This issue of the Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter, prepared during 2010, recording much about Chebeague organizations and Island life in 2009, is the thirteenth published by the Chebeague Island Historical Society. During the previous twelve years of publication, Mac Passano, David Hill and Beverly Johnson served as editors, devoting many hours, close attention and great skill to the task. They have earned our enduring gratitude. In 2010 Phil Jordan took on the gathering of articles and information for 2009 too late for summer publication. Many thanks to all who provided contents for the 2010 Newsletter. Bev Johnson has put the present Newsletter together this past fall and arranged for printing. Tardy though this publication is, we hope that these recordings of recent Chebeague history, which form part of the on-going record, will awaken interest and enjoyment.

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*Tulips at Second Wind Farm*
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.

Deborah A. Bowman, Chairman
Kenneth Hamilton
Lynne Priest, Treasurer
Gail Miller, Secretary
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Richard Calder, Superintendent
Dianne Calder, Superintendent

Chebeague Island Community Association

CICA has been working this past year in three areas: encouraging agriculture on Chebeague, encouraging economic development, and providing affordable, year-round community..

In August of 2009 we held a vegetable garden tour covering many of the gardens on the island, including Second Wind Farm. This spring, representatives from the Island Institute and MOFGA have met with interested people on the island about ways of encouraging small-scale forestry, which might clear some land, as well as grazing and growing of crops. This is a small beginning for something that CICA hopes will develop into a larger effort. Given the proximity of Chebeague to many commercial markets for high-end locally-produced food, and the tempering effects of the water that surround us, there is potential for growth in this area -- growth that could attract young families to stay on, or move to, Chebeague Island.

Members of CICA are also participating in Calendar Island’s work at claiming more ‘value-added’ for Chebeague’s lobster catchers. Moving away from lobsters as a live commodity sold to brokers, and towards lobster markets in which the lobstermen of Chebeague can command a higher boat price, is the
Finally, this has been a very active year for CICA’s Housing Committee. The 2000 Long Range Plan for Chebeague identified the need for the island to create “affordable, year-round” housing. Over the past ten or more years, the strong demand for land and houses on Chebeague has bid up land prices so that young people and young families are priced out of the market for buying houses. There is very little year-round rental housing on the island, so people who need to rent often rent a summer house and then have to find housing in the summer in a tent or with a relative, when the owners come to occupy the house. These problems make it difficult for young people to stay on the island when they finish school or for working families to be able to afford their first house.

The Housing Committee (and before Chebeague’s independence, the Cumberland Islands Committee) has been working on providing year-round affordable housing since 2004. In 2005 they got a grant to do a study of the need for housing, and in 2009 they funded an Island Institute Fellow to follow up on this research with more detailed interviews with people interested in such housing.

In 2007 CICA purchased 226 South Road with funding from the Genesis Community Loan Fund, the Island Institute and island donors, to be used as a year-round, affordable rental property.

The 2009 State Legislature passed a bond issue to fund energy retrofits and affordable housing throughout the State. One element of this legislation, the result of efforts by the Islands Coalition, Hannah Pingree and Libby Mitchell, was a $2 million grant program specifically targeted to provide grants for affordable housing on unconnected islands.

Last fall the CICA Housing Committee asked the Town Selectmen if it could explore the possibility of building affordable, year-round housing on either of two Town-owned sites. One is on School House Road, the other is the Curit Property, toward the shore from the Cemetery. The Selectmen gave their permission for CICA to hire a site evaluator to look at the sites. Both proved to have areas suitable for houses and septic systems, though the Curit Property is larger and much better land. But, the Schoolhouse Road site is more accessible, and would potentially have less of a negative impact on the community’s commitment to open space.

In February the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) announced tentative guidelines for the $2 million island affordable housing program and CICA’s Housing Committee began to have public meetings on making an application for some of the money. Initially they focused on the Curit Property which had originally been purchased by Cumberland with the intent of preserving the 8
acres along the shore as a conservation easement and using the upland 7 acres for affordable housing. Public meetings followed, in which we explored a range of issues, including new construction versus buying houses currently on the market and upgrading them to MSHA standards.

The Housing Committee explored the possibility of using the existing houses. But houses in foreclosure disappear into a kind of legal limbo that makes it difficult to make an offer on them. In addition, rehabilitation of existing houses is generally considerably more expensive than new construction, particularly new, manufactured houses. We solicited the opinions of local contractors, and this appears to be the case with the houses currently on the market -- especially given the high standards to which MSHA demands such house adhere.

While these discussions were taking place, the State came up with final program guidelines that limited projects to rental, multi-family or rent-to-own housing. Since multi-family rental housing is a new kind of housing for Chebeague, the Housing Committee decided to focus on a project that would provide a rental duplex on the School House Road property. This plan will be brought to another Town meeting later in the summer.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding CICA’s work, or if you would like to get involved -- or make a donation! -- please contact a CICA board member. We would love to hear your thoughts.

Bob Earnest, President; Beth Howe, Secretary; John Wilson, Treasurer
Board Members: Mabel Doughty, Ester Knight, Jeff Putnam, David Whiston, Frank Durgin, Ruth Slagle
The Chebeague Island Community Sailing School (which is sponsored by the Chebeague Island Yacht Club) enjoyed another year of growth in 2009 - 112 budding young sailors braved the chill waters at the Boatyard for their first-day swim test. We were again blessed with support from the Boatyard – the Sailing School students may be the most frequent customers at the Niblic, but honey sticks are not that profitable… thanks to the Niblic and the Boatyard for welcoming the kids onto their grounds. Under the leadership of head instructors Taryn McGovern and Isaac Julien, the School’s combination of on- and off-water instruction, with a healthy dose of games and social activities, continues to draw more kids – and to produce some fine young sailors.

Our instructors in 2009 were Taryn McGovern and Isaac Julien as lead instructors, assisted ably by Anna Maine, Asa Julian, and Alec McGovern, and by our junior instructors Persephone Bennett, Nate Richards, and Hutch Hurwitz. All of our instructors will return in 2010. This promises to be another year of good boat time, instruction, games, and healthy fun for all.

It’s early summer as I write this update. There are still a few slots for the 2010 season; students and instructors have begun to arrive on the island; and, there are sailboats on the moorings. Cross your fingers for another good year for the Sailing School!
Chebeague Island Council

The Chebeague Island Council sponsors the monthly Calendar that is delivered to every household on the Island, the Medical Center, the flu clinic, the health screening clinic, Chedemption, the Fourth of July parade, and assists with the administration of the Samaritan Fund, the Fuel Assistance Program, and Cynnie’s Group. We hope everyone will join the Council to help support these endeavors with your dues and donations.

The Calendar has gone through some transitions and upgrading by the hard work of John Holt.

The Medical Center continues to offer services thanks to Chris Silva, Nancy Hill and Joan Robinson with assistance from Ginny Ballard.

The Samaritan Fund assures that folks on the Island needing assistance with medical items do not go without. Last year $5823.00 was spent on necessary medical items.

After many years, Mac Passano, Beth Howe, David Miller and Gail Miller have turned over the Chedemption operations to Laura Summa. Many thanks to them for their years of dedication. Many volunteers help keep it operating during the summer. Money raised goes to the organizations they represent.

This past year there were 18 fuel assistance checks written for a total of $8000.00 to assure no Chebeaguer suffered from the cold.

Officers include:
The Chebeague Fire and Rescue departments have merged back together after being apart for many years. The Fire department has had no serious fires this past year while the rescue responded to over 70 calls. Our newest truck we received in 2007 is working out very well. The Fire Department had applied for a grant for a new fire truck and was unfortunately turned down. The Town voted to replace engine 6 (1972) and engine 8 (1976) with one newer tanker/pumper to be delivered in 2011.

We were able to get some grants, one for a new generator that is hooked up to the public safety building. One for new turnout gear for everyone in the department, now everyone is better protected as they should be. And also in the same grant 4000 feet of 5 inch hose to replace our 4 inch line. This will allow us to move water further, faster and much safer than ever before. Also we received a grant for training for a basic 60 hour fire fighting class that we will be starting this fall.

The personnel of the department donate a lot of hours annually. We break this into different categories,

Duty time - 508 hours
Training time - 1910 hours - for a total of 2617 hours

I would like to thank everyone for their dedication to the department and the well being of the Town of Chebeague Island. I would also like to thank their families for their support and patients of the many hours spent away from them.

The Rescue has
1 paramedic EMT- Nancy Hill
1 intermediate EMT – Ralph Munroe
2 soon to be Intermediate EMTs - Lida Munroe and Jarrod Smith
7 Basic EMTs - Martha Champagne, Carly Knight, Tina Runge, Polly Wentworth, Rob Prescott, Lori Rich, Beth Putnam, Beth Wiles

The 3 new EMT-Is and the paramedic help us to provide a higher level of care on a more regular basis than we have ever had before.

The Fire dept has
On Engine 4 – Captain Jason Hamilton and FFs Tom Calder, Jon Rich, Joe Ballard, Virginia Ballard, Mark Dyer, Tad Runge, Lida Munroe, Justin Doughty, Hank Wetham and Andrew Lamprey.
On Engine 9 – Lieutenant Art Lynch and FFs Roy Jackson, and Lindy Smith
On Tank 1 – FFs Skip Dyer and David Stevens
Fire Police – Dick Calder and Allen Malony
And Fire Rescue Chief Ralph Munroe

If anyone has any interest in helping out the community in joining the fire or rescue departments please contact Ralph Munroe. We can always use more members. Please come join us at our annual open house usually in August. We have lots of handouts, fun activities and demonstrations, good fun for the whole family. Thank you for all the donations that many of you have made to help support the department. We have been able to purchase equipment and apparel that makes it better for everyone.

Be safe and remember to always change the batteries in your smoke detectors at least twice a year. Please make sure with any function or gathering to park on only one side of the road to allow emergency vehicles the room they need to pass safely.

Thank You
Ralph Munroe
Chebeague Fire Rescue Chief
Chebeague Island Grange No. 576

Chebeague Island Grange continues to accomplish many activities with a few members. Thanks to many volunteers the projects can be done.

Our first project for 2010 (one we have done for about 50 years) was organizing the Island clean up. I must emphasize that rarely do we have a refusal and many who participate to keep their territories clean all year round. Thank you volunteers.

Martha Hamilton, one of our founding members, planned and presented the Memorial Day Program at the Church. Eldon Mayer was our speaker, Linda Carleton our music provider, Bob Brown led us in prayer, Debbie Bowman read all the names of veterans buried in our cemetery (about 185 now) and Tiffany Calder was our candle lighter. Fir bough sprays were made by 12 volunteers to cover each grave and following the ceremony each spray was placed on the appropriate grave by a volunteer. We concluded the program with a very moving rendition of Taps played by Herb Maine.

The next Grange sponsored project coming up is the Thrift Shop done completely by volunteers. Sarah VanFleet, Marilyn Nicklas, and Pat St. Cyr have organized hundreds of items into categories easier to find. . . They do miss Pommy Hatfield for all her assistance in the past. The public should thank these ladies for doing the work and presenting all the items for you to buy. Opening Tuesdays in June. Watch for signs for hours.

The final major project one by Grange is distributing holiday decorated boxes of goodies and fruit for the shut-ins at Christmas. We average 15 - 20 boxes each year. Sometimes a little smile and laughter is all the gifts needed!!

We support many Island organizations - to name a few, CPA Children’s holiday parties, $1,000 to the Island Council for the fuel assistance program on the Island, The Commons, The Library, The Church and some divisions of Maine State Grange, our parent organization. This year we contributed money to the 3rd and 4th grades at our school for their Boston trip to study the Revolutionary War. What a great trip they had! They earned our praise by taking pledges for the job of cleaning a large portion of the roadsides in the annual clean-up. Great Community spirit.

Reading these notes I have written really makes me think of community. Every single non-profit organization could not survive without its volunteers. Pat yourself on the back! You deserve it.

Dianne Calder, secretary
The Chebeague Island Hall Community Center

The Chebeague Island Hall has had quite a time!

It has been the Year of the Stove! In November we drew a deep breath and decided to go ahead with purchasing the commercial-style stove envisioned by our late President, Jane Abrahamson. Bev Johnson cheerfully recited financial reports and kept a running contact with the stove people. It was not as easy as one might hope. The strictures of code began to intrude and the price rose accordingly.

The Board took up fundraising with a vengeance. We sold breads and held a raffle at the Whaler’s Christmas Concert. We produced two very successful Brunches in which people poured in to indulge in a Sunday satisfaction of Mabel’s fried dough and a mouth-watering assortment of quiches, stratas, smoothies, sausages, ham, bacon, monkey bread and other baked goods. There was salad and fruits to reassure the health conscious types.

Finally, by pinching each penny carefully, we set to work. The family and friends of Jane Abrahamson pitched in with contributions in her memory.

The old stoves were removed and put up for sale. Charlie Kuntz tore out cupboards to make room for the behemoth and Kim Boehm worked on the new electric needs. A crew came to set it up and within a very short time it was accomplished.

Just in time for one of the Island Commons Community Luncheons. Many of you probably saw the photo of a very happy Arlene Dyer in front of our beautiful kitchen appliance on the Chebeague website. We are now “up to code” and are well on our way to being a real emergency center. The new improved kitchen should inspire many marvelous feasts.

Last fall we were offered some items from the Hotel which President Ruth Sla-
gle decided we should purchase. We now have five round tables, some cruets for salad dressing, a heat lamp (yet to be installed) for keeping food warm and various serving dishes.

Passers-by will notice that the building is being painted by John Howard and crew. A new stoop and handicapped ramp is planned so we should look pretty spiffy soon. Many other projects are in the works as the upkeep goes on.

In the meantime, our Hall has been its usual busy location. The Town has used the premises extensively for their meetings. Other public and private affairs are held in our premises. The stage has borne some extraordinary theatrical events.

So the old, much loved building in the center of Town continues to be our community’s true Center.

Susan B. Stavropoulos
Secretary CIHCC
The Chebeague Island Historical Society had a good 2009 in our little home by the sea. Our membership has continued to grow, though at a slower pace than we might like. We did meet our projected income for dues and Annual Appeal which is very gratifying, and our thanks go out to all who helped.

Our larger programs for the 2009 summer were a House Tour and a boat tour. For the permission to view their homes our thanks go to the Olneys, the Wil-sons, the Perkins, the Holmboms, Diane Lukac and Steve Silin, the elder Holts, and the younger Holts. For our boat tour our thanks go to Donna Damon and Jim Millinger who educated the sailors about the stone sloops’ impact on Portland Harbor and WWII installa-tions in the harbor. Thanks also for CTC for the use of the Pied Piper. It was a wet day, but a good time was had by all.

We look forward to 2010 with a new exhibit on “sum-
mer natives,” a boat tour of Chebeague’s other islands, plus our usual membership meetings. While we look forward to the fun, we must also keep in mind that our building will be looking for care and maintenance in the near future. We hope you will join in our efforts to keep the CIHS’s home in good shape.

On behalf of the CIHS Board, I ask you to come visit the Museum and join in the fun.

Jane Frizzell, President.

Chebeague Island Library 2009

I look back over calendar pages, circulation data, program posters and old annual reports and it reminds me, vividly, of just how much goes on at the Library in the course of one year. I received a note from a thankful patron who put into words what I believe to be true, “We chose Chebeague in part because we could tell it had a strong ‘library culture’ and we weren’t disappointed.” This is such a powerful statement because it implies that everyone supports or is supported by the Library and its many programs and services.

The library saw 13,425 patrons in 2009 and they checked out 15,168 assorted materials. We counted 3,564 computer users, but many more made use of the wireless signal after hours. Island students came during the school year on regular school visits or to do homework in the evening.

Programming doesn’t just mean the Library; we joined forces with the Parents Association and Recreation Center to bring pizza and movie nights, the
Christmas tree lighting party and the Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers! Phil and Sheila Jordan kept us going with poetry group, teacher Ruth White told us about her travels to Africa, and Mark McGee did another year (our 7th!) with his cine-magic of Groovy Movie. Children’s story time was expanded to include the Kids’ Place Daycare at the Recreation Center. There were many days stories were read in both places!

The Library had three very special visitors over the summer and early fall. Maine’s own Poet Laureate, Betsy Sholl read from her new poetry collection, Rough Cradle. Portland Magazine editor and author of Museum of Human Beings, Colin Sargent was very entertaining. Writer, Kate Ledger (and daughter in law of Murray and Merle Sachs) read from her first novel, Remedies. Farmer Minor and Datu the pig came for cake and ice cream.

We still provide space for artists to display their treasures. Our mixed show was a great success. Comprised of one piece from each of the many artists who have displayed over the years, it really highlighted how much talent we have on the Island. We are still thrilled when visitors comment on our front table displays. They always add a bit of visual and textural interest, and we love it when you offer a suggestion or add something to them. Thank you!

The Library’s “supporting” role in the community is noteworthy. Years ago, the Library purchased audio visual equipment with grant money and support from different island organizations. Our projector, screen, players, laptop, extension cords and other equipment are now reserved and used frequently by the Town and Town committees, Historical Society, Rec Center and individuals. During power outages, the building is opened as a shelter. People find it convenient to drop off things at the Library for someone else to pick up. Students can stop by for homework supplies. The Library will deliver materials to you at home if you need them.

We are always thankful for our many dedicated volunteers. They may weed our garden, shelve books or “click” someone as they come inside; they are a huge part of the Library’s success. You all are! Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Bowman, Director
Sheila Putnam, Children’s Librarian
Chebeague Island Yacht Club – 2009 Season

2009 provided another season on the water for CIYC members engaged in a variety of yachting activities. The weather was a continuous challenge with rain for the entire month of June followed by days of fog and drizzle in July. When the skies cleared in August, the bay beckoned as always!

CIYC continued to welcome new sailors enrolled in the Chebeague Island Community Sailing School (CICSS) – the most important undertaking of the club.

In response to continued demand for the sailing school, CICSS expanded to include three sessions for 2009. Three full sessions spanned the period from early July to the middle of August generating an enthusiastic response with over 100 students participating. The fleet measuring six boats strong (two 420’s and 4 JY-15’s) was able to accommodate an increased number of students thanks to careful planning by the instructors. In addition Bob and Betsey Whitman donated their Bullseye “WICA” to CICSS.

The instructors for 2009 were again led by Isaac Julian and Taryn McGovern. A new role of “boat helper” was created to formalize the development of younger potential instructors. The “boat helpers” were Hutch Hurwitz, Persephone Bennett, and Sara Freeman. Thanks to all of the instructors and boat helpers for a job well done and for conducting three sessions of safe on the water activities! Each session included a gathering sponsored by sailing school parents. Thanks to Betsy Oakleaf and Paul Richards, Aaaron and Abby Julien, and Ursula and Blackford Middleton.

To learn more about the Chebeague Island Community Sailing School, please visit the Chebeague website and click on the link for Sailing School. Alternatively call Bob Earnest or Jim Cox-Chapman.

Commodore Jim Cox-Chapman and his wife Mally kicked off the Chebeague Island Yacht Club (CIYC) season with a gathering at their home over the Fourth of July weekend. Members attended to celebrate the club and plan events for 2009. As in the past, the “meeting” agenda was weighted more toward renew-
ing old friendships and greeting new members than business matters.

During dates in July and August, Rear Commodore Dave O’Donnell organized trips to Falmouth and Peaks Island for “power lunch” outings. 2009 marked the tenth year of David’s service to the yacht club in this capacity. Not only does he manage to feed everyone, but anyone who shows up gets assigned to a boat. No one ever gets left behind, everyone makes new friendships, and you do not have to own a boat to participate! Thank you Dave for a decade of service!

The sailing racing schedule continued during the summer of 2009. Several races were cancelled on account of the weather including the Bates Island Race. The Ensign fleet remains at 18 although biggest turnout for any one race was 6 boats. Some highlights of the 2009 racing season were:

Superb support of Saturday Racing by members willing to serve as Committee Boat. John Layng and Ray Gilmartin were new participants for 2009. Thanks also to David Murphy and Bob Halpin for their service at the finish line.

A Round Island Race that included all types of weather including strong winds at the finish

The “anything goes race” was held along the Rose’s Point beach in August. The only requirement of the race 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 winner for 2009 was Seth Prescott.

The season closed with a reception at the boatyard the weekend prior to Labor Day. Club members once again enjoyed superb food as they swilled “yacht club” punch. The season drew to a close with the customary business and awards. The club was honored to have Harbormaster Claire Ross in attendance.

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 has retired as Rear Commodore in charge of power lunch outings after a decade of service.

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 lifetime gift that members can pass on to the younger people on the island.
Jim Cox-Chapman - Commodore CIYC

Race Results and Trophies for 2009:

Club Champion – Bob Earnest
Large Boat Champion – Bob Earnest
Small Boat Champion – Alec McGovern
Bungle Trophy – Jim Cox-Chapman
Opening Race – Bob Earnest
Ocean Race – Bob Earnest
Hamilton Beach Race
    Large Boats - Bob Earnest
    Small Boats – Alec McGovern
West End Race – Bob Earnest
Round Island Race
    Large Boats – Dave Burgess
    Small Boats – John Ash
Double Race
Large Boats - Bob Earnest
Small Boats – Taryn McGovern

Asa Julien and Amanda Maskell

Asa Julien and Amanda Maskell
Chebeague Needle Workers

The Needle Worker’s secretary has run into a problem that is bedeviling almost all of us – lack of time for this pleasurable and productive activity. With the added work that has come with Chebeague independence, as well as vacations and the sad effects of deaths in our midst, we find our numbers diminished.

Those of us who keep coming are working on lovely projects – a simple, summery hooked rug, several charming baby quilts, exquisite embroidery, and Russian punch-needlepoint as well as knitting, knitting and more knitting. During the winter we have convivial dinners. This summer we have given up trying to keep up with the torrent of island activities and will take a break.

But, as this suggests, we need some new blood! Because we started with quilting many years ago, we generally refer to ourselves and are referred to by others as The Quilters. But in reality we do all kinds of needle work, fiber arts or whatever you want to call it. We gather at the Hall with all our equipment two Tuesdays a month for a sociable day of work and talk. You don’t have to be an expert needle-person (actually we are all needle-women, but we would welcome men knitters, quilters or whatever). If you want to learn, we will teach you. If you just want to do your mending in a sociable atmosphere, do come and join us in September.

Beth Howe, secretary
Chebeague Parents Association

Chebeague Parents Association (CPA) is led by a group of parents who get together regularly to plan fundraisers and organize community gatherings with the primary goal of enhancing the lives of island children.

Historically, we’ve worked closely with the school teachers to help them with supplies and to fund special projects. This year we continued this practice by funding a visit from Chewonki. We also continued to help fund field trips and the Healthy Lunch Program and we paid to rent the violins for the 3rd – 5th graders involved in the violin program at school. We provided scholarship money for students to go on a non-school trip to Washington DC and we gave gifts to our graduating Seniors and the one “graduating” fifth grader. At the end of the school year, we recognized the school’s hardworking teachers and staff with small gifts as a token of appreciation for all that they do for our children and for our community.

CPA has also given generously to the Chebeague Recreation Center, a natural partner with shared focus on kids, giving money to help fund programs and we also donated a book to the Library in the name of the new baby born on Chebeague in 2009, as part of our “Books for Babies” program. We also made a donation to the Steven Ross Scholarship Fund as we do every year.

CPA is active in planning and facilitating many community gatherings. We particularly enjoy joining forces with the Library to plan fun events at the CI-HCC like Pizza & Movie Night, The Community Tree Lighting and Holiday Party where all children receive a special book from Santa. An annual favor-
ite is the Halloween party put on by the CPA. This year since Halloween fell on a Saturday, we had a “Halloween Harvest Supper” before the kids went out trick-or-treating. So many of our gatherings take place at the Chebeague Island Hall and we are grateful for their support of CPA.

The Parents Association has been working for a while to address the need for childcare on Chebeague. In 2008, we partnered with the Rec Center to use the Teen Center, empty space during the day, to house the daycare on a temporary basis. The new daycare, “The Kids Place,” quickly outgrew the space proving that a daycare was sorely needed and sustainable. In the summer, we organized a committee of community members to join us in our goal to find a more permanent home for The Kids Place. This committee had representatives from the School Committee, the Rec Board and the community at large. Once The Kids Place was firmly on the road to having its own home, the CPA voted to let it become a program of the Rec Center with the plan to continue to support it as we support other programs that impact island children.

We had several fundraising opportunities in 2009. We continued to sell our CPA cookbooks, notecards, T-shirts and raffle tickets, but our biggest fundraiser was selling lobster rolls and baked goods at the 4th of July picnic which moved to the area behind the Rec Center and the School. We are fortunate to have so many honorary CPA members who are willing to pick lobsters, bake delicious goodies for our Bake Sale, help set up tents and make it a memorable event every year. Special thanks go out to Dropping Springs Lobster Company and to all the lobster catchers in the Bay who donate lobsters to us every year. We are grateful for your continued support. We sold over 200 lobster rolls in 2009 and could have sold many more and it is
because of our loyal lobster roll buyers and bake sale supporters that these fundraisers continue to be a great success.

– Thank you!

Vicki Todd and Althea Dugliss

Enjoying the entertainment at the 4th of July Picnic at the School

Chebeague Recreation Center

The Chebeague Recreation Center, known as the Rec, grew in ways that we never could have imagined only one year ago. While all of our great recreation programs continued strong in every season for the island, clearly our biggest accomplishment was that we achieved our dream of creating a first-class, stand-alone, licensed child care building for Kids’ Place. With the addition of the new Kids’ Place building and the transformation of Newcomb Park into a home for toddlers and youth, we expanded the way the Rec can serve Chebeaguers for generations to come—both residents and seasonal families alike. The Teen Center got its space back, working families benefited from essential, on island child care solutions, and the Rec Center expanded our footprint in an exciting new way.

As always, we would not be where we are today without the thousands of hours from visitors of all ages or the creative, dedicated and tireless volunteers who make the Rec a safe, healthy and vibrant community asset. In particular this year though, we must say a special thank you to the members of the various steering committees who helped make the Kids’ Place expansion possible. A band of exceptional islanders came together during this so called Great Recession to raise nearly $150,000 in all private funds for the capital campaign which nears the end as this letter goes to
print; others carefully evaluated, selected, communicated with the community and helped acquire the new building; some put in long hours to oversee the shipping and move for the new building. Then a dedicated group dug, hammered, sawed, painted, raked, cleaned and you-name-it, gave their hearts to open up the doors to the youngest among us to make Kids’ Place a reality. They include: Leila Bis-harat, Eldon Mayer, Bob Ernest, David Hinchman, Amy Rich, Stephen Todd, Wayne Dyer, Chuck Varney, BJ Abrahamson, Nancy Ernest, Jon Rich, Eric Weagle, Cheryl Stevens, the Rec Center board of directors, the staff of the Rec and Kids’ Place and all of the families of these volunteers who supported behind the scenes all along the way. We thank you deeply.

Our popular programs in the summer continued strong with camps, theater, the Pool, fitness activities and Teen Center, a big 4th of July celebration at the Rec Center, outings like Ripple Effect outdoor leadership program and two big events – the bi-annual Croquet Tournament and the annual Quadathlon. In the cold of winter, Sanford’s Pond ran another great skating season and the Winter Carnival brought the community together for the annual polar plunge, rock-a-thon and chilli-chowder-soup contest. In the spring and autumn, the early release and after school programs were a success too. We also were happy to announce the establishment of the Newcomb Park Nature Trail program where we won a grant to build a set of nature trails to be used by the whole community from early June 2010 onwards. The Chebeague youth were involved in an organized outdoor activity where they can gain valuable environmental awareness, GPS skills, and ultimately build a sense of shared ownership of the woods neighboring the school, the day care and community recreational center.

We hope the Newcomb Park Trail Program will set a working precedent for a future, large, community nature trail systems on the Island. And we hope the next phase will involve connecting the 1,500 foot Newcomb Park Trail system to adjoining natural trails that exist on the island.

This year’s Board members were: Tiffanny Calder, Isabelle Boisvert, Heather Feinberg, Lydia Wright
Beverly Johnson, President  
Tom Adams, Vice President  
Kim Bogle, Treasurer  
Stephanie Martin, Secretary  
Vicki Todd  
Aaron Rugh  
Erika Neumann  
Nils Wessell  
Sam McLean  
Theresa Kaufmann  
Lindsay Anderson  
Cassidy Jeffers, Teen Rep.

Chebeague Transportation Company
2009 Report from Chedemption

Chedemption had its best year ever, raising $7,618.40. The extra income may have come from the Inn’s weddings which returned this summer. Taking out $610.40 in expenses for insurance and supplies, each of the 13 non-profits we support got $535.

This past year Chedemption has gone through a period of significant change. Karen Hamilton, a stalwart-year-round helper moved to Virginia, and Mac Passano and Beth Howe who organized staffing the green shed, and packed bottles in the off season retired after ten years. David Miller, who has been a major member of the crew that sent the bags and bottles to East End Redemption in Portland also retired. So Gail Miller is the only member of the original “management” who remains, as treasurer.

Laura Summa stepped into the breach. Though there was some feeling that it was not critical to keep Chedemption going through the worst of last winter’s cold and snow season, she refused to let Chebeaguers get out of the habit of redeeming their bottles and cans.

The old management and Laura organized the volunteer operation for the summer and Chedemption has continued to operate it has been run in the past, being staffed by the non-profits in the summer, with the proceeds being divided
equally among them. It has been somewhat more formalized by the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town covering the relationship between the Town and the Island Council within which Chedemption is housed. The Council has also created a Chedemption Subcommittee.

We all hope that those of you who have volunteered in the past, or have simply gotten used to bringing your redeemables to Chedemption will help Laura in her new role as the organizer of Chedemption. Raising $7,6128.40 by collecting bottles and cans takes a lot of volunteers doing everything from assigning each non-profit to a summer week, to recruiting members to pack banana boxes, to backing the trailer down the Casco Bay Line wharf, to writing this article. If you want to help in some way, get in touch with Laura Summa (laurasumma@hotmail.com). She can use help this winter, and this spring the summer’s staffing will need to be organized.

But the main purpose of this report is to thank all the people who helped Chedemption during 2009. Some of you volunteered for our 13 non-profits; others just volunteered. You staffed the green shed at the Transfer Station, worked in the off-season, and shipped the boxes and bags to Portland. This is only 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.

Sending a shipment of bottles to Portland are Dennis Johnson, Tony Arditino, Laura Summa, Cooper Bowman and Casidy Jeffers
Betsey Ross  |  Michael Stephens  |  Marilyn Nicklas
Dianne Calder  |  Howard Coon  |  Nancy Sharp
Gail Miller  |  Joan Jones  |  Will Sharp
Sue Burgess  |  Michael Porter  |  Peggie Jones
Ken Hamilton  |  John Wilson  |  Linda Carleton
Dianne Brewer  |  Ruth Slagle  |  Peter Carleton
Christie Belvin  |  Cheryl Stevens  |  Frank Durgin
Mabel Doughty  |  Bob Earnest  |  Marianne Durgin
Leila Bisharat  |  Beth Howe  |  Tad Runge
Vicki Marion  |  Anna Maine  |  Barbara Hamilton
Peter Rice  |  Julia Maine  |  Virginia Calder
Karen Hamilton  |  Louise Doughty  |  Linda Ewing
Barbara Marks  |  Sam McLean  |  Anne Isenberg
Tom Adams  |  Cyrus McLean  |  Joan Robinson
Bev Johnson  |  Chris Rich  |  Paige Boisvert
Ginny Ballard  |  Theresa Kaufman  |  Jen Belesca
Gina Ross  |  Nancy Olney  |  Carol Springer
Doug Ross  |  Jane Frizzell  |  Tom Calder
Jackie Cross  |  Jim Millinger  |  Rod MacCormack
Laura Summa  |  Carol White  |  David Miller
Lola Armstrong  |  Sam Birkett  |  Mimi Moulton
Brianna Roy  |  Leslie Ann Clark  |  Jonny Miller+
Susie Stavropoulos  |  Ann Thaxter  |  Dennis Johnson
Kitty Freeman  |  Mary Cushman  |  Stephen Johnson
Dick Collins  |  Malcolm Rice  |
Binkie Boxer  |  Sandra Rice  |
Lynne Priest  |  Suzanne Hurwitz  |
John Howard  |  Sally Ballard  |
Deb Bowman  |  John Holt  |
Mac Passano  |  Althea Hall  |

Thank you all for making Chedemption successful this year and for the past ten years. Let’s keep it going.

The Old Management
Town of Chebeague Island Comprehensive Planning Committee

The Comprehensive Planning Committee has been working hard but rather quietly since the winter of 2007-08 to develop a Plan for the Town. Such a plan serves three primary functions:

• It identifies a general Vision for the community over the coming ten years.
• It identifies long-range issues that the Town government or other groups on the island should work on to achieve that vision.
• It provides the policy groundwork that the State requires in order for the Town to have, and in our case, to revise, our zoning and subdivision ordinances.

The Committee, with help from consultants Hugh Coxe of New England Planning Concepts and Judy Colby-George of Spatial Alternatives, spent much of 2008 and the spring of 2009 collecting information and developing inventories of the present state of the Town ranging from its population to its natural resources, its economy, its “built environment”—houses and other land uses, and its public and voluntary services. In January 2009 The Committee sent out a survey to all year-round and summer residents asking about what they would like Chebeague to be like ten years from now.

Copies of the inventories and the report on the survey are available in the Library, in the Town office and on the Town’s Website: www.townofchebeagueisland.org.

This work resulted in several general public meetings so far:

• A kickoff meeting in summer 2008 to get initial ideas from people about what issues the plan should address.
• A meeting in March 2009 on the research and issue identification related to Chebeague’s natural resources.
• A report in the summer of 2009 to the community on the results of the survey, and a discussion of the Vision for the Town.
The Vision Statement for the Town developed by the Committee based on the results from the survey and the public meetings so far is printed below.

Since this past fall the Committee has been working on developing recommendations for dealing with the issues identified in the inventories; trying to answer questions like:

• What do we need to do to protect the island’s sole source aquifer?
• How could we encourage the revival of farming and forestry on the island?
• What can we do to ensure the survival of the year-round working community?
• How can we balance continued development with the desire to maintain the island’s rural character?
• How do we get a handle on improving our poorly maintained roads?
• How can we insure fair and environmentally sound use of the Town’s waters?

This summer we plan to have public meetings on some of these topics and recommendations. By late fall we expect to have a completed draft of the plan that can be sent to all island households and will be the subject of several public meetings. It also must be reviewed by the State for compliance with State law. If all this goes smoothly it may be brought to a vote at a Town Meeting early in 2011. But in last year’s Newsletter we thought we would come to Town Meeting in June 2010, so stay tuned. Developing the Plan is a lot of work primarily being done by a group of very dedicated volunteers.

**A Vision for Chebeague**

In the year 2020 the Town of Chebeague Island has clean waters and shorelands. The rural character of all the islands has been preserved by actively protecting wild areas from development. On occupied islands rural land uses,
such as farming and forestry, are encouraged. The public has access to some of the Town’s uninhabited islands though some are particularly protected during nesting season so that they may remain the home of nesting seabirds. The Bay provides sustainable economic and recreational benefits to residents and others. Productive, unpolluted clam-flats also provide economic and recreational opportunities. Fishermen control the sale of, and can increase the value of, their products. Public access to the shore has been increased.

Although it is geographically isolated from the mainland in a state with an aging population, Great Chebeague Island sustains a demographically diverse year-round community by providing a varied economic and social life on the island, with access to the advantages of the Portland metropolitan area. A reliable, affordable multi-modal transportation system provides access to jobs, health care, other services and entertainment on the mainland, without encouraging “too much” development on the island. Adequate parking for CTC is available on Chebeague. Up to date communication technology creates more flexible economic and educational opportunities, and binds the extended Chebeague community together.

The island School provides individualized, quality education. Enrollment fluctuates but stays within a range that allows for effective education. Education at the middle school and high school levels on the mainland provides the advantages of larger, more diverse schools. The community supports students who want to participate in extracurricular activities. Freedom of movement and enjoyment of Chebeague’s shores and open spaces, coupled with organized recreation and day care provide a safe and supportive environment for children. Taken together, these services and the “village” that provides them have made the island attractive to working families with children.

Working, year-round residents include fishermen, local business owners, artists, crafts people, and commuters to jobs on the mainland and telecommuters from Chebeague. The island provides economic opportunities for people of varying ages and socioeconomic backgrounds. Serv-
vices from health care to recreation, and from car registration to issuing clam licenses are provided on the island. Housing that is affordable and designed to meet the needs of people of various ages is now available.

The population of older residents is made up of retiring baby-boomers who have lived on the island for much of their lives or have been coming to the island as summer people. These residents have time, energy and skills to work with other residents on community projects. The island’s health care has kept pace with this growing group, as has the provision of home-care, assisted living and rescue services.

Year round residents define the island’s basic values – valuing personal independence, combined with mutual support and cooperation. The island encourages multi-generational interaction. Day to day as well as social activities encourage exchange of ideas and mutual respect. Residents volunteer with non-profits from the Commons to Chedemption, work on Town committees and celebrate together on the holidays that mark the passage of each year. The rich historical, archaeological and architectural resources of the island are preserved.

The summer population is still largely made up of families with multi-generational connections to the island, who are also committed to helping Great Chebeague remain one of Maine’s last viable year-round island communities. Summer people as well as summer businesses providing lodging, meals and activities contribute substantially to the island economy and to its social institutions.

The development that has occurred over the past ten years has been guided to be compatible with existing scale and styles of architecture. Islanders have built onto existing hamlets and have developed new neighborhoods. Renovation and conversions are sensitive to the integrity of the island’s vernacular architecture. Zoning is business friendly and supports economic development that is compatible with neighboring residential uses. Despite increased numbers of houses and businesses, residents have worked over the past ten years to improve the quality of the groundwater and the waters of Casco Bay.
Residents work with the Town and island non-profits to enhance the island’s infrastructure such as roads, community buildings whether public or non-profit, the cemetery and marine infrastructure. The relationship between the Town and the non-profits in providing services has evolved to take advantage of administrative and operational efficiencies. Environmentally friendly transportation and energy sources are encouraged. Ordinances from parking to zoning are developed by island people and are enforced strictly and fairly.

The Town of Chebeague Island became independent in 2007. We preserve our past and our small-town character as we continue to plan for the Town’s future.

Beth Howe, Secretary to the Committee

Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust

CCLT’s year has been full of excitement, challenges and successes. When we take the time to reflect on our accomplishments, I am always amazed by how much we are able to achieve as a volunteer, community-based nonprofit organization. Not only do we have a dedicated Board of Directors, but we also rely on our network of volunteer property stewards, land donors and our members for inspiration and support. When we all work together, we truly do make a difference in our communities.

Topping the highlights of the year are two new conservation easements -- one on Chebeague Island and one in Cumberland - bringing CCLT’s total to 18 protected properties and over 600 acres. It was a pleasure working with Sheila and Philip Jordan and Garland Gray, Jr. to ensure public access along the Gray Path to the Back Shore of Chebeague Island. The shoreline and scenic views will be appreciated and enjoyed by all. We also enjoyed working with two generations of the Seekins Family in Cumberland to conserve 45 acres of woodlands. The forest provides wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities and serves as a link between two other conservation areas.

Conserving land is only part of what we do at CCLT. Another equally important task is to steward the resources. This year we have worked very hard to complete detailed inventories of each of our properties. Or volunteer stewards,
working in cooperation with CCLT Board members, interns and property owners, have done an excellent job developing this important baseline of information.

CCLT is half way through a challenging three year process to meet rigorous national accreditation standards for land trusts. By joining forces with our neighboring land trusts - Falmouth Land Trust and Oceanside Conservation Trust -- we are sharing the responsibilities and creating efficiencies in the process. We are making great strides towards our goal of accreditation.

The Trust also reached out to the community this summer through some educational and fun events. With the leadership of Bob Bittenbender from Maine Audubon, almost one hundred people learned how to tackle the problem of invasive species at two workshops offered by the Trust. We also held our first ever fundraiser on a perfect August day at one our protected properties -- Rose’s Point Beach. Guests from Cumberland and the Island enjoyed fresh lobsters, beautiful scenery, good company and live music from the Island’s Mark Dyer. It was a great success!

We look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Penny Asherman, president

**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. Since then it has grown beyond chamber music but the main purpose remains: the people who donate to the fund enable all the rest of us to enjoy free concerts while the musicians don’t go home hungry.

This past summer we sponsored two concerts. The Quintopia Brass Quintet gave a concert of classical, jazz and band music in conjunction with the Ladies Aid Ice Cream Social in July, and the Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival gave a classical chamber music concert in August. Since it was the 200th anniversary of Felix Mendelssohn’s birthday, they performed his string quartet in E-
Flat Major and the piano trio no. 2 in C Minor. Carl Maria von Weber’s quintet in B-Flat Major rounded out the program.

The 2010 summer we are pleased to be adding a concert by The Novel Jazz Septet, whose bassist is Herb Maine.

We started 2008 summer’s season with $344, spent $2,410 and ended up with $680 as carryover. If you have a suggestion for an additional summer concert on Chebeague, we would be glad to consider adding it. We have a formal fund-raising limit of $5,000 per year, and, as you can see, a practical limit set by our donors, but more music is always better, so we will see what we can do.

Mac Passano and Beth Howe

Great Chebeague Tennis Club

Rain, rain go away ....... the weather got in the way of our fun during June and July. But when the sun came out we immediately got into our scheduled activities. All of us were happy to put away our rain jackets and get out our tennis gear!

As always, men and women scrambles were well attended. The Perkins Cup and the Brown cup were both won by Molly and David O’Donnell. The Brown cup was won by Ursula King and Lew Holman. The July Round Robin/BBQ is our most popular event and the August Round Robin winds up our season of activities. All of our activities are scheduled in the calendar and posted on the board at the tennis courts.

Again this year Julia Middleton was our court keeper and she also ran our junior clinics twice a week. Teen time, which is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 was popular in August. We continue to hope that the teens will take advantage of this court time reserved for them.

For the third year the tennis club sponsored tennis camp at the Rec. Center. This was chaired by Ursula King. Members volunteered their time with Ursula and her two daughters handling the bulk of responsibilities. All the kids who attended had a wonderful time.

At the annual meeting in August a new board was elected. The new president is Carol Springer, the events vice president is David Hinchman, the court maintenance vice president is John Wilson, the treasurer continues to be Ursula King and the secretary is, again, Jeff Hahn.

We are always happy to have new members, just speak to any board member to start the process. Come and enjoy the fun!
This past year has been a busy and challenging year at The Commons. We’ve had two open beds for over twelve months now, and we continue to chip away at several major repairs needed on the building. However, we currently have a wonderful staff of care givers and administrators. Beth Wiles has been the Administrator here for over a year now. I asked Beth to reflect on her past year as Administrator, as well as her past experience as a family member of a Commons resident, and to think about what really distinguishes the Commons from other facilities she’s visited. She said, “Well we don’t have a bowling alley, a movie theatre or a spa on the premises, as some do. But we do have the things that are truly essential for residential care. As we age, our needs are more directed towards care. Island Commons and its staff will care for you and comfort you. And your family will rest easy in the knowledge that their loved one has the most important pieces of life in place: safety, comfort, personal care and the Chebeague community.” All of us at Island Commons continue to try to spread the word about this special place and all it has to offer.

It’s been a lively year at the Commons, with lots of visitors and volunteers coming and going. The Ladies Aid have been holding their meetings here in the living room and staying for lunch, and the Activities Calendar has been full of interesting, fun things to do. We are always happy to welcome visitors to the Commons. Sometimes they come with freshly-picked raspberries or homemade treats to share or they just stop to chat. We had several visitors for lunch this year and hope to welcome even more in the coming months!

We have made progress on some much needed repairs. First, with the generous assistance of community members and the Recompense Foundation, we
were able to replace the floor in the shower room. This was an excellent beginning to our flooring project! We still need to make more repairs around the house and continue to fundraiser and seek grant assistance to do that.

We still have wonderful, generous volunteers who come into the Commons regularly to share their time and energy with the residents. We are so grateful for all they give. Ruth Slagle, our Volunteer of The Year, recently started playing Scrabble with the residents which has been a big hit. Binkie Boxer, Sharon Rent, Annette Kincaid and Nancy Chamberlain have all “called” BINGO, a regular activity. Jerry Wiles has come in many times to share his fascinating talks on famous people like Mark Twain, Bette Davis and the American Presidents. We’ve had regular poetry readings with Deb Bowman and Donna Colbeth. And Bev Johnson has shared her fun and interesting photos of birds around Chebeague along with Tineka Breed and the Belesca boys Aaron and Ethan. Linda Carleton plays the piano with the residents on Thursday afternoons. And Elaine Clark and Chuck Varney continue to weed and enhance our lovely year-old garden by the studio. I could go on and on.

On Memorial Day weekend, we had a bake sale to raise money to fund activities. We are always trying to come up with new and interesting things for the residents to do. Over the past year, the residents have made Mardi Gras masks, gone to the play 101 Dalmatians, made holiday cards and played horse shoes. They’ve been to ice cream socials, spaghetti suppers, concerts, Community Lunchees, even the Polar Plunge! They’ve had hand massages, made cookies, carved jack-o-lanterns and dyed Easter eggs. And there’s still more!

The Chebeague Island School children continued to visit with us, and each time they made the whole day brighter! The preschoolers sang songs and played interactive games. The 3-5 graders shared projects and stories. And to return the favor, the residents all took a field trip to the school in the spring! First, they read with the K-2 graders. And after having lunch with all the kids, they were shown a special presentation by the 3-5 grade class. It was a memorable day for all.
The following people have been honored and remembered as of May 2010: In honor of: Marilyn Nicklas, Lewis Holman, Pommy Hatfield and Ester Knight


ICRC 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, sits on committees, and spends time with the 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 Holt, Susan Stranahan; Lola Armstrong; Linda Carleton and Ann Bowman.

At the heart of all the activities, fundraising and planning going on daily at the Commons, there is staff of caregivers who devote their energy and time doing more than just a “job.” They cheerfully look after the residents whom they know as friends and family, making sure everyone has the things they need whether it’s a game of Cribbage, a cup of tea or a reassuring chat in the late afternoon. All of us at the Commons look forward to the next twelve months!

~ Althea M.R. Dugliss, Community Relations Coordinator
The Ladies Aid of the Chebeague United Methodist Church has had a busy year as usual though our numbers at meetings were often drastically reduced as various members succumbed to illness or traveled elsewhere. We need some “new blood” and we have fun so .. please.. think about joining us.

We have extra help from time to time such as Wreath Making Day in December after the Christmas Fair. Last December twenty Aiders and friends gathered in the Parish House to make 80 wreaths with fir boughs supplied by eight people ... the Parish House always smells wonder! Baked beans and hot dogs are the traditional lunch and since Jane Abrahamson always made a carrot cake for that day for Bertha Gray’s birthday....BJ made one for us before he left so we could have it in their memory. We do miss Jane and Bertha ....many thanks BJ.

Our newly renovated Parish House is a great place for us to meet but we have broadened our horizons by meeting with the Ladies of the Commons almost once a month. We bring our work and our lunches but the crew there treats us to fabulous desserts. We chat with Ellie, Betty, Joan, and Louise while Minnie crochets away and Charlie hods his own at the lunch table. It makes a change for everybody. Milo is always a gracious host and the crew is the best.

Most of you are aware that we keep in touch with former members and residents regularly and try to send messages of hope and/or joy whenever needed. Betsey Ross is our most efficient correspondent for this service. Last year she sent out 499 cards. Don’t hesitate to let us know when anyone is in need of a cheery note - we try to remember people - near and far, no matter what the
circumstances.

We usually meet in the Parish House from 11:00 a.m. to about 2:30 p.m... on Thursdays... we have plenty of yarn and needles, fancy work, etc. and we especially need some “crafters” ..so please think about joining us. Bring a sandwich and there is no telling what we might come up with from the freezer for a treat once in awhile. Member birthdays are our specialty! We also welcome knitting, etc. that you send us ...every little bit helps...

Martha Hamilton, Recording secretary

The Recompense Foundation

The Recompense Foundation is a private foundation established in December, 1991 to engage exclusively in activities for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purposes of devoting and applying the funds of the foundation a) for the maintenance, preservation, conservation and beautification of Chebeague Island, b) for the relief of the poor, needy, distressed and underprivileged residents of Chebeague Island, including providing funds to tax-exempt, charitable organizations which provide food, shelter and clothing, or basic services to such residents, and providing funds to individuals and families living on Chebeague Island who are unable to meet the costs of basic medical, health, nutritional and educational needs, and c) for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes.

The business affairs of The Recompense Foundation are conducted and managed by its Board of Directors - Glenn S. Kersteen, Executive Director; Eldon C. Mayer, Jr., Treasurer and Secretary; Joyce Soucek, Director; Gail Miller, Director; Roy Jackson, Director, Manny Morgan, Director, Ralph Munroe, Director, Betts Mayer, Director, John Rich, Director, Jen Belesca, Director. During 2005, the Foundation supported the following charitable activities.
Contribution of $200 was made to the Chebeague Historical Society; $1,000 to the Samaritan Fund; $198 for the Christmas Lighting Project; $300 for the Chebeague Beautification program; $1,250 to Chebeague Care Resources; $1,000 to the Chebeague Island Hall Community Center; $1,500 to the Chebeague Recreation Center; $1,000 to the Island Institute; and $500 for the Angel Food Ministry.

A summary of the financial condition of the Foundation is presented below. The market value of all assets approximates book value.

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2009

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Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Year Ended December 31, 2009

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**Excess of expenses over revenues**   **$ 4,878**

The annual tax return (Form 990-PF) of the Foundation is available for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who requests inspection within 180 days by contacting Glenn S. Kersteen, Executive Director, 299 Mitchell Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107, (799-6611).
Stephen L. Ross Scholarship Fund

Money available for Scholarships this year took a drop as did our overall economy. We did distribute $3,680. (approx. $1,000 less than last year). Awards were made to Darya and Dennis Johnson, Danielle Rich, and Arianna Stefanilo.

It may be worthwhile to again report that we have distributed $55,015 since beginning of the Scholarship Fund. These yearly awards are probably not considered by some as being of great importance, but to those trying to find the money in this age it is really a nice financial boost when the first bills come due. So, please, if you are able, put the Stephen L. Ross Scholarship on your list of non-profits to help financially this winter. We will allocate to Scholarships only the interest on our investments.

We gratefully acknowledge the donations given by the Chebeague Island Council Chedemption, and the Chebeague Parents Association. We are also very grateful for the money given in memory of Geraldine Ross, mother of Stephen L. Ross.

Also, our very special thanks to folks who have become yearly contributors or more; Ronald Malony, William McCluskey, James Millinger and Mr. and Mrs. David Hinchman. To summarize the year, we have had 65 donations totaling over $12,000.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Mac Passano for the years he has wrestled with getting the contributing letters to this Newsletter in on time. We will miss his very thoughtful endeavors. Thank you! Mac.

Respectfully yours, Ken Hamilton, Pres.
Mabel Doughty, Betsey Ross, Doug Ross, Sue Burgess and Hartley Brewe

The Chebeague 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 the great island of 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. Thanks to 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.

Grace and Peace,
Linda Brewster
Pastor, Chebeague Island United Methodist Church
Whalers

Our Spring concert last year “A Sentimental Journey” was well received so we repeated it in August.

There were several highlights much appreciated by both audiences. Vail Traina and Doug Clark did the “Indian Love Call” number that so tickled audiences several years ago - especially when the head falls off the horse...Doug in full Mountie regalia mounting and dismounting from his steed and Vail hopping aboard with him as they ride off into the sunset ....it is a classic act in the Whalers repertoire. “Memory” from “Cats” sung by Jamie Calthorpe and John Howard’s Elvis interpretation were memorable also. We had help from some other musicians ....many thanks to Herb Maine, Tom Adams and Chip Emery who joined us for “some blues” ...a great sound.

The Christmas Concert was “Here We Come a ‘Carol-ing’ ..five centuries of Christmas music ...ancient, traditional, and contemporary arrangements including two by John Rutter. We were pleased to have Claire Ross join us playing the flute in Barbara Porter’s absence.

We are always grateful for all the people who pitch in to make the concerts possible...those who tend to the lights, the sound system, scenery, instruments and refreshments. Thanks to Rachel Damon, David Stevens, Cyrus McLean, Malcolm Rice, Steve Todd, Judy Doughty, and Priscilla Ross.

Last but not lease ... thanks to our loyal audiences ...singing is always fun ..but
better with an enthusiastic audience. We do appreciate your support.

We are so fortunate to have Sally Tubbesing . . . our fearless accompanists at the piano . . . can you imagine how she keeps track of those reams and reams of music? She is indispensable for hours of rehearsals and the shows, of course, and we certainly cannot do without our accomplished Leader . . . John Howard . . . our musical Wizard.

Whalers in one concert or the other were: BJ Abrahamson, John Ash, Sally Ballard, Cooper Bowman, Bob Brown, Jamie Calthorpe, Linda and Peter Carleton, Doug Clark, Martha Hamilton, Cheryl Hilligoss, Mary Holt, Ruth Houghton, Cathy MacNeill, Mimi Moulton, Barbara Porter, Sheila Putnam, Joan Robinson, Tina Runge, Sue Sawyer, Susan Stavropoulos, Cheryl Stevens and Vail Traina.

BJ Abrahamson, Martha Hamilton and Sue Sawyer
Great Chebeague Golf Course

Chebeague Census and Vital Records
(through June of 2010)
A quick census of Chebeague was done in January, 2010; there were approximately 335 people on the island at that time.

ENGAGEMENTS...
Joan C. Brenton to Joe McLalughlin  
Caitlin Woo to Richard Pierce  
Jessica Stevens to Adam Wallace

WEDDINGS...
Rebecca Swann VanFleet to nathan Webb  
Evie Bond to David Skinner  
Sarah Osgood to Nick Strangas  
Emily Tophic to Jason Stewart  
Rob Phipps to Maria Cunningham  
Laurel Lestan to Steven Potter  
Emily Whiston to Nicholas Schuller  
Kristin Frey to Mark Olsen  
Alexandra M. Knight to David McCune Edwards

90th Anniversary celebration August, 2010
photo from Wink Houghton
Elias Weld to Marketa (McGuire) and Zach Elsner
Jackson Thomas to Brook (West) and John Williams
Schyuler Charles to Philip and lesley Grant (Schyuler and Linda Grant, grandparents)
Riley Catherine to Viktoria Johnson and Christopher Adamaitis (Bev and Steve Johnson grandparents)
Clara Anne to Leah McDonald and Ben Wentling (Jan and Joe Wentling, grandparents; Ann Knight, great grandmother)
Avery Emma Parmley (Peter and Linda Carleton grandparents)
Caitlin Elizabeth to Rebecca and Joshua Lentz (Alice and Peter Mellin, grandparents)
Marlie and Colbie to Adam and Stephanie West (Sue and Richard West grandparents)
Charles Gardiner to Andrew and Caitlin Layng (John and Amada Layng grandparents)
Magnus Clayton (Gayle Helbig great grandmother)
Nicholas Sonny Brown (Carolyn Waller Bradley great grandmother, Sue Waller, grandmother)
Sascha Maple to Flora (Brown) and Noah Wentworth
Nathaniel Christopher to Erika and Christopher (Topher) Neuman (Betts and Eldon, grandparents)
Annabel Chloe to Andrew and Jennifer Sharp (Will and Nancy Sharp, great grandparents)
Halie Alexis to Katy Phipps and Josh Dezotell (Jim and Gisele Phipps, grandparents)
Alexis Jan Osgood (Jane Shattuck, great grandmother; Lisa and Bob Halpin grandparents)
Owen to Lynn Corbett and Wesley Bergstrom (Med and Marlene Bowen, great grandparents)
Jocelyn Rose Bennett (Lola and Bill Armstrong, grandparents)
Elizabeth Capen Landgren (Marily and Dick Nicklas, grandparents)
Kairi Christine and Natalie Namine (Beth Copp, grandmother, Cheryl and Don Buxbaum, great grandparents)
Helen Grace to Peg and Brad Smith (Pam and Brad Smith, grandparents)
Gavin Noah McCollom to Rob and Katie McCollom (Kathy and Joe Vincent, grandparents; Scott and Laurie McCollom, grandparents; Don and Cheryl Buxbaum, great grandparents)
Michael James to Christy Phipps and Joe Feero (Jim and Gisele Phipps, grandparents)
Alison Kern to Lisen and Jason Kern (adopted from Guatemala after waiting over 3 1/2 years)
Dillon Carr (Charlotte Richards Morse, great grandmother)
Hailely Ann to Mike Long and Sara Coskery (Ann Long, grandmother)

DEATHS ...
John Joseph Sullivan
Marjorie Rice
Geraldine Johnson Ross
Agnes (Nicky) Wheldon
Wesley E. Doughty
Gail Craven Watson
Kimberly Hayden Doughty
Charles Swann
Scott Horr
Dan LaPoint
Lillian Brown Dodd
Waneta Hamilton Cleaves
Janet Elizabeth Bowden
Ann Long Ormsby (Miss Ann to the children)
Edwin “Bounce” Nida
Caroline “Terry” Ross
Henry Hubbell
Ramona Dawn Taliento
A few of the people who are no longer with us from top to bottom: Wess, Marjorie, Henry, Nicky, John, Gerry, Jane, Charlotte, Nancy, Kirsten, Virginia, Al, Russ

Virginia Schroeder
Robert Breed
Kirsten Abrahamson Vogeler
David C. Weld
Albert S. Traina
Mabel Donnelly
Barbara Weld MacGuire
Charlotte Hamilton St. Cyr
Russell Gwillim
Nancy B. Adams
John Maxon
Edith Wallace

CONDOLENCES ...
Ruth Houghton -- death of her sister Sandra Smith
Betty Shute -- death of long time friend Mary “Ibbets” Knapp
Tink Lessing -- death of her husband Tom Evans
Jeanette and Ken Hamilton -- death of their brother-in-law
Paul Thibodeau
Evie Bond -- death of her husband David Skinner
Dianne and Dick Calder -- death of her cousin, John hamilton McCourt II
Over the winter of 2009 and 2010 the Cousin’s Island Road and Wharf Head was completely rebuilt with the addition of a turnout for the bus.

Most of the photos you can find on my website http://www.chebeague.org

Many people have contributed to the photos on my website which may be included in this publication including: Cathy MacNeill, Howard Coffin, Pat Hatler, Kelley Rich, Althea Dugliss, David Hill, KK Hill, Jim Thresher, Charlie Kuntz, Wink Houghton, Joan Dayton, Daryl Ann Anderson, Linda Watkins, Brennah Martin, David Hinchman, Leah Arsenault, Martha Champagne, Maggie and Rick Morgan, Bob Earnest, Caitlin Gerber, Jon Rich, Tom Schutte and lots more!

--Beverly Johnson
Some summer families have been coming to the island for more than a century. Their ancestors are buried in the island cemetery beside the long time island families. Many of these folks can be counted on to generously contribute to island fundraising, and some have been heard to say that their annual pilgrimage to Chebeague has been the one constant in their otherwise mobile lives. We wanted to know how their families had discovered Chebeague and what made them keep coming back generation after generation.

In 1988 the Historical Society sponsored the first of several programs to answer these questions. Donna Miller Damon coined the phrase “summer native” to describe these families with deep island roots whose ancestors arrived on the island for a summer sojourn before WWII. We were not disappointed as white haired men and women told the stories they had heard from their parents and grandparents of travelling to the island via trolley, train, steamship, and island steamer. We heard their voices quiver as they recalled childhood memories of their summers on Chebeague. The 2010-2011 Historical Society exhibit, Tourism Transforms Chebeague, delves into the effects of tourism on the islanders who lived during this transitional period as well as the roots of the summer natives.