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What's Happening

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P. O. Box 1204
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Board Meeting Wednesday, February 2 6:00 pm

General Meeting Wednesday, February 16 6:00 pm

Both via Zoom. Check your email for the links.

**Also, Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 on Zoom, MJ leads
Virginia's Drama Club. Join us for fun activities!**



I miss cooking with you! from Sundy

Jon and I have so enjoyed hosting our VIP friends to cook at our house on Seth's Pond. Great evenings making soup and a wonderful one--now almost two years ago!--making pasta together. We were so hoping to have some warm, delicious repeat evenings this winter. But sadly, COVID is not cooperating. We must continue to protect ourselves (especially us elders!) and our friends. For us that

means no inside group activities at our house yet.

As a substitute I have been occasionally delivering fresh bread and either pasta or soup to friends. Not as much fun as a get-together but fun still. For the month of February, any VIPers longing for a fresh pasta dinner or soup along with fresh bread, let me know. Send me an email or text and I'll put you on the schedule. Uber Eats but free, with a grey haired lady at the wheel! Let me know. Stay safe and help others stay safe too.

sundysmith@icloud.com or text: 508-693-0831



VIP's Newest Board Members



Caitlin Houghton is 21 and lives in Vineyard Haven. She has a sister Molly who is two years older and lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her boyfriend and her German Shepherd puppy.

Caitlin loves to swim and will swim anywhere. Caitlin also loves to watch movies. Her fellowship, the Gopen Fellowship through the Institute of Community Inclusion at UMASS, Boston, is going great. She works from home and attends Zoom meetings occasionally.



Beth Kramer joins the VIP board following regular interaction with our group over the past two years, including through the Vision grant and behind the camera during McCaull's cooking Zooms. Beth has lived on the Vineyard since 1992. One of her well known community roles was serving as director of the West Tisbury Library from 2007 to 2020. Prior to that time, she was the co-owner of Biga Bakery in West Tisbury.

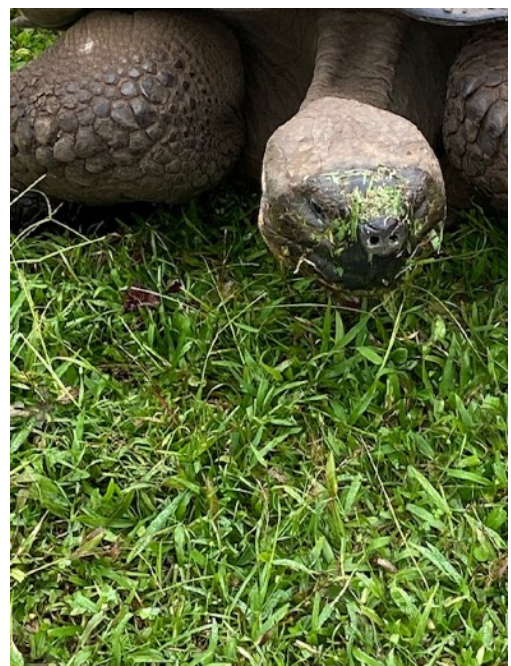
Beth recently took a trip to Quito and the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. Here are photos of some of the highlights.



Blue-footed boobies



Beth and her friend Nelia swinging in the mountains overlooking Quito, the capital of Ecuador.



The front of a giant land tortoise

The Ski Trip is ON!! Sign up Soon.

As far as we know, the VIP Ski Trip to New Hampshire March 11-March 13 is happening. The organizers (Wynne and Beth) and those attending will confer on the status of Covid infections in a few weeks. Vaccinations and a negative test result the day of departure will be necessary for all attending.

New England Disabled Sports (NEDS) has specially adapted gear and volunteers will be assisting folks to enjoy the slopes of Bretton Woods. Possible activities include snowshoeing, hiking and watching our friends ski while relishing the mountain scenery. The total cost is \$180 per person (lodging and meals). There is an additional cost of \$50 for skiing, which includes rentals, a lesson and a ski pass. VIP will subsidize expenses for anyone who wants to go. There is a minimum payment of \$30. Please get in touch with Beth by February 7 if you would like to sign up: 774-563-8391 (call or text) or bethmv@comcast.net (email) for more information. See you on the slopes!



Family Time by Martha

For my family's early Christmas celebration, I went to my sister Emily's house in Falmouth. We didn't do very much, just enjoyed each other's company. Then my sister Jennifer came for Christmas on the Vineyard. Her boyfriend Chris and her two boys James and Timothy added to the gathering. It was nice to see them all. I enjoyed spending a few days at my mother's in Edgartown and I had a fabulous December.

VIP Letter of Support for IGI Project

The board recently sent a letter to the MV Commission which Beth Kramer, our clerk, drafted. It read in part, "We are writing in support of Island Grown Initiative's plan to construct an accessible Education and Innovation Center and provide year-round staff housing at IGI's farm. VIP has collaborated with IGI in their work to incorporate inclusive employment and volunteer opportunities and to make the IGI campus as accessible as possible. There are currently two members of VIP who are employees at IGI, and they love their work there!

Upcoming Bowling

Our co-president, Tony Palmer has made a donation in memory of Rita Gale. Tony would like the next bowling to be free in honor of Robb's mom who died in October. Tony worked with Rita at the Black Dog Cafe years ago.

Patsy and Steve Donovan made a very generous donation in memory of Timmy Cantwell. A future bowling (hopefully in March) will be in honor of Timmy.

Amanda's grandmother, Barbara, died in December. Barbara was an avid bowler. Our April bowling will be in honor of Barbara. She sure loved Amanda.

Seven Hills Gang Makes Meatball Subs by Greg

We pitched in to make meatballs for subs on Thursday, January 13. We carefully rolled out the meat into balls, and we did a good job making them about the same size. Then we put them on a hot dog roll in a pan. Next we sprinkled mozzarella cheese, and then added tomato sauce. They cooked in the oven for about fifteen to twenty minutes. The subs were delicious! Other cooking class favorites are lasagna and nachos.



Here I go while Amanda watches.



Mark makes some meatballs



Nathan takes a turn.



Amanda fills up the plate.

Thanks to Tessa who coordinated our group emails and website for several years. We are delighted she plans to continue being an active member of VIP.

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