



My Grandma the Bowler

By Amanda Kram

On Saturday morning, my grandma does Lisa's exercise class at Windemere from 10:30-11:30. On Tuesdays I volunteer for the exercise class with Stephanie. My grandma loves that I help out.

My grandma was part of a bowling league for 46 years when she lived in Stoughton. She is an excellent bowler and gets lots of strikes! I think I inherited the bowling gene from her. I'm usually on Jillian and my grandma's team. Jillian usually wins. Last time she scored 115! She loves it when we clap!! I'm so glad my grandma lives on Martha's Vineyard.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 3, 5-6:30 PM — VIP art show artist's reception at the Vineyard Playhouse Art Space

Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 PM — VIP general meeting at the MV Regional High School culinary arts room.

Saturday, March 10, 12:00 PM — Last Saturday bowling of the season at The Barn! RSVP with Ann at [508-287-2847](tel:508-287-2847)

Tuesdays, 5-6:30 PM — Drama club at the Vineyard Playhouse, except February 27 (school vacation). Last day is April 10.



Mark and Greg at The Barn on bowling day, looking stylish and having a ball!



Goodbyes and Hellos to VIP Board Members

- ◆ Hearty thanks from VIP to Julie, Andy and Onnie, and Sundy as their terms on the board end.
- ◆ Welcome to new board members Dale, Walter, Steve, Erin, and Tony.
- ◆ Elected officials are a presidential trio: Judi, Alex and Tony.
- ◆ Allison is now our Treasurer and Debbi is our Clerk.



VIPers Get Creative!

By Laura Jahn

VIPers gathered at Featherstone's Pebble Studio on January 27th to have fun painting with watercolors with guidance from Judi and her visiting friend Lisa. We learned several fun techniques to find inspiration such as finding shapes in non-representational designs, filling in spaces with colors and patterns, and painting pictures of objects from the world around us.

This is only the start of VIP's new opportunities to learn about and experiment with artwork. Tessa and Judi are looking into where and when we can have another art day before the end of February, either to practice with materials some more or just get together with our art supplies to create.

Now is a great time to make something new, too, because very soon we'll have a chance to show it off! This March, VIP will get to display their creations in the Martha's Vineyard Playhouse art space. You may submit any flat artwork that can be framed; it doesn't have to be something made at the watercolor workshop or any other VIP event. An artist's reception will be held Saturday, March 3rd from 5-6:30 PM to celebrate. Any questions or submissions can go to Judi or Tessa.



Greg's still life of fruits and a candle.





Drama Club

By Colin Kennedy

Drama club starts at 5:00 Tuesday evenings. People who usually go include Martha, Erin, Greg, Brendan, Ida, JP, Ally, Jillian, Laura G., Allison R., Anna, Jenny, and Judi.

Last week we were practicing eye contact by either selling or teaching. I taught everyone bird songs, like the sounds of blue jays, chickadees, cardinals, mourning doves, and crows. MJ says she listens to all those birds in her backyard. Allison Burger was selling horse saddles to Erin Doyle, and Greg Marshall was teaching math.



That might leave a mark...

Creation and Destruction at Seth's Pond

By Sundy Smith

Sundy and Jon had a shock the morning after the windstorm in October: a big oak tree fell on their station wagon, which couldn't be put back together again. But every ending is also a new beginning: they also finished construction last fall on a ramp and new mudroom for their house, and they now have a new car which is just like the old one. The car's name is Fancy Pants.



The new mudroom and ramp.

“What’s happening with you?”

Greg: My flight to Nantucket for Christmas went well. I sat in the copilot's seat on the way there. I got there at 8:00. My brother Richard Marshall stopped working at Stop & Shop and has got a new job working at the Nantucket Steamship Authority. While I was there, my sister-in-law Erin fell and hurt her foot while going down the basement stairs. I had fun with the girls doing Wii games and watching Christmas shows. I watched the Super Bowl together with RJ this year. At the beginning, it was 3 to 6. The final score was Eagles 41 to Patriots 33.

Sundy: In January Jon and I went to Iceland with Chris and Barbara. Our many adventures included taking a hike on a glacier and staying on a sheep farm.

Laura: My Christmas season was difficult for me because I had pneumonia for most of it, but once I got better, I got to spend Christmas with my family. My Aunt Tammy picked me up from the hospital and I recovered some more at her apartment in Bedford, New Hampshire for six sleepy days before we drove south to see my Aunt Kathy in Clinton, New Jersey. Together we decorated the Christmas tree, waved to Santa as he passed the house, spent a day with my cousin Vaughn and his family, ate some very nice meals together, and opened our presents on Christmas morning. It means the world to me to spend time like this with my family.

Alexander: I just got back from my trip to Arizona with my mom. I got three massages, two pedicures, and I went swimming every day in the swimming pool at the house where we stayed. My favorite food I got to eat on our trip was rolled tacos. I wished I could have stayed there longer.



Sundy and family in Iceland

Some recommended reading...

The Vineyard Gazette is doing a series of articles about people with disabilities on the Island and some of the challenges they face. If you have an idea for an article you can contact the editor Julia Wells (jwells@mvgazette.com) or Sundy at sundysmith@icloud.com.

New Editor-in-Chief Laura J. here! I hope you like how this edition of **What's Happening** turned out. I had fun making it. Sundy and I are still putting our heads together to come up with new ideas for how to make our newsletter nicer-looking and easier to read.

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