



April, 2023

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What's Happening

vipmv.org

P. O. Box 1204
West Tisbury, MA 02575

Open Art Session—many Sundays from 2:00-4:00 pm Chilmark Arts Kitchen

Check your email or call Dale at (508) 693-6616 or Allison at (508) 645-2429 for the next date.

Archery Returns—starting April 25! Tuesdays at 4:00 pm at Camp Jabberwocky

All are invited; no experience needed.

Ally Walk—Saturday, April 29 at 2:00, Short Cove Preserve in West Tisbury

Raindate is May 6. Check your email for details, and invite a friend.

VIP Dine to Donate—Tuesday, May 2 at Offshore Ale, lunch and dinner.

Volunteers needed for donation committee and as greeters. Contact Debbi if you can help (774) 454-7045. Bring your friends and enjoy lunch or dinner there. Take a **coupon** with you—on your phone or clip the coupon on page 4.

Spring General Meeting and Evening of Nutrition—Wednesday May 10, 6:00 pm

With Josh Levy, of Vineyard Nutrition, Howes House, West Tisbury near the library. This will be a potluck supper. Watch your email for invitations on what to bring.



Enjoying the view during the March Walk in Edgartown. Thanks to Nancy of Trails, MV (seated between Ally and Beth) for her guidance on our walks. Nancy is adding information about accessibility on the “TrailsMV” app.

KING KONG by JP

On Monday April 3, multiple VIPers returned to the Playhouse for a special screening of the original *KING KONG*, one of Playhouse projectionist Brendan's favorite movies. Brendan prepared a special introduction to the film which he read to attendees. As a surprise for Brendan, MJ invited island resident Victoria Riskin, daughter of *Kong* star Fay Wray, to join us and offer brief remarks.



The festivities continued after the screening with some cake in honor of Brendan's 30th birthday this month. The evening led me to pick up Victoria Riskin's book about her parents (*Fay Wray and Robert Riskin: A Hollywood Memoir*) which I'd recommend to anyone curious about the family and that era.

Virginia's Drama Club Fun by Dale

Every time I go to drama club at the Playhouse, I am never disappointed. It is a fantastic learning experience each week my friends and I go as MJ Munafo and JP Hitesman are a very fun pair to work with and learn from. I myself learned a lot. It is always a lot of fun and a lot of laughs. I love Monday movie nights at the Playhouse too. I look forward to doing both again in the fall.



Julie and Dale debating. while Dale's mother Beth marvels at the dramatic flair of her son.



The drama club season ended with a dance party. Special guests included Julie's parents, Ida's mom and Dale's mom. We then enjoyed pizza and delicious cake baked by Beth to celebrate the April birthdays of Mark, Ally and Julie.

VIP Friends



Featuring businesses, organizations and individuals who share VIP's mission to make opportunities for a full Island life available to all

Grace Episcopal Church strives to build a welcoming community. Grace is now installing a Lift to make the basement gathering spaces and preschool accessible, and also undergoing energy efficient renovations.

Virginia Hackney, who died in 2007, was an active parishioner and choir member. Heather, the new administrator, said that stories of Virginia carry on. April 29th would be Virginia's 65th birthday.

Grace Church has a long relationship with Camp Jabberwocky. Skipper Brooks, in his white robe, often carried the cross on summer Sundays, and accessed the donation basket. In 1965, the church gave the camp its initial 8 acres on Greenwood Avenue.

In 2018, Grace Church became the 28th site on the African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard partly because of the involvement of the clergy and parishioners in the Civil Rights Movement.

Heather encourages us to visit the church, enjoy the lobster rolls this summer and check out their website: [www. graceepiscopalmv.org](http://www.graceepiscopalmv.org).

If you have ideas for other VIP friends, contact Sundy at sundysmith@icloud.com



Virginia inspired our group to change our name from Martha's Vineyard Special Parents Association to Vineyard Independence Partnership in 2007. Behave!

Sister Time by Martha

My oldest sister, Maggie, is coming to visit from Oregon at the end of April. I am planning to show her the Arts Kitchen. My portfolio is full! It is a nice time to see the colors up-island.

Thanks to Ally, Beth and Edgartown Librarian Emily, for organizing a VIP movie night. "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" is certainly an action-packed film with strong women leads. Donald thought this sequel was excellent and very well made.

Alexander would like everyone to know that he will have an art show at the VH Mocha Motts in June. He has been working hard to get his art ready.

Thanks to the Tisbury Printer
for their outstanding service.



To learn more about the spot for our next walk April 29, go to: <https://www.mvlandbank.com/properties/short-cove-preserve>. This walk could be combined with a short visit to Flat Point Farm. There's a chicken coop and farm stand there, and sometimes livestock in the fields.

Dine to Donate Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 2

at Offshore Ale in Oak Bluffs

lunch and dinner to benefit VIP!



Offshore will donate a percentage of all food purchased—
dine-in or take out. 11:30 am —9:00 pm.

Reservations suggested but not required: call 508-693-2626 or email dave@offshoreale.com. Please make sure person making reservation mentions the Dine to Donate event.



Bring coupon or a photo of it on your phone.



Dine to Donate benefiting

Vineyard Independence Partnership

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

At the Offshore Ale Company, 30 Kennebec Ave, Oak Bluffs



Lunch & Dinner 11:30am - 9:00pm *hours may vary seasonally*****

****Must present this ticket** hard copy or by smart phone at time of payment for 20% of your pre-taxed food sales to go directly to the fundraising organization.**

Does not qualify on beverages or merchandise. Cannot be combined with any other promotion

Reservations are recommended! Please call the day before or after 12pm on day of event.