



February, 2021

What's Happening

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VIP General Meeting

Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

- Recap of winter activities
- Plan new activities
- Recruit and Schedule Zoom guests and hosts—would you like to be one or suggest someone?
- Hamsters, Cats & Dogs! After business, we will each talk about a favorite pet, or one we might like to have. Bring your pet (or a photo) to the Zoom and share a story.



Mark with his dog Tank

Monday Zoom Schedule, 5:00 pm

March 1 Erin cooking carrot soup

March 15 Ida and Ally team up



Sea Life by Alexander. In Alexander's portrayal we see lots of happy marine life and no plastic debris.

VIP Beach Brigade Clean up Saturday, March 20 at 3:30 pm

Meet on State Beach near the Camp Jabberwocky designated parking. We will provide large trash bags. Please bring garden gloves and small reusable grocery bags to gather trash. Wear a mask and keep a safe distance from each other. Hopefully, this will be an ongoing effort to clean-up Martha's Vineyard!

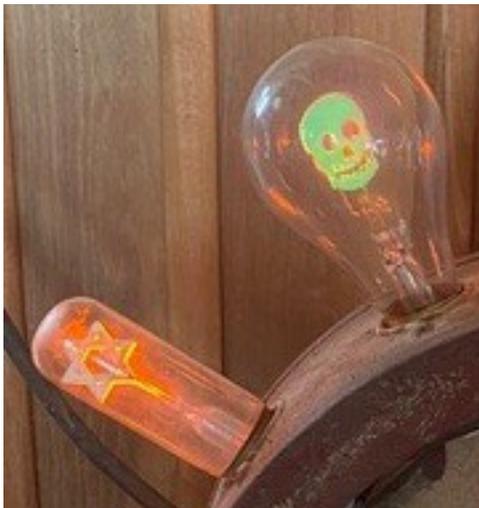
For information or if you would like to do this another day, please contact Erin at (860) 575-4019. Thanks to Erin and her sister Mollie for initiating this idea. Sam Look of the Vineyard Conservation Society attended the VIP Board meeting and will provide assistance and supplies.



Andy's Hobby by Andy Palmer

In grade school I read about Thomas Edison and that started my interest in electricity—especially light bulbs! About 50 years ago I was walking on the beach and came across a beautiful, clear, extra large light bulb, washed up and miraculously not broken by the surf.

Since then I have searched in second-hand stores and Ebay for interesting bulbs. I have collected many shapes, sizes and colors, but my favorite is still a very simple antique bulb that illuminates our cat Carl's dining area and has been working for us for 20 years. It was old before I bought it for \$1 last century! Photos show that bulb and a few of the others: horse, airplane, naked lady, skull, flower, Happy Birthday, elephant, and star of David.



DJ Ben Starz sparkled with his green fluorescent glasses leading the VIP dance via Zoom on January 29. About 23 VIPers danced to the rhythmic tunes as Ben played some favorite songs.

IDC's Employment Workgroup by Dick Cohen

A number of people from VIP and Seven Hills took part recently in conversations with the Island Disability Coalition (IDC). The IDC is using the information to develop an action plan to help meet the identified needs, from improving information for individuals and families, increasing awareness amongst potential employers and improving access to job coaches and other supports.

Many individuals who would like to work are concerned that they could lose critically needed government benefits or health insurance. The IDC is mindful of that. We are developing strategies to enable individuals who want to work to be able to do so without losing critical government benefits.

For more information on the IDC, go to <https://idcmvy.org>. If you would like to join the IDC or IDC's Employment Workgroup, please contact Julie Lively or Beth Wike at IDCmvy@gmail.com or 508-693-7900 Ext. 252.

Jigsaw Puzzles



Connie did this puzzle, which her daughter gave her. It features Connie and her husband Bob with their daughter Susie's boys Kane and Ronin. Connie sewed facemarks for VIP which were sold at last year's yard sales.

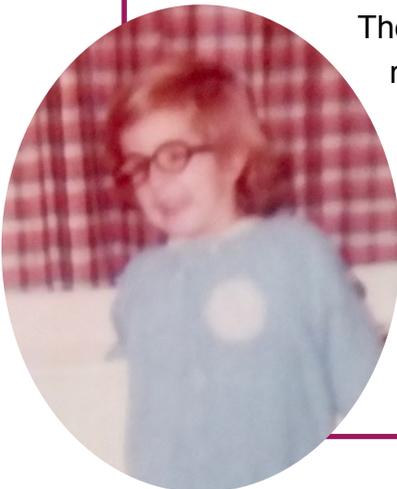


Laura J. has been enjoying puzzles, including this one of jellyfish with their names in Latin.

The Sisters' Show by Martha Keenan

On Monday, February 1, my sister Maggie and I were the guest speakers at the Zoom hang out. First, Maggie showed pictures of when I was a child (very cute).

Then we gave a slide show of my 2016 trip with my mother to see Maggie in Oregon. We talked about the fun things we did in Oregon and interesting places we visited. It was a really good time.



VIRTUAL DRUMMING

Rick Bausman of Rhythm of Life leads Zoom drumming sessions. Grab what you have around the house and have some fun.

Saturday, Feb. 20 at 10 am

Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 pm

Saturday, Feb. 27 at 10 am

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 pm

Zoom links will be sent.

Contact Kathi Hackett for more information:
khackett@mvcommunityservices.org

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My Vacation by Ally Johnson

Ida, my parents and I went on a vacation to North Conway, New Hampshire for the first week of February. We have a timeshare condo there. I saw my sister, brother-in-law, niece and nephew while I was there. It was fun to see them again as it's been a while. Ida and I took a ski lesson one day and had a very nice instructor. I have been skiing over the years, but am still a beginner. I do have my own equipment. Ida rented hers. My dad loves to ski and goes most days. It did snow while we were there and was beautiful to watch. One day, Ida and I met up with my friend in North Conway and we walked around the shops and then stopped for a hot beverage.

I am getting a Covid test and will need to be negative before I go back to work at Stop and Shop, resume my horsemanship lessons at Misty Meadows and go back to Day Break.



Virginia's Drama Club
via Zoom on Tuesdays,
5:00-6:00 pm
contact: mj@mvplayhouse.org

McCaull's Cooking Zooms

Every other Thursday, 4 pm

Feb. 25

March 11

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Bring your cooking questions for McCaull.



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Austin's Artwork from Andy's Project

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