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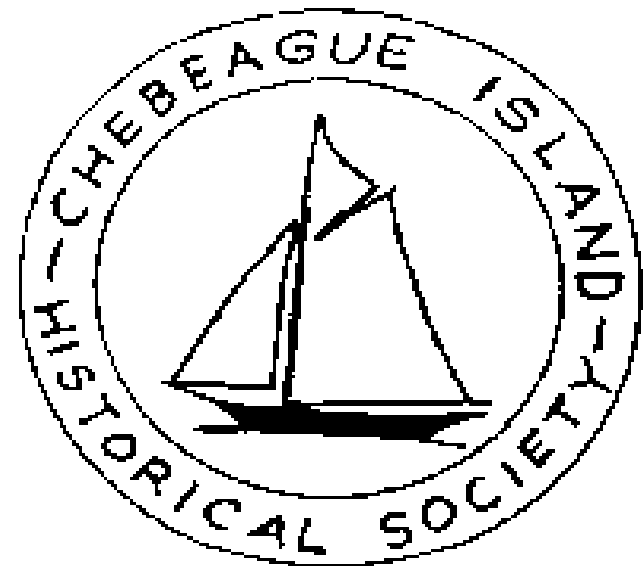


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Cover:

This year, we are including in the middle of this *Newsletter* a few pages of color photographs by many island photographers highlighting the beauty of the Island that captivates all of us. The Chebeague Island Comprehensive Planning Committee makes reference to “scenic vistas” in their Natural Resources section and this section should graphically illustrate that resource..

Sanford's Pond in winter certainly qualifies as one of the most scenic vistas on Chebeague.

Thank you, Sanford and Mabel, for making this a Chebeague institution.

Cover photograph by Sam Birkett

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This is the twelfth 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.

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, Island Riches, the Niblic 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



Organized to protect and enhance the livability of the Casco Bay islands and concerned that the setting of precedent can make a threat to any one island a possible danger to all the rest, Casco Bay Island Development Association has been following closely the Hotelminium proposal for the former double barracks and

hospital at Fort McKinley on Great Diamond Island. As the name indicates, a Hotelminium is arranged and operated as a hotel while the various rooms and suites are owned by individuals and used as residences or rental investments.

A major concern is that a restaurant/bar is to be built on land that, according to the original agreement (among CBIDA, Island Institute, Maine Audubon and Dictar Associates, the original developer of McKinley Estates) should be kept as “open space in perpetuity”. It should be noted that the Webster definition of “perpetuity” is “endless time”, not the some twenty years between the agreement and the present time.

Also, the estimated 42 units of the new building will be added to the original wastewater treatment plant established for the bedrooms of the Parade Ground units, several of which have added an extra bedroom. A more serious part of the problem is that the treatment plant is so outdated that it would not be allowed under present day regulations.

The whole project is presently on hold while a Great Diamond group questions the legality of the McKinley Estates Homeowners Association vote to accept the project in the first place. It needs to be understood that the entire McKinley Estates development (Fort buildings and individual houses on the perimeter) is a condominium with the usual assessed fees collected from the individual owners.

This year the Meet the Author Day, which previously was held on Peaks Island with students from Cliff, Chebeague and Long Island joining the Peaks Islanders, did not take place. CBIDA has been happy to help support the event financially, but this year the request instead was for help with a trip for Peaks and Cliff children to go to Boston to visit the Science Museum. The help was granted – though not without regret and concern that the event was not bay wide.

Steering Committee meetings are held at the Casco Bay Island Ferry Terminal and are open to the public. For information, call Jane Seifres at 846-0472 or call me at 766-2942.

— Jean Dyer

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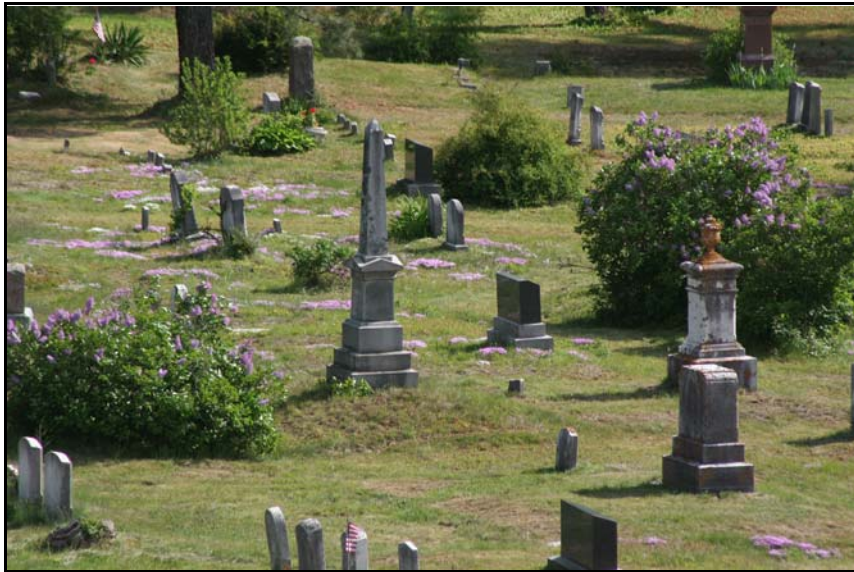


Chebeague Cemetery Committee

The metal sign that was found last year has been redone and is installed temporarily along North Road. The Committee is considering several options for its permanent placement. A new mower and trimmer were purchased and new deed forms and accounting forms are now being used. Some of the Committee's long term plans are to obtain quotes from professionals for monument repair, develop area for new burial plots, and markers for roads. Dick and Dianne Calder oversee the cemetery and make recommendations to the Committee for immediate consideration. Keeping trees limbed out and plant growth low around grave markers is an ongoing job. Their considerate care over the years shows every time you drive past.

Kenneth Hamilton	R i c h a r d	C a l d e r ,
Lynne Priest, Treasurer	Superintendent	
Gail Miller, Secretary	Dianne Calder, Superintendent	
Martha Hamilton		

— Deborah A. Bowman, Chairman



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 economic development, and we have also begun to work on issues relating to energy conservation and local energy generation.

Our annual meeting was held July 21, 2008. The big news of the day was that we finally received our official IRS status as a 501(c)(3) organization. New members Bruce Riddle, David Whiston, and Frank Durgin have joined board members Mabel Doughty, Bob Earnest (president), Ester Knight, Jeff Putnam, John Wilson (treasurer), Beth Howe (secretary), Cheryl Stevens, and Ruth Slagle.

Our pilot project for Affordable Housing continues on track. We have learned much from the process – the ins and outs of selection criteria and committee work in a small community, and the joys of absentee home ownership with the attendant maintenance issues. We were able to extend our subsidized / bought down low interest loan from the Genesis Foundation, which allows us to continue learning from the rental of 226 South Road before the (probable) sale of the home in a few years (also on an affordable basis). Meanwhile, we continue to explore other ways that land and/or structures can be made more affordable, and, we continue to fine tune our understanding of the demand for affordable housing in the Town of Chebeague 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). We have also been involved with the Lobster Co-op as they explore options for better control of their distribution channels. And we have been working on other ways in which small business can better be supported on Chebeague.

We have also been working on energy generation and conservation. John Wilson has taken the lead for CICA and has been working with other Chebeaguers and the Island Institute on the potential of large-

scale wind energy generation on Chebeague. And, we participated in the Church's storm window work last fall; we hope to help that work grow into a more comprehensive energy conservation effort for next winter.

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

— Bob Earnest



Chebeague Island Community Sailing School



The Chebeague Island Community Sailing School (which is sponsored by the Chebeague Island Yacht Club) enjoyed another year of growth - sixty four budding young sailors braved the chill waters at the Boatyard for their first-day swim test. We continue to hunt for the right design of portable shelter (sun tents are quickly blown off the beach during squalls). Sponge Tag has become the fun new training tool (to learn more, ask one of the instructors).

And, our big news is a new schedule - we've added a two-week session in early July, to accommodate the growing demand for Sailing School.

Our instructors in 2008 were Taryn McGovern and Isaac Julien as lead instructors, assisted ably by Anna Maine, Asa Julian, and Sarah Freeman, and by our junior instructors Persephone Bennett, Nate Richards, and Hutch Hurwitz. All but one of our instructors will return in 2009 - Sarah Freeman's ski racing competition and training will keep her busy most of the summer. 2009 promises to be another year of good boat time, instruction, games, and healthy fun for all.

It is early May as I write this update - it's foggy, cold, and windy, and yet spring appears to have arrived - there are hummingbirds at the feeder today! Once again the registration list for this coming summer is almost full; instructors are heading off to training; CICSS boats are in good shape for the summer; and the occasional mud on the roads must mean that summer is near. Cross your fingers for good sailing weather this summer.

— Bob Earnest

Chebeague Island Council

It is 2009 and change is in the air. We have a new President, healthcare appears to be on the agenda in Washington and we are facing the greatest financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Yet, some things don't change. Spring will come, Chebeague will blossom and summer on Chebeague will be here before you know it.

And the Chebeague Island Council is still here. Formed almost 60 years ago, at the end of World War II, the Council has played, and continues to play, a key role in supporting island life, both seasonal and year round.

§ Every month, the Calendar, which tells you what happens on Chebeague all year long, is delivered to every household on the island. Members of the Island Council, when not in residence on the island, receive their copy via bulk mail.

§ The Medical Center continues to function because of the efforts of Chris Silva, Nancy Hill, and Joan Robinson, while Ginny Ballard provides services to Island Commons residents and a few island residents who require support in their own homes. This fall, like every fall, the Council sponsored the flu clinic. The medical equipment loan program makes crutches, wheelchairs and other equipment available to those who need them. And let's not forget the Samaritan Fund that helps pay for prescriptions and other medical items for those who would otherwise have to go without.

§ One of the most popular Council programs is Chedemption. During the summer, volunteers sort empty bottles and cans that are then transported to Portland free of charge. The rest of the year, the old Chedemption regulars take on that task. Every fall the proceeds are donated to the non-profits on Chebeague which participated with volunteers.

§ This year the price of oil fell far below what anybody expected. We don't know for sure what the price of oil will be next winter. But we do know that, in concert with the Church, the Council's Fuel Assistance Fund will be here to help those who need to keep warm next winter.

§ The newest designated fund is Cynnies Group, which provides Hospice Care supports such as helping to pay for hands-on medical care, medical supplies and family respite activities

§ Every 4th of July, we all anxiously await the parade that starts at the East End and meanders down to, this year, the Rec center for a picnic that is unsurpassed.

All of these things happen because of the Council, which was formed to promote and assist in the development of activities and projects designed to improve conditions important to the inhabitants of Great Chebeague Island. And the Council depends on you. Please join or renew your membership.

Officers:

Louise Doughty President Pro-Tem

Mac Passano Secretary

Gail Miller Treasurer

Board of Directors:

Ginny Ballard

Carol Lynn Davis

Barbara Hamilton

Nancy Hill

John Holt

Ester Knight

Beth Putnam

Peter Rice

Gina Ross

— John Holt



Chebeague Island Grange #576

Despite a very small active membership, the Chebeague Island Grange managed to play a significant part in island activities in 2008 and the spring of 2009. We were pleased to have 50-60 volunteers turn out to help with the Annual Spring Road and Shore Cleanup in May this year to start off the yearly activities. Thanks everyone!

The Thrift Shop had a very successful year in 2008 thanks to some special donations and the expertise of some very hand workers ... Sara VanFleet, Pommy Hatfield, Pat StCyr and Marilyn Nicklas who keep the "merchandise" moving. Proceeds were over \$3000 so we were able to make a donation of \$1000 to the church assistance fund. Prospects are good for another banner year ... in fact the shop will be open earlier to start moving the larger inventory than usual. Drop in some Tuesday.

The 2009 Memorial Day program was titled "Women in the Military" and except for Herb Maine who always plays taps for us, all the participants were female. We honored our World War II and Korean War veterans, Margie Rice, Nicky Wheldon, Fran Calder and Ginger Sharpe and listened to our contemporary veteran Karen Hamilton tell us of her very interesting 24 years in service, mostly on Coast Guard cutters. The Herb Maine family, Dianne Calder and Marilyn Nicklas made up the 175 sprays that are placed on veterans graves after the ceremony. Joan Robinson is responsible for placing all the flags that denote veterans graves and she has done so for many, many years. Thank you Joan; she didn't even let her bum knee keep her from it.

We were sad to lose two members. Eleanor Morse was always full of fun. She and Ned were always ready to dress up, sing, whatever, for our Grange programs. Jane Abrahamson is sorely missed as she has been active in our cleanup program and the shut-in baskets at Christmas, etc.

We expect to continue the baskets of goodies for shut-ins and something special for Island Commons as usual at Christmas time. We wish a special thank you to some non-Grangers who help us make Christmas a little brighter for some island families. Your donations are really appreciated.

— Martha Hamilton

Chebeague Island Hall and Community Center

The Chebeague Island Hall Community Center has had an industrious year full of change and challenge. In April the CIHCC Board lost its President, Jane Abrahamson, who had so graciously led us with great distinction for a year and a half. Her commitment to the Hall dated back to the days when the Hall building was all there was. She chaired committees, acted as Secretary and performed as host and server on many, many an occasion.

The roofing work was done. The Hall bylaws were redone under the generous guidance of Lew Holman. The kitchen cabinets have been strengthened. The attic and back storage area were cleaned up and arranged. The inside walls have been painted. With the help of eight stalwart gentlemen and a lot of good cheer, the stage apron and piano were moved to allow us to clean under the stage. The floor has been refinished with polyurethane.

Barbara Hamilton found some handsome posts to be installed in front of the building to prevent people from driving on the brick walkway.

Emphasis this year has been on refurbishing the kitchen. A new speedy, energy-efficient (and legally sterilizing) dishwasher has been installed. This being done, we are well on our way to making our kitchen up to snuff in order for us to qualify as an emergency shelter. Already, during ice storms and other power outages, the CIHCC has functioned as a refuge. Deb Bowman and Mary Holt, with the help of many others, have served tasty meals to all who fled dark, cold homes to this safe haven. We are looking into getting a real commercial style stove and with the help of the Abrahamson memorial money, we hope soon to have it installed.

The Island Commons Senior Luncheons have evolved into simply the Island Commons Community Luncheons. Under the capable direction of Arlene Dyer and Nancy Olney, they are now an eagerly awaited event each winter month at their new location in the Hall. Hall Brunches are well on their way to becoming a legend. The latest was put together by Ruth Slagel and was the most successful ever. The variety and ingenuity of fare has become famous. Beverly Johnson is

planning a cookbook of the dishes served with pictures of same. Stay tuned...

Other events have been the summer theater offerings and concerts by the Whalers. The Quilters continue to meet regularly and yoga classes are held in the Hall during the summer months. The Craft Fair was held in November. There have been family and other celebratory occasions as well, but the more stringent laws of our time have cut back on festivities such as dances and band concerts. Instead we are becoming the venue of planning and government. Meetings of the Town Selectmen and Planning Boards are now held at the Hall. Chebeague held its first caucuses within these walls and, of course, an historic vote took place here in November when the country elected a new President.

There have been moves to make our Community Center more cohesive. A near catastrophe in the septic system has made us all aware of the fact that we are basically one unit. Jane had begun meetings with the Library Board President, Sally Tubbesing, who now regularly attends our meetings and with whom we intend to revisit and revise the Lease Agreement in the coming months. Under the guidance of some accomplished gardeners on the Library Board, the grounds are slowly being spruced up.

All in all, the CIHCC is becoming more and more a real Community Center, diminished only by the loss of a dedicated, hard working President who will be missed for a long, long while.

— Susie Stavropoulos



Chebeague Island Historical Society

Greetings to all from the Museum of Chebeague History at the District #9 Schoolhouse.



The Historical Society had another busy year in 2008. Our biggest project was the putting together of an exhibit about Chebeague and World War II. In connection with our WW II theme, we held a guided tour by Jim Millinger at East End Point, where there had been a U. S. Army Coast Artillery installation, and a second tour also led by Jim, from the sea around Chebeague's coast, illuminated

wartime locations and events.

The exhibit turned out to be a very popular show, and we have decided to leave it up, with some improvements, for the summer of 2009.

During the year we sponsored a number of individual programs. Vice President Donna Damon gave a talk about the roots of our new town. Jim Millinger presented a program about the World War II defense installations in Casco Bay. Cathy MacNeill presented a program of selected photographs of Chebeague, and she and Jane Frizzell gave a slide show of the works of some of the artists from Chebeague's past. Doug Damon gave a most interesting evening about his model building. Other programs included a couple of World War II movies, a sing-a-long evening, a Fall Open House and our annual Christmas Party.

A major building project included the addition of a metal roof on the "annex" part of our building (the subsequent addition to the original school). We also added more insulation and carried out ceiling repairs in this part of our building. We have had some major winter leaks in the past, but the new roof stood up to a snowy and wet winter without a failure.

All members continue to receive the historical society's newsletter the Sloop's Log twice a year at no charge. It appears to be very popular, to the pleasure of its contributors and editors. The Historical Society has sponsored the Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter since 1998, a service to the island and to all the island organizations.

Our collections continue to grow, with additions of both local gifts and with purchases. Donna Damon diligently searches for Chebeague related items on e-bay.



The Gift Shop ... should it be the Gifte Shoppe? ... did well in the 2008 season. The merchandise committee added some new items which our visitors from both on and off the island were glad to purchase.

The size of our membership is gratifying. It is difficult to give an exact number because many of these are family memberships, but it is in the neighborhood of 500 persons. We have many year round and summer

members as well as members from away who have fond family connections to Chebeague. It is always rewarding to find that so many care about our little island society and its mission. Thank you all who have joined us and to those who have volunteered over the years.

Board for 2008-09:

Richard Bowen
Vivian Boxer
Don Buxbaum
Diane Calder
Bill Calthorpe
Donna Damon
Nancy Earnest
Jane Frizzell
Barbara Hamilton
Mary Holt

Carly Knight
Jim Millinger
Mimi Moulton
Marjorie Munroe
Mac Passano
Peter Rice
Joan Robinson
Sylvia Ross
Beth Wiles
Jerry Wiles

— Jane Frizzell, President

Chebeague Island Library



Another busy, active, informative and exciting year at the Library. The Library continues to be accessible to all in the programs, services and hours offered. Library staff and Board of Trustees are always looking for different ways to enlighten, entertain, engage and invite patrons in.

In 2008, the Library was open 277 days and issued 48 new library cards. 14,493 patrons made their way into the Library and checked out 15,960 items. Almost 4,000 made use of the public computers. Many others may have connected wirelessly from outside the building.

Groovy Movie finished its sixth season with Mark McGee volunteering his time and talents as our resident "cinema professor". Maine Humanities Council provides us with books, but local experts, Sheila and Phil Jordan, really lead us in poetry group. A casual book group met several times, but real book discussion is an ongoing, over the counter, everyday occurrence.

Joint programming and brainstorming with the Chebeague Parents Association and Chebeague Recreation Center provides entertainment in a variety of ways. Mr. Magic and his bag of magic tricks came and put on two great shows for over 200 attendees. Kids and parents alike had a wonderful time! The Christmas tree lighting and party is the kind of wonderful community event that brings everyone out for singing, hot cocoa and cookies and the arrival of Mr. Claus. Pizza and movie night also provides a welcome diversion for the long winter.

The use of the Library display space by artists brings many to the Library. Artist receptions were held for Debe Loughlin, Linda Carleton, Dot Colbeth, Rachel Church and Anthony Gomez. Their work and the works of fellow artists Allyson Smith, Arlene Dyer, Ernie Greppin, Sandra Rice and Ellen Maher enrich the Library space and our lives.

Daisy the pig had a birthday party and we invited everyone to come and share her day along with cake and ice cream. The opportunity to sleep over at the Library, be read to and see a movie continues even

without Harry Potter! The summer reading program, “Catch the Reading Bug” had our wall decorated with colored bug jars showing everyone’s progress.

Table displays are always interesting and fun. During the winter months, we had Ladies Aid mittens as decoration for winter books. Martha Hamilton brought her trove of Grange memorabilia as we relived our own Grange’s glory days. Linda Ewing brought “joy” to the Library with her collection of items with that word. The “pink of perfection” continued our fun tradition of single color displays.

As always, volunteers still contribute so much to the success of the Library. In the almost 400 hours given, talents such as gardening, shelving, greeting, program leading, Board members were put to excellent use. It is a very enjoyable, mutually beneficial arrangement. The Library gives to the community and the community gives back. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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



Mimi Moulton, Jane Abrahamson, Mabel Doughty, Joan Robinson.

Chebeague Island School Department

Superintendent's End of Year Report

To the Citizens of Chebeague Island:

The 2008-2009 school year began with welcoming the staff back to school before Labor Day. We got reacquainted and discussed goals for the year. We were fortunate to retain all of the existing regular staff. Consistency provides a strong foundation in the instructional process.

Thankfully, Althea Dugliss continues as Administrative Secretary working with the Superintendent/Principal and serves as the office liaison with teachers, parents and the Island Community. How fortunate the community and the school are to have such a professional presence on a daily schedule.

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND SCHOOL STAFF

Name	Position
Alton L. Hadley, III	Superintendent/Principal
Althea Dugliss	Administrative Secretary
Ann Long	Food Service/Custodian
Nancy Earnest	Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Kristin (Rohrbach) Westra	Grades 3-5 Teacher (4)
Tammy Drew Hoidal	Grades 3-5 Teacher (1)
Ruth White	Grades K-2 Teacher
Mary Holt	Special Education
Lee Ann Robinson	Ed Tech II
Marty Trower	Ed Tech III
Louisa Wickard	Art
Virginia Tatakis-Calder	Physical Education/Bus Driver
Elizabeth McKenna	General Music
Margaret Robinson	Violin
Denise Sullivan	Occupational Therapist/Guidance Services
Patrick Civiello	Speech Therapist
Nancy Hill	School Nurse

Tammy Hoidal joined our staff at the start of the school year as a long-term substitute teacher for Kristin Rohrbach Westra who took a maternity leave to give birth to Sofie in August and additional time away to be a new mom. We never missed a beat in the Grade 3-5 classroom. Ms. Hoidal brought a sense of humor and a strong teaching background to the classroom each and everyday. The arrangement worked so well that when Ms. Westra brought forward a job sharing request: that she work Monday - Thursday and Ms. Hoidal cover Friday, it was an easy, enthusiastic "yes!!" We anticipate that arrangement will continue in the 2009/2010 school year.

Enrollments for the 2008-2009 year reflect twenty-five PRE K-5 students at the Chebeague Island School and twenty-two Grade 6-12 students at MSAD #51 schools and three students attending private schools.

Our 2008-2009 budget reflected a decrease over the previous year's budget in spite of higher energy cost for diesel, heating oil, propane and electricity. We were able to accomplish this even with a decrease in state aid.

One highlight this year, of which we are all very proud, is that the Chebeague Island School was selected to be a recipient of WCSH 6's "Schools That Shine" award. In addition to 30 seconds of TV time daily during the month of May, the school received \$1,000 to support school programs. The school was also the recipient of a R.E.A.P. Grant for \$18,000 (second year in a row) to be used to enrich learning opportunities and to provide technology for the students and staff.

Thanks to the School Committee: Carol White; Jerry Wiles, Chair; Beverly Johnson; Jen Belesca, Vice Chair; and Ken Pelton for their efforts on behalf of the Chebeague Island Students. This has been a very trying year with the economy going into the tank, reductions in state revenue, and curtailments to school budgets.

Thank you to the parents, students and volunteers who make the Chebeague Island School a very special learning environment. I want to thank 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.

Finally, thank you to the entire Chebeague Island Community for the support of our schools. It is through your efforts that we are able to provide a quality program for our students.

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



Chebeague Island Yacht Club

2008 provided another season on the water for CIYC members engaged in a variety of yachting activities. The weather was a continuous challenge with countless days of fog and drizzle. Yet when the skies cleared, the bay beckoned as always.



Commodore Cox-Chapman kicked off the Chebeague Island Yacht Club (CIYC) season with a gathering at the new CIBY facility over the Fourth of July weekend. Members attended to celebrate the club and plan events for 2008. As in the past, the agenda was weighted more toward renewing old

friendships and greeting new members than business matters. The new upstairs space created by CIBY includes a deck complete with views out over the harbor and to the northern reaches of Casco Bay. During the meeting a schooner with full sails flying made her way from east to west in fading sunlight adding to the magic of renewing old friendships and appreciating a new place to gather.

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 struggled with the weather during the summer of 2008. Several races were cancelled on account of the weather including the Bates Island Race. The picnic was held but the race cancelled on account of lightning. The Ensign fleet remains at 18 although biggest turnout for any one race was 6 boats. Some highlights of the 2008 season's races were:

- Superb support of Saturday Racing by members willing to serve as Committee Boat

- A Round Island Race that included all types of weather including strong winds at the finish
- A final "double" race that included two different sets of instructions (by error) so after rounding the first mark the fleet separated to several different marks each convinced the other was wrong!

A new "race" was added for 2008 in an effort to build interest in boating activities among the young. The "anything goes race" was held along the Rose's Point beach and the only requirement was that whatever boat that was entered had to be built by the contestants. Four entries paddled, rowed, and kicked their way to the finish line to the delight and cheers of parents and friends.

The season closed with a reception at the boatyard the weekend prior to Labor Day. Club members once again reveled in the venue as the season drew to a close with the customary business conducted at the final meeting.

Trophies were awarded, a debate was conducted over the "Bungle Award", and new officers were appointed. Alexandra Zaugg Swafford will serve as secretary. Bob Halpin will continue as treasurer and Aaron Julien as membership chair and secretary. Dave O'Donnell will continue on as Rear Commodore in charge of power lunch outings.

Also new for 2008 was a year-end appeal for funds to support CICSS. This was undertaken at the request of members and conducted with a mailing at the end of 2008. The response was a gratifying affirmation of CICSS and all that it represents, especially in light of the free fall deterioration of the economy that was taking place at the time of the appeal.

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 and competent on the water is a great gift that members can pass on to the younger people on the island.

Race results and trophies for 2008:

The "anything goes" race originally started as a 'class race' with variations and now means anything that floats!

6/28 Opening Race – no boats

7/5 Crow Island Race –

Rothschild Trophy (Crow Island Race)

1. *Ralph Ragan in Ariel
2. Cox Chapman in A Cappella
3. Babcock in Quick

*No small boats

7/12 Ocean Race:

Burgess Trophy (Ocean Race-only for large boats)

1. David Burgess
2. Ragan
3. Babcock

Small Boat: John Ash – Rhodes 19

7/19 Hamilton Beach Race:

Harper Brown Trophy J (Hamilton Beach Race – only for small boats)

*no small boats raced

Large boats:

1. Bob Earnest
2. Adam Rothschild

8/9 (postponed) Round Island Race

Corson Trophy (Round Island Race-small boats)

1. *Sara Freeman; J-Y
2. Taryn McGovern
3. Jamie Freeman

Trower Trophy (Round Island Race-large boats)

1. *Bob Earnest Ripple
2. Cox-Chapman A Cappella
3. Aaron Julien

7/26 West End Race:

Shattuck Cup (West End Race-large boats only)

1. Bob Earnest Ripple
2. Cox-Chapman A Cappella
3. David Burgess

Small boats: Taryn McGovern

Hubbell Mug (Bates Island Picnic)

*cancelled

Marks Trophy (Bates Island Picnic)

*cancelled



8/23 Double Race

Large Boats:

1. Bob Earnest
2. Reggie Babcock
3. Aaron Julien

Second race

Small Boats: John Ash – both races

Overall Trophies:

Bungle Award: Jim Cox-Chapman (docking maneuver)

Jan Frieze Trophy (small boat Trophy)

*John Ash; R-19

Ash Trophy (large boat overall Trophy)

*Bob Ernest; Ripple

Club Champion: Bob Earnest

— Jim Cox-Chapman, Commodore

Chebeague Needleworkers

The quilters/knitters, hookers and other textile artists have been reduced in numbers this year, but keep on going. Our saddest loss this year was Jane Abrahamson. Over the past year, particularly, Jane spent much more of her time helping Susy Stav. and Jane Harrington with ambitious projects than working on her things.

Susie's crazy quilt, described in the last Newsletter, was finished last November. But it might still be in pieces without Jane's help with getting it from a pile of squares to an actual quilt.

Background: On her 65th birthday some years ago, many well-wishers, spurred on by BJ, made quilt squares commemorating various aspects of her life. However these helpful friends left to Jane the task of squaring up and putting together this diverse collection of squares of different colors, patterns and sizes. No one, looking at the finished quilt that Jane came up with would ever have guessed how much work that went into putting it together. But the other quilters knew.

Segue to Susie's pile of squares of different colors, patterns and sizes. Jane took Susie in hand and by dint of persuasion, ordering, helping and pushing, got her to square them up to a common size so that they could then be pieced together. Susie wailed and complained but complied. And now she is working on another, somewhat similar crazy quilt.

In the same spirit Jane helped Jane Harrington bring a complex project to a highly successful conclusion. Jane H wanted to make quilts for her twin grand-nephews, Alexander and Christopher Agalioti, who were due to have their fourth birthdays. She found a rather busy pattern for a Noah's Ark wall-hanging. It included patterns for wonderful animals and birds, along with a fine ark. But a wall-hanging is not a bed quilt, even for a four-year-old. The two Janes spent most of last summer trying to find fabrics to represent the flood waters, the lowering sky and the land where the animals, two by two, are walking up the gang-plank into the ark. After many tries and changes of heart, the perfect fabrics were chosen. After that, with plenty of encouragement from the rest of us, and help from Jane A, the first quilt took shape. Even the problem of how to create a rainbow was solved with a perfect piece of ribbon. With one quilt in hand, the

second was at least relatively easy and by December two identical quilts were ready for two identical twins.

Of course, while these major projects were in process the rest of us kept knitting, embroidering, hooking, snipping and quilting. Perhaps the other most impressive sustained effort has been Joyce's portrait gallery, in hooking, of all the Soucek pets: dogs Mia, Tyler, Buddy and now Samson a most soulful bull mastiff, as well as cats: Charlie and Spooky, Mac and Molly and Missy.

So if you are interested in good companionship, good dinners and good handwork, come join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at the Hall. Bring your sewing machine, embroidery floss, or whatever other tools you need, and don't come too early in the morning. But do come.

— Beth Howe



Chebeague Parents' Association

Our current officers are: Vicki Todd – President, Amy Rich and Nancy Olney – Co-Vice Presidents, 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, family and community involvement.

The 2008 summer kicked off with another memorable 4th of July at the Chandlers Cove field. We once again sold our famous fresh lobster rolls and they were a big hit. We are grateful for our loyal lobster catchers who donate their early season catch every year to support us in this fundraising endeavor. We send a special thank you to Dropping Springs Coop and especially Stephen Todd and crew; Sarah McKinnon and Carly Knight for collecting the donated lobsters. Our 4th of July Bake Sale is always a huge hit, and we appreciate all of our families and friends who bake delicious treats year after year. The popular Kids' Park gave the little ones a place to play and get their faces painted, and it was great to see so many people enjoying the beach.

As most of you know, the CPA relies on fundraising, grant writing and donations to help us provide a variety of programs and opportunities for our children. The popular Calendar Raffle, Children's Art Christmas Cards, Cookbook sales, T-shirt Sales and Sally Foster wrapping paper sales to name a few, continue to help us raise money. Thanks to all of you who purchase our goods, support our raffles and donate to our organization. This past year, we were fortunate to have received a beautiful hand-made bird house by Herb Rich to be raffled off to support our Island School. The bird house was on display at the Library and now can be found at the Niblic. If you haven't seen it or bought your raffle ticket, yet, stop in before it is too late.

Through the continued support from the island community in these fundraising efforts, along with grants from the Recompense Foundation, we are able to support the violin program, Books for Babies and gifts for our graduating seniors and 5th graders, teachers and school staff. With our fundraising drives and your support, we are also able to give Santa a helping hand passing out books for all children who attend our community tree lighting co-hosted by the Library. We also host community gatherings like the Halloween Party and Pizza &

Movie Nights. We support the Healthy Lunch Program at the Island School and provide scholarships for special extra curricular activities or opportunities that may arise for any island student. This year we were proud to sponsor Julia Maine's fundraiser for her trip to Boston to attend The National Youth Leadership State Conference. Julia organized a very successful soup, salad and dessert evening at the Hall. It was well attended and included a very enjoyable presidential trivia game presented by Julia and Jerry Wiles.

Once again we put up a Giving Tree at the Library, but instead of giving to needy families off the island as we've done in past years, we decided to support our own community by giving to the numerous Island non-profit organizations. It was gratifying to be able to give to valued organizations that we all know and love like Island Commons, The Food Pantry, The Kids' Place and the Hall, to name just a few. We have been collaborating more every year with other island non-profits and we look forward to more opportunities to work together in the future. The Library in particular has been a wonderful partner in our Pizza & Movie Nights, Community Tree Lighting, The Giving Tree, Magic Shows and support with numerous raffle endeavors. Thank you to Deb Bowman for her energy and to Sheila Putnam for her knowledge and assistance in book selections for babies through 5th graders!

Many of you had your car washed this past spring as the kick-off to our play ground fundraising. Please look for coming events that will be raising money for plans to improve our playground.

While we huddled around kitchen tables through the winter months making plans to support end of the year school activities, laying the groundwork for the of 4th of July and brainstorming creative and new fundraising ideas, we also started talking about plans for the future, our children and our island. This brings us to our biggest challenge and perhaps most exciting success to date, The Kids' Place. We opened The Kids' Place, a licensed day care for infants through age 12. With support from CRC, our doors opened in August, 2008. In addition to providing much needed childcare services to working families on Chebeague, The Kids' Place also provides jobs on Chebeague, one full time and several part time.

The Kids' Place staff care for children from over nine island families, numerous summer families, as well as for one of the island school teachers who commutes here with her baby! The day care is off

to a great start in our first year of operation with full and part time enrollment as well as before and after school care that allows for working parents who commute off island a safe and loving place for their children to be every day. We continue to work hard to create a safe and nurturing day care and are constantly trying to improve our curriculum, develop policies and meet the needs of our children, families and staff members.

Since opening last summer and while running successfully through the winter months, we realized pretty early on that we had outgrown our temporary space in the Teen Room. The room is not adequate for our small, yet diverse age group. Our kitchen table chats grew into serious conversations that began to investigate ways to collaborate with CRC and the School to create a new flexible space that could be used to improve all of our environments and needs, benefitting all of our children, not only those utilizing The Kids' Place. As a result, we have developed a committee involving members of CRC, CPA, Long Range Planning, School Committee and community members to work on creating a connector between the School and Rec Center that would bridge the two buildings together so that space can be shared in more effective and beneficial ways.

The future of our island is in the hands of our children. We need to support our families in providing dependable childcare, excellent education and recreational activities that keep us healthy and here on the island. We are looking forward to a busy year ahead of new and exciting developments and welcome your support and ideas.

— Vicki Todd, President

Chebeague Recreation Center

As the Chebeague Recreation Center celebrated our milestone tenth anniversary in 2008, we looked at our past with appreciation and happy reflection while we also moved into the future with great anticipation and excitement. This past year, the pace of change at the Rec was swift, with growth in every area of programming and in our leadership ranks including a new executive director and new staff members. There are many folks to whom we owe deep appreciation. The Rec would not be where we are today without the hundreds of visitors of all ages or the creative, dedicated and tireless volunteers who make the Rec a safe, healthy and vibrant community center on our island.

As part of our mission to serve everyone in the community, the Rec was proud to partner with an extraordinary team comprised of CRC and CPA leaders to open the Kids' Place Day Care Center. In its first year, Kid's Place was embraced by Chebeague families and delivered on its vision to allow working Island parents the opportunity to have their infants, toddlers and youngsters cared for on a consistent basis in a safe place by neighbors they trust. The Kids' Place served sixteen island children with the loving, dedicated leadership of Paige Boisvert, Joan French, Lori Rich and Stephanie Martin.

Kids' Place was transformed with the efforts of Kelley and Sherman Rich, Vicki Todd, Sam Birkett, May Hall, Cheryl Hillicoss, Sarah Prescott, Amy Rich, Suzanne Rugh, Althea Dugliss and a score of painters and workers who spiffed up the Teen Center into a shared, unique place. With generous contributions of donors, Kid's Place offered weekly educational and recreational programs for the youngest among us. In the coming year, the cooperative partnership between the Teen Center and the Kids' Place will continue sharing space until we can fulfill our dream of building a separate location for the day care center tailored just for Chebeague's infants, toddlers and youngsters. For those interested in the future of the Kids' Place, we wholeheartedly welcome new input and volunteers to this essential new Rec Center program.

Another major highlight of the year was welcoming the talented and experienced Kelley Rich as the new executive director of the CRC. Kelley's years of leadership and standards of excellence are well known

on Chebeague based on her many years of service and positive contributions to the Island Commons. Under Kelley's leadership, the Rec Center is in a great position to continue our path towards positive growth and service for healthy recreational programs on Chebeague.

In the areas of programming, we continued our popular programs of years' past and added new activities throughout the year. Camp Chebeague continued a second season in a restructured Island-focused format, and allowed more Island children to benefit from the multitude of talents of Chebeaguers who volunteered to lead the camps. With added camp sessions for pre-schoolers, we offered more camp sessions than ever, with 130 camp experiences in athletics, the arts, environmental studies and other special areas. Special thanks to everyone who led Camp Chebeague including Gail Miller, Chuck Varney, Carolyn Edwards, Shelly Rice, Malcolm Rice, Ann Thaxter, Ursula King and Hobey Hinchman. The Rec also owes a debt of gratitude to the innumerable, quiet, dedicated volunteers who made these youth summer memories possible. To those Chebeaguers unnamed, we thank you and appreciate all that you do for the Rec.

The Collins Pool continued to be at the heart of our summer activities, with hundreds of miles logged by our long-distance swimmers, and thousands of hours of aquatic fun was had by the year-round and seasonal pool lovers. Gail Miller spearheaded the pool with the support of a lifeguard staff including: Lindsay Anderson, Matt Formasano, Brianna Roy, Emma Todd, Megan Munroe, Anna Maine, Nancy Earnest, Arianna Stefanilo.

In other programming areas, the Rec ran seasonal programs in a wide array of interests for many hundreds of visitors in: Tae Kwon Do, soccer, basketball, handball, Spring running (in preparation for the 4th of July road race), Early Release after-school program, bird watching, sustainable farming, cooking, outdoor leadership education (with Cow Island-based Rippleffect) rock climbing, tubing at Mt. Abram, rug hooking, fitness circuit training, personal training, chair caning, smoking cessation and homeopathic medicine. Sam MacLean led the Rec Center's involvement in the Winter Craft Fair, and offered countless hours of cooking, creating and serving others on behalf of the Rec.

In the winter of '09 the Rec Center ran our ever-popular winter ice-skating and activities at Sanford's pond where we had thirty-five days on the ice. For Mabel and Sanford, we are forever grateful to you.









Thank you to the parents and volunteers who chaperoned the hours on the ice and by the fire: Brittney Bernier, Sam Birkett, Virginia Calder, Althea Dougliss, Charles Hall, Carly Knight, Nancy Olney, Jeff Putnam, Sarah Prescott, David Rich, Jon Rich, Gregory Riddle, Bruce Riddle, Cindy Riddle, Suzanne Rugh and Stephen Todd.

The children's theater was led by the wonderful Rachel Damon and presented Alice in Wonderland, Jr. with an overflow of star children performers and standing-room only performances. We are looking for new ways to meet the expanding interest in the summer theater. The adult theater, also directed and produced by the energetic Rachel Damon, presented the amusing and little-known musical Return to the Forbidden Planet which showcased new Chebeague talent and left the crowds laughing and singing to favorite tunes.

More than ten years ago, the community came together to open the Rec Center with a vision to establish a hub where our pre-teens and teenagers could meet in a safe, substance-free, enriching and entertaining place, free of cost to participants. We continue to open our doors on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the year at the Teen Center. We gave the center a face-lift with new paint, new technology and new leaders over the past year. And, we are always looking towards new ways to engage our kids and their parents to create a Teen Center where everyone can share positive values of community, wellness and friendship, and have fun along the way.

Finally, among the big events of the year, the Rec Center held our second Quadathlon race in July, under the exceptional leadership of Gail Miller. We had nearly a dozen teams of four compete in rowing, running, bicycling and swimming. The teams raised funds for the Rec and exercised their way into exhaustion, including a tip-top firefighter team from the mainland. The word is getting out on this hot event and we hope to see everyone again in August for great competition, great food and great photo opportunities of our island athletes.

Six months later, in the dead of winter, another brave cadre of polar bear athletes plunged into Casco Bay for the eleventh year in a row. With the enthusiastic leadership of Beverly Johnson who organized, recruited and plunged side-by-side with the crew, the Polar Plunge was a huge success. Also successful was the annual Teen Center Rockathon, where nearly every young person on the island spent the night sleepless in a rocking chair in the Rec Center gym. Even in tough economic times, our youth raised a significant amount

to do their part in contributing to the Rec Center's sustainability. Congratulations to Danielle Jarrett, Amanda Campbell, Jade Morlock, Lena Taliento, Dylan Doughty, Megan Munroe, James Weagle, Tim Calder, Anna Hamilton, Ben Hillicoss, Cassidy Jeffers, David Hamilton, and Tyler Campbell. Capping off the Rec Center's Winter Carnival weekend was the jam-packed Chili-Chowder Challenge that fed many hungry mouths. Thanks to Ellen Maher and Sam Birkett who co-led the cook-off and recruited the many volunteer servers and chefs.

Again, the Rec Center could not be the solid community organization it is today without the incredibly generous contributions of our donors and volunteers who make the Rec a special place for all. We would like to pay tribute to Gail Miller, who has given years and years of service to the Rec Center in every imaginable role from leading the pool, creating new programs and events, serving on the board of directors, leading Camp Chebeague to recruiting great volunteers and staff. Thank you Gail from all of us. In addition to our wonderful year-round and seasonal staff, we also thank the dedicated Board of Directors who volunteer time and valuable skills to guide the CRC. This year's Board members were:

Laura Summa, President; Beverly Johnson, Vice President; Leah McDonald, Secretary; Bob Earnest, Treasurer; Teen Rep., David Keyes; Tom Adams, Vicki Todd, Peter Olney, Erika Neumann, Stephen Todd, Stephanie Martin, Nils Wessell, Sam McClean, Kim Bogle, Theresa Kauffman, Sam Birkett, Amanda Campbell.

— Laura Summa, President, and Kelley Rich, Executive Director

Chebeague Transportation Company

2008 was a difficult year financially for your ferry company. Unlike other Casco Bay services, we did not add a “fuel surcharge” when prices went up last year. Nonetheless, when fuel prices abated somewhat this year, we still found it necessary to institute a seasonal fare increase. Seasonal fares are common among most ferry services, including Casco Bay Lines and the State Ferry System. In October, we anticipate returning to last spring’s rates.

Funding was helped by Capt. Leon Hamilton’s tenacious pursuit of lucrative military charters for the *Pied Piper*. But Murphy’s Law proved alive and well when the *Islander* broke down while the *Pied Piper* was in Rockland last summer. Thanks to Claire Ross, our dedicated crew, and many others, we kept the transportation link open with only minor disruptions in service.

We now have a full crew complement at no increase in total salaries which enables us to train and develop new captains, such as our latest addition, Capt. Stephanie Martin. Crew depth also gives us the flexibility needed to respond to cruise income opportunities.

The new generator for the town was brought to Chebeague by CTC and Wayne Dyer as a no-cost public service. We look forward to the improved facilities on Cousins Island with improvements to the wharf head and Wharf Road moving towards construction this fall.

The boats, the barge and the busses are all in top shape as we move into our thirty-eighth year of operation and, as always, we have our captains, deckhands, bus drivers and office staff to thank, not to mention our greatest asset – our passengers!



The CTC fleet: *Dovekie* and barge, *Pied Piper*, *Islander*

— David R. Hill, CTC Board of Directors

Chedemption

Chedemption seems to be hitting its stride; it is gradually becoming a Chebeague institution. This year we took in exactly 50 cents less than we did last year -- \$7084.45 -- so each of the organizations got \$510.

Of course, we could never do this without the help provided by the various non-profits that get the money:

- Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust
- Chebeague Island Community Association
- Chebeague Island Council
- Chebeague Island Hall and Community Center
- Chebeague Island Historical Society
- Chebeague Island Library
- Chebeague Parents Association
- Chebeague Recreation Center including Sanford’s Pond
- Chebeague Sailing School
- Chebeague United Methodist Church
- Island Commons Resource Center
- Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund

This past summer they organized their Board members, regular members, families, guests and hangers-on to staff the green shed at the Transfer Station, one week for each organization. This is a partial list of the people who helped – we know there were others who were working when “we” weren’t around to record their names.

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| Jane Abrahamson | Dianne Calder |
| Tom Adams | Linda Carleton |
| Sally Ballard | Elaine Clark |
| Leila Bisharat | Dick Collins |
| Deb Bowman | Howard Coon |
| Binkie Boxer | Mary Cushman |
| Hartley Brewer | Donna Damon |
| Dianne Brewer | Mabel Doughty |
| Peggy Brown | Frank Durgin |
| Carol Brown | Marianne Durgin |
| Sue Burgess | GeeGee Dyer |
| Tom Calder | Bob Earnest |

Linda Ewing
 Kitty Freeman
 Susan Gaskins
 Althea Hall
 Jeanette Hamilton
 Ken Hamilton
 Karen Hamilton
 Jen Hamilton
 John Holt
 John Howard
 Suzanne Hurwitz
 Scott Johnson
 Bev Johnson
 Peggie Jones
 Joan Jones
 Aaron Julien
 David Keyes
 Diane Lukac
 Rod MacCormack
 Vicki Marion
 Scott McGovern
 Alec McGovern
 David Miller

Marilyn Nicklas
 Jane Phillips
 Gisele Phipps
 Michael Porter
 Lynne Priest
 Jeff Putnam
 Peter Rice
 Elizabeth Rigo
 Jennifer Rigo
 Joan Robinson
 Bestey Ross
 Nancy Sharp
 Will Sharp
 Ruth Slagle
 Susie Stavropoulos
 Cheryl Stevens
 Susan Stranahan
 Virginia Tatakis-Calder
 Ann Thaxter
 Stephen Todd
 Sally Tubbesing
 John Wilson

This year the Inn was back in nearly full service. We worried initially about the added load, but they brought the bottles and cans partially packed, and the volunteers took them in stride. Also this year for the second time, Chedemption was closed on Bulky Waste weekend to reduce the general chaos. Please try to remember this, and tell your friends next summer. Some people did leave things this summer even though the shed was closed, creating rather a mess.

Gail Jenkins opens up the shed every day that the Transfer Station is open, and keeps her Goddess eye on things. Mac Passano, Beth Howe and other volunteers pack up the bottles and bags during the “off” season and take them to the trailer in Tom Calder’s yard. Gail and David Miller and various family members and friends take them down to the Chandler’s Cove Wharf where they are taken into Portland free of charge by the Casco Bay Lines. We thank CBL very much for this service. It makes the money we collect go much further. Finally

East End Redemption on Washington Avenue in Portland goes down to CBL to pick up the bags and boxes, taking what we send even at the busiest times in the summer. Gail Miller, treasurer for the Island Council handles all the money for us, and the Council provides us with insurance. Thanks to both. When you stop and think about it, this is a pretty impressive performance given the number of bottles, cans, boxes, bags, people, miles and transfers from one vehicle to another. Thank you, everyone.

— The Chedemption Management



Comprehensive Planning Committee

When Chebeague became an independent Town in July of 2007, we carried over the zoning and subdivision ordinances that we had used while we were part of Cumberland. But though these regulations covered Chebeague, they had evolved over the years as mainland Cumberland became a suburban bedroom community, so that they are only a moderately good fit for us. Now that we are our own Town, we can revise those ordinances. But what do we want the Town of Chebeague Island to be like in the future? Common sense and state law suggest that we need to have a clear idea about that before we try developing ordinances to achieve it. So we got a planning grant from the State, some money from the Town, and the Town of Chebeague Island Comprehensive Planning Committee was set up by the Selectmen in late winter of 2008.

By last summer the Committee was organized, getting familiar with the State's planning guidelines and beginning to collect information on various aspects of the Chebeague community. On July 27 we had a kickoff-meeting to get input from residents about what issues you thought the Committee should deal with. The 46 people who came to the meeting generated and discussed a wide range of issues around the tropics of economic and community development, land use/zoning/transportation/development, ecology and community.

Through the fall the Committee worked on a series of inventories of natural resources in the waters and on all the islands of the Town. Inventories of water resources, marine resources, critical natural habitats, open space, and resources for farming and forestry were all explored to see what problems they face and what opportunities they provide to islanders. Since Chebeague has traditionally had a resource-based economy that included farming, fishing and vacationing, these natural resources are cornerstones for our economy and our community.

In March the Committee sent a newsletter to everyone on the island summarizing their findings, and on March 22 there was a public workshop at the Hall on priorities among issues the Planning Committee should explore in more depth. Those who attended through that protecting the island's water resources and maintaining a sustainable fishery are central priorities for the plan. Land should be

assessed to decide what its most useful function would be – for housing, open space or community facilities. The Committee should work on town policies that would encourage agriculture and forestry.

Meanwhile, in January the Committee sent out a survey to all the people listed in the Chebeague Directory, asking, in open-ended questions, what you want the Town to be like in the future. The survey was long, but the response was good – 286 people filled it out on paper or on line, about a third of the year round and the summer populations. The findings will be summarized in another newsletter that will be sent to everyone early this summer.

Once the research on the Town's natural resources was completed, the Committee has gone on to work on inventories of the economy – marine and on-shore – land use, housing, community facilities and services and, piggybacking on CICA's work, on sources of energy. Some of this work is nearly complete and ready for public discussion.

This summer we are planning what may turn out to be a series of public meetings:

On the results of the survey and what they tell us about our "vision" of Chebeague in the future.

On neighborhoods and how to balance the Town's need for housing and for open space.

On how to sustain the Town's economy.

We have another year to work, and much more to do, and we hope to bring a proposed Comprehensive Plan to Town Meeting in spring 2010. This plan, when it is complete, will be a work of the citizens of Chebeague. We have helpful consultants in Hugh Coxe of New England Planning Concepts and Judy Colby-George of Spatial Alternatives. And we have been very lucky to have an Island Institute Fellow, Thea Youngs, who has developed a Town Geographic Information System that allows us to map and analyze all kinds of information from what land is suitable for agriculture, forestry or housing to the developing pattern of houses, businesses and open space on the island. But it is really the 15 or so members of the Committee, meeting almost weekly, who are doing the research, collecting ideas and feedback from the public, and working on developing policies that will help the Town of Chebeague achieve the vision it sets for itself.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee:

Sam Ballard
Sandra Birkett
Leila Bisharat
Erno Bonebakker
Ernie Burgess
Donna Damon
Mabel Doughty
Bob Earnest
Jane Frizzell
Beth Howe
Andy LeMaistre
Peter Olney
Al Traina
Vail Traina
Carol White

— Beth Howe

Cumberland Mainland and Island Trust

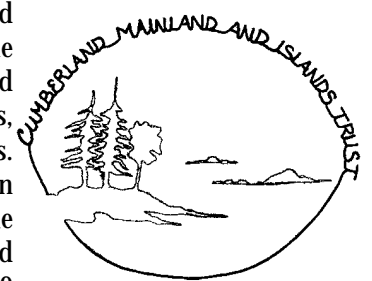
The Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust is proud to continue to serve the communities of Chebeague and Cumberland in their efforts to protect natural resources, open spaces and recreational opportunities. Together we have protected sixteen wonderful properties – six on Chebeague Island, Stockman and Basket Islands, and eight in Cumberland – totaling over 570 acres.

CCLT is poised to make great strides this year as well. We have begun the process of working with a half dozen landowners, both on the island and mainland, towards meeting their conservation goals. We are excited about some fantastic opportunities and look forward to continuing our efforts to protect special places in our communities. We are going full speed ahead!

The Land Trust is also diligently working to steward the properties already in our care. Stewardship is a vital function of the Trust and we are committed to responsibly carrying out this task by building strong relationships with landowners, conducting yearly monitoring walks, and responding to issues that arise over time. We have enjoyed getting to know the people that love their land enough to want to protect it for future generations to enjoy and appreciate. We are honored to serve as partners in achieving this goal.

CCLT is continuing to work with our neighboring land trusts, Falmouth Land Trust and Oceanside Conservation Trust of Casco Bay, to accomplish shared goals that will benefit the entire Casco Bay region. Not only are we becoming more efficient by working with our neighbors, but we are striving together to meet national accreditation standards that will make our organizations stronger and ensure sound conservation practices. In addition, while we are all working hard to protect and steward lands within our own towns, we are also broadening our scope to identify regional conservation opportunities.

CCLT has hosted some interesting events this year from an informative wind energy presentation at our annual meeting on Chebeague last September, to a fun winter snowshoe through the magnificent Rines Forest, a regional conservation celebration at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, and a GPS training event for those who wanted to learn this amazingly useful



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tool. We hope you will join us on our Casco Bay Summer Cruise August 8th with Claire Ross and invite you to enjoy exploring some of our properties this summer.

CCLT is reaching out to old and new friends to support our efforts. An investment in the natural resources of our communities has an indisputable and lasting value and we welcome your participation at any level. The all-volunteer Board is fully committed to these ambitious goals and we invite you to get involved and share your ideas with any of our dedicated island representatives Leila Bisharat, Sue Burgess, Chris Corbett, Michael Porter, and Carol White.

— Penny Asherman, President



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library continues to provide support in many ways. 2008 saw the publication of the phone book, a valuable and indispensable tool for keeping in touch on island and off. Virginia Tatakis-Calder organized and orchestrated the effort and was ably assisted by many Friends including John Holt. The annual appeal letter brings in donations that support the many services and programs the Library offers. Collaborating with the Chebeague Parents Association and Chebeague Recreation Center on programming brought us two entertaining magic shows, and community pizza and movie nights. Many Friends help by coming to the Library and weeding the garden. Their time and efforts are very much appreciated.

— Suzanne Rugh, Committee Chair



The Free Concert Fund

This small non-profit was set up in 2001 for the slightly contradictory purpose of raising money to provide free chamber music concerts on Chebeague. That means that the people who donate to the fund enable all the rest of us to enjoy a free concert while the musicians don't go home hungry.

The Free Concert Fund was involved in three concerts in 2008-2009, all at the Chebeague United Methodist Church where the acoustics and the piano are first rate. On July 20th Quintopia gave a diverse and lively concert of classical and popular music for brass quintet. This was the "second annual" appearance for Catriona Shepherd and Michelle Kingston, trumpets, Yvonne Mumme, French horn. Meg Hausman, trombone and Ernie Sanborn on the tuba.

On August 10th the Sebago Long Lake Music Festival came for its ninth concert on Chebeague. Laurie Kennedy, the Director and violist, Bonnie Thron, cellist, Mihae Lee, pianist and Bill Purvis, French horn, have all come to Chebeague many times before. They were joined by new members Jasmine Lin, violin and Alan Kay, clarinet. They played Robert Schumann's Fairy Tales, Zoltan Kodaly's dramatic duo for violin and cello, and Erno Von Dohnanyi's show-stopping sextet for clarinet, horn, piano and strings. After the concert the musicians and listeners ate and talked at an informal reception at the Parish House. The next morning the musicians gave a concert for children exploring various folk melodies used by Schumann, Kodaly and Von Dohnanyi in their music.

Then on September 26th there was a concert by "friends and neighbors" namely John Howard, piano and Barbara Porter, flute, from Chebeague and Sally Merrill, piano from Cumberland. They played music by Corelli, J.S. Bach, Handel, Mozart, Brahms and Ravel.

The Fund started the concert season with a carry-over of \$500, raised \$3,620 for all the concerts from 74 generous donors, and spent \$3,775 for the musicians, piano tuning, printed programs, and donations to the Church. This leaves us starting this season with \$345 in the bank.

This year's Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival concert will be on Wednesday August 5 at 7:30 PM in the Chebeague United Methodist Church. We have decided not to have them do a children's concert

this year, but we are always on the lookout for likely musicians and possible concerts, so if you have any ideas, please let us know.

— Mac Passano & Beth Howe



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MAINE STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

Great Chebeague Golf Club

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE 04017

The highlight of 2008 for the Golf Club was the vast improvement of the course itself. Under the able guidance of Green's Committee Chair Wink Houghton, Superintendent Cary Espeignette brought our course to a level that many members felt was as good as they could remember in our 88 year history.

Each year the Golf Club hosts more than 20 tournaments, starting with the season-opening July 4th Swatfest Tournament and continuing through the Columbus weekend Frost Tournament. 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 of these tournaments were contested in 2008, and a great time was had by all. Stuart Pomeroy won the Junior title (Driscoll Cup). Disappointment prevailed in the Ladies Championship (Brown Cup), as there were insufficient participants. Jim Van Fleet repeated as Men's Club Champion (Spalding Cup). In handicap play, Renee Nottebohm won the McCall Cup, and Bill Marshall won the Zaugg Cup. The Shattuck Cup (Ladies 9-hole Net) was uncontested. Bob Buxbaum and John Rent oversaw the men's tournament activity, while Barbara Marshall and Sue Bogle coordinated women's tourney play.

The Family Barbeque and Lobster Bake highlight the Golf Club's social calendar. John and Amanda Layng did a great barbeque and had plenty of family support and a good turnout. The Rents and Hoods did a phenomenal job as hosts with the Lobster Bake.

Linda Ewing and the Women's Committee did a fine job with the annual bake sale. Barbara Hamilton ably continued in her role as our Clubhouse Manager.

A special thanks to all the members, employees and volunteers who helped make 2008 a successful season. A great time was had by all

from early May right on through the Frost Tournament and beyond into November. The Golf Club offers a great chance to get together and enjoy a great old game in a wonderful spot on our special island. We look forward to more special times in 2009 and encourage the entire Chebeague community to join us!

— Jim Van Fleet, President



Great Chebeague Tennis Club

The tennis club was ready for play by Memorial Day weekend. A team of rollers and our court keeper kept the courts in good shape all summer. We completed the final step in replacing the sprinkler heads so the watering system has now been completely renovated.

All of our events were well attended. (They are all listed in the calendar.) Men's round robins were on Monday mornings and women's round robins were held on Thursday mornings. We held three tournaments: The Perkins Cup (won by Molly and David O'Donnell), the Lessing Cup (a winning tie between Molly and David O'Donnell and Hobey and David Hinchman) and the Brown Cup (won by Molly and David O'Donnell). There were also two other mixed double events: the Barbeque/Round Robin held in July and the morning round robin held in August.

The junior clinic for ages 5 – 12 that was held every Tuesday and Thursday (12:00–1:00) was well attended by island and summer children. We also ran the tennis camp held at the Rec Center with our members as the volunteer coaches. We provide rackets and balls for these events. The teen time held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 was sparsely attended. Julia Middleton, our court keeper and clinic instructor, did a very fine job.

Our annual meeting was held on August 3, 2008 at the tennis courts. We accepted one family as full members and two families as provisional members. John Wilson was elected to fulfill an unexpired term as VP of court maintenance and John Ash and Ron Formisano were elected to the Board of Directors.

We welcome everyone who wishes to play tennis. If you wish to become a member please contact a board member. If you are visiting please follow the directions for paying the guest fee – it is on our announcement board at the tennis courts. And we hope all your first serves are aces!

— 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:

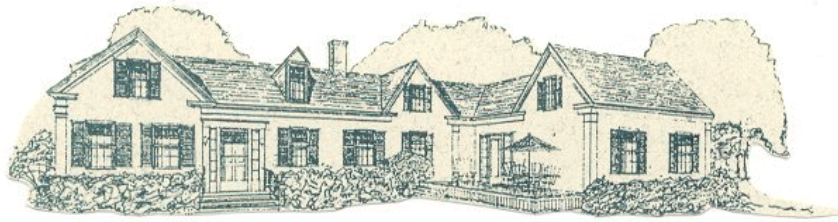
- 1) Get your notices in to me early, well before the event to be publicized.
- 2) Provide your notices to me in a format that allows me to simply "cut 'n' paste" them into the website

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”

This past year has been full of changes here at Island Commons. Most notably, we welcomed a new Executive Administrator, Beth Wiles to the Island Commons family. Beth is a Chebeague Islander with deep connections to the island community. Along with her commitment to life here on Chebeague, Beth also brings her years of Human Resource experience to our staff. It is also important to take a few moments to recognize exiting Director, Kelley Rich, and thank her for all her hard work!

Some other changes worth noting is that Island Commons Resource Center applied and received grant money for several very important projects. The first was the purchase of an automatic-start generator to ensure that power outages would be just a blip, rather than an ordeal. Thanks to the generosity of the Davis Foundation, next winter when the snow flies and the power goes out, it will only take 8 seconds for the power to switch on from our brand new generator.

The second project was to replace the overused and quickly failing residential kitchen dishwasher. Thanks to generous grant allocations awarded by the Agnes T. Lindsay Trust and the Chebeague Island Council, Island Commons now has dishes that are sanitized to state standards in three minutes using our new industrial dishwasher.

This year's activities have continued to grow and expand, thanks to a grant from the Recompense Foundation designed to focus on including the greater island community. We've had several concerts including olde time music, gospel, and Irish music. We are always looking for ways to remember the amazing histories of our residents, and volunteers Sally Ballard and Pommy Hatfield spent several

afternoons collaborating on a genealogy project that incorporated photos and stories.

Chebeague has a great group of talented artists and artisans, and we have been lucky enough to have had a series of talks and discussions spotlighting some of these amazing people. We would like to thank Sandra Rice (painting), Island Essentials (candles), Lee Bowman (photography), Pommy Hatfield (rugs), Lee Robinson (magnets), Ellen Maher (santas), and Miller Designs (jewelry, etc.), and more!

The Chebeague Island School children have continued to visit with us, and each time they make the whole day brighter! The preschoolers sing songs and play interactive games. On Halloween, the 3-5 graders brought in wonderful 'scary' drawings, and then sat with each resident to learn their life stories. For St. Patrick's Day, they visited again and read original Limerick-style poems. Milo, the Commons Cat, continues to be a favorite and can often be found surrounded by a group of fans during these visits!

The following people have been honored and remembered as of May 2008:

In honor of: Marilyn Nicklas, Lewis Holman, Mr. and Mrs. William Belvin, and Tee Tagart. In memory of: Alger Burgess, Gladys Bennett, Shirley Burgess, Bertha Gray, Barbara Gwillim, Steve and Kathy Capps, Bob Jones, Bette Tellinghuisen, and Eleanor Morse.

CRC has an amazing support system that includes our Chebeague community, our generous donors, and our volunteer network. It is also very important to recognize our Board of Directors. This group of volunteers meets monthly, helps with fundraising events, sit on committees, and spend time with residents. Our current board is Sally Ballard, President; Suzy Hurwitz, Vice President; Lynne Priest, Treasurer; Nancy Olney, Secretary; Lew Holman, Esq.; Mary Cushman; Ann Thaxter; John Wilson; John Holt III; Susan Stranahan; and Lola Armstrong.

Island Commons assisted living home is now at full capacity, which means that seven people are able to live near their families and within the community of Chebeague, and do not have to go to the mainland to get the care they require. Families can easily visit over dinner, or have more personalized time together in the comfortable living room or sitting in the sunshine on our deck.

When friends and family "from away" visit us, they are often surprised to discover that Island Commons really does feel like home.

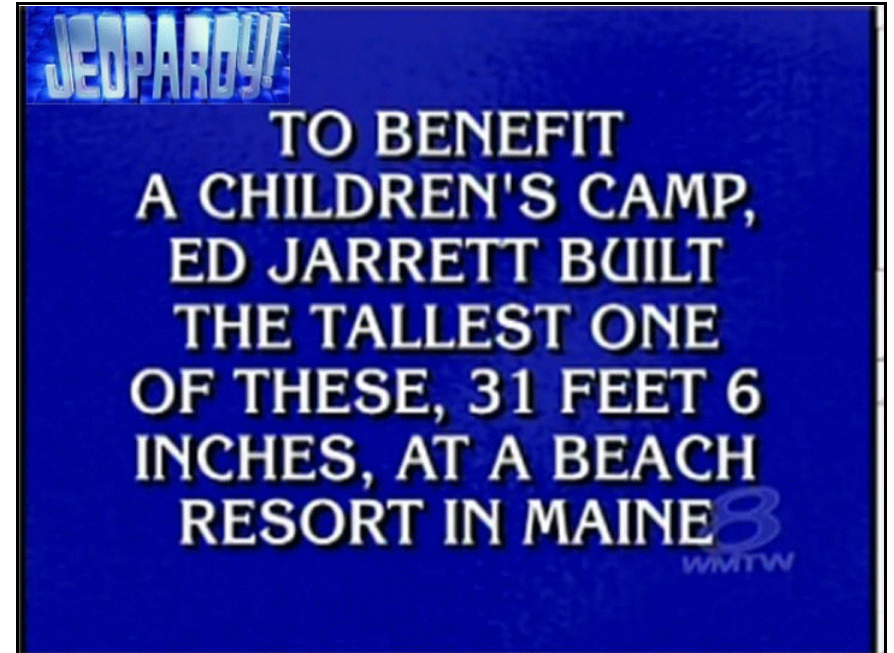
The historic farmhouse in which we are located is a warm and cheerful place. Our staff is top-notch, and our volunteers always have a smile for you. Please stop by and visit us in the up-coming year and see what we have going on.

— Leanne Krudner, Community Relations Coordinator



Jeopardy!

I manage to get a few questions on Jeopardy correct now and then, but imagine my surprise when I saw this question come up on the April 13, 2009 show:



The answer, of course is “What is a sand castle!”

— David R. Hill

Ladies Aid

Last winter the Ladies Aid was able to meet in the Parish House even though we were having a new storage room built out back. This year we have been meeting at the Rec Center as the Church has been having a major overhaul in the main room itself, with insulation, walls, ceiling, lights and now a new floor.

When the Parish House was built back in 1938 with the help of the Ballards and the community, there was no insulation.

As the building kept being used more there was insulation and sheet rock put up in the early 60's. The floor kept being sanded and sanded till it was paper thin and we were told by Bob Parker and then Eric Weagle that it had seen better days. This year a new floor was laid.

In the early 70's a new kitchen (designed by Mabel Doughty) was built along with two bathrooms. This was spearheaded by Binkie Dennett. All very much appreciated especially the bathrooms, that old privy got pretty cold.

The Aid has had a very pleasant time at the Rec and we appreciate them letting us come down every Thursday.

We've managed to celebrate with cake and ice cream at the drop of a hat, have a lot of fun and a lot of laughs.

The Parish House is going to need a new monitor, which the Aid plans to pay for.

We invite all to come join us. We do have lots of fun.

— Joan Robinson - President (for too long)

Recompense Foundation

Recompense Foundation
P.O. Box 42
Chebeague Island ME 04017

The Recompense Foundation was organized in 1998 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping the community of Chebeague, by making monetary grants. Last year these totaled of \$30,000.

The volunteer board meets annually in September; grant requests should be mailed by August 31st to the above address.

Directors:

Glen Kersteen (Executive Director)

Jen Belesca

Roy Jackson

Betts Mayer

Eldon Mayer

Gail Miller

Manny Morgan

Ralph Munroe

Jon Rich

Joyce Souchek.

— Gail Miller

Stephen L. Ross Scholarship Fund

The Island Scholarship committee met during the first week of May to select this year's recipients. We had a total of \$4,610.00 to distribute and four applicants. During our deliberations it was brought to our attention that a total of \$51,335.00 has been awarded to island students since the inception of the Stephen Ross Scholarship. These awards were made using only the interest from our principle which is invested with the Maine Community Foundation.

The following gives you an idea of how the Scholarship Fund has grown and the amount allocated each year has increased since the accident which took the life of Stephen L. Ross.

1968--\$150.00	1981--\$100.00	1994--\$1,000.00
1969--\$100.00	1982--\$375.00	1995--\$1,200.00
1970--\$100.00	1983--\$400.00	1996--\$1,200.00
1971--\$150.00	1984--\$800.00	1997--0
1972--\$150.00	1985--\$400.00	1998--\$1,500.00
1973—0	1986--\$900.00	1999--\$2,140.00
1974--\$100.00	1987--\$1,100.00	2000--\$2,500.00
1975--\$200.00	1988--\$750.00	2001--\$2,730.00
1976—0	1989--\$700.00	2002--\$2,800.00
1977--\$150.00	1990--\$1,600.00	2003--\$2,900.00
1978--\$200.00	1991--\$2,000.00	2004--\$2,960.00
1979--\$150.00	1992--\$750.00	2005--\$3,000.00
1980--\$200.00	1993--\$1,200.00	2006--\$4,400.00
		2007--\$5,750.00
		2008--\$4,230.00
		2009--\$4,610.00

Perhaps the foregoing figures will encourage a good response this time because it does show that your contributions do in fact cause our awards to grow in size every year. It would be so great if these awards could be in the \$10,000 range.

We had a wonderful bit of help this year when Bev Johnson held the birthday celebration for the ten or more individuals all reaching the age of 60 and chose the Scholarship as the nonprofit to receive the gift benefit. We are over \$3500 richer because of it. Thank you to all the birthday "Forty-niners." (Born in 1949).

Our most sincere appreciation goes to the following list of people for their contributions this past year.

Less than \$100:

Ken Hamilton and Doug Ross

\$100 to \$200

Willoughby Sharp, Betsey Ann Ross,

\$500 to \$1000

William McCuskey, Chris Towle, Ronald Malony, Chebeague

Isl. Council [Chedemption], Unknown Donor.

\$1000 or more:

James Millinger

— Kenneth Hamilton, President



United Methodist Church

As the pastor of the church on Chebeague, I am excited about the future...the future of the church.....the future of relationships.....the future of my time with you. I have come to know and love many of you and look forward to getting to know more of you as time marches on.

This year we have worked through a Capital Campaign to raise money to do necessary repairs and renovations to the properties. The parish house has been made more energy efficient and structurally sound through the hard work of many and the donations of many more. If you haven't seen the results, stop by and take a look.

The Holy Spirit continues to show its presence on Chebeague – from the outpouring of love when someone is sick or dying, to the checking in with neighbors during the long winter months, to the weatherization program that helped many islanders make their homes more energy efficient, to the wonderful ongoing support of the food pantry which helped numerous families this winter. The church has continued 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. This winter we donated goods to help fill Christmas boxes for Preble Street at Christmas and we had a coat drive early in January and took three large bags of winter coats over to Preble Street. We thank the many people who have contributed to these ongoing ministries of the church.

Our worship together is spiritual and uplifting. During the past year we had several meals followed by time together singing. I found that community time to be fun and far reaching. I look forward to more of those times together in the coming year. I wondered what it would be like to let the children have the musical instruments during worship for use during hymns. It might provide a new look at some of the hymns.

I personally want to express my gratitude to the community for continuing to love and support me in the ministry that is ongoing on the island. I want to thank those of you who graciously stepped forward to fill my shoes while I was out recovering from surgery. I continue to pray for God 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. Each of us are ministers doing God's work in a world that is in need.

— Linda Brewster
Pastor, Chebeague Island United Methodist Church



Veterans' Taxi

The end of an island institution

After more than thirty years providing essential service to Chebeague, winter and summer, Veterans' Taxi Service has gone out of business. Health considerations have forced Fran Calder to retire. As she told us the other day when we talked to her about her life before and during her years on Chebeague, it was not an easy decision:

I would consider the day a complete loss if, when I got up in the morning, I didn't have a job to go to .

Fran Osgood Calder and her brother came to Central Landing on Chebeague as children in the summers from Portland where they grew up. They came to stay with her grandfather Will Ross who lived over on North Road. Like many families at the time they had a cow and some chickens and a productive garden. Her other grandparents, Sherman and Alice Hamilton, also lived here on Chebeague so there was lots of family. Fran and her brother loved coming to the island because of all the children in their extended family and beyond; Uncle George had 14 children and they also played with the Newcomb kids. She particularly remembers hunting for snakes in the woods, putting the snakes in her pinafore pockets and taking them back to Aunt Martha Newcomb's house. Aunt Martha had lots of cats and Ray would give the snakes to the cats...

When she was a teenager after World War II, Fran particularly remembers going to dances at the Hall and hanging over the juke box at Bert Mansfield's ice cream parlor, singing along with the records. Her long term attachment to the Island was established by family and friends long ago when she was still a child.

Living in Portland for most of the year, she attended Deering High, and at loose ends for what do to when she graduated, she decided to join the Marines. This was 1953 just before the fighting ceased in the Korean War. But at that time women in the Marines served as support troops; they did not serve on battlefields. So after boot camp at Paris Island, she was sent to Quartic in Virginia, headquarters base for the Corps and the location of many of the Marine Corps technical schools. There she worked in dispersing, particularly keeping the accounts of miscreant Marines who were in the brig. On a lighter note she enjoyed

teaching a course in the history of the Marine Corps, offered repeatedly to many Corps installations in the vicinity.

Looking back at her experience as a Marine, she says that the military was a good fit for her. She enjoyed her work and learned a great deal. It was a shaping force in her later life. Her service in the Marines ended in June 1964.

While at Quartic she met and married Dean Means, who also came from Portland. After her active duty in the Marines, she and Dean moved to Massachusetts where both of them continued to serve in the Marine Reserves. Dean had a business selling package deals for home freezers that came with a food plan. Not finding this business interesting, Fran then got a job in the costume jewelry manufacturing business, and that lead to work with the well known Englehart Precious Metals Company, working on the research and development team that developed the silver plated stock for the "clad" quarters that we all take for granted now.

Over the years she returned to Chebeague from time to time to visit her family.

Dean Means died prematurely at the age of 32 from uremia. Later, while still living in Massachusetts, she married Jackie Woolworth. They had a daughter, Laura. When the marriage broke up, she quit her job at Englehart, sold the house in Massachusetts and she and Laura came home to Chebeague where they boarded with her Aunt, Ruth Libby Day.

Back on Chebeague, she became reacquainted with John Calder, builder and Chebeague Road Commissioner. As a child the 13 years that separated their ages placed them worlds apart, but now the difference did not matter. In 1970 they were married.

In the 1970s cars were gradually coming to the island and Chebeague had business enough for two taxi services: Bob and Khaki Habig's, and Charlotte Doughty's. For a time Fran worked for Bob and Khaki, and when the Habigs decided to retire in 1980, she took over their business, calling it Veterans' Taxi because she had been in the Marines and John had been in the Army (at the Normandy Beach landing!) during World War II. She did most of the driving, with John helping sometimes. The business relied on both private passengers and contracts with organizations like the school and the police who had people working on Chebeague but no cars here to drive them around in. She remembers one dramatic day when she was told to pick up a policeman from the

mainland responding to an emergency call, and was told “just do what he tells you!” Her military training came to the fore, and she did.

Over the years, as more and more people, even summer visitors, have brought cars to the island there has been less demand for taxi services. But each year Veterans’ Taxi made enough money to keep even with inflation. However, last summer’s run-up in the price of gasoline was a blow, followed this year by her health emergency. The decision to retire was made; John Holt and Jarrod Smith initiated their successor taxi business, the Chebeague Island Taxi. Now Fran is getting her strength back, enjoying the flowers in her garden and the wildlife that takes shelter in the alder swamp behind the house. But for a woman who has worked all of her life, retirement doesn’t seem quite like a bed of roses. Or maybe it is like a bed of roses – attractive but full of thorns.

Thank you, Fran, for all that you have done for the island community.

— Beth Howe and Mac Passano

Whalers

The Whaler’s concert for Spring 2008 had a theme of “Songs from the River”. John Howard selected an assorted collection of songs for us in that category. We sang spirituals and traditional folk songs as well as some newer works by Carly Simon, Garth Brooks and Billy Joel. This concert was repeated in the Fall for those who missed it in the Spring and for loyal fans who enjoyed it well enough the first time to listen to it all over again.

The annual Christmas concert entitled “Christmas Around the World” included some new music from Africa and some traditional French and Spanish carols. We struggled with the pronunciation ... especially Bethlehem ... but it was fun and the audience couldn’t tell if we goofed anyway. Peter and Reuben Olney, Jamie Calthorpe and Sally Tubbesing provided some of the strange and wonderful rhythms on percussion instruments in the background.

We are currently rehearsing for a concert in June entitled “A Sentimental Journey”, a collection of old and new favorites that typify the 20th Century we have recently completed. There will be the usual chorus numbers but also many solos, duets and foursomes as well. We plan to repeat this concert on a Sunday afternoon in August, specifically: 4 PM on Sunday, August 23rd in the Hall.

Sincere thanks to all of you who have supported us over the years as we have grown and changed. We especially appreciate the people who have pitched in to help in the kitchen, with lighting and sound equipment, scenery and at the door ... and you who come to listen and applaud our efforts. We love to sing but it is your applause that puts the icing on the cake!

Current Whalers are: John Ash, B.J. Abrahamson, Sally Ballard, Bob Brown, Jamie Calthorpe, Linda and Peter Carleton, Doug Clark, Martha Hamilton, Cheryl Hillicoss, Mary Holt, Ruth Houghton, Cathy MacNeill, Mimi Moulton, Barbara Porter, Sheila Putnam, Malcolm Rice, Joan Robinson, Tina Rings, Sue Sawyer, Susie Stavropoulos, Cheryl Stevens, Vail Traina, Thea Youngs and last but not least, our intrepid accompanist Sally Tubbesing and our Fearless Leader John Howard.

— Martha O. Hamilton

Chebeague Census and Vital Records

A quick census of Chebeague was done in January, 2009; there were approximately 328 people on the island at that time.

ENGAGEMENTS ...

Bacca Van Fleet & Nathan Webb (Chebeague wedding Aug 2009)
Jessica Perkins & Christopher Taylor (Chebeague wedding 2010)

WEDDINGS...

Mary M. Hoffman & Clifford Habib
Brian & Melba Moynihan
Peter Malony & Nora Sadowski
Robert McCollum & Kathryn Bruch
Catronia Shepherd & James Haller
Kimberly Layng Bogle & Seth Patrick Jubinville
Keith Doughty & Stephanie Brooks
Kevin Calder & Laura Adams
Ryan Ross & Sarah Blumenthal
Jonathan Roy & Ellen Rogers

BIRTHS ...

John Christopher to Becky Towle & Michael MacLean
Carley Allison to Jon & Amy Rich
Sofie Graham to our school teacher Kristen Rohrbach & Jay Westra
Cash Thomas to Brendon & Christina (McGuire) Adelman
Samuel Brian to Jaedra (Emery) & Brandon Rideout
Twins: **Alden Holbrook & Olivia Philbrick** to Polly (Wentling) & Kevin Wentworth
Allie Beth to Jennifer (Vintinner) & David Horner
Elizabeth Toppan to Suzanne & Aaron Rugh
Nathan Hill to Cece Green & Jeremy Putnam
Abigail Jeanne to Kim (Bogle) & Seth Jubinville
Ruby Leader Hess to Theresa & Peter Kauffman
Ryan Lee to Nathan & Lindsey (Hamilton) Barba
Mayumi Lynn to Patti (Perkins) & Bob Watanbe
Felix Sebastian to Elizabeth (Hill) & Tom Schutte

Lucy Carlson to Kristi & Scott Belesca
Gage Alden Putnam to Beth & Jeff Putnam
Nicholas Ross Brown to Lisa & Jason Brown
Victoria (Tori) Shattuck Pare to Laurie Moreschi & Jeff Pare

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Lucas Tomas to Tom Hall & Graciela Lamy – grandmother Ester Knight
Andrew Martin Belvin – grandparents Christy & Bill Belvin
Stoddard Gunderson – grandparents Peter & Linda Carleton
Benjamin Cedric Sanford – grandson of Rob & Elise Webb
Axel Larkin Telander-Read – grandson of Cookie Read
Lauren Elizabeth Johnson – granddaughter of Paul & Norma Johnson
Rachel Moria Melody – granddaughter of Lesley Clark & Ernie Richardson
Aiden Christopher – grandson of Paul & Norma Johnson
Layla Graciet Fogarty – grandmother: Gayle Belesca; great grandmother: Ann Belesca
Patrick Hamilton Leonard – grandson of George (Cap) & Jane Leonard
Haleigh Colleen Marie Cloutier – great granddaughter of Louise & Amos Doughty
Victoria (Tori) Shattuck Pare – granddaughter of Susan Shattuck and great granddaughter of Jane Shattuck
Nicholas Ross Brown – grandson of the late Ross Martindale Jr. and great grandson of the late Ross Martindale Sr.

DEATHS ...

Richard H. Bowden
Lois Dow Hall
Charles (Chuck) Harvey
Robert Ross Sr.
Elizabeth (Colbeth) Sanborn
Sara Immerwahr
Margaret (Peggy) Dyer
Ross Martindale Sr.

Robert W. Jones Jr.
Alden Dyer
Jane Abrahamson
Elsie Hamilton
Betty Banker Harris
Parker C. Lindberg
Floyd Bradish
Donald Lagasse

CONDOLENCES ...

Rogers family – death of Ted Rogers
Jim & Gisele Phipps – death of her mother Katherine Brosseau
Susan & John Wilson – death of her mother
Warren Bogle family – death of his brother Dennis
Calder family – death of Albert Hamlin
Ballard family – death of Ernest Ballard Jr.
Stan & Carolyn Tanner – death of her mother
Vickie & Neil Taliento – death of her dad Ralph Brown Jr.
Our mail lady, Kathleen Floyd – death of her father-in-law Billy
Floyd of Long Island
Chuck McCatherin – death of his mom, Faith Ellen McCatherin
Gertrude (Trudy) Putnam – death of her husband Robert Ross
Todd family – death of Rebecca Copp Moran
Ken Hamilton family – death of Jeanette's brother Paul McVane

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.

— Census data provided by Dianne Calder
and Marjorie Munroe