

FISHERS ISLAND FOG HORN

JUNE 2017



News and Information about
Fishers Island, NY

2017 SANGER SEA STRETCHER MARATHON

Sunday, May 28th the island celebrated the Peter Sanger Sea Stretcher Marathon effort with 158 runners, their supporters, and donors raising nearly \$20,000!

8,000.00 online donations so far this year

9,998.00 non pre-paid pledges*

1,987.00 prepaid at the runners' signup table

19,985.00

This substantial amount will go directly to maintaining Sea Stretcher, Fishers Island's ambulance boat.

And, we all had a lot of fun! Thank you to all the volunteers! Many different Fire Department members and other volunteers helped, as well as non-members helped with specific jobs. (See full story and photos on www.FishersIsland.net). Fire Department members also worked to prepare the trucks for the Memorial Day parade Sunday afternoon and had an opportunity to show kids of all ages around the vehicles.

“There were so many helpers, which I am very grateful for, as it made the whole thing go as smoothly as possible. The funds raised is a substantial amount that will go right to maintaining Sea Stretcher.” ~ Dave Denison, to whom we are all very thankful as he is the marathon’s lead organizer, volunteer, and Sea Stretcher Captain.

158 people and 1 dog registered to walk or run for the race. The mile runner winners were:

Eleanor duPont and Rhett duPont: 1A mile (12 and under), from the Library

Sarah Gaillard Baldwin and Tim Hoch: 1B mile (over 12), from the Library

Constance Toldo and Nate Chaves: 3 mile for all ages, from Four Corners

Caroline Campbell and Zack Hoch: 5 mile for all ages, from Chocomount Beach Road

Fe Ahrens and Dexter Benkard: 8 mile for all ages, from the Castle



5-Mile walkers and runners get ready at the Chocomount Road with starters Joe Brock and Penn Sanger.

FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL BOE APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPAL

At its meeting May 16, 2017, the Fishers Island Board of Education unanimously appointed Christian T. Arsenault as the new principal of the Fishers Island School, effective July 1, 2017. Mr. Arsenault will assume principal duties as Mrs. Karen Goodwin moves exclusively to the position of part-time Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Goodwin has served as principal of the Fishers Island School for the past five years. Mr. Arsenault emerged as the top candidate from a very strong field of 25 candidates.

Fishers Island Board of Education Chair Jamie Doucette said, "We are delighted to be welcoming Christian and his family to Fishers Island. Of all the candidates, he was the clear choice to join us and support our growth. He related really well to the Board, staff, and students."

Karen Goodwin added, "Christian is passionate about school leadership and is excited to become the principal of the school his own sons will attend. He was impressed with our students and staff and looks forward to working with them to bring our excellent school to the next level."

Mr. Arsenault has served for the past three years as founding principal of the Capital Community College Magnet Academy in Hartford. There he was responsible for every aspect of the school, from creating the logo, to hiring all staff, to guiding the curriculum development, to recruiting students. Board President Jamie Doucette, BOE member Bill Bloethe, Business Manager Jim Eagan, and Superintendent/Principal Karen Goodwin visited his current workplace and saw firsthand the positive relationships and high expectations he has developed with and for his students and staff. He is universally respected as a caring and effective school principal.

In his cover letter, Christian recognized, "You would not be hiring me to just run a school - you would be inviting me and my family to become a part of an island community. I would be committing to partner with the residents and businesses on Fishers Island for the betterment of our community and its children."

Arsenault said, "I am honored and excited to be joining the Fishers Island School and community. Fishers Island is a special place and it is a privilege to be joining the work that is being done on behalf of its students. My family and I cannot wait to get started."

Arsenault received his Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from the University of Connecticut and his Master of Science in School Counseling from Central Connecticut State University. He also received his Intermediate Administration and Supervision Certification from the Achievement First/Hartford Public Schools Residency Program for School Leadership. Christian also taught Social Studies at Hartford Public High School Nursing Academy as a Teach for America recruit. Christian and his wife, Beth, have two sons: Owen, who is five, and Ben, who is two.



Christian Arsenault

FISHERS CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY WITH REMEMBRANCES



Master of Ceremonies Bob Brooks greeted everyone as the Memorial Day Parade 2017 participants gathered at the American Legion Post 1045's front circle, newly named in memory of veteran and life member Dick Grebe.

Vietnam War Army veteran Tim Patterson set up the small cannon that was loaned by Marine veteran John Ski, a past commander of the American Legion. Tommy Doyen, a native of Fishers Island, was given the honor to fire the cannon. John gave the orders to fire the cannon and start the parade exactly at high noon.

The parade of State Troopers, volunteer Fire Department members, Fire District commissioners, Island clergy, and veterans proceeded to the Village Green for the remembrance with patriotic tunes played by the marching Eastern Long Island Police Pipe and Drums Corp.

At the remembrance ceremony at the Green, Bob Brooks introduced Union Chapel's Rev. Candace Whitman who gave the opening and closing prayers. Anthony (Tony) Helfet is a Vietnam War veteran and U.S. Marine Captain who was a platoon commander in 1968 and 1969. Captain Helfet's Memorial Day Remarks:

"When I was young I had the honor and privilege to lead United States Marines in battle. I also have seen Marines face down on the battlefield never to rise again. It still haunts me 47 years later.

"I would like to make Memorial Day personal for everyone here. Imagine it is December 1941. The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The United States is suddenly at war with Germany and Japan. Ultimately, 12 million young American men and

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCES CONT.

women will put their hands up and say "my country first, my safety second".

"Now let's assume a son or a father or a brother or a sister in your family volunteers and goes to war - and does not return. Think about how devastating this is. Their sacrifice is a life not lived to its full potential. Also, think about the grief and anguish felt by the remaining family for generations to come.

"Let me elaborate on the extent of the sacrifice. In the Revolutionary War, 25,000 died in battle; War of 1812, 15,000 died in battle; Civil War, 750,000 out of a population of 30 million died in battle; WWI, 116,000 killed in action; WWII, 405,000 killed in action; Korea, 36,000 killed in action; Vietnam, 58,000 killed in action; and in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, 7,000 to date have died. These are not abstract numbers. These are cherished members of a family lost forever.

"I would ask of you fervently two things: First, don't think of this ultimate sacrifice once a year. When you pass a war monument or cemetery - honor their memory. And second, when you vote for a congressman, senator, or president, vote for those who you think will treasure our young men and women. Consider those candidates who will only risk our national treasure to wars that are vital and necessary for our nation's security.

"Thank you very much for the honor of asking me to speak here today." ~ Tony Helfet, retired, U.S. Marines

Chris Dollar, music instructor for Fishers Island School, played Taps at the end of the service as Beth Stern Grebe laid a wreath at the war memorial in memory of her husband and Army veteran Dick Grebe and in remembrance of all who have served.

The Eastern Long Island Police and Drum Corp played Amazing Grace before everyone paraded back to the American Legion for a festive picnic lunch.

Sunday morning, the Kinsolving family whet out on the Sea Stretcher to lay the wreath in the ocean in honor of all those men and women in the service that had lost their lives during war times. The Kinsolving family was given the honor in memory of their father Gus Kinsolving who was a supporter of the American Legion. Gus's daughter Isabel Kinsolving Farrar did the honors. Aaron Lusker was Captain and Dirk Harris was the navigator on this special Sea Stretcher run. *Photo Credit: Thayer Talbott*

A special thank you goes to State Trooper Kevin Drew and his wife Maureen who is a member of The Eastern Long Island Police and Drum Corp. She was instrumental in getting all the bagpipers and drummers here to march and he was responsible for transporting them from New London to Fishers and back so they participate in our parade and could connect with the Long Island ferry Sunday. Gratitude also goes to Sea Stretcher Captain Dave Denison and the Hay Harbor Club for the use of the golf cart in the parade. And, to FIFD Fire Chief Bruce Hubert, Tim Paterson, Adjutant Commander of the A. R. Grebe Post 1045 Fishers Island, and John Doucette, Penn Sanger, and Alex Kardziyak for having the fire trucks in the parade.

Legion Manager Debbie Doucette probably won't want to admit it, but she was the one who started the Memorial Day picnic event at the American Legion – this was the 20th year! Many volunteers including Fishers Island School students Fred and Constance Toldo, Emma and Molly Cypherd, David Shillo, and AJ Eastman assisted her. Also helping were Dee Ross, Jane Ahrens and grillers Luis Horn, Seth Allan, JR Edwards, and Jimmy Ski.

Thanks also goes to Bob Brooks who was a great help with this story and who wrote, "I am not a veteran but have been given the honor to represent the American Legion Post 1045 as a Son of the American Legion for 10 out of the last 12 years. My grandfather Robert R. Brooks and my uncle Howard Best are both on the original charter of the Post 1045 along with my grandmother Delsie Brooks and my Great Grandmother Lottie Eldridge who are on the Ladies Auxiliary charter of Post 1045."



Flag Bearers: fire fighters Dirk Harris carrying the American flag, Courtney Allan with the Fire Department flag, and Bob Rogers carrying the American Legion flag. The Color Guard: Army veteran Patty Walker, Vietnam War veteran Tim Patterson, and active reservists Tony Meschetti and Jared Clarke. Korean War Army veteran Joe Rogan commanded this squad.

IN MEMORIAM: GEORGE CAREY MATTHIESSEN

George Carey Matthiessen, a longtime Connecticut resident, died May 15 at his home in Chester. Born August 15, 1928 on Fishers Island, NY, Carey was the son of Erard A. and Elizabeth Carey Matthiessen.

He graduated from Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, received his bachelor's degree in English from Princeton, and his PhD in marine biology from Harvard University. Carey served as a naval officer during the Korean War aboard the USS San Pablo and at the Naval Underwater Sound Laboratory in New London.

Carey founded Marine Research Company in Falmouth, MA, was a partner in the Cotuit Oyster Company in Massachusetts, and founded Ocean Pond Corporation on Fishers Island, a commercial seed oyster operation.

Carey is survived by his wife of 65 years, Cis, with whom he lived in Weston, Edgartown, Marion, and Osterville, MA as well as Old Lyme, Lyme, and Chester, CT. Together they traveled to many countries, often for the purpose of research on oysters. Much of this research appeared in Carey's 2001 book *Oyster Culture*.

Carey was active in conservation and served for years on the board of the Quebec-Labrador Foundation, and much of his research concerned the effects of environmental degradation on marine species. Carey loved birding, boating, fishing, skiing, tennis, travel, literature, and politics.

Carey is predeceased by his brother, Peter Matthiessen of Sagaponack, NY. He is survived by a large family that will miss him very much, including his sister, Mary Wheelwright of Camden, ME; four daughters: Martina Lively and her husband Gary Lively of Phoenix, AZ, Connie Matthiessen of San Francisco, CA, Hope Matthiessen and her husband David Boorstin of New York, NY, and Betsy Matthiessen and her husband Robert van Dernoot of Deep River, CT; a son, John and his wife Alex Matthiessen of Ivoryton, CT; as well as twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Carey's name to the Natural Resources Defense Council at nrdc.org.



IN MEMORIAM: CHARLOTTE H. (MILLER) MUZEROLL

Charlotte H. (Miller) Muzeroll, 84, wife of Peter Muzeroll since 2002, of Marlborough, CT, passed away on May 9, 2017 at Hartford Hospital after a brief illness. Her family was by her side.

Charlotte was born December 5, 1932 in East Hartford, CT to the late Alfred K. Hanmer, Sr. and Sarah C. (Moore) Hanmer. She spent most of her childhood on Fishers Island, NY before the family moved to Huntington, NY, where Charlotte attended and graduated from Huntington High School. She attended Canterbury College in Danville, IN. After Canterbury closed, she transferred to and graduated from Carthage College in Carthage, IL.

For 27 years, until she retired in 1995, she was a First Grade Teacher at Buttonball School in Glastonbury. She was a parishioner of All Saints' Episcopal Church in East Hartford, as well their organist and choir director. She was an accomplished pianist. Besides making music she enjoyed swimming, the outdoors, puzzles of all kinds, summer vacations in Maine, and her family, immediate and extended.

Her family and friends will remember her kindness, generosity and unselfish nature. In addition to her husband Peter, Charlotte is survived, and will be dearly missed by her sons: Craig Miller of East Hartford, Paul Miller and his wife Sarah of Windsor; her daughter Saralyn Miller and her husband Kevin Knoer of Brooklyn, NY; her daughter-in-law Robin Miller of Ellington; her step-daughters: Andrea Hosier and her husband Anthony of Millbury, MA and Kim Muzeroll of Washington, DC; her step-son Mark Muzeroll of Swampscott, MA; her grandchildren: Cole Miller, Sean Miller and Jamie Hosier; and her dear friends at All Saints'. Charlotte is predeceased by her brother, Alfred Hanmer, Jr.; her sister, Mary Lou Moore; her son, Christopher Miller and too many beloved friends.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday, May 20, 2017 at All Saints' Episcopal Church, East Hartford, CT. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations in her memory may be made to: FoodShare, 450 Woodland Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002-1342.



IN MEMORIAM: JOHN JOSEPH 'JACK' CLAVIN



John Clavin died peacefully on May 9, 2017, in the care of the VNA Hospice in Vero Beach, FL. Jack approached his death the way he approached his life – with courage, with dignity and with a sense of humor. Jack was born January 7, 1927, to Abigail and Harry Clavin in Valley Stream, NY. In 1945, he joined the US Navy where he served in Guam. He attended St. Bonaventure University and graduated in 1951. Jack worked for NY Telephone Company as a Division Manager of Westchester, NY. He served as Trustee of the Village of Rockville Centre.

He later became General Manager of the Fishers Island Telephone Company. Jack and Peggy lived on Fishers Island for 20 years. Jack became a member of the Fishers Island Fire Department, Captain of the Sea Stretcher, and Harbormaster. In 1989, Vero Beach, FL became their home. He is survived by his wife Peggy, daughter Mary Reinhard, sons Brian and John, and daughter Maura.

Contributions may be made in Jack's name to VNA Hospice, 901 37th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960.

MEMORIAL



A Memorial Service will be held for William Howard June 24 @ 11:00 am St. John's Church, Fishers Island, NY

ENGAGEMENTS



Katie Thatcher and Jay Martinez
March 25, 2017
Washington, DC



Allie Cashel and Calvin Pickett
April 30, 2017
in Sunnyside Queens, NY

BIRTHS



Theodore Tredick 'Teddy' Brennan
11/30/2016 to Cindy Leuchtenburg
Brennan and William Brennan



Talon Whitney Scoville
May 10, 2017 to
Sarah Graves Scoville & Avery Scoville



Harper Lynn Skinner
May 16, 2017 to
Danielle Murray Skinner & Matt Skinner

JUNE GARDENING

FROM MÉLIE'S GARDEN

The other day I was fortunate to stop by Race Rock Garden Co. just as the six “Race Rocker” gardening ladies were unloading new plants to sell in the nursery. David Burnham started Race Rock in 1989 and the business has grown over the years to include a substantial nursery and a small gardening shop in addition to its landscaping business. The “Race Rocker” girls; Courtney Allan, Susie Allan, Ana Hidalgo, Nirapa Horning, Brenda Montgomery and Korrine Nye now maintain many gardens on the Island and have acquired a good deal of horticultural knowledge about Fishers Island. I asked them to share some of their insights with the rest of us, who also garden in this challenging environment.



“The Race Rockers” I to R:
Jennifer Sanger, Susie Allan, Korrine Nye, Ana Hidalgo, Nirapa Horning,
Kristen Peterson, Courtney Allan and Brenda Montgomery

All six agree that the weather conditions here can be challenging, especially the wind. Brenda Montgomery also includes, “Battling invasive such as Black Swallow Wort, Autumn Clematis, and Honeysuckle”. Nirapa Horning adds to the challenge list, “soil which is sandy.” All six primarily agree that Hydrangea and Rosa Rugosa grow the best here with little attention. They also like Astilbe for shade and Lilies and Nepeta for the sun. Peonies are favorites, but “do not last very long”. Susie, Nirapa, Ana and Korrine say they enjoy pruning and growing roses, and that a favorite tool is a pair of sharp pruning shears. Ana particularly “enjoys restoring and training climbing roses.” The ladies recommend a sharp knife for digging up weeds, especially ones with deep roots! And they all say you need to keep on top of your weeding, “so they don’t seed and multiply and spread all over your flowerbed.”

I also asked their advice on planting containers and I got the following suggestions: Korrine likes “Spillers like creeping Jenny, which looks so pretty when it spills over the container.” Nirapa suggests “Petunias, salvia, vinca, potato vine and calibrachoa.” Ana recommends “For sun, gazanias, petunias, scaevola, portulaca, and lobelia. For shade: begonias and fuchsia.” And Susie says, “Change is good! Staying with the same thing year after year gets old – be creative!” Not over watering is also recommended by “The Rockers” - “let the containers dry out a bit and be sure to deadhead for blooming to continue.”

A couple of other bits of advice... “Be sure your plant purchases are not invasive in your area.” And, Brenda suggests putting a water feature in your garden, “because water sounds bring life to a garden and attract beneficial insects and birds.” She also suggests having birdhouses and feeders.

Jennifer Sanger, who along with Kristen Peterson, manages the Race Rock office added, “Customers need to take account of the plants watering necessities as well as if the plant likes to grow in the sun or the shade. Think about bloom time and the height of the plant once it is fully grown – instant gratification is not always the best. Give your plants the space they need. Each winter there are plants that do not survive, do to all sorts of various reasons. Last year, we had a warm February and all the buds come out on many plants. Then there was a cold snap in March, which killed all the new growth. The result was that there was hardly a hydrangea bloom on the Island last summer. Some winters can be very dry with the lack of snow and plants do not get enough water – there really is no predicting the weather conditions and the gardener here needs to be very accepting. The most popular plants that Race Rock sells and seem to grow the best on the Island are Evergreens (Boxwood, Cedars, Inkberry and Rhododendrons) Hydrangeas and Viburnums. Daylilies and Nepeta do well and are also sought after by customers.”

A Sampling of Plants to be found at Race Rock this season.

Annuals: Cosmos, Geraniums, Gazanias, Impatiens, Million Bells (calibrachoa), Petunias, Scaevola, Snapdragon

Perennials: Astilbe, Butterfly Bush, Caryopsis, Coreopsis, Daylilies, Echinacea, Hosta, Ladies Mantle, Nepeta, Peonies, Phlox, Roses and Russian Sage
Herbs: Basil, Dill, Lemon Verbena, Oregano,

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Vegetables: Cucumbers, Eggplant, Peppers, Tomatoes and Squash

Trees and Shrubs: Arborvitae, Dogwood, Eastern Red Cedar, Linden, Magnolia, Redbud, and Shad

BULLETIN BOARD

2017-2018 TELEPHONE BOOKS ARE HERE

Pick up your copies of the Fishers Island Telephone Directory at the Utility Company Office Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The White Pages can be accessed anytime – from anywhere online on www.FishersIsland.net's Island Directory page. Celebrating Walsh Park's 30th Anniversary!



BE A RESPONSIBLE AND THOUGHTFUL PET OWNER

Get your pets ready for the nice weather, long walks and time outdoors. Have a leash, baggies and those ID tags! Please keep your **dog(s) on a leash** on town property, sidewalks, trails and other public areas. Be sure to **dispose of pet waste** properly, and remember dogs and all domestic animals must have a collar with **proper ID and current immunization tags**. Learn more about Southold's Code at www.fishersisland.net/responsible-thoughtful-pet-owner/

SUPPORT THE SEA STRETCHER

Peter Sanger Sea Stretcher Memorial Day Marathon was a big success.

We have been working hard to raise money not only for the yearly running costs but also for the cost of upgrading the Sea Stretcher boat. Thanks all who have donated so far, it truly is a community effort to keep this service running. Last year there were 57 Fire calls, 48 EMT calls, and over 44 individuals with medical emergencies were transported to New London by the Sea Stretcher, thanks to the volunteer crew. Donate today!



UNION CHAPEL ART CAMP

Fun, hands-on creative projects for ages 8 and up. Enjoy projects in clay, stained glass, calligraphy, drawing from nature and more! Tuesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Union Chapel. June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1 (note: no class July 4) To register: **Please sign up by June 1 (or ASAP)** so supplies can be ordered). Contact Union Chapel during office hours.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 1045

Saturday, July 8, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (Rain Date: same time Sunday, July 9)

BE A MERCHANT ~ BE A SHOPPER ONE PERSON'S TRASH IS ANOTHER'S TREASURE!

Come help sort this out at the American Legion's Tag Sale. Anyone is welcome to be a merchant, and everyone is welcome to come shopping Saturday morning. Merchants will be charged a fee of \$20 to have a space, be it a table or just an area, to display their goods. The \$20/space is a fundraiser for the Legion – and a thank you for organizing this event. The Tag Sale will be set up in the main room, on the porch and the adjacent driveway (if need be).

SIGN UP FOR A SPOT

Call the Legion at 788-7590 to reserve a spot for a table (while supplies last) or a space outside. Leave your name, email address, and phone number. Drop off the \$20 fee to confirm your space ASAP. Cash or checks made to American Legion Post 1045, PO Box 412, Fishers Island, NY 06390, (please note Tag Sale on the check Memo).

MAKE A MORNING OF IT!

Come shop the American Legion's Tag Sale where unique items and must haves will be in abundance. Be sure to visit Hit or Miss Rummage at Our Lady of Grace Church and the Union Chapel Thrift Shop on your morning rounds for treasures. They both have amazing merchandise and are open weekly.

Our Lady of Grace Rummage: Friday 4:00-6:00 pm & Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00

Union Chapel Thrift: Thursday 3:00-5:00; Saturday 10:00-12:00

This is not a Craft Fair, Bake Sale or Art Sale – just a Tag Sale. Save creating, baking and selling of the arts, crafts and baked goods for the IPP Fair on Saturday, July 15 on the Village Green.

SAVE THE DATES:

VISIT [HTTP://FISHERSISLAND.NET/EVENTS/](http://fishersisland.net/events/)

FOR ALL UPCOMING FI EVENTS



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FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL GRADUATION CLASS OF 2017

FRIDAY, JUNE 23
4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND VETERANS

FI Legion Post 1045's new night for meetings is the 1st Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm

June 1,
July 6, August 3

ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Will be posted ASAP @ the Community Center. Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

June 8: *Bettyville* by George Hodgman (a memoir)



FISHERS ISLAND'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, July 2
IPP Bike Parade
Fire Department Cookout
Island Fireworks



Photo Credit: Marlin Bloethe

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DISCOVER THE COMMUNITY CENTER THIS SUMMER!

PROGRAM OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

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- KINDERSCUULLS
- SAFE BOATING COURSE
- STORYBOOK DANCE CLASS
- NATURE DAYS
- MAH JONGG
- COLLEGE APP 101
- CRAFT WORKSHOPS
- SUMMER BALLET
- MASSAGE THERAPY

Visit the Community Center's Website at www.ficommunitycenter.org or come by and take a look, become a member and enjoy all the benefits the FICC has to offer!