



November, 2020

What's Happening

vipmv.org

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VIP Meetings Both on Wednesday Nov. 18

Board at 6:30 p.m.
General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
This will include election of the board.

The meetings will be via Zoom.
Please check your mailbox for the link that week.

This is our "Thanks and Giving" meeting. We will talk about ways we can give at this time. Perhaps we can individually count our change and donate it to a group we decide on.

If you have suggestions or want more information please text or call:
Julie at (508) 274-6840 or
Tony at (508) 560-3272.

A Thriller comes to VIP!

by Debbi Zetterberg and Stanley Startzell

More than 20 special guests joined the Halloween night dance with DJ Starz. Costumes were impressive including Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, ghostbusters, Gretta, leprechaun, red queen, carnival queen, cactus, a Scooby Doo DJ, and more! Dance tunes rocked the house with folks sharing their moves providing lots of trick and treats! It was a safe and exciting night.

VIP received wonderful news from the Permanent Endowment for MV. Our grant request was fully funded! Cooking classes, newsletters, website updates and email communication will be supported. Thanks to the Endowment's Island Fund for the Community and Joy Fund.



Do you need holiday gifts for your family and friends? VIP has merchandise from our summer yard sales:

- T-shirts- both VIP/Teamwork and Chilmark Chocolates
- Teamwork masks
- Beeswax Wraps made by Martha, Marney and friends
- VIP and Chilmark Chocolate mugs

Please email VIPmarthasvineyard@gmail.com and / or call Julie @ 508 274-6840.



Fishing at the Mini-Golf Course by Dale Ferry

We had a great showing of VIP members on October 21, making four teams of four or so. I had a very fun time with dear friends and next time I will get a hole in one!

I played with Donald, Greg, Andy and McCaull. We kept hitting our balls into the water by accident and had to fish most of them out. It was very funny and fun to do. It was a lot of laughs and I look forward to mini-golfing again sometime in the future.



Being a Firefighter in Chilmark

by Tony Palmer

I have been to two fires in Chilmark in the past month. The first fire, my first in 12 years, I entered the smoke-filled house wearing a Scott Pack, which is a respirator. This is the first time I have had to wear one, except for practice. I responded to the second fire on a Saturday night at three in the morning and was there past six o'clock. It took hours to put out the flames. They were a hundred feet high. Chilmark fire firefighters were assisted by the West Tisbury and Aquinnah squads. The house could not be saved. It was a very cold night. John Keene came to take down the house and hot chimney. No one was home when the fire started.

Thanks to Andy and Dale for sending these photos. Also to Beth, Marney and Dick for the others...

Check out the profiles of Dan Meaney and Connie Berry on our website—vipmv.org-- as well as the current VIP schedule of activities.



Watching McCaull's cooking class will make you want to get out a big spoon too!

Zoom with Ally and Beth on Mondays at 5:00.

Tune in to McCaull's cooking classes **every other Thursday.**

If you don't get the email links, send us a request!

News from Ally: On Thursdays, I go to Misty Meadows from 10:30 to 11:30 for unmounted horsemanship lessons. They are so much fun. I love everyone there. They are so nice. There is so much to do there. I hope to get back to volunteering there again when it is safe.

Vision Update by JP Hitesman

Julie, Beth and I continue to meet regularly to develop the VIP Island Connections project. Recently, we have returned to the focus area of developing person-centered planning for members of the VIP community. In October, we took on the planning of the campground walk and mini-golf outings. We are thankful for the community support of the two yard sales held in August and October. Please stay tuned to your email for future updates!



Ally, Lily, and Susie at Misty Meadows

News from Martha

My sister Maggie came from Oregon for three weeks. She came to help my mother, Jane. I had dinner with her. It was good to see her! She calls twice a week, but I hadn't seen her for a year.

I am continuing to make wraps with Marney. We cut 48 last week. We are making a new Teamwork label for them.

One day after wrapping up 😂 we went for a hike around the Sculpture Trail at Island Folk Pottery. The sculptures were great!



Maggie and Martha after wrap production

A Walk around the Campgrounds in Oak Bluffs by Beth Kramer

On October 14th, VIP organized a walk around the Campgrounds in Oak Bluffs. We were so lucky that it was a beautiful day and that we had two tour guides who live in the Gingerbread Cottages, Dick Cohen and Laura Gliga! The tour took us around the Tabernacle and down some of the smaller side streets. We saw lots of gingerbread cottages. Dick pointed out well-known bits of history including two pink houses. Each house had its own unique decorations and colors.

There are over 300 cottages from the original cluster of 500. Oak Bluffs was actually known as Cottage City until 1880! The Campground is a National Historic Landmark.

Dick explained how this part of the island was frequented by a group of Methodists that held annual religious retreats and meetings. First they slept in tents during the summer, but as the camp meetings became more frequent the group built permanent cottages. The tradition of Grand Illumination Night began in 1869 with Chinese and Japanese lanterns and fireworks.

One other part of the walk that was great was that Dick met McCaull who talked about his love of cooking and the cooking demos he is doing every other week on Zoom. It turns out that Dick's son and daughter-in-law had opened a new restaurant in Oak Bluffs this summer and needed someone to help with the dishes and with prep. From that walk McCaull landed a job at the Pawnee House. You never know what might happen when you go on a walk with VIP!



News from Greg
Everyone is doing well at Seven Hills. I have a chiropractor who comes to my house to help with my shoulder and arm. His name is Dr. Bryan McShea. I like to go out for lunch at the Big Dipper and Linda Jean's.

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