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of Newport's neighborhoods.

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The holiday season is upon us once again and with it, memories – for some, nostalgia for a Point that once was. In this issue, two articles reflect this nostalgia, but along with it we find here a new determination to recreate some of that past, specifically this year through an effort to revive the caroling that was for many, then and now, the highlight of the Point's holiday season. Plans are also under way for a history lecture to follow up on the very successful one so well attended this past year.

The challenges facing the Point's current reality are also very much reflected here, to be sure. In that context, the winter *Green Light* offers an especially delightful perspective on that current reality: the Point as seen through the eyes of a young German student who has lived among us this past semester. Enjoy!

All good wishes for a happy holiday season.

*Alice Clemente*

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is that time of year and the holiday rush is upon us. Glad you have taken the time to open your *Green Light* and catch up on all our neighborhood news. Put on the kettle, or pour a glass of wine, take a momentary break from the hustle and bustle as you read about all the past and present happenings, here on the Point.

But...before you get too cozy, there is something important I need you to do. Please turn to the back cover and check your mailing label. Did you look? Has your membership expired? Well, time to renew! Though we are an all-volunteer association, your dues are needed to cover our expenses. Materials for our events, beautification efforts, and communication costs do add up. Of course, our largest budget outlay is the printing and posting of this *Green Light*. So, please do your part; it is as easy as sending a check, or better yet, visiting our website to pay online. While there, please update your contact information and be sure to recheck your email address. Also on our website, we encourage you to opt in for our new colorful, very green, paperless e-version of the *GL*. If you have any trouble please contact us, we will walk you through the renewal process. Now, turn to page 19, there you will find everything you need to refresh your membership. All set? Great, now carry on enjoying this wonderful publication – read by Pointers from near and far for over 58 years!

Engaged civic energy permeated the walls of the Guild Hall at our annual meeting in October. Many thanks to St. John's new vicar, Fr. Humphrey, Rep. Peter Martin, and Councilor Marco Camacho, as well as all our committee chairs for their community updates, news and reports. This year, our nominating committee, led by John Ward, really hit it out of the park (I knew I'd find a way to sneak in a baseball reference – Go Sox!) by scouting a slate of experienced and capable officers. A hearty welcome aboard to our new team, First Vice President, Tom Hockaday, Treasurer, Bill Rauch, and Nancy Scott and Ron Barr, a husband and wife team who have sharpened their pencils and are ready to take on the meeting minutes as co-recording secretaries. They have some big shoes to fill. Join me in sending heartfelt thanks to our outgoing officers, Jane Hence, Tom Goldrick, and Tom Kennedy, for sharing their time and talents with us for so many years!

As we look to the year ahead, there is much to do. We will continue to monitor the developments on Goat Island as the Hyatt's proposed marina plans continue through the regulatory processes. More waterfront activity, as a new group is forming to raise awareness and funding to repair and beautify the pier at Storer Park. In January, our History and Archives committee and our events co-chairs Jen Huntley and Lauren Dana will be organizing a Point history talk in partnership with the Newport Historical Society. And as spring approaches, our plant sale and beautification groups will be looking for your help.

Remember, this is your organization. We would love to hear from you. Help us as we continue our mission of promoting community spirit through active participation, staying in touch, and protecting and enhancing the well-being of our special seaside neighborhood.

Oh, and don't forget, before you turn the page, take a moment to pay your dues. Thank you!

Happy Holidays to one and all...

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Cullen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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# MEMORIES OF THE 1962 AMERICA'S CUP RACE

by Dave Moore

A year ago last July I sat down near the sea wall with a few friends at Fort Adams and watched the finals of the 2012 American Cup World Series. This was sort of a prelude or practice trial for the larger boats to be raced in San Francisco the following year. It was won by the Americans but marred by the cheating scandal. I marveled at the speed and technology of these smaller 45 foot catamarans, but was disappointed with the appearance of these multi-hull "contraptions." Of course the knowledge of new design and technology is important to the sailing world – but, I guess I am a traditionalist. They just do not have the beauty of the large, single-hull, boats that raced over the previous 132 years for the "Auld mug." It is hard to compare them to the graceful lines of the, seventy foot, twelve meter boats that raced in the America's Cup finals at Newport nine times between 1958 and 1983.




The exciting 2013 America's Cup Race is now over and the oldest trophy in international sports is in the hands of American, and the sometimes Newport resident, Larry Ellison. The American boat *Oracle* that was behind eight races to one is considered the biggest comeback win in any sport. Thanks can go in part to our local Fifth Ward, sail trimmer-crewman, Rome Kirby. This series was the longest, fastest, and by far, the wildest America's Cup ever. The speed of these boats allows them to have more than one race a day in front of shore spectators, but the big 72 foot catamarans are expensive, hard to sail, dangerous, and require huge shore crews to launch and retrieve. Of the eleven men that sailed on *Oracle*, only Kirby was an American and

seventy percent of the boat was built in New Zealand. (America's Cup rules require the hulls be built in the team's country of origin.) I can't really see why we say we won the cup with this foreign crew and when most of the boat was built and designed in our competitor's country.

Of all the many America's Cup races I have watched, the 1962 series is my favorite. That was the year Bus Mosbacher, skipper of *Weatherly*, was challenged by a syndicate from Australia. Their boat was named *Gretel* with Jock Sturrock as skipper. I was determined to watch it, but needed a boat to go the nine miles off shore to follow the races. A week before the series began, I received a phone call from a commercial airline pilot friend who owned a 34 foot sailboat in Marblehead. He asked me to sail down to Newport for the races with him. I immediately accepted.

We left Marblehead harbor early in the morning with an all-male crew of four. I was surprised that the airline pilot owner had no life jackets on board, only a half tank of gas, and no navigation devices or charts, but plenty of beer. (I wondered if I would ever want to fly with him.) We did find a Gulf Gasoline road map that showed us the many islands to avoid. We were lucky that a northerly breeze and a favorable current carried us through the Cape Cod Canal. At the end of the canal we stopped at the little town of Onset to refuel.

Newport harbor was more crowded than usual as many boats had arrived for the Cup races. We did find a place to anchor and celebrated our arrival. As we were very hungry, it was decided to eat early. A fire was lit

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on the charcoal grille that was hung over the stern and a large beef steak from the ice chest was placed on it. Almost immediately a sea gull swooped down, snatched the steak, and flew away with it. This caused a riot on board and we blamed the crewman who was doing the cooking. We put him in the dingy and told him to not return until he had replaced the steak. It did take several hours and it was dark, but he did return with an even thicker slab of raw meat.

After dinner, I saw our maligned “chef” carefully wrap the still hot coals in the tinfoil that lined the bottom of the grille and throw it overboard. Early next morning we were awakened by someone pounding on our hull with an oar. It was an angry yachtsman who told us to look at his beautiful white-hulled yacht that was moored nearby. There was a black smudge mark on the side of his boat. Obviously the hot charcoals did not sink to the bottom, but floated over to him.

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Newport was a beehive of activity. The Aussies crew and their followers had taken over Zelda’s Restaurant on Thames Street as their favorite hangout. There was no doubt the Australians were a great hit as the locals were now calling each other “mate.” Several restaurants had stocked Swan beer and kangaroo stew for the Australians, but the Aussies were eating American steak and drinking American beer, as were the crews of the American boats. Added to the excitement, President Kennedy and his wife Jackie were coming to Newport to watch the races aboard the destroyer *Joseph P. Kennedy* - named after his older brother who was killed in WWII.

Our crew decided we had to make some kind of “welcome back to Newport” statement for the President and his wife. I was fortunate to have met him in his office in Washington nine years earlier with ten other college classmates and our economics professor. He was a new U.S. Senator from Massachusetts and was dating Jacqueline Bouvier from Newport whom he married in St Mary’s Church later in the year. Once we heard, however, that they would be surrounded by a round of parties and press, we decided it was the Aussies that needed the welcome. They were the first country south of the equator to compete for the Cup and they came



half way around the world to get here. They were certainly the underdog against the mighty unbeaten Americans.

We gave our wives the small working jib from the boat and they went to work in my cellar. With black tape they attached to the sail the message: “Good Luck Sir Frank.” Sir Frank Packer was the wealthy Australian who formed the syndicate that built and brought *Gretel* (named after his deceased wife) to Newport. We would welcome the Aussies, but root for the Americans.

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There were ten of us on board that powered out to watch the first race. Once we joined the crowded spectator fleet, the signature jib was proudly hoisted, but the day did not start off well. The wakes from the many boats and spectator ships following the 12 meters made our boat pitch and roll violently. One of our guests felt sick and retreated to the cabin. I told him that was the worse place to be and to come up and get some fresh air. He popped his head out of the hatch with his six-hundred dollar binoculars in his hand. A sudden lurch of the boat and the glasses fell out of his grip, bounced off the deck and went overboard.

*Weatherly* won the first day, but *Gretel* was definitely faster on her downwind sailing and because of this she won the second race. The excitement was now at a fever pitch. It became a very tight series and *Gretel* almost won another race, but made some major tactical mistakes allowing the Americans to win the final three races. As the Australians clearly had the better boat, the Americans changed the rules so that all future challengers were barred from American design or built technology – but, it appears we can use theirs. The Aussies obviously improved their sailing, and with their new hull design were able to take the America's Cup away from the country and Newport twenty-one years later.

After about a week, I started to receive phone calls that my picture was in *Sports Illustrated*. I asked them, tongue in cheek, for which of my sports, knowing I had to run out and buy many issues of the magazine. The caption above the picture reads: "Tiny pro-Australian moves in boldly on Destroyer carrying president."

Today, the well preserved twelve meter boats have not all left Newport. *Weatherly*, *Nefertiti*, *American Eagle*, *Intrepid*, *Freedom*, and others may be seen sailing or racing on the bay. Most are available for charter. Seeing them brings back many memories, and they are beautiful to sail or watch.

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# CLIMBING THE LADDER OF SUCCESS

by Ed Madden

Question:

How does a mustang climb the ladder of success?

Answer: One rung at a time.

Question: Who or what is a mustang?

Answer: A non-commissioned military person who because of outstanding ability, intelligence and leadership qualities, and often in situations of military combat, is selected by his/her peers for promotion to a commissioned officer in his/her branch of the service.

Such a man is Bruce Livingston, a resident of Jamestown and faithful attendee at the Naval War College 8 Bells Lecture Series. This is where I met him and learned about his military life story which follows.

Bruce was in junior high school in New Jersey when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. In 1944 he was a 17-year old high school senior when he received his parents' permission to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps.

After advanced infantry training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and further training at Camp Pendleton, California, he and his unit were sent to the island of Guam in the North Pacific to prepare for the anticipated invasion of the Japanese homeland after three years of devastating American defeats and victories. When fate intervened in 1945 with 2 atomic bombs devastating the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, bringing about the unconditional Japanese surrender, Bruce and his well-trained platoon of combat ready Marines were sent to

the Chinese mainland instead. Bruce was promoted to Corporal and he and his unit were instructed to help in the repatriation of the defeated Japanese soldiers back to their island home on transport ships. More urgently, they were entrusted with providing security for a narrow gauge railroad that was transporting vital supplies of coal from the coal mines located some 60 miles from the Chinese capital in Peking. From the distribution center in Peking, the coal would be dispersed to the vast surrounding area of China. China was at the time involved in a civil war between the Chinese Communists under Mao Tse-Tung and the Chinese Nationalists under Chiang Kai-Shek. Bruce and his Marines were charged with keeping the supply lines open and this included "riding shotgun" on the railroad from 1945 to 1947.

In 1947, Bruce returned to the United States for further security training and a promotion to Sergeant followed. He then became a marksmanship instructor at Paris Island and the Naval Academy at Annapolis. In December, 1948, he resigned from active duty and joined the Marine Reserves. He took advantage of the GI Bill to get his high school diploma from a prep school in the Annapolis area and subsequently enrolled in an engineering program at Johns Hopkins University. However, fate intervened again and he was called back to active duty in 1950 because of the Korean War. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant and this was followed by his next step up the ladder to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in 1951. He became the Executive Officer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marine Division and saw combat with them on the Korean Peninsula.

In 1952, Bruce returned to the U.S. as Commandant of Marines at the Navy Bureau of Personnel in Arlington, Va. During this time he was appointed a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. and

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shortly thereafter Captain proceeding further up the rungs of the ladder. In 1954, Bruce took to the sea as Commanding Officer of Marines and legal officer on a heavy cruiser which had its home port in the Mediterranean Sea.

Returning to the U.S. in 1956, Bruce was assigned to Camp Pendleton as infantry and artillery officer. This was followed by a trip to the Naval War College in Newport for further specialized training. He took another step up the ladder with a promotion to Major. His next posting in 1966 was as Executive Officer of Combat Operations in Vietnam where he would often travel by helicopter to inspect various combat sites. An additional step up the ladder was a promotion to Lt. Colonel during his Vietnam tour. After a year in Vietnam, Bruce was sent half way around the world to Oslo, Norway. He was instructed to set up a cold weather training command for NATO. For the next 3 years, he travelled throughout the various NATO countries on inspection tours. He managed to establish a home in Oslo where his family was able to join him.

On conclusion of this tour of duty, Bruce returned to Newport to enroll in a senior program at the Naval War College including a Master of Science program. After receiving his diploma from the War College, Bruce mounted the ladder once again to become a Colonel. He completed a Foreign Officer's course and was given command of the Ninth Marine Regiment on Okinawa from 1973 to 1974.

His final posting was back in Washington, D.C., as Deputy Director of Training and Education for the U.S. Marine Corps. He also was responsible for setting up the Marine Corps' Photographic Center.

In 1974, Bruce retired from the U. S. Marine Corps on completion of 30 years of service. He bought a home in Portsmouth and was enjoying his retirement once more when he chanced to meet a Swedish man with whom he had been associated in Norway. This man was in Newport hoping to make arrangements to build a 30-foot sailing yacht. He was the front man for an overseas organization that thought Newport would be the ideal location for a nautical business. It turned out that the organization needed a local connection familiar with the territory and Bruce fit the bill to a T.

The boating business became Bruce's career in retirement and he and his son, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, formed Livingston Marine Associates. Among their early accomplishments was the construction of the hull of the replica of the sloop *Providence*. As their business expanded, they bought and moved to a boatyard in Jamestown. Bruce continued to be an active partner until recently when he semi-retired and downsized to surveying and boat inspection consultations.

Bruce has never lost his love of the Marine Corps. He is Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Jamestown and is active in projects for Jamestown senior citizens. He still keeps in contact with several of his old Marine buddies and, as I stated at the beginning of this article, is a faithful attendee at the Naval War College 8 Bells Lecture Series where he keeps everyone on their toes with his keen knowledge and sense of naval history. Who else do you know who served on active duty in World War II, the Korean and the Vietnamese Wars?

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# CAROLLING ON THE POINT

by Esther Fisher Benson (Reprinted from the December 1985 issue of the *Green Light*)

In 1942 the Christmas Carolling on the Point was initiated by King and Robert Covell, both of whom were serious musicians. They gathered a group of people who loved to sing, most of whom were Pointers. Of course, there had been other carollers in the City, visiting the Newport and the Naval Hospitals. The best remembered was the Swanhurst Chorus under the direction of Carroll Ball, but they sang only the melodic line, while we did the four parts.

A vigorous practice session was held a few days before Christmas, with Robert conducting. Two recorder players, Nancy Price Carey and J. H. Benson, were of great help in keeping us on the pitch when we were out in the cold on Christmas Eve. Robert not only insisted that we have our notes correctly but also that we sang loud or soft, as the carol demanded. Best of all he taught us two or three new carols each year which filled out our repertoire greatly. The song books were thickened by the insertion and pasting in of these new songs, making them quite difficult to hold with mittened or gloved hands. At the conclusion of this valuable rehearsal, our throats were soothed by Virginia's delicious cinnamon cocoa.

How different was the actual night! Of course it was rainy, or snowy, and both windy and cold. Bundled up in heaviest coats, scarves, mittens, and boots, we met at the Covells and set forth. Lanterns and flashlights, as well as song books, encumbered us. Generally we walked directly north on Washington Street, yet our schedule was not rigid. I remember our visit to the Eccles House coming about mid-way when we were quite frozen. The sweep of the north or south wind really hits there, across from Battery Park. Coming in from the cold, after our stop at the Bethunes, we were grateful for the blazing hearth, the aroma of mulled claret and the luscious cookies which greeted us at the Eccles. But we could not linger long in this all too relaxing atmosphere, having so much singing still ahead.

At Stella Maris where we went inside, only the sisters were visible but all doors above were open so that the patients could hear. The Tuckermans, newcomers to our city, were especially pleased to be included in our endeavor. In the Home for the Aged, now the Nina Lynette Home, every occupant, wreathed in smiles came

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*\*see calendar section for details*

downstairs to listen. We often gave them a third carol. On several occasions Suzanne Aubois' parents were with her at 86 Washington. Across the street we sang at the Watsons, then to Pop and Mom Bozyan's and the MacLeods. It is satisfying now to realize that from many of those houses came a second or third generation who sang with us. (Bethune, Bozyan, Aubois, Whalon, MacLeod, Covell and Haylor). Pauline Weaver, at the corner of Willow and Second, led us in so that Evelyn Benedict, bed-ridden upstairs, could hear us. The Rev. and Mrs. Haylor were at St. John's rectory and we sang there. We then went to Harold and Phillipine Arnold's where the narrow passageway to Susan and Harold junior's house concentrated our now weakening tones. In the earliest years we made stops at the Crandalls and Miss Agnes Storer's, she being another ill person. Actually our schedule was not exactly the same each year, nor was the group of singers. A nucleus every year gave us continuity. Some people just liked to sing at Christmas so they came along.

Often there was an ill person on the Point and we went there. We continued for about 25 years but lost many people – those who sang and those who were sung to. But life and Christmas changed, becoming frantically busy, with no time for such homely expressions as our singing. Looking back, it seems to me that all of us shared a need to give something of ourselves at Christmas, not a personal gift but one to everybody which the Point represented – and we did love to sing!

## NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



*Bill Rauch, Treasurer, Ron Barr and Nancy Scott, recording secretaries, Tom Hockaday, vice-president. Photo by Tom Kennedy*

### BILL RAUCH

Bill Rauch had been a weekend resident of Newport for nine years and a fulltime resident for over four years.

He spent his professional career in finance, serving as Chief Financial Officer for several retail companies in Ohio and in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Currently, Bill is self-employed doing business consulting and bookkeeping for independent companies. He also recently earned a real estate license enabling him to work in property management.

Bill enjoys donating his time as a skilled volunteer for Serve RI, and has done much project work for non-profits in both RI and MA. Previously, too, Bill held the treasurer position for his neighborhood association when he lived in Ohio.

One might often see Bill at our local Y where he works out daily, or, see him walking for exercise between the Point neighborhood and the Ida Lewis Yachting Center.

Bill is married to Joan, our corresponding secretary,

and is the proud father of a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren.

### RON BARR

Born in India and educated in Australia and England, Ron first discovered Newport while sitting in a London pub in the 1950s watching a movie called “Jazz on a Summers Day” and then totally forgot about it!

He arrived in the USA in the early 60s and started an architectural concrete design company in the northeast. He sold this to work at an Outward Bound Sea School and then went sailing, living aboard for 7 years and combining that with an adventure travel business working on sea related projects with URI School of Oceanography, Earthwatch, Planet Ocean, the Hampton Mariners Museum and others.

In 1979, he finally rediscovered Newport and decided to settle here to open a marine bookstore called The Armchair Sailor which he ran for 20 years while living in the Fifth Ward. During that time he started the “Lower Thames Neighborhood Association” with a

small group of other businesses and “The Waterfront Watch” to combat crime on the water. He also served on the City Waterfront Commission and The Seaman’s Institute board. He is currently active on the board of The English Speaking Union and involved with Discussion Groups and Quindecim at the Navy base.

He and his wife Nancy have lived in the Point area on Third Street and then some six years ago bought their home on Bridge Street. There they very much enjoy gardening, The Point Association’s activities, St. Columba’s chapel, where Nancy sings in the choir and travel extensively for 3 to 4 months a year. They both volunteer at Newport Hospital.

#### NANCY SCOTT

Nancy is a native New Englander, born in VT, brought up in Maine, and has lived in RI since 1984. After graduating from Wheaton College, she began her love of travel as a flight attendant for Pan Am—those were the good ol’ days when air travel was fun! She also worked as a sales rep for two major airlines.

She retired in 2008 after more than 20 years in the real estate industry, first as a broker and for the last ten years as the relocation director in RI for Coldwell Banker. She was responsible for helping to relocate executives and their families to RI from all over the world. In that capacity, she was a cheerleader and one-woman Chamber of Commerce promoting all that’s special about living in Rhode Island.

Currently, she serves on the Board of the Newport Hospital Auxiliary and manages the Hospital Gift Shop. (Stop in and shop; they have a wide variety of great gifts and all proceeds are donated directly back to the hospital.) She serves on the Outreach Committee and sings in the choir at her church.

She is married to Ron Barr who brought her to Newport, and together they enjoy gardening and travel.

#### TOM HOCKADAY

Tom Hockaday is a public relations and communications specialist and owner and CEO of Hockaday and Associates, a public affairs company. He has lived and worked between Washington, DC, New York City and

Newport the last 30 years and now resides full time in Newport.

Tom and his partner, Bill Martin, began living part time in Newport in 2007, owning a home in the Kay-Catherine neighborhood, and moved to the Point in 2010. They reside at 67 Bridge Street and own a second property at 13 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Old Nat’s House that is adjacent to their home).

Tom has previously served as Board Member of 2 condo associations, including 2 terms as President of the Swann-Dangerfield Condo Association in Alexandria, VA. He has been active in 3 neighborhood associations:

Aurora Highlands Civic Association  
in Arlington, VA

Del Ray Citizens Association in Alexandria, VA  
(Committee Chair)

Old Town Civic Association in Alexandria, VA

He has also volunteered for numerous charitable, conservation and historic preservation groups.

Tom and Bill are active supporters of the arts in Newport – including the Island Moving Company. Tom also served on a local bank board in Alexandria, VA and on the National Board of his University Alumni Association.

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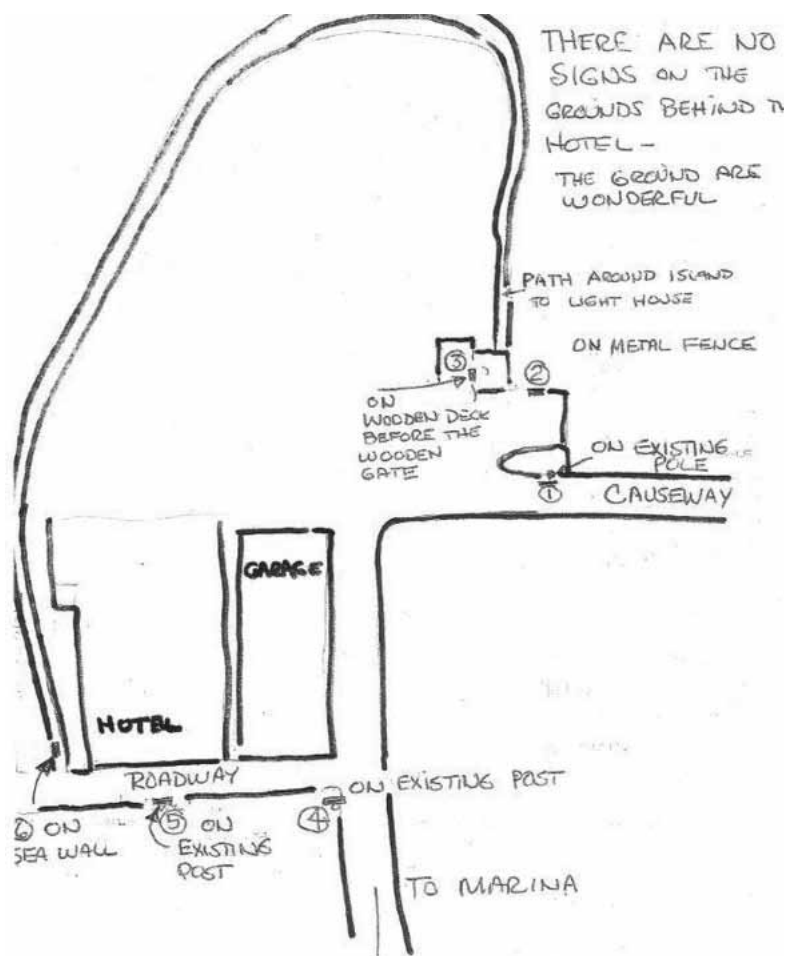
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# FRIENDS OF THE WATERFRONT INSTALLS HARBOR WALK AROUND THE HYATT HOTEL

by Jim Perrier

At the April meeting of the Friends of the Waterfront a plan to ask the General Manager of the Hyatt Hotel for permission to install FOW harbor walk signs around the hotel property was approved. In May, as president of Friends of the Waterfront, I met with the Hyatt Hotel General Manager, Mr. Robert Lacasse. After a brief presentation he said he would like to see a formal plan and had some questions as to the number of signs and who would install them. I told him we had the signs and the city of Newport would install them once the number and location were approved by him. I met with Mr. Scott Wheeler of the city of Newport and we came up with a plan to install 6 signs which would direct visitors and tourists to walk completely around the property. In the design we made sure that no signs were installed on the beautifully landscaped northern end of the property with its wonderful light house.

Signs were installed on three existing poles or fences on the west end of the causeway and the existing deck leading to the Hyatt marina. These signs lead the walker around the property in a counter clock wise direction. Signs were installed on the roadway poles going to the Goat Island marina. There were 3 signs



that directed the visitors to the sea wall that runs down the west side of the property in a clock wise direction to the mentioned landscaped northern end of the property past the light house to the Hyatt marina deck. The plan was shown to Mr. Lacasse and he approved it.

The signs were installed by Mr. Scott Wheeler's department. This is a great addition to the Newport Harbor walk.



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## CONNECTION POINTS

by Beth Cullen

In 2012, the Point Association conducted a survey to find out what our neighbors valued most about living on the Point. Historic preservation and beautification efforts were the expected answers, but many reported that being a part of an active neighborhood association that monitored city developments and policy making was what they valued most. In that vein, we have been advocating for more accessible and open channels of communication between ourselves, our fellow neighborhood associations, and with city leaders.

Please visit our website, [www.thepointassociation.org](http://www.thepointassociation.org) and click on "Local Links". There you will find all the information you need to stay connected this winter from the warmth and comfort of your home.

The Point-Nextdoor keeps neighbors in touch. This platform allows people to look out for each other and prevent crime; expand the search for a lost pet; rally in support of a local cause; and to share other helpful information making for a healthier and more engaged community. Currently,

over 430 people, in four adjacent neighborhoods have registered. By banding together, we become a stronger, healthier, safer city.

Engage Newport is another useful way to stay in touch. This evolving forum for opinions and ideas about our city's major initiatives was recently launched. Alongside elected representatives, local media, neighborhood and community organizations, Engage Newport is a great means to add your voice in the affairs of your city government. Point residents Maureen Cronin and Mark Marosits, co-founders of Worldways Social Marketing, were tapped by the city to create this interactive site. As pioneers in the field of social impact marketing and passionate advocates of entities working for social good, they work with international clients – from their offices right here in Newport. We are benefiting from their experienced, global approach to affecting change through active, local engagement!

So, why not take advantage of these digital connections, watch government meetings on local access TV, view municipal forums, keep in touch with neighbors – even those who have flown to warmer climates. Stay informed and engaged. Send your thoughts and concerns directly to our elected officials. There are so many ways to participate, connect and add your voice to the community conversation. Help our leaders achieve their vision to make "Newport the most livable and welcoming city in New England."

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# ANNUAL MEETING

by Tom Kennedy



The Annual Fall Membership Meeting was held on Thursday evening, October 17<sup>th</sup>, in St. John's Hall. Beth Cullen, Point Association president, opened the meeting by greeting the nearly 50 guests and thanked the membership for their large turnout. She then thanked and introduced Fr. Humphrey, the new vicar of St John's, who also welcomed the audience and stated his intention to make St John's "the neighborhood church in the Point."

P.A. business was then addressed. Tom Goldrick, outgoing treasurer, submitted a report which was accepted. Beth then spoke about some future events of the Alliance for a Livable Newport, noting that Isabel Griffith would be reporting to the P.A. board on ALN activities during the ensuing year. Beth reminded the membership of the fall cleanup scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. The Dana family was then thanked and applauded for their contribution to restoring the landscape after recent Point flooding. Opportunities for obtaining trees and daffodils for planting were then explained, and the P.A.'s future role in financing a replacement water fountain in Battery Park was discussed. Jean Huntley and Lauren Dana were then introduced as the new events team. Future events were outlined, including plans for Halloween and Christmas, and two lectures.

Hillar Serapera addressed changes in the Association's by-laws and invited comments and questions. The new e-edition of the *Green Light* was discussed. Lisa Stuart and Lisa Brew were introduced as the new leaders of the History and Archives Committee. They brought the audience up to date on their recent work and future plans



and needs. They also brought with them some P.A. publications, which they offered for sale. Lauren Shaw provided some background on local infrastructure projects, including the future of the Van Zandt

bridge and the Marsh and Bridge street area, where flooding is a perennial problem. These topics elicited much discussion. Finally, the current Point Association membership was noted at 458.

John Ward then spoke as leader of the Nominating Committee. He presented the roster of nominees to the members. Beth Cullen read brief biographical sketches of the new officers shortly before their names were presented to the membership for a vote. All were approved. The new appointments were: Tom Hockaday, vice president, Bill Rauch, treasurer, and Nancy Scott and Ron Barr, recording secretaries.

Two guest speakers filled the remainder of the meeting. Peter Martin, our representative in the State Assembly, spoke about his six years on the job and his experiences with the Old Colony railroad. He then addressed his concerns about the present Point railroad crossings and plans for a new pedestrian crossing on Americas Cup Avenue in Newport.

After a short break for refreshments, Councilman Marco Camacho addressed the audience on a wide range of issues, some of which provoked a great deal of comment and enquiry. Topics addressed included redevelopment of the north end, the new Pell elementary school, flood insurance, the Goat Island marina proposal, mass transit, and National Grid's utility work. In a final plea from the Councilman, the membership was encouraged to volunteer for several municipal committees, whose findings might be important for Newport's future. He mentioned the Charter Review Commission, the Financial Review Commission, and the Homestead Exemption Group.



# HISTORY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

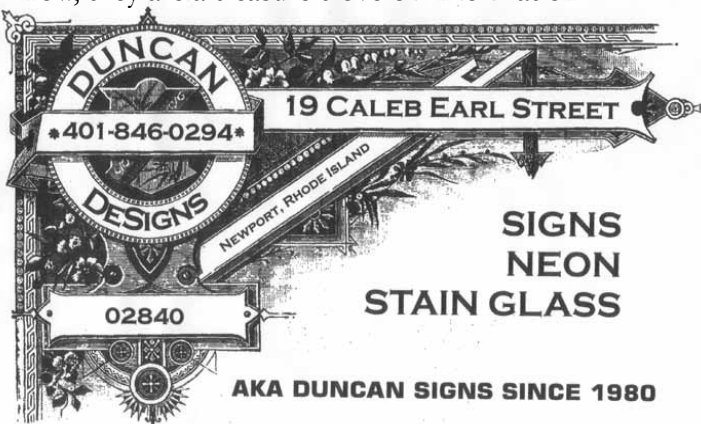
Lisa Brew and Lisa Stuart, Co-Chairs

We are thrilled to be continuing the work of Kay O'Brien and the many others who started the important task of collecting information about the rich history of our unique neighborhood.

We have been very fortunate in having some of the leading experts in the field help us organize. Martha Ginty, a preservationist with long ties to Newport and the Point helped us develop our mission statement and protocols. Bert Lippincott III from The Newport Historic Society and Marie Bernier from Redwood Library and Anthena, both archivists, have advised us on the correct archival procedures to organize, store, and make available our materials. Dr. Charles Watkins, retired Professor from Salve Regina, has visited our archives and provided advice on organization. They have agreed to serve on our Advisory Board as we tackle the work ahead. We are very grateful to all of them.

We would like to thank Harbor House for providing space to us in the Great Room. Our thanks also to Tom Hockaday for his donation of filing cabinets.

The Point Association Archive contains photos, oral history tapes, maps and documents relating to the buildings, people and events of the Point. In addition, we have several very special and important collections including The George Weaver Collection, The Louise Sherman Collection, The Kay O'Brien Collection and The Virginia Covell Collection. We also have copies of all the *Green Light* issues since 1957. All *Green Light* issues have been scanned and Mike Cullen is currently working on uploading them to our Website. As you all know, they are a treasure trove of information.





Our group includes: Maggie Moffitt, Liz Mathinos, John Ward, Jane Walsh, Bill Martin and Syd Williams. Mike Cullen is our technology guru.

This month our group has taken on the task of identifying, scanning and storing a large group of photos. Under the guidance of our advisory board we will be storing the originals in acid free clear plastic and archival boxes. Our goal is to make all the materials available to Point Members so they may research their homes, families or events. Initially, Point Members may come to the archives in Harbor House. Ultimately, we hope to have all our files online so Point Association Members may search the archive from their computer. Eventually, we would like to make our archive available to researchers.

Please consider joining our group. In addition to helping us with the materials we already have, we are looking to add to our collection. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every family, house and event in our neighborhood had their story told in our archives! Please consider donating photos and documents or sharing any research you may have conducted on your own about your home, family or life on the Point.

Please contact us at  
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# MEMORIES OF A POINT CHILDHOOD

by Anita Pener Johnson (Nina)

Memories of my youth in Newport are very vivid. The Cenacle Convent on Battery Street was a sacred home where I always felt welcome. My mother died when I was four years old, but I had so many “Mothers” who loved me spiritually. Mother Deveraux and Mother Manning are two people I remember at the convent.

My grandmother cut flowers from her garden at 7 Gladding Court. She’d give me the bouquet and say, “Nina, take these to the Cenacle. Ask the Sister if you can place them on the altar in the Chapel.”

When I rang the convent bell, a smiling nun would accept the flowers, ask me to come in, and always say, “Would you like to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?” She’d lead me down the long corridor [Grandma scrubbed and polished those wooden floors]. The inside walls smelled clean and good! It was quiet – and I loved to hear the swish-swish of Mother’s habit as I followed her to the chapel. Sometimes, on the left side, behind the black grille, the Sisters were chanting. I couldn’t understand the melody, but I was truly mesmerized!

The fog horns at the Point were familiar sounds. I still hear the echo. Someone told me they no longer bellow. I wonder why. When I visit Newport now, echoes ring, e.g. school mornings, my friend Carole, calling my name outside the house; the school bells for Calendar, Potter and Mumford; the flag poles, the assemblies, the Pledge of Allegiance.

I remember the Blue Rocks, the periwinkles, VanZandt Pier, the lighthouse and the lingering sunsets over the bay. There were plenty of horse chestnuts in autumn. I collected them; and liked the way they looked and smelled after cracking the shells – shiny balls of polished furniture! Thanksgiving, Christmas dinners, the smell of pine cones, pumpkin and squash pies. One Christmas I got a Sparkle Plenty doll in the stocking filled with nuts, apple and orange. Ribbon candy was



*Anita (right) with her sister Rita (left) at Newport Beach*

special! I see myself trudging through the snow, feeling warm in my red velvet hood surrounded with white fur and a snug red bow suspended by two white fur balls under my chin.

I left the Point when I was 14 years old – moved to New York to live with my father, but I cherish the education (both religious and secular) that I received in the formative years. During World War II there was a genuine Spirit of Patriotism that still abides and often sends an emotional response in me.

## A Point History “Show and Tell”

presented by Bert Lippincott, Wednesday, January 15,  
5:30 at the Newport Historical Society.

Come learn about how our neighborhood came to be. See firsthand the original early 18th century maps and documents that formed our beloved Point community.

# FALL FORUMS: NEWPORT BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND A NEW MARINA ACROSS FROM THE POINT – ALLIANCE FOR A LIVABLE NEWPORT UPDATE

by Isabel Griffiths

Alliance for a Livable Newport (ALN) held its first forum of a series featuring Newport's various boards and commissions early in October at the Newport Public Library. At the forum the Cliff Walk, Easton's Beach, and Waterfront Commissions highlighted the duties of each commission and explained recent challenges and achievements in detail. Among topics covered were Cliff Walk restrooms; Ann Street Pier expansion; and the infamous Newport seaweed harvester.

City Councilwoman Jeanne Marie Napolitano introduced the forum. Her experience as a member of the Newport City Council emphasized the importance of the city's boards and commissions and the influence of their

volunteer members. "Without a doubt, boards and commissions are the lifeblood to the council and the community. ...[They provide] perspectives on issues and concerns that might not otherwise enter into the public discourse." Napolitano encouraged people to consider serving on a board or commission. Details may be found on the city's website, [www.cityofnewport.com](http://www.cityofnewport.com). Click on "boards and commissions."

On October 30 representatives of the Hyatt Hotel presented plans for a 25-slip marina northeast of Goat Island at a forum sponsored by ALN. Most of those who attended are residents of the Point, where the marina would have its greatest impact. Among their concerns were: the size and number of boats to be accommodated; noise and possible pollution; and how the marina might change the character of a harbor currently devoted to swimmers, kayakers, fishermen and small boat owners.

Newport's Planning Board and Waterfront Commission have approved the plan with reservations, limitations and recommendations. Councilman Justin McLaughlin said the council would receive those reports and make its own recommendations on what requirements should be imposed on the proposed marina. Councilman Marco Camacho who represents the Point also was present at the forum and responded to residents' concerns. It is the Coastal Resources Management Council that will make the final decision, sometime before the New Year.

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# POINT IMPRESSIONS

by Hermann Derwanz



Coming as a Rotary exchange student from a small village in southern Germany, I find that Newport and the Point are very different from my home. One of the biggest, and to me most surprising, is the difference in the roofs. In Germany – and other European countries – every single roof is made out of red tiles. That was so normal to me that I never really thought about it being different in the USA. Not seeing any red roofs was very strange for the first week. I have come to appreciate all the different styles and roofing materials used here in Newport. This small but striking contrast has opened my eyes to the many other distinctions.

In Germany, we also don't really have neighborhood associations. Just seeing "normal" people achieve better conditions for their neighborhood was pretty interesting. My host parents are Beth and Mike Cullen, who are very active in life here. I am learning a lot about the American way of getting things done.

In school, I am taking US History and a lot of the events we're talking about actually took place in Newport and even right here in the Point neighborhood. It feels like I am walking in a living history museum. There still are a lot of very nice, old houses from colonial times that make what I am learning at Rogers High School come to life.

The Point, to me, is located in a beautiful and very clean area, with a great view on the sea. I like all the green space and nice parks. The only thing I don't like about



the Point and Newport in general are the roads. All the small fixes and patches done so many times in so many little pieces always give you a good shaking every time you drive anywhere, especially on the school bus!

Nevertheless, the Point is a wonderful place to live in, and I've met many nice people. I am glad that I can spend the first part of my exchange year here.

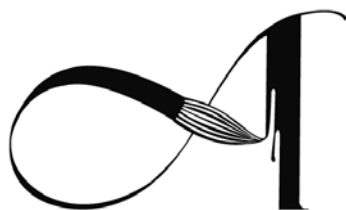


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*Thank You !*

# SAVE THE DATES

## Caroling on the Point

REHEARSAL, Wednesday, December 11, 7:00, Saint John's Guild Hall  
CAROLING NIGHT, December 22, 4:30, warm-up at Saint John's followed by caroling

Service of Lessons & Carols, December 22, 6:30, Saint John the Evangelist Church

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Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 5:30, Newport Historical Society  
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