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What's Happening

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Happy Holidays!



Martha, Robb, Judi, Julie, Allison, Wynne, Ally, JP, Gene, Santa, Chris, Ida and Diamond

VIPers had a fun stroll through a bustling Edgartown on Saturday, December 9. Among the highlights were sightings of Santa and Sparky, as well as many people and dogs with holiday garb. The teddy bear suite was adorable (photos inside). We successfully found the hiding elves on the shelves at the Carnegie and visited the many vendors, enjoying hot popcorn sold by the Montessori School.

Martha and Allison are helping occasionally at the holiday shop at the Capawock, where VIP calendars and mugs are for sale. Five other non-profits are selling products from Haiti, India, Pakistan and Tanzania as well as Aquinnah.



Martha with the VIP calendars and mugs at the holiday shop in the Capawock Theatre.

Saturday, January 13 will be a big day for VIP. Hopefully some of us will be on the snowy slopes in New Hampshire during the VIP trip. For those of us still on MV, bowling will be on Saturday, January 13 at 11:30 in Oak Bluffs.



Chris, Martha, Tony, Erin, Ally, Beth, Allison, Marney and Richard



Erin, Tony and our guide Noah

VIP Walk at Huckleberry Barrens by Marney

On a brisk Saturday, a hardy group of VIPers went for a hike at Huckleberry Barrens in Katama. Sheriffs Meadow, owner of the property, has installed an accessible 1/4 mile path which is good for outdoor enthusiasts looking for a level surface for walking, rolling or strolling. Noah Froh, Sheriffs Meadow Land Conservation Assistant, welcomed us and led us on our walk. He gave us information about the site and it's history. He also talked about challenges to the environment on Martha's Vineyard like pine bark beetles and steps being taken to curb the destruction they cause. Noah willingly answered all our questions. He was a great guide! Although Noah won't be there, you can enjoy the property anytime on your own. I highly recommend it!



Donald, Actress Denise Crosby, JP, Ida and Dale

Comic Con by JP

Dale, Donald, Ida and I traveled to Providence on the first Sunday in November to attend Rhode Island Comic Con. While there, we met multiple actors affiliated with the Star Trek franchise and several other performers known for popular movies. Following the event, we enjoyed a stop at Trader Joe's in Providence (Dale's first time at that grocer) and leisurely shopping at Target in Wareham. As comic con newcomers, Dale, Donald and Ida all had fun and would enjoy doing it again.

Art Sessions will resume Sunday, January 21
Chilmark Arts Kitchen, 2:00-4:00

More photos from the walk in Edgartown...



Elliott and Judi admire the bathing bears.



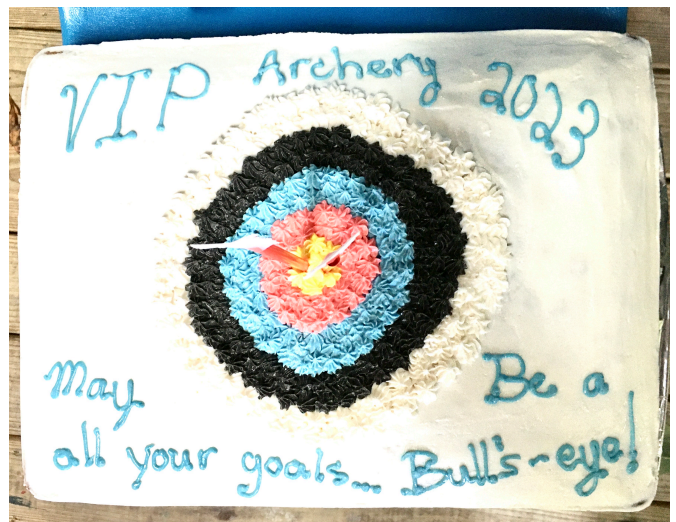
Diamond cuddling up with the teddy bear family.



Sparky, Ally, Allison, Julie, Ida and Martha on an old fire truck

News from Alexander **My job at the Beach House:** I love my job at the Beach House. I get to interact with many different people. I do a variety of things such as stamping business cards and receipt books, answering the phone and helping take inventory. It's a fun place to work and sometimes we even dance. I sell my cards there so sometimes I am able to meet the people who buy them.
Christmas in Michigan: We are so excited to be going to Michigan for Christmas to spend time with family. We will get to meet baby Stella. My sister and her family are coming too. It's going to be lots of fun. We might even go to the Casino.

Bonnie, our fearless instructor, created this cake at the end of our archery season. Nice sentiments for the New Year!





VIP is very grateful to our regular donors. MV Wine and Spirits has been very generous over the years. They also offer a convenient can and bottle return machine outside!

Annual Meeting by co-president JP

VIP members met at the Chilmark Community Center on Sunday, November 19 for our annual “thanks and giving” fall general meeting. We thanked Debbi, Dale, Erin and Ida for their service on the board. We then welcomed Martha, Nika, and Amanda as new board members and Allison returning to the board as treasurer. The counting of coins led to a \$140 donation to Felix Neck. Other activities included assisting Camp Jabberwocky on its mailing and writing cards.



Nika and Amanda, new VIP board members

John Lamb, of Camp Jabberwocky, sent us this note:

Dear VIP friends,
All of us are so grateful for all the work you are doing for Camp. I hope you can actually have some fun stuffing envelopes...It is work that is essential so that all our campers can have a fun filled time. Thank you all so much, John



Chris, Jack, Colin, Celeste, Jillian, Nika and Diamond help with the Camp Jabberwocky appeal.



VIP's new co-treasurers Martha and Allison total the dues and calendar sales from the general meeting.

Thanks to the Tisbury Printer for their outstanding service.

