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September 11, 2001 Sound Beach Responds By Eileen Lavin Cantwell

Sept. 11, 2001 was a terrible day for America with far-reaching effects. Even in our little corner of the world, we were shocked into disbelief, then fear, then a sense of being powerless. Many of us turned to prayer. Our churches were filled. Our Fire Department held a candlelight prayer vigil. Our schools held moments of silence.

We wanted to do SOMETHING. Most of us could not physically go into the city to help our brave rescue workers, so we thought of other ways to help. Many of our small stores set up containers where money could be donated. Our

churches had special collections. Children sold lemonade and candy. Some places held car washes. Families held garage sales. All donated the profits to the relief fund.

As days went by, we wanted to show our pride in America. Flags appeared everywhere. Red, white and blue ribbons were tied around trees and utility poles. Bumper stickers and buttons proclaimed our belief that America would survive.

We cared about each other. We comforted each other. May we continue to do so through the long dark days ahead.

World War II Veteran Honored



Francis J. Harff, a WWII veteran and a sailor on the battleship Missouri who witnessed the signing of the Japanese surrender, was honored by his family with the dedication of a flagpole in his name which now graces the lawn in front of the SBPOA clubhouse on Malba Drive. More than 60 people attended the ceremony on July 14. His family, including his wife, Kathryn,

daughters Robin Redman and Dawn Fehr, son-in law Steve Redman, and granddaughter Bonnie Fehr felt that the most fitting memorial to Harff, who died on New Years Day 2000, would be a flag flying over the grounds of the Clubhouse, because he not only believed in the American flag and patriotism but was also a 'people person' and a great believer in community spirit.

Message from the Editor

Hello everyone! It is such a great honor for me to be given the chance to work on the SBPOA newsletter. This newsletter was restarted in 1993 by Dorothy Farrell and Dorothy Cantwell McCabe. They deserve our heartfelt thanks for taking the initiative to reach out to the Sound Beach Community. I can only hope to continue the superb job that Dorothy McCabe did as Editor.

Following the tragic events of this past September, it is comforting to know that our long

time friends, our families and our great community are still going strong. We find solace in the continuity of our lives and in familiar faces and places.

Sound Beach has been a part of my life since before I was born. My parents bought our property on Arverne Rd. in the mid 1940's and I spent every summer here until I went to college. Because I was attending SUNY Stony Brook, my parents winterized the house and I stayed there instead of a dorm room.

I inherited the house when my parents passed away, and I am now in the process of renovating it for full-time use when I retire.

My experiences in Sound Beach growing up, and as a young adult, gave me a passion for nature, a sense of belonging, and a great love of community. And now I have the opportunity to give back, in some small measure to the greatest community on Long Island!

Germaine "Mimi" Hodges

Association News

The June 2, 2001 General Meeting included an overview and update on the past year's activities.

The completion of the roof and window volunteer project at the clubhouse over one weekend was praised.

Concerns were voiced about last winters oil spill and the executive committee assured the members that the DEC had included Sound Beach in their

clean-up of the Sound and our beaches.

The Town of Brookhaven was contacted to request an extension of the leaf and brush pick up date, and to remind them of their commitment to maintain the drains and gabions at our beaches.

Residents near the East Beach who complained about raucous late night parties at the East Beach were told to call 911 and

to call COPE (451 6161). Repeated calls get results.

Interest was expressed in the formation of a Sound Beach Historical Society. We have already spoken to Martin Haley about this and were told that in order to obtain grants and applications for this project, it had to be a separate organization from S.B.P.O.A. A social hour and refreshments followed the meeting

Keep the cans coming to Marty Fullam and the pennies to Ed Cantwell.
They are a great way to raise funds!!!!

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on **August 18, 2001**. Reports were given to the membership by the officers and Committee Chairs from Membership, Property and Maintenance, and the Beach Commissioner. Future

needs and projects were discussed. The Treasurers report was discussed and approved by our Auditor. We have spent carefully and saved money through the volunteer efforts of our members. The slate of

Board members was voted on and approved, with an additional member joining the board. Members were reminded of the Thank the Volunteers party that evening. (See page 6)

International Beach Clean Up Day

The Sound Beach Property Owners association participated in International Beach Clean-up day on September 15. All over the world, dedicated workers were cleaning shorelines and beaches of debris that pollutes the environment.

They recorded the type of refuse they found on cards provided by the American Littoral Society. These cards were then sent to the Ocean Conservancy. It should come as no surprise that in Sound Beach as with the rest of the worldwide

locations, the top debris items were cigarettes, beverage containers, broken glass, and food wrappings.

Our crew consisted of Leo Alves and Pat Grove (who brought

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Community and Business News

By Eileen Glinka

Legend has it that there used to be a sign greeting visitors to Sound Beach which read "Keep Sound Beach Green—Spend Lots of Money Here." Well, this is a variation on that theme.

As the Holiday season approaches, avoid the crowds whenever you can and shop locally. Local businesses have been very supportive of us! From selling memberships, to taking ads in the newsletter, to donating merchandise and services for our raffles and events, they have been invaluable friends!

Please patronize our local businesses and thank them for their support!

Dine at the wonderful **Hartlin Inn** and enjoy Chef Drew Streef's delicious specialties. Enjoy the great Italian dishes at **Rubino's**. Order sandwiches from **Deli Express** and **Handy Pantry**. Pick up heroes and scrumptious salads at **Gene's Kitchen** and remember to say

hello to John and thank him for his help selling memberships. If you're in the mood for Chinese food, we have that too— at the **Great Wall** in the Square. Get all sorts of things at **Korner Bargains**. And stop at the two new stores in that same complex, **New Beginnings Thrift Shop**, and **Imagination Designs**- more about them in our next issue when we start our interview series with the owners of some of our stores.

Remember Bob **Bedrossian** (in the big red building - formerly the Community House) for all your **Real Estate** needs and don't forget **Special Moments Stationery** store and **Shear Style Hair and Nails** in the Square. Stop in at **North Country Wines** - they have Friday evening and Saturday afternoon wine tastings - and they will help you choose the perfect complement to your meals or the perfect wine to help you entertain. There is the **Washing Well Laundromat** with coin op-

erated machines and also a drop-off service - imagine the convenience of having your laundry done while freeing up your time to do errands or engage in more pleasurable pursuits! Remember **A&J Butcher** with their wide selection of quality meats and poultry. Don't forget the **Village Barber Shop** - say a special thank you for their help selling memberships, and of course, our very loyal **Matt's One Stop!**

Prizes donated by the businesses on the 5th page made the raffle an exciting part of 'Field Day 2001'. Many thanks to all!

Please show your appreciation by patronizing our business friends.

Think Global, Shop Local!!!!

Watch our Bulletin Board in the Square and our Flyers around town for news of upcoming events!!!

Rose and Joseph Taranto celebrated their 50th anniversary this Spring with a beautiful Mass for all Golden Anniversary couples.

Betty Mayer and John Foley were married in a lovely, but wind-swept ceremony at the top of the West Beach stairs in June. A reception was held in their back yard on Cold Spring Drive. They had a church wedding this October, with a wonderful reception at the Riviera in Massapequa.

Dan McCabe appeared in a summer production of *King Ubu* performed on the Green in Central Park by the New York

Classical Theatre.

Births

A baby girl, **Laura Elizabeth**, was born on August 14th to **Tara and Mark Broome** of Valley Drive.

Matt and Michelle Lane are proud parents of **Christopher Andrew**, born on September 20th. The very young looking grandparents are Veronica and **Andrew Lane**. **Aunt Melissa** is quite happy about the new addition to the family.

Gloria and Rudy Yorio happily announced the birth of their grandson, **Glenn Scott Newberger**, on Christmas Day 2000.

His parents are **Joanne and Glenn Newberger**.

Barbara and John Walter welcomed a new granddaughter, **Arianna**. The beautiful smiling baby can be seen almost daily at Grandma's stationery store in the Square.

A beautiful baby girl, **Michele**, was born to **Angela and Ray Costanzo** on October 16. They welcomed her to their new home, right around the corner from **Uncle Jerry and Aunt Deanna**.

We will miss **Ann Minogue** who moved to Ohio in September.

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The Summer of 2001

By Mary MacElveen

It was the summer of 2001 and, as usual, the members of the Sound Beach Property Owners Association came together for another summer season of fun. A time and place where, in retrospect, all the cares of our world are washed away in warm water and soft sun. It is a place where we come together as a community to celebrate who we are: We are a community that gives friendship and support to one another; a community where we can let our children be children in the most carefree of ways; a place where we can let our children hike to Clay Mountain and come back all covered in clay as a symbol of independence, if only for a brief moment; a place where we as parents sit content in our favorite beach spot, knowing that while they are spreading their wings, our children are also safe, and having fun.

Unlike the summer of 2000, the weather this season could not have been nicer. Each day was better than the last. We had a few days of extreme heat, but the clear waters cooled us. We are thankful to those who pitched in to make a rock free path into the water. It sure helped this author out some. Last year, I had a nasty habit of tripping over some rocks, only to be caught in my embarrassment by those watching from the beach. But, hey, it is summer, and there is nothing like laughing at oneself. I even made it successfully on to Submarine Rock to dive off! To my surprise, I was being graded by the Sound Beach Olympic Committee headed by none other than our beach commissioner, Nancy Paul, for my dive. Thanks, Nancy, for the high grade!

The beach this year was the scene of some great lessons for our children in marine biology. There were literally hundreds of horseshoe and other types of crabs for them to look at, study and name and return the their home in our part of the Long Island Sound. It was a joy to see the children gather together to look at and talk about these harmless prehistoric creatures.

Walking or standing in the water knee

deep gave us a chance to see the thousands of silversides fish or glass minnows swimming in schools around our legs. Sometimes there were so many of them, you couldn't see your feet! How lucky we are to have such a great beach.

It seemed to me that beach attendance was up this year; and that was pleasant to see. To me, our beach is a little oasis. A place where Moms like myself have a place to take our children within walking or a short driving distance. Not many communities are like that. We grab our coolers, which are chock full of summer treats and spend hours having fun. There were days when it was a chore to leave the beach to get home before six. Not only did the kids want to stay, but this author did as well. I must thank my husband, Brett for pitching in and making dinners for our late return home. But gabbing with ladies like Eileen, Audrey, Nancy and others had me forgetting what time it was.

Besides our everyday fun times at the beach our special Field Day event was also great. Field day is set aside for the Association to give back to the members who support it. This year, we were treated to some of the finest eats, games for the kids and raffles to boot! Even the light drizzle couldn't dampen our fun. Seeing how proudly each child who won an event wore their ribbon was a thrill. And watching them race by was spectacular.

Normally I don't buy raffles but this time I did and voila, I won a manicure and pedicure from a local merchant

We applaud Nancy and her crew, once again, for the great job they did to give us a day to come together, not only as SBPOA members, but as friends. They do such a fantastic job. Thank you, all!!!!

Another yearly event, the Clam-B-Que, was another chance for us to get together for fun, dinner and dancing (as if we needed an excuse!!). The menu was superb as usual. Ellen's husband,

Bruce cooked a chicken dish that was excellent! I am still on the hunt for the recipe. Um, Bruce, if you are reading this, may I have it? Pretty please?!

And the music couldn't be beat (if you'll pardon the pun)! To the DJ, thanks for such wonderful and danceable music. And I didn't know Edward was such a fantastic dancer. Bravo, Edward!

For those living around our club house and who saw what a great time we had, this is your chance to join in the fun, if you are not already a member.

We are always saddened when summer comes to a close. But, we count the months 'til the next season opens. Only seven more months to go.

As I have said to neighbors who are not members, our membership dues is money well spent. You can have a summer of great fun, make new friends, and give back to your community. In these times when people tend to scatter, it is nice to come together in celebration of who we are: A special community.

In the aftermath of September 11, we need our communities to come together more than ever. Perhaps if you are not a member yet, you can take this opportunity to celebrate our community and join the many people who have enjoyed our special place for so many years.

God Bless America
Mary MacElveen
Sound Beach, New York

Authors note:

Our blue raft, on which everyone had fun, floated away during a high tide. Should anyone see it, please contact the Sound Beach Property Owners Association, or call Vic at 744 5678.

Field Day Supporters

The following local businesses generously contributed to our field day raffle. Please support our community and patronize these friends whenever possible.

Sound Beach

A&J Butchers
 Deli Express
 Gene's Kitchen
 Handy Pantry
 Hartlin Inn
 Henry's Automotive
 H.S.B.C.
 Korner Bargains
 Matt's One Stop
 New Beginnings Thrift Shop
 North Country Wines
 Rubino's
 Shear Style Hair and Nails
 Special Moments Stationery
 Washing Well

Rocky Point

Carvel
 Grand Central Bagels
 Hair Waves

J&R's Steak House
 North Fork Bank
 Plaza Sports
 Pompeii Pizza
 Royal Plaza Liquor
 Sun-Wo Chinese Restaurant

Miller Place

Anthony Joseph's Salon
 Brookstone Cleaners
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 Friendlys
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 La Casa Restaurant
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Mount Sinai

Butcher Boy
 Carry-All Wine & Liquor
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 Chase Bank
 Handlebars Restaurant
 JR Milk Co. Drive Thru
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 Le Marc Hallmark
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 V&J Hair Station, Inc.

Port Jefferson Station

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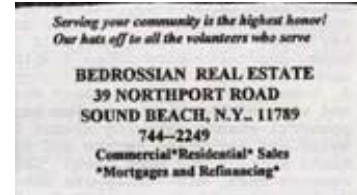
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Volunteer Thank You Party

Jan and Tom Whiten hosted the 'Thank You' party at the clubhouse on August 18th. This has been a tradition for many years and this dedicated couple always does a wonderful job. This year the focus was on the men and women who put a much needed new roof on the clubhouse. It was not an easy job. All the old shingles had to be ripped off. Some of the beams had to be replaced, and a new roof installed.

At the party, a framed plaque with the names of the volunteers and pictures of them at work was presented, and hung on the clubhouse wall for all to see.

There was a wonderful buffet of delicious foods prepared by Margeaux and other members; the music was supplied by D.J. Tim Daly, and lots of fun and good fellowship was had by all. The S.B.P.O.A. would not have survived for the past 72 years without the help of loyal and dedicated volunteers. We look forward to the future, and more occasions to honor the people who contribute so much to our community.



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this cause to our attention four years ago), Kathleen Lehey, Mimi Hodges, Audrey Moerlins, Dorothy Villaran, Eileen and Ed Cantwell, Jim and Patrice Perrecca, Lori and Jack Sohl. In addition, Brooke Bonomi, Member of S.B.P.O.A. and teacher at Rocky Point Junior H.S. Brought 20 members of his Be A Nicer Neighbor Club down to the beach to help us. His wife, Eileen and three young children, Ryan, Colin, and Lauren helped too. We thank all of them for picking up, raking and bagging the debris.

The next day, Jerry Milmo, Jerry Costanzo, and Steve Redman came by boat from Mt. Sinai, loaded all the bags, and brought them to the designated disposal spot. Thanks Guys! We

now have a beautiful pristine beach again. Let's keep it that way!

All that Jazz

Something new has come to the S.B.P.O.A clubhouse. On two or three Thursdays during the month (except the first, which is reserved for board meetings), MEMBERS are invited to come up and enjoy an evening of Jazz music. It 's all very low key (pardon the pun!). The talented Rich Dimini is on the piano, other members join in and there is an open mike for anyone with an inclination to sing. Free admission and a nominal charge for coffee and cake. For dates and information, call Jerry Costanzo on his voice mail (516 779 6813) or Willie Smith at 744 2067.

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Ann was a former President of S. B.P.O.A.. You may have seen her working in her beautiful home and garden on Sound Beach Boulevard. We wish her much happiness.

We express our condolences to Tee Comito on the death of her husband, Joe, on October 21st. Many of you may remember the beautiful story Tee wrote for our Newsletter in June of 1996 on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. Tee was a young French girl and Joe was a G.I.. They conducted a 'sign language' courtship, but oh, how they could dance! We all enjoyed their

fancy foot work and their happy relationship.

Ellen and Bruce Kretschmer, who have been preparing our wonderful Clam-b-ques for the past 10 years, have been honored at their Marco Island, Florida, Restaurant. "Kretch's" received the Platinum Award from the Chamber of Commerce for the Best Lunches in town!

Congratulations to St. Louis de Montfort Church! They celebrated their 30th Anniversary as a parish on November 3, 2001.

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SBPOA.org