

News of the VIP  
early winter 2016

## what's Happening



Vineyard Independence Partnership Box 2751 Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

### Bowling in Oak Bluffs Saturday Dec. 3 at 11:30 am

confirm with Ann Baird  
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Let her know if you plan to go!

Lunch and bowl at the new alley in Oak Bluffs  
for \$20.00. What a deal!

Future dates are Jan. 7, Feb. 4 and March 4.



Judi and Larry's son-in-law Dern was a very energetic DJ, with his friend Chris keeping the tunes flowing. Walter said it was a great dance and wonderful choice of music.



### The Leprechaun Dance Nov. 5

By Alexander Campbell (with help from Laura J.)

This year's Not-Quite-Halloween dance was extra special because it was my 31<sup>st</sup> birthday as well. It was cool to be here instead of Ireland so I could celebrate with my friends. I wore a leprechaun costume with a very tall hat, and brought a batch of green leprechaun cupcakes with gold coins on top for all to enjoy.

There was lots of good food to be had, including some really good lasagna. The DJ was awesome and played great music for all to dance to. For my birthday I got gifts of a Stop & Shop gift card and lots of Bailey's Irish Crème. Fun was had by all at the dance.



Who are these characters??

## VIP General Meeting News

The annual meeting on November 16 was fun and productive!

The VIP Board elections took place with a unanimous vote for Cynthia Robinson to fill a seat. Donna Rhoades served for six years and the by-laws require a year off. Steve Soriano and Allison Burger were elected to stay on the board.

Celeste reported that her nieces have a new sibling on the way, and she is excited to continue being a super aunt. While at Rising Tide, Celeste had a fall off a horse which was spooked by some barking dogs

During the "Thanks and Giving" part of the meeting, 3 tables of folks counted piles and piles of change--\$277.00 worth! Thanks to all who brought in their piggy banks and bags. The money was given to Anne Colangeli who has extensive bills from months of medical procedures.

Ruby headed the station where trail mix was bagged for the food pantry. Her experience with this task was evident. Ida and Ken volunteered to deliver the trail mix and the 3 overflowing boxes of items to the Food Pantry.

Creative designing was in action with our new activity of making place mats which will be shared with folks who receive Meals on Wheels.

In preparation for this, Martha, Helen and Marney made cut outs which could be glued to the mats. Photos of birds were available as well as markers, pencils and stickers. Marney brought a laminating machine so the place mats were made ready immediately.



*Helen and Martha use a special device to make cut outs for the place mats--including sail boats, leaves, owls and pumpkins.*

### **Harvest Dinner** by Helen and Amanda

On November 15th, Windemere hosted a Harvest Dinner for the residents of Wildflower Court and Units 3 and 4. Family and friends were invited to enjoy the dinner so it was a large gathering.

The tables were spread through several rooms. The food was excellent--starting with a small salad. Then they served clam chowder, roast beef, turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, string beans and rolls. We all had a very nice time.





*Some of the finished products, to be given to Meals on Wheels recipients.*

## Dining Recommendation from Greg

Stoney and I go to The Barn Bowl & Bistro some Thursday nights for dinner. We sit at the bar eating pizza and drinking soda as we watch football on TV. We also like to watch the bowlers. Every time we come in and sit down, the bartender knows just what we like to drink.



## The House on Franklin Street Gets Haunted By Greg Marshall (with help from Laura J.)

6:30 on Halloween night, the trick-or-treaters were on the hunt for treats, and the crew at 45 Franklin street was as ready as they'd ever be. Preparing for the flood of guests were Greg the Angry Bird (pictured here), Martha the ballet dancer, Robb the devil, Mark the Minion, David as Michael Jackson, and RJ. The visitors on the hunt for sweets totaled almost 2000 that night, including police officers, escaped prisoners, firefighters, and even Beetlejuice! RJ did his best to refill the giant candy bowl as the trick-or-treaters continued to help themselves to its sugary treats. Among our guests were Laurie the black cat, Nikia and Ruby as Mario and Luigi, and Camden in a spooky black wig with orange lights. We started with a stash of Twix, Milky Way bars, bubble gum, and lollipops, which were all gone by 7:30, an hour after the trick-or-treating began.

## Back on the Stage

Virginia's Drama Club is happening again on Tuesdays from 5:00--6:30 at the Vineyard Playhouse on Church St. in VH. Come when you can--Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 are the remaining dates for this session.



On the move...

Alexander recently went to a cousin's wedding in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Martha celebrated Thanksgiving in Oregon where her sister lives.

Greg headed to Nantucket for Thanksgiving with his brother, sister-in-law and nieces.





## VIPers Strike Lucky at Bowling

By Greg Marshall and Laura Jahn

"What's for lunch?" Jillian asked, greeting the crowd of VIP members gathered at The Barn on our first bowling day of the new season. Jillian and Heather, along with Jamie (who'd come back to the Island to visit), were just a couple of the friendly faces gathered for lunch and bowling November 12. The most popular lunch by far was the Barn's famous cheeseburgers and fries. Laura ordered some terrific pork dumplings, too, which she shared with the table.

You can never be sure what will happen next when you bowl, and this afternoon reminded us of that with all that took place—strikes and spares only being the beginning of the surprises in store. When Greg let go of his ball a moment too soon, the pinsetter swooped down and promptly knocked it back to him. Even more mysterious was the gutter ball that wasn't—a ball that continued to the right, yet veered away just before reaching the gutter and knocked down three of Greg's pins. (Rumors of possible super powers have yet to be confirmed.) Our team, Team A, saw Laura win the first game with 77 points and Brendan win the second with 171 points, with everyone scoring higher overall the second time around.

We had a great time, and look forward to bowling again in December. Thanks to Andy for coordinating this month's outing!



VIP appreciates donations to help with Rising Tide Equestrian, social activities and printing our newsletters. The Board decided not to mail a separate appeal so here it is!



### Save these dates in 2017:

Board Meeting	Feb. 1
General Meeting	Feb. 15
Potluck Dinner and Dance	March 25