

What's Happening

Virginia's Drama Club

continues on Tuesdays from 5:15-6:15 at the Vineyard Playhouse on Church St., VH.
Come whenever you can.
Check our website for the schedule--
no session on Nov. 19 or Nov. 26.



Bowling at the Barn Bistro



11:45 for lunch, then go for the strike!
One Saturday per month: Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 1, March 7.
\$10.00 includes lunch, bowling and shoes!
Let Ann Baird know

by the Wednesday prior if you are going:
Call or text [508-287-2847](tel:508-287-2847)

Potluck Dinner / Dance

Saturday, Feb. 8
6:00--9:00
Chilmark Community Center



Art and Cooking Classes

Details to follow in 2020



VIP Meetings

Feb. 12 Board Meeting at the Y at 6:30

Feb. 19 General Meeting at the high school at 6:30



P.O. Box 1204
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Dear VIP Supporters and Friends,

VIP could not exist without you!

2019 has been a year to remember. Vineyard Independence Partnership (VIP) has reached new heights of consistent programming, advocacy and collaboration with other organizations to sustain our ongoing mission of supporting a full life for individuals with disabilities and their families here on Martha's Vineyard. As Thanksgiving nears, so does the annual "Thanks and Giving" general meeting, where members reflect on gratitude and consider ways to help others in need, both on and off the island.

Thanks and Giving also applies to you, our VIP extended family and supporters. All our activities are funded through individual and grant-based donations along with careful organizational management.

It seemed there was something going on for VIP in every season of this year. Winter brought art classes at Featherstone Center for the Arts, taught by VIP friends Tessa Permar and Judith Drew Schubert along with guest artists. Community members greatly enjoyed the weekly theatre games, scene exercises and cooperative learning of Virginia's Drama Club at Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, led by MJ Bruder Munafo. Both art and theater offerings have resumed this fall as well as monthly bowling. This past summer, members of the community enjoyed a group sail out of Menemsha on the Impossible Dream, a fully accessible catamaran specifically designed for individuals of differing abilities. Seasonal dances at the Chilmark Community Center are highly anticipated. We are excited to expand our healthy cooking classes in the coming year.

This fall season has carried the strong spirit of VIP into both new and familiar settings. Three sessions of archery were offered on the Camp Jabberwocky grounds to an enthusiastic response. Board members are attending meetings of the Island Disability Coalition in an effort to forge deeper connections with like-minded local organizations.

We hope you will consider VIP in your end-of-year giving activities. We thank you for your continued support of Vineyard Independence Partnership.

Enthusiastically,

The VIP Board

Tony Palmer and Julie Schmidt, co-presidents

Ida Bailey, Allison Burger, Erin Doyle, Dale Ferry, JP Hitesman, Laura Jahn,
Ally and Chris Johnson, Debbi Zetterberg

