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~ In Memoriam ~

Joe Orzel
of Hartford Avenue

Margaret Vecchitto
of Hartford Avenue's Vecchitto's Italian Ice

Cora Schultz
Was an officer of SVBA

2008 Summer Activities

TAG AND BAKE SALE

The first event we sponsored was the April Tag and Bake Sale. Sorting, pricing, setting up and taking down are labor intensive activities. We felt it wasn't really worth the effort put in because sales were down. All in all, it was a lot of fun to do.

BEACH DONUTS

We started last summer bringing the SV beach donuts back on Memorial Day weekend. We sold them every weekend through Labor Day. Needless to say it was a huge success with many customers pleased that the donuts were back. Many stories were told to us about how far customers would come for donuts and how much they missed them.

Our first customers with Shirley Annunziata and Joann Lishing.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The 2008 July 4th parade had the largest participants ever. Joann Lishing led the parade with our guests of honor the veterans from WWII.

Donald M. Dobruck - Miami Beach
U.S. Navy **-** Pacific Theatre
Fennmore Feigenbaum - New Britain
U.S. Navy **-** Pacific Theatre
John Gaudiana - West Hartford
8th Army—24th Div. **-** Japanese Occupation

The marching music was provided by the Silver Coronet band. The lineup included numerous floats, beautifully decorated bikes and strollers, fire trucks, ambulance, and adult and children marchers.

As is the custom, the Association provided flags to everyone and balloons to the children.

Following the parade, prizes were awarded. Our judges this year were **Dee Vowles** from the Carousel Shops and **Lenny Corto** from Lenny's on the Beach.

Best Bike
Thomas Fox • Daniella Castinho - up to 7
Daniel Peulso • Lauren Wells - 8 -12
Best Costume
Jacob & Sebastian Gionfriddo
Arianna Del Mastro - up to 7
Avi Miller • Marissa Pappalardo - 8 - 12
Most Patriotic • Savannah Beare
Funniest • Ernie Betulia
Best Float • West Wings Condo
Best Wagon • Kelly Bergland

One of the decorated vehicles.

BINGO

The Bingo games started in June. Many of the beach residents enjoy these Wednesday and a few Saturday evenings. It is a great way to socialize and have some fun. This summer Bingo will start mid-June and end in September. As of this point, there are no Saturday Bingo's scheduled.

KIDS CRAFTS

Shirley Grande and **Debbie Schreier** once again hosted this program. The center was open every Tuesday and Thursday through the months of July and August from 10:00 a.m. to noon. These sessions were well attended averaging from 23 to as high as 47 children coming from Sound View, Old Colony, White Sands and other beaches. A variety of crafts were available consisting of putting wooden models of cars bird houses, small trinket boxes together and painting them. A lot is done with foam pieces, making them into picture

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East Swan Avenue Coalition vs. Old Coloney Beach

The East Swan Avenue Coalition consists of a number of residents residing on the east side of Swan Avenue. They filed suit against the Old Colony Beach Association in 2008 for denying East Swan Avenue residents access to Old Coloney Beach in spite of the rights reflected by their deeds. Attorneys from both sides met toward the end of 2008. At that meeting, it was generally agreed that the East Swan Avenue members do have beach access rights. The attorneys are working to resolve the situation and drew up an agreement between both parties. The East Swan Avenue attorney met with a number of residents on Swan Avenue on February 7th and discussed a number of options to be ironed out in subsequent meetings between the attorneys. After being harassed for a number of years, the members of East Swan Avenue, hope to put this issue to rest and have their rights upheld.

Butch, Mike, Dennis and Russ.

AWARDS GIVEN TO SOME OUR MEMBERS

The following members received the **CT Veterans Wartime Service Medal** for their service. Dennis Melluzzo, Vietnam; Mike DeStefano, WWII; Russ Carlo, Korea and Butch Lagano, Vietnam.

Shirley Annunziata was given the **Melvin Jones Award** from the Lions Club. This is the highest award a Lion member can receive.

Shirley accepting her award from the Past International Governor Mahendra Amarasuriya.

2008 Summer Activities

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frames and door hangers. There are at least two adults to supervise and some younger helpers. Provided with the price of the craft was a snack and juice.

PASTA SUPPER & RAFFLE

The pasta supper and raffle took place on August 9th. We had a nice turnout for the ALL YOU CAN EAT pasta supper.

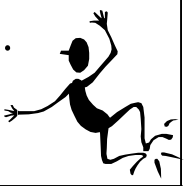
The winners of the Raffle were:

1st Prize: 42" Flat Screen LCD/HDTV $900 value
Winner: John Aniskoft - Old Lyme, CT
2nd Prize: Gas Barbeque Grill $300 value
Winner: Al Gineo - Vernon, CT
3rd Prize: $100 Gift Certificate redeemable at Pasta Vita, Old Saybrook
Winner: Evan Doyon - Old Lyme, CT
4th Prize: $50 Gift Certificate redeemable at Sunset Rib, Waterford
Harvey Wallet - Old Lyme, CT
5th Prize: Gift Certificate redeemable at Clams Restaurant, Old Lyme
Winner: Evelyn Salvatore - Bristol, CT

This year's prizes will include:

- 47" LCD VIZIO 1080 Flat Screen television
- Gas Barbeque Grill

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE
Saturday, May 23rd



CREATING THE SOUND VIEW BEACH COMMISSION

Throughout the summer and fall months of 2008 members of the Sound View Beach Association have been regularly attending Old Lyme Board of Selectmen's meetings. Our goal has been to bring to the attention of our selectmen the uniqueness of the Sound View community and the health, safety and quality of life issues facing the residents. Although issues such as overcrowding, traffic, public intoxication, parking, etc. have been discussed in previous years, this year we made repeated, persistent and detailed accounts of these concerns. This has resulted has resulted in a major initiative and a significant step forward.

In a joint effort with the selectmen, the formation of a committee to study the creation of a Sound View Beach Commission has been created. With the assistance of SVBA members Frank Pappalardo and Angelo Faenza, Selectman Skip Sibley drafted and presented the motion at the November 3, 2008 Selectmen's meeting, it was seconded by Bonnie Reemsnyder and passed.

On November 14, notification was sent to all SVBA members who have listed an active email address on file. Included was the Motion as passed and an application for membership on the committee. Membership was open to all town residents/property owners. A total of 14 applications were received.

A special meeting of the selectmen occurred on January 26, 2009 and the selection of committee members was announced. They are: Frank Pappalardo, Gail Fuller, Michaelle Pearson, David Griswold and Harry Plaut, with two alternates, Russ Carlo and Michele Zito.

The initial meeting took place the end of February. More information will be sent via email as available.

Message from the President

Hi All

I would like to welcome everyone to 2009. It has been a tough winter but better days are coming. I hope you are found in good health and great spirits. Just think, by the time you receive this newsletter, the water to our houses will be turned on and we can occupy our cottages yet another season. Please enjoy our newsletter. Every issue gets better than the one before. I want to thank all the members who have contributed their time and energy to the publishing and to keeping you informed. If you have something that you would like printed, just drop a line to our editor and creator, Arlene Donahue and we will try and accommodate you for the next issue.

If you are not aware, I am on the High School Renovation Building Committee. This project is progressing nicely. We, as a building committee, have approved the Schematic Design Estimate Phase and have forwarded it to the Board of Ed. Our recommendation is that they proceed to the next phase, the Design Development.

I hope you can attend our Spring Membership Meeting in June as I will give a more detailed presentation as to where we are with this project.

My Board of Directors has told me not to bore you too much, so I will put an end to my message. In closing, I am asking everyone to help support our Fundraising efforts such as purchasing donuts, buying raffle tickets and by attending our Bingos at the Community Center. The moneys raised help us purchase items and conduct our yearly activities.

Bye now and I will see you in the spring.
Dennis

THE CAROUSEL
OLD LYME, CT

Hats off to the volunteers
who have donated their time and money to the SVBA Shoreline Community Center

SVBA SPRING MEETING

Saturday, June 20th
@ 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline Community Center

Joann Lishing leading the July 4th parade.

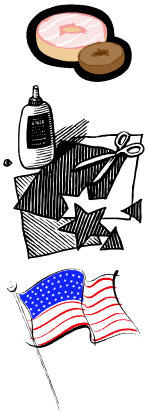
COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING UPDATE!

Work continues!! During 2008 construction was completed on the office. With the new office space, our Association records and files have a permanent home. A yeomen's job was done by several of our members cleaning the upstairs area. Over a two-day period a trailer load and several vans were filled with un-useable "stuff' and brought to the dump. More than two tons of items were moved from the upstairs, all of it a piece at a time, up and down the stairs. (Who said you had to go to the gym for exercise?) In addition to the massive cleaning our building materials were sorted and organized. It's like going to "Home Depot." Our handicapped ramp (donated by Frank Lishing) is now installed in the back of the building. The three south side windows were removed and reinstalled and selected siding was replaced. The basement hatchway project was completed this past fall, just in time for the first snow storm. Thanks to Debbie and Tom for their donation of funds for the hatchway materials.

With funds from our donut sales and other activities, we are planning for an upgrade of the electrical service. This is slated for May of 2009. Our electrical service is in the "Martino room" (small meeting room). As soon as this is completed, we're on our way to construction and completion of this room. During March -May, we'll be issuing some work party dates along with planned tasks. If you can lend a helping hand, it would be very much appreciated. Just come down on any of the work party dates or contact the Building Committee work coordinator Frank Pappalardo at 860-871-7582 or frank@iecleaning.com

The Donut Crew: Back-Frank Pappalardo, Mike DeStefano, Gail Fuller, Dennis Melluzzo, Russ Carlo. Front-Gayla Butcher, Shirley Annunziata, Valerie Melluzzo, Nancy Lagano and Shirley Grande.

DONUT SALES begin: Saturday, MAY 30th
BINGO starts: Wednesday, JUNE 17th
KIDS CRAFTS begin: Tuesday, JUNE 30th
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE: Saturday, July 4th



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