the wharf head and Wharf Road moving towards the final design phase. Plus, long-awaited repairs to the Blanchard Lot fence will soon be underway.

The boats, the barge and the busses are all in top shape as we move into our thirty-seventh year of operation and, as always, we have our captains, deckhands, bus drivers and office staff to thank.

And, remember, Thursday is "Kiss the Bus Driver Day."

— David R. Hill, CTC Board of Directors



Chedemption

Chedemption had a very successful year, taking in \$7084.95 which is about \$1000 more than our 8-year average. After deducting \$479.49 for our expenses (insurance and supplies) that made a payout to each organization of \$508. That is \$2 less than they got last year, but that is because CICA joined the list of organizations working with, and getting a share of the Chedemption revenue. So the question that everyone asked all summer about whether the loss of the bottles from the Inn would matter was answered in the negative.

The Island non-profits did a great job of staffing Chedemption this past summer, as the following list indicates. Many of these people volunteered for more than one organization. We know the list is not complete, and we thank everyone who is listed, and those who are not, for their hard work in this busy season

Tom Adams	Beth Dyer	Gail Miller
Sally Ballard	Nancy Earnest	David Miller
Sam Ballard	Nick Fernandez	Erika Neumann
Jen Belesca	Kitty Freeman	Marilyn Nicklas
Paul Belesca	Joan French	Peter Olney
Mollie Beal	Jane Frizzell	Mac Passano
Deb Bowman	Melanie Gustafson	Lise Passano
Marguerite Bowman	Althea Hall	Ottar Passano Hellman
Binkie Boxer	Beatrice Hall	Sigrid Passano Hellman
Marianne Brenton	Charles Hall	Barbara Porter
Dianne Brewer	Henry Hall	Michael Porter
Wanda Buczynski	May Hall	Lynne Priest
Ernie Burgess	Karen Hamilton	Beth Putnam
Sue Burgess	Ken Hamilton	Jeff Putnam
Cheryl Buxbaum	Martha Hamilton	Peter Rice
Dick Collins	Beth Howe	Betsey Ross
Donna Damon	Beverly Johnson	David Scarce
Carol Lynn Davis	Anna Maine	Nancy Sharp
Louise Doughty	Herb Maine	Will Sharp
Mabel Doughty	Vicki Marion	Ruth Slagle
Frank Durgin	Barbara Marks	Caroline Summa
Marianne Durgin	Milo Matrazzo	John Summa

Ann Thaxter
Caleb Todd
Vicki Todd

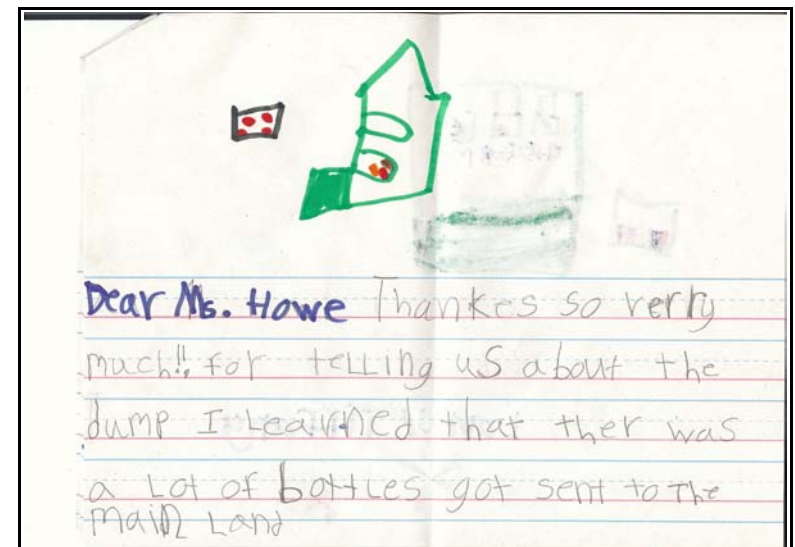
Sally Tubbesing
Nick Wessell
John Wilson

Jacob

This year saw some real changes to the operation of Chedemption. Frankie Doughty who had been both a strict taskmaster and an enormous help, ended her tenure at the Transfer Station on July 1, to be replaced by Gail Jenkins who is very supportive. The new Town of Chebeague Island allowed us to bring the Chedemption trailer up to the Transfer Station during the summer. This made dealing with all the boxes and bags much easier and more efficient. It also led to a proposal by Dick Collins to move the shed to another area of the Transfer Station where the trailer could also be kept all week, not just on weekends. You have to walk a little more to get to us, but you can't miss us.

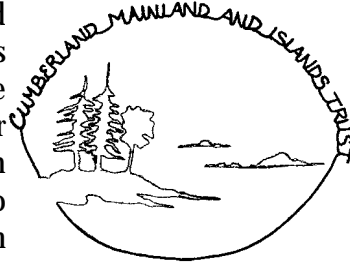
As usual, Gail and David Miller and assorted friends and relatives handled all the shipping to Portland, using the free and very much appreciated services of the Casco Bay Lines. East End Redemption takes in even the largest shipments of the summer with only an occasional complaint. We also thank the Chebeague Island Council for giving us an organization home and being responsible for insuring us.

— The Chedemption Management



Cumberland Mainland and Island Trust

The Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust celebrates its first year of service as a two-town regional land trust while Chebeague Island celebrates its first year as a town. We go forward together. I am very pleased that last year we were able to successfully partner with the Dayton family to secure a permanent conservation easement on their extraordinary property, the Higgins Farm. The easement will forever protect the remarkable views overlooking the field, allow continued traditional use of the shore, and preserve the field for agricultural uses. A classic Maine saltwater farm will be a "forever" gem in our island community.



The Higgins Farm taken by Michael Porter

In addition to serving our two host communities, CCLT also joined forces this past year with the Falmouth Land Trust and the Oceanside Conservation Trust of Casco Bay to form the state's first land trust collaborative, the Portland North Land Trust Collaborative. The purpose of Portland North is to provide its member trusts with a central repository for our documents, to share the costs and benefits of a professional staff to help manage our trusts more efficiently and to

secure regional opportunities and broader funding sources for our organizations. Each land trust will remain in control of its land-based activities, acquisition, and stewardship funding and management. Acquisition funds will stay within control of the individual trusts for their local projects. The early part of the vision proved that our collective interests will be well served by Portland North.

We were very fortunate to find Jessica Burton to staff Portland North and again fortunate to find grant funding to both support the costs of the collaborative and to help us put a plan in place that will improve the opportunities that regional collaboration will bring us. Portland North completed an intensive planning session this winter; it is now moving ahead in developing a plan for strategic and regional conservation planning for our region. Our coastal lands will receive the benefits from the collaborative's combined efforts.

At this time last year, CCLT was also working diligently to advance the potential of the Second Wind Farm. Chuck Varney and his supporters decided to pursue their goals without CCLT and the opportunities it could provide as the recipient of federal farm and ranchland conservation grants.

CCLT is currently working with several landowners on the mainland towards their conservation objectives. We hope to close on two more significant easements before year end. We also continue many "conservation conversations" on the island. Our board members from Chebeague stand ready to help landowners who want to preserve their land. Our present Chebeague Island board members are Leila Bisharat, Sue Burgess, Diane Lukac, Michael Porter and Carol White.

— Rob Crawford, President



Pete's on the right

Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Library worked hard last year to fund raise and support the Library. In July 2007, the Friends organized a wonderful Silent Art & Antique Auction, which was held at the Hall on a lovely Sunday afternoon. Items available for bid included an eclectic and fun mix of art, antiques, and artisan crafts. The enjoyable evening raised \$4,250. Everyone in attendance enjoyed good company and the

delicious food, perfectly prepared by Gail Todd. The scallop puffs were a favorite! Many Friends pitched in to help make the evening a success by working in the kitchen, and donating hors d'oeuvre ingredients. A special thanks goes to Leslie Clark for providing digital photographs of all the auction items.



Simon, Domino, Bashiba, and Lester (missing: Pete)

The annual appeal letter is the major fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. This year, from the generous donations that resulted from the letter, we raised a total of just over \$13,000. The raffle of Red Sox tickets, generously donated by Milo Matrazzo, gives us all a chance to experience major league baseball and brings extra income to the Library. Our ongoing book sale, phone book sales and library merchandise are other ways the Friends support the Library and its programs.

And finally, when you take your next visit to the Library, please take a moment to enjoy the refreshed and newly weeded gardens. The Library is fortunate to have some old Friends dedicating their time and gardening expertise in some very overgrown areas. Thank you Donna Clark, Linda White, Sue Burgess, Jen Hamilton and Ann Trower. We appreciate your efforts.

— Suzanne Rugh





Once again the Golf Club enjoyed a particularly successful season in 2007.

This year, Cary Espeaignette joined us as the Club's new Superintendent. Working with Tom Adams, the chair of the Greens Committee, Cary did an excellent job setting up and maintaining the course over the entire season.

Each year the Golf Club hosts more than 20 tournaments, starting with the season-opening Swatfest Tournament (held on July 4th weekend) and continuing all the way to the season-ending Frost Tournament (held on Columbus Day weekend). These include the Club Championships (for men, women and juniors), the numerous Handicap Championships, the several Scotch Twosome Tournaments and the Scrambles held each year in conjunction with the Family Barbeque and the Lobster Bake.

Almost all to these tournaments were contested in 2007, and a great time was had by all. Jim Van Fleet again prevailed as the Men's Club Champion (winner of the Spalding Cup) and Barbara Marshall presides as the Women's Club Champion (winner of the Brown Cup). Alex Buxbaum is our Junior Champion, winner of the Driscoll Cup. In tournaments contested on a handicap basis, Chuck Hilly was the winner of the Zaugg Cup, and Linda Grant was again the winner of the McCall Cup. Bob Buxbaum and John Rent oversaw the men's tournament activity, and Barbara Marshall and Sue Boggle provided similarly great oversight for the women's tournaments.

The Family Barbeque and the Lobster Bake highlight the Golf Club's social calendar. Jim and Anne Gallagher, together with Peter and Theresa Kaufman, again did a wonderful job hosting the Family Barbeque. For the Lobster Bake, Jim and Sarah Van Fleet, Scott and Janice Searway and Dave Whiston, did an equally fine job as hosts.



Photo by Donna Colbeth

Each year the Club's Women's Committee conducts a grand Bake Sale during the first week of August. This year's very successful event was overseen in fine fashion by Linda Ewing. And, again, Barbara Hamilton did a great job as our Club Manager.

A special thanks to all the members, employees and volunteers who helped to make 2007 a very special season. A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to 2008 with equal expectations. The Golf Club offers a great chance to get together and enjoy a great old game in a great social atmosphere. We hope more of the residents and visitors to Chebeague will take the opportunity to come out and join us during the coming season.

— Doug Clark, President



Great Chebeague Tennis Club

The Great Chebeague Tennis Club had another busy year in 2007. Our courts were ready for use by Memorial Day weekend. A group of “rollers” (volunteers who received special training on our very antiquated, but faithful roller known as “the Beast”) rolled the courts on a weekly basis. Consequently they were in good shape all summer. We also have renovated our sprinkler system with new heads and it now has a surge protection and rain gauge on it.

All the events were well attended. Men's round robin were on Monday mornings and Women's round robins were on Thursdays. The three tournaments, the Perkins, Lessing, and Brown Cups, were all won by Molly and David O'Donnell. Our barbeque/round robin was rained out but not cancelled - we moved the festivities to the Whitman's porch and had a great evening. We also had another mixed doubles round robin in late August. All events are listed in the Island Calendar.

For the first time we sponsored the tennis camp at the Rec. Center. The week long camp was attended by 12 campers between the ages of five to twelve. We used the court at the Rec. Center, as well as the gym, and we provided the rackets and balls. Club members volunteered their time as coaches and we all had a good time.

Junior Tennis clinic for ages 5 through 12 was held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 - 1:00. We provide rackets if needed and instruction was given by the Phillips boys and Julia Middleton. There was a good mix of Island and summer children attending. Teen Match play for ages 12 - 18 was held on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings at 5:00. We provide the balls. This was the first year reserved for teens and they seemed to appreciate it.

Our Annual Meeting was at the tennis courts as usual. We accepted nine provisional members as full members and one member for provisional membership. We welcome all who wish to play - if you are visiting and are not a member please pay the guest fee. If you are here for a longer period of time and are not a member please contact a board member and join our club. The nominating committee proposed the following slate: President, Hobey Hinchman; VP for Special Events, David O'Donnell; VP for Court Maintenance, Kevin Wentworth; Secretary, Jeff Hahn; Treasurer, Ursula King. It was

unanimously accepted. Special thanks goes to the whole board - those retiring and those who are filing another term.

We offer a sad good-bye to Scott and Morgan Phillips. They have been our court keepers, and instructors for six years. Come back for a visit, guys, every now and then. It won't be the same without you.

— HobeY Hinchman, President



<http://www.chebeague.org>

Since I started this website in 1996, it has been a personal effort and sometimes very time consuming. It is not a municipal or community sponsored service, receiving support only from the Library, which hosts the website.

With this in mind, please remember that I may not always be able to post your notices in a timely manner if, for example, I'm busy turning on water, making chebeague.net installations, or trying to live a life.

It would be very helpful if everyone would remember to:

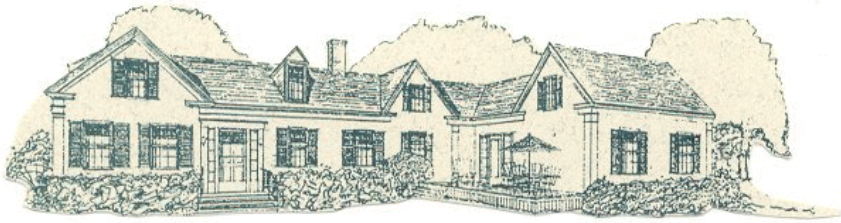
- 1) Get your notices in to me early, well before the event to be publicized.
- 2) Provide your notices to me in a format that allows me to simply "cut 'n' paste" them into the website

This will ensure that www.chebeague.org is of the most value to the most people.

— Beverly Johnson, Webmaster



Island Commons Resource Center



“A PLACE TO CALL HOME”

Island Commons Resource Center (ICRC) has had a busy year. At Island Commons, the largest program of ICRC, the house has been bustling with friends, family, volunteers and friendly staff. When you step into Island Commons, you might see one of our craft projects posted around, or pictures and holiday decorations up for all to see. There is always something new that we have been working on together.



Milo the cat (on sofa) poses for young artists at the Commons

Our activities are flourishing thanks to our wonderful Activity Volunteers! We have had several “Movie Afternoons” where we’ve



– Photo by Leah Arsenault

watched classic movies like *Gone with the Wind* and *Singing in the Rain*. Our Island rides are still one of our favorite things to do, and now that the weather is nice, you can probably count on seeing us cruising up South Road or down to Chandlers for a peak at the ocean. We’ve had concerts, poetry readings, round table lectures and many

other fun events. You can always see our latest activities schedule by visiting our website at www.islandcommonsresourcecenter.org and clicking the "Activities" link.

One special series of events we have enjoyed immensely is when the school children come to see us. This year we've had regular visits from the preschool. Each time is a new special treat - a Mexican hat dance, May baskets, Halloween costumes and more! We also have had visits from the grade school. One of the most noteworthy was one when each resident received a personalized drawing of Island Common's very own celebrity, Milo the cat.

The staff continues to be top-notch. Each member is CRMA certified, and they have gained further expertise through trainings, certifications and in-services. And it shows! This year Island Commons received 100% compliance on our annual state inspection.

This past year, ICRC's other initiatives have also been bustling. The Senior Luncheon community meal continues to be a popular event for all ages. Our volunteer cooks and servers whipped up tasty meals such as roast pork, strawberry shortcake and green salads for the Island community to enjoy. One fun change is that we've teamed up with the Chebeague Island Hall and Community Center so that our lunches are more centrally located. As a result, we have increased the numbers served. Senior Luncheon will continue again this October.

Winter is a time of introspection here on Chebeague, and in February 2008 ICRC took the innovative step of looking into ways to enable Island elders to stay in their own homes longer. ICRC held a series of focus groups to garner input from the community. It was discovered that Islanders need assistance with day-to-day items such as shoveling walkways, shopping and transportation. A committee is looking at ways to help in these areas.

On a financial note, the active part of the Island Commons Endowment Campaign comes to an end on 08/08/08. The original goals were to raise \$50,000 in annual donations for each of the three years of the Campaign, and \$800,000 in gifts and pledges for the Endowment. Thanks to the generosity of our Island friends, our annual goals have been met. However we still have a way to go in order to achieve our Endowment goals. The Endowment Committee and the Finance Committee are looking into new ways to accept donations through planned giving initiatives such as bequests and charitable gift annuities.

While we have had a great and productive year at Island Commons, it is important to remember four very special women who we greatly miss: Barbara Gwillim, Shirley Burgess, Eleanor Morse and Bertha Gray.

The following people have been honored and remembered in 2007-2008:

In honor of: Marilyn Nicklas, John and Susan Wilson, Ruth P. Millinger, Lewis and Mary Holman, John and Amanda Layng, Ellie Hill and Tee Taggart.

In memory of: Cynthia Sheketoff, Barbara Gwillim, Donald Whitney, Bob Parker, John H. Calder, Bette Tellinghuisen, Ellen Hamilton, Ruth Regele, Rita Bowman, Steve Ross, Tom Rothschild, Robert White, Eleanor Morse, Henrietta Leonard and Bertha Gray.

As always, if you find yourself driving by, we invite you to come visit us and see for yourself why Island Commons is a place to call home.

— Leanne Krudner, Community Relations Coordinator



*Back Shore after Elizabeth Hill's Wedding
First in the Town of Chebeague Island, 7/7/2007*

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid has had a very busy year. Besides the usual birthday celebrations of cake and ice cream our addition to the Parish House has finally happened.

In 1991 Mira and Harry Swartz left the Ladies Aid a fair amount of money in memory of Leah Webber and Ellen Hamilton. We were able to invest it with the New England Methodist Conference that gave us good interest for many years, which was a good thing considering that the addition to the back of the Parish House took 10 years to approve. Doug Ross and Beverly Johnson drew plans for us and went before the Planning Board, and for years the Town of Cumberland said that it couldn't be done like that. But the Town of Chebeague Island gave us the go ahead in five minutes.

Eric Weagle gave us the best bid and could start right away, so he, Donnie Nida and David Rich started tearing off the old kitchen. We girls wagged everything out of the cupboards so the Main Hall has been in quite a mess but we were still able to hold meetings and Easter Breakfast was even held as usual.



We held an ice cream social to celebrate the birth of the new town and it was a huge success. We plan to make it an annual event. It is scheduled for sometime in July or August. Watch for it.

— Joan Robinson



Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund

On behalf of the Stephen L. Ross Scholarship Committee let me congratulate all of the folks who have helped us with their contributions, to have reached the sum of \$102,725.26 now held with the Maine Community Foundation. This is an impressive figure in relation to the \$1,400.00 with which we started this scholarship fund.

THANK YOU one and all who have helped to build this fund balance. It has encouraged and aided many students from the Island who wished to go to college. Our hope is that more folks will realize the possibilities of this Fund and will be able and willing to contribute. The people who have responded to our call are listed below.

The eligibility requirements are quite simple, (a.) be a resident of Chebeague Island for at least 6 months prior to May 1 of the year in which the scholarship is sought; (b.) be a member of a senior class of an accredited high school, or be about to enter their 2nd consecutive year of education or training beyond high school.

The following people are recognized with warm appreciation for their gifts of money toward a college education for the youth of Chebeague in 2007-2008:

Less than \$100:

Antonio Zullo, Charles F. Hilly, Betsey Ann Ross,
Nancy B. Adams, Ms. Ruth Bradish, Douglas Ross

\$100 to \$200:

H. Scott Sigler, Willoughby Sharp, Marianne Brenton,
Kenneth Hamilton

\$500 to \$1,000:

William McCuskey, Nils H. Wessel,
Mr. and Mrs. David Hinchman, Ronald Malony,
Chebeague Island. Council (Chedemption)

\$1,000 or over:

A. E. Runge Jr. Oriental Rugs, James Millinger

Gifts may be mailed to Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main St., Ellsworth, ME 04605.

Committee Members: Doug Ross, Betsey Ross, Susan Burgess, Dianne Calder, Mabel Doughty, Hartley Brewer, Ken Hamilton

— Respectfully, Kenneth Hamilton, President

Town of Chebeague Island

The fight for independence from the Town of Cumberland and MSAD #51 and the founding of the Town of Chebeague Island has been chronicled in past issues of the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter*, and we would be remiss if we didn't continue to record the early history of our new Town.

However, as might be expected, the first year has been a busy one and the Selectmen and Town Administrator have been too busy to detail the events since July 1, 2007. This short article will summarize the high points of the year.



Susan Campbell and Karen Hamilton

- # The first Town Meeting was held on July 1, 2007. The first Board of Selectmen and School Committee (previously elected on June 24) were sworn in and all warrant articles were passed.
- # With certain exceptions, the ordinances of the Town of Cumberland were adopted by the new Town, to be modified as needed.
- # Boards and Committees were created and populated by a large number of Chebeague citizens.
- # The Town Office and other Town functions were established and operational policies and procedures established.
- # Our original Town Administrator, Ron Grenier, resigned early in 2008 to be replaced by North Yarmouth's former Town Administrator, Scott Saver.
- # The second annual Town Meeting was held on June 7, 2008. Donna Damon was re-elected to the Board of Selectmen and all warrant articles were passed.
- # The budget as passed at Town Meeting anticipates no increase in the property tax mill rate.



It's Unanimous!

As we move into our second year of independence, I believe that the mood on the Island is that the new Town is working well. As usual, the success of the Town of Chebeague Island is dependent upon the continued involvement of all Island residents, year-round and seasonal. We applaud their efforts to date.

— David R. Hill



Milo, the Commons Cat

United Methodist Church

This has been a year of new beginnings. On July 1st Chebeague became a town and I became the new pastor of the church. Heartfelt goodbyes had been said to Glenn Coombs as the town and the church struck out on new ventures. We started that fateful day in July with a sunrise service at the boatyard. It began with rain and ended with a beautiful sunrise and the beginnings of a rainbow! Morning had broken.



The church continues to thrive in the town of Chebeague. The Holy Spirit is evident in so many ways through the work of the people of Chebeague. We continue to support local missions including the Samaritan Fund, the Commons, the Health Center, Second Wind Farm, the Food Pantry, and the Discretionary Fund. We also have supported missions such as Long Creek Youth Developmental Center, Camp Mechuwana, UMCOR, UNICEF, and the Preble Street Resource Center. Our youth collected money to buy bednets to protect families in Africa from deadly malaria and raised money to buy more than 40 nets. In addition to this mission work, our congregation has served the

community of Chebeague through love and outreach to family, friends, and neighbors.



As we have worshiped together over the past 10 months, we have grown in relationship with one another and with Christ. We have come into the 21st century with Wireless Internet, a website <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/chebeaguechurch/>, and projection during worship. We experienced the Last Supper with a group of talented men and Lent with a series of skits. The Spirit is alive and well at CIUMC.

On May 11th, we welcomed 4 youth into the church through confirmation. They have taken seriously their commitment to Christ and made the personal decision to join the church. Congratulations to Chloe Dyer, Genny Dyer, Anna Hamilton and Ben Hillicoss!



Easter Sunrise Service, 2008

I personally want to express my gratitude to the community for extending a warm welcome and an openness to embrace the ministry I am called to bring to the island. I pray for God to continue to work mightily through the people of Chebeague in reaching out to those in need, in serving those whom Jesus served with a cheerful and loving heart.

Grace and Peace,

— Linda Brewster
Pastor, Chebeague Island
United Methodist Church



Whalers



To honor the new Town of Chebeague Island, our 2007 Spring Concert included many old favorite songs that brought back memories of our beginnings, the war years, country music and our island in particular. We were very pleased to have Meredith and Marlene Bowen and May Hall help us with guitar accompaniment and vocals. Then, during the week long celebration as a new town, we gave a joint concert with the choir at the Chebeague Methodist Church after the ice cream social there. The song Summer People from Cindy Bullens' musical Islands was a highlight of both these concerts.

In the fall we began rehearsing for the annual Christmas concert, entitled Winter Song and subtitled Music sublime and music ridiculous. We were delighted to add some new voices to the



ensemble: Mary Holt, Cheryl Stevens, returnees Barbara Porter and Ruth Houghton, and Josh Doughty as a special guest. There was traditional music but also a few gems that allowed us to dress up or act up, whichever you prefer. Actually, Christmas on the beach at Waikiki provided the opportunity for taking off as well as putting on. Several Whalers stripped down to bathing suits and we had a palm tree, wild shirts and grass skirts. A Gordon Bok song Firewood and The Twelve Days AFTER Christmas were great fun. Peter and Reuben Olney assisted us with percussion instruments and Barbara Porter played a flute accompaniment. Josh sang a duet with Vail Traina.

As usual we are indebted to Sally Tubbesing, our very capable and remarkable accompanist; the people who help with sound and light, etc., Tom Adams, Mal Rice, Steve Todd, Doug Ross; the girls in the kitchen, Jody Doughty, Priscilla Ross, Martha Champagne and Pat StCyr; and Steve Harris at the door.

Our fearless leader, John Howard, is now rehearsing us for the Spring 2008 Concert with the tentative title Rivers. He dedicates untold hours to previewing and selecting music, sometimes rearranging it, making rehearsal tapes and then working with us until we get it to his satisfaction. We are extremely fortunate to have him directing us.

The Whalers include: John Ash, Sally Ballard, Jamie Calthorpe, Dianne Calder, Doug Clark, Martha Hamilton, Cheryl Hillicoss, Mary Holt, Ruth Houghton, Banú KomLosy, Cathy MacNeill, Jim Millinger, Mimi Moulton, Malcolm Rice, Joan Robinson, Tina Runge, Sue Sawyer, Cheryl Stevens, Vail Traina, and rejoining us for the Spring Concert this year Susan Stavropoulos and a new member Thea Youngs.

— Martha O. Hamilton



Chebeague Census and Vital Records

A quick census of Chebeague was done in January, 2008: there were approximately 322 people on the Island at that time.

ENGAGEMENTS...

Nora Sadowski to Peter Maloney
Katherine Bruck to Robert McCullom

WEDDINGS...

Peter Hahn to Ann Stephens
Elizabeth Hill to Tom Schutte
Christopher Johnson to Christine Cunanan
Carol Munroe to John Allen
Eleanor Lancey to Herbert Opper
Seth Porter to Lisa Martin
Amy Sidor to Troy Wilkins
Adam Rothschild to Sally Madsen
Lincoln Turner to Melina Martinez
David Vintinner to Amy Murphy
Ben Wentling to Leah MacDonald
Grace Wilson to Aubrey Jones

BIRTHS...

Katherine Ann to Scott and Kriste Belesca
Annabelle Lelia to Jeremy and Danielle (Hamilton) Bradley
Hayden Scott to Rich and Pamela Brewer
Liam Rensby to Chris and Erica Brown
Tracie Elisabeth to Mike and Heather (Maloney) Dougan
Jay Arthur to Sam and Carolyn (Lynch) MacNeil
Strummer Joseph to John and Elizabeth Mead
Eva Mae to Topher and Erika Newmann
Cole Williams to Jeffrey and Beth (Dyer) Putnam
Thomas Willoughby Dunfee to Andrew and Jennifer Sharp
Mason David to David and Amy (Murphy) Vintinner
Alex Virginia to Richard Yenco and Kandish Fish
Christopher Joseph to Chris and Kimberly (Kuntz) Gogan

CONGRATULATIONS...

Sanford and Mabel Doughty for their second great granddaughter **Lila Merilyn**

Tina and Tad Runge, a granddaughter **Amelia Grace**

Rich and Sally (Layng) Crapser have a grandson **Owen Bryce**

Gail and Jack Williams have a granddaughter **Emily Jean**

Mimi (Moulton) Tyler, a grandson **Signar Jasper**

Jane (Shute) Scifres has a grandson **Drake Alden**

Peter and Alice (Morse) Mellin have a granddaughter

MacKenzie Ann

Bill and Bobbie McCuskey have a granddaughter **Sarah Wessell**

DEATHS...

Shirley Ross Burgess

Spc. Justin Buxbaum

Thomas Curran, Senior

Lane Gosbee

Bertha F. Gray

Barbara Stevens Gwillim

Dr. Henrietta Leonard

Nancy Emery Lizotte

Eleanor Becker Morse

Wilbert ("Billy") Munroe

Judith Jarrett Nida

Carolyn Parker

Donal Parr

Dorothy Ross

William H. Soule

Truman Stelle

Edna Ross Swain

Bette ("Boopie") Doughty Tellinghuisen

Richard ("Dick") Thurlow

Robert Tonks

Margaret (Peggy) Soule Turner

Woldemar Weiss

Robert White

Olive Rines Worthley

CONDOLENCES TO...

Gloria and Robert Brown - her sister Carol Gray

Robert and Nancy Earnest - his father

Bill Gowen - his wife Betty

May and Charles Hall - their grandmother Edna Hall

Mary and John Holt - her father Donato Reveruzzi

Eleanor Day Oppell - her husband Herbert

Charlotte and "Bep" Morse - her brother Donald Root Jr

Carolyn Newcomb - her mother Margaret and her sister Pamela

Charlie Ross - his wife Catherine ("Cassie")

John Turner - his mother Margaret

We apologize if we have left someone out of these statistics. Please send notices to Marjorie or Dianne as they occur so we can include them in the next Newsletter. Dianne Calder and Marjorie Munroe

— Census data provided by Dianne Calder and Marjorie Munroe



