

MESSAGE FROM RANDY AND DICK

Dear Members:

I'm sure there were moments when you wondered if spring would ever surface in 2018. But it finally has, and we have a lot to do and a lot to look forward to this season.

We also have a newsletter chock-full of information, so we're going to keep the Chairman/President letter brief.

First, we want to give a big thank you to **Weatherly Dorris**, who is stepping down as Treasurer this year. Weatherly has served QHPT since our inception, holding the positions of President and Treasurer. Her commitment to Quissett Harbor and the Knob is outstanding. We all have been the beneficiaries of her dedication.

Joining our Board of Directors, and stepping into Weatherly's shoes as Treasurer, is **Dick Mannix**. Thank you, Dick, for taking on this important task. We also welcome new Board Members **Martha Bennett** and **Mort Saunders**. Please check out their bios in this newsletter.

As you know, we have been in the silent phase of our **Capital Campaign, Preserving Our Shared Community**. We have exciting news to share, which we will be doing at our Annual Meeting of Members Sunday, July 1. If that sounds like an encouragement to attend, it is! You won't want to miss this update. Please join us!

There is much more in the newsletter—including an update on our **Management Plan** activities as well as information about our joint fundraiser, **Cruise for the Knob**, with **Salt Pond** on June 6. So read on.

We look forward to seeing you this season as we all enjoy the beauty of Quissett Harbor and the Knob.

Sincerely,

Randy Evans, President

Dick DeWolfe, Chairman

CRUISE FOR THE KNOB COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Barrie Murray, SPABS

Kate Davis, QHPT

Katey Taylor, SPABS

Melissa Beford, SPABS

Victoria Chapman, SPABS

Nancy McDonald, QHPT

Emily Peacock, SPABS

SALT POND AND QHPT SPONSOR CRUISE FOR THE KNOB



Have you heard about the **Cruise for the Knob**? A fundraiser jointly sponsored by Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries and Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust, it will raise awareness and funding for Knob maintenance and repair. This cocktail cruise aboard the Island Queen ferry takes place June 6, 2018. It will depart from Falmouth Harbor at 5:30 p.m., cruise through Woods Hole Passage to the Knob and return to Falmouth Harbor at 7:30 p.m.

A little history: The Knob was left to Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries in 1973 in the will of Cornelia Carey, whose family had owned the property since the late 1870s. In 2001, Quissett residents Hank Wheeler and Chip Morse created Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust, an organization dedicated to the Knob's preservation. Shortly thereafter, QHPT raised approximately \$1 million to begin the significant work needed on the stone revetment. "Salt Pond and QHPT have worked together through the years to maintain the property," said QHPT President Randy Evans. "Recently the relationship has strengthened as we implement a Management Plan designed to address long-term needs." (For an update on Management Plan activities, see **Update on Habitat Conservation & Management** in this newsletter.) Randy added, "I was delighted when Barrie Murray approached me with the idea for the fundraiser cruise."

Barrie Murray is President of Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries. She and Kate Davis, a member of the

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome three new members to our Board of Directors who were voted in during our fall Board of Directors Meeting.

Dick Mannix, Treasurer

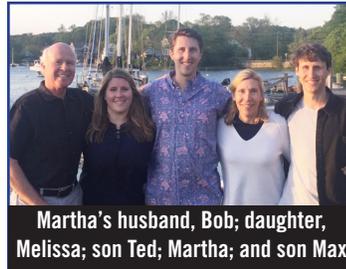
A year-round resident since 2015, Dick first started experiencing the Cape regularly in 1979 while visiting the family home of his wife, Laurie. Their three children all enjoyed the Cape growing up, as do the grandchildren today. Dick is a Manufacturer's Representative for Aerospace & Defense components and said he was happy to lend a hand when Dick DeWolfe asked him to join the Board this year and to take on the role of Treasurer. "I think it's important for future generations to keep the harbor pristine and the Knob intact," he said. "The Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust is poised to make that happen." Dick has been working with Weatherly Dorris to get up to speed on all things financial.



Dick Mannix with granddaughter Avery

Martha Bennett

Martha is a Boston resident and has been a Falmouth summer resident for the past 21 years. Along with her husband, Bob, Martha raised their three children to love the area. All three sailed and raced, and her two sons taught sailing. Martha is in real estate and is currently serving on a committee at WBUR, Boston's NPR radio station, to raise money to increase the station's environmental reporting. On why she joined the QHPT Board, Martha said: "It's imperative, particularly in this time of climate change and environmental concerns, that we preserve and protect the beauty of what we have. It takes a strong group of individuals who have a love of the area to do that."



Martha's husband, Bob; daughter, Melissa; son Ted; Martha; and son Max

Mort Saunders

Mort's winter address is in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania, but he has been a summer/long-weekend resident of either Woods Hole or Falmouth for most of his life. Now retired, he spends his entire summers here. Lawrence Saunders, Mort's father, who was President of W B Saunders Medical book publishers, bought property in Woods Hole in 1929 to be close to potential authors at the Marine Biological Laboratory. "Much of my and my late wife Deirdre's time on the Cape was focused on Quissett Harbor and its Yacht Club, so the work and purpose of QHPT is very real to me," Mort said. "Maintaining the Knob is important both to protect it from increased visitation and to maintain the integrity of Quissett Harbor, one of the prettiest on the East Coast."



Mort with grandchildren Ted and Weatherly

UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT



Fencing and trail closure

Comprehensive Permit and Management Plan for the Knob

As you know, our Comprehensive Permit was approved by the Falmouth Conservation Commission last summer. At that time we sent contractors requests-for-proposals to address erosion and path-maintenance issues. We chose Crawford Land Management, a company located in Mashpee that works to restore native habitats. Jointly with Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, we hired the company to manage eight maintenance and erosion-control projects as part of our long-range Management Plan. The work, which is of high quality, started last fall and is scheduled for completion this fall. Members will see the results if they take a walk on the Harbor-side paths.



Harbor-side ravine repair

Rock Armor and Conditions on the Knob Retevment

- We and Salt Pond have now received and reviewed a second engineer's opinion concerning the rock armor on the Knob, parts of which were reconstructed in 2004–2005.

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**UPDATE ON HABITAT
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT**

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- The company is CLE Engineering, which conducted an engineering assessment of existing conditions and potential repairs of the stone revetment on the Knob protecting the Harbor. Located in Marion Massachusetts, CLE has expertise in marine and environmental engineering as well as other disciplines. They identified three areas of significant deterioration or unprotected exposures requiring prompt action:
 1. Parts of the north face of the long, narrow section on Buzzards Bay, which experiences the most severe impacts in storms from the North;
 2. An unrepaired wedge-like section facing northwest;
 3. A previously unprotected section adjacent to the Harbor-side stairs.
- Harsh winter storms also caused some erosion and related damage on the narrow causeway and beach stairs. Those areas will receive immediate attention on a small scale.
- We are working with Salt Pond to discuss funding and arrangements for remedial work in the three larger areas identified by CLE.

**SALT POND AND QHPT SPONSOR
CRUISE FOR THE KNOB**

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QHPT Board of Directors, along with other members of both organizations, form the Cruise for the Knob Committee. “The Knob is referred to as a hidden Gem in Falmouth,” Barrie said. “It is Salt Pond’s responsibility to preserve and maintain this fragile property. Our goal is to raise \$20,000.”

Aboard the Island Queen ferry, participants will enjoy passed hors d’oeuvres catered by Kate’s company, Kate Davis Events. “This is the first time QHPT and Salt Pond have run a joint fundraiser,” Kate said. “Both organizations share the cost for maintaining and repairing the Knob. It’s nice to be working on this project together.”

Tickets are \$75 each, \$125 for two. You do not have to be a member of either organization to participate. All are welcome. To purchase tickets, send a check or money order to Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, PO Box 535, West Falmouth, MA 02574. You may also purchase tickets online using a credit card or PayPal. Visit saltpondsanctuaries.org. For more information about ticket purchases, contact **Katey Taylor at 508-548-8484 or spabsfal@verizon.net**.

**Wheeler Lecture Investigates
Plastics in our Oceans
Sunday, July 22, 5:00 p.m.**

This year’s Wheeler Lecture presenter will be **Kara Lavender Law, Research Professor of Oceanography at Sea Education Association**. Trained as a physical oceanographer, Professor Lavender Law studies the distribution, behavior and fate of plastic debris in the ocean. Her topic is: “Ocean Plastics Pollution from Quissett Harbor to the ‘Garbage Patches’: Sources, Impacts and Solutions.”

Please plan to join us at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, at the Carriage House of the National Academy for the lecture and the reception that follows.

**Don’t Miss Our Annual Meeting
of Members: Sunday, July 1, 2018**

Our Annual Meeting of Members will take place on Sunday, July 1, 2018, at the Harbor House from 5:00–7:30 p.m. We will continue the format of holding a business meeting followed by a reception. The Annual Meeting is a great way to stay informed and connect with your fellow QHPT members. For more information, contact **Nancy McDonald at info@qhpt.org**.



Remember, It’s Time to Renew Your Dues!

Have you remembered to renew your dues for 2018? Go to our website, qhpt.org. You may pay online through PayPal or a credit card.

**JOIN US FOR THE BEACH CLEANUP
SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 9:00–11:00 A.M.**



We are pleased to announce that QHPT Member Danie Kinkade will be chairing our **8th Annual Harbor and Beach Cleanup**, which will take place Saturday, June 23, at 9:00 a.m. With low tide expected around 11:00 a.m., the conditions will be perfect to get our beautiful harbor and beach ready for the summer season.

“I’m very excited about the opportunity to lead this year’s Harbor and Beach Cleanup,” Danie said. “It’s been a long winter here on the Cape, with some large wind events that have left an amazing amount of smaller plastic particles and other debris in the flotsam and along the causeway. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves with you this June!”

The cleanup is a multi-generational event with kids, parents and grandparents all pitching in. This will be the second year we will be joined by young people from the local Skip the Straw campaign, which encourages people to pledge to use fewer single-use plastics, thus keeping that debris out of our oceans. Skip the Straw is also working with other organizations on the Trash Shouldn’t Splash Project, an effort to educate the community on the topic of marine debris. The programs complement the theme of our 2018 Wheeler Lecture. *(See story in this newsletter.)*

We’ll provide everything you’ll need, including trash bags and gloves, and there will be a light breakfast, coffee and lemonade.

Won’t you join us at the Quissett Yacht Club Sailing Class Deck at 9:00? For more information, contact *Danie at 410-279-7735 or dkinkade@whoi.edu.*

Our thanks to Cavossa Disposal for donating the dumpster once again.

Save the Dates!

- Wednesday, June 6: Cruise for the Knob 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 23: Beach Cleanup 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, July 1: Annual Meeting of Members 5:00–7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 22: Wheeler Lecture 5:00 p.m.

**FINANCES 2017
(JANUARY 1–DECEMBER 31, 2017)**

Our total Change in Net Assets was up by \$221,787 in 2017 compared to \$33,681 in 2016. Return on investment income was strong. Membership and memorial contributions were up slightly over previous year’s \$35,877, and cash received during the silent phase of our Capital Campaign was \$164,404, totaling \$200,281 in contributions. Our expenses increased by \$15,037 over last year largely due to Program Expense, which included Knob Project consulting and first steps of restoration. *Respectfully submitted, Weatherly Dorris*

Assets as of January 1, 2017:	\$695,236	Net Income:	\$163,279
Contributions:	\$200,281	Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments:	\$62,664
Investment Returns:	\$10,957	Change in Net Assets	\$201,787
Expenses:		Assets as of December 31, 2017:	\$917,023
• Program Expense (includes Knob consulting):.....	\$28,560		
• Communications:	\$3,425		
• Meetings/Wheeler/Annual.....	\$5,040		
• Administration:	\$4,974		
• Accounting/Filing fee:	\$5,959		

Focus on Water Quality — Nitrogen Reduction

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has posted an article regarding nitrogen clean-up called *Nitrogen Pollution Cleanup Plans Released for Four Falmouth Waterways*. One of the plans is for Quissett Harbor. To read the article, visit: www.savebuzzardsbay.org/news/nitrogen-pollution-cleanup-plans-released-four-falmouth-waterways/