



The Summer News Weekly



For All People...



Craigville Chronicle

In All Seasons



**Craigville Village, Massachusetts
August 21-27, 2010**

Community Calendar

Saturday, August 21st	10:45 AM	Bench Dedication (Tennis Courts)
Sunday, August 22nd	9:45 AM	Worship Service in the Tabernacle
	5:00 PM	Craigville Cottage Owners (Williams')

Looking Ahead

Friday, September 3rd	12:30 PM	Craigville Post Office Closes
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Our Memorial Service

The Tabernacle Worship Committee would like to thank everyone that helped organize and make the Memorial Service possible last Friday night, especially Alice Brown, Steve Brown, Dawn Hammond, the Associate Conference Minister for Policy and Finance of the Massachusetts Conference, Rev. Joanne E. Gulezian Hartunian, Rev. Deene Clark, Father John Kelleher from Our Lady of Victory, Rev. Dr. Carl Schultz, Ginny Henderson and Myra Gooding. In addition, a special thanks to the Craigville community for attending this meaningful community healing service.

-Ruth Robin

[In response to requests from Craigville residents, two letters about Larsan Korvili read by Steve Brown at the service are printed on the last page of this newsletter.]

At the Tabernacle

This Sunday, the Reverend Dale A. Hemen will be preaching in the Tabernacle. Rev. Hemen has been the Associate Conference Minister for the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ since May of 1998. The Southeast Region includes 80 United Church of Christ local congregations from Quincy to Wellfleet, from Attleboro to Orleans, including two United Church of Christ congregations on Martha's Vineyard.

Mr. Hemen is a native of Illinois, and a graduate of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, and Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. He has served two local United Church of Christ congregations in the Iowa Conference before becoming the Area Minister in Eastern Ohio in 1987, where he served before moving to Plymouth.

Mr. Hemen is married to Cheryl Cleveland Hemen, a native of New Hampshire and a Registered Nurse working part-time at Cranberry Hospice in Plymouth. They were blessed with three children, all away from home now: Megan is working in Hingham, Aaron works in Madison, Wisconsin, and Jill is married and currently living and working in California.

Working with local congregations during times of pastoral transitions; the care and nurture of clergy; and assisting churches during times of change and conflict are some of the aspects of Area Ministry and Oversight in the Barnstable, Old Colony and Pilgrim Associations.

RED LILY POND PROJECT DINNER HAS LARGER THAN EVER TURNOUT!!!

Saturday evening saw a fabulous turnout at the cocktail party with 95 people attending, and 82 at the dinner! This is the biggest group we have had in at least 14 years. The weather was gorgeous, warm and not too hot, no humidity, and the day could have been considered a "10"! There were 18 writers attending from the Writer's Conference, which began the next day as well. The silent auction had a lot of interest and bidding, one item even before it arrived! (A beautiful amethyst necklace hand made by author, teacher and artist Cheryl Aubin.) Everyone had fun talking and bidding while sipping wine, and then we went in to a delicious dinner of Chicken Cordon Bleu and Grilled Salmon, bliss potatoes, grilled vegetables, salad, and the most delicious desserts imaginable, key lime pie with whipped cream, and blueberry cobbler with ice cream. We all had a great time and the Red Lily Pond Project made more than \$5000.00 (so far), including membership and donations as well as the auctions and dinner, after paying for all expenses!!

Our thanks go first of all to Martin Traywick of Craigville Realty, and Andrea Prendergast of the Cape Cod Package Store, who donated the wine for the reception. Martin was also our entertaining bartender, who went to all the trouble to bring over the cases of wine and put them into the cooler during the afternoon, as well as attending to our every need during the cocktail party. Without Martin we wouldn't have had as good a time and we certainly wouldn't have made as much money. It is a great blessing to have his gifts, not to mention that the wine was delicious.

The next person without whom we could not have had such a fabulous evening was Pablo Tapia, our wonderful chef. He cooked delicious, scrumptious food! Many people have been raving about it all week since the dinner. We have had many, many compliments on the menu and I have to tell everyone that it was Pablo who did it. A wonderful talented chef!

Our helpers in the kitchen were Manuel Gomes and Mike Canty, as well as Mike Gianetti and Connie Perkins. Damon Franz set up the tables with Manny and set up the Green for the silent auction and cocktail party. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mary Woodbury and her staff in the Conference Center office, as well, for letting us use the Inn dining room and for helping us with all the various planning and details that have to be attended to all year before the dinner.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to our village grandchildren for being our most capable and good-natured waitresses! Josie and Annie Underwood, granddaughters of Concie Danforth and daughters of Dede and Geoffrey Underwood; Kyr and Cole Gibson, and Charlotte Fackre, granddaughters of Gabe and Dot Fackre and daughters of Skye and Chris Gibson, and Kirk and Alice Fackre; and Emma Robin, granddaughter of Carl and Della Shultz, and daughter of Ruth and Louis Robin. They had twice as many tables to wait on this year and they did a phenomenal job!

Our co-auctioneers this year were Dick Delaney and Peter Buffington. They did a GREAT job of raising money for the Red Lily Pond Project. Dale Oates also assisted them by carrying the items being auctioned off around for all to see. It was a lot of fun and we raised some money to help keep the herring run and the ponds flowing and free of weeds. Millie Delaney helped immensely with the auctions and checking out at the end. Thank you, Millie! Without Millie we wouldn't have an auction at all.

Finally, thank you to all who donated money and items to our auctions, especially Carole D'Alessandro, Sally Buffington, Kathleen Brady, Willie Shoemaker and Debbie Almy of the Post Office, Ellen Cardarelli, Barbara Gates, Mary Ellen Greenberg, Mary Woodbury and the Conference Center, and Ed Lynch, among many others, both to the silent auction and the live auction after dinner. Your generosity is always welcomed and appreciated. THANK YOU ALL! And thank you to all who attended our event. Your continued presence and support is enormously appreciated.

If, by any chance, after all that, there was anyone who was unable to attend and still wants to make a donation, please feel free to send a check to: Valerie Lane at 86 Summerbell Ave., Craigville, MA 02632.

See you again next year!!

Craigville Conference Center

Guests at the Center for the coming week include groups from Haydenville Congregational Church, Beth Yeshua, Easthampton Congregational Church, St John's Parish, and the Harvard Catholic Student Center.

Center Director Mary Woodbury reports that, "Once again the Writers Conference is down in residential attendance. The many cars we see are commuters, not staying with us. We are working with the new director of CCWC to try to spin this around to back to where this was an in-house WC and not 'day trippers'. Maybe our best efforts still won't work but we have to try as the passion is still there for the yesteryear."

NEW NEIGHBORS FLEW THE COOP (NEST)

It seems that George and Jennie Osprey have been testing the waters to see if they want to make their permanent home on the platform to the entrance of Covell's Beach. This summer they were seen most mornings (around 5 AM) and later in the afternoon around 4. They did not spend their days at the nest which made us think they were either "nest-hunting" or the beach activities were too much for them. It was so interesting to learn from Debbie that they could dive 100 feet down into the water to a depth of three feet to catch their fish. We did see them return to the nest carrying their breakfast. The caught fish always had their head facing into the wind. The osprey's talons are rounded with backward-facing scales which acted as barbs to help hold the fish. The outer toes are reversible, which allowed them to grab slippery fish with two toes in the front and two toes in the back. Once out of the water and in flight, they shook their bodies, dropping precipitously and then recovering and continuing on their journey back to the nest.

Since osprey do not reproduce until they are about 3-4 years old, we believe our summer visitors are still in their developing stages and just checking out the Craigville Beach area. Let's hope they enjoyed their stopovers and will return to Covell's beach next year to start their family.

-Maxine Shortman

Red Lily Pond: An Overview

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the Annual Dinner and Auctions, and a special thanks to Valerie Lane and her team for putting together the best Annual Dinner in memory! Contributions will be applied to restoration of the Lake Elizabeth Embankment, beginning next week!

Community members have inquired how the various funds that support the pond restoration are acquired and distributed. Here's a brief summary:

1. **Federal Funds** support big, complex projects like the Cluster Septic System and the Reverse Re-layering; and, hopefully, future culverts for the Herring Run under Lake Elizabeth and at the foot of the 40 Steps, and eventually, under the Centerville Ave. causeway. These funds depend on Federal grants, that the RLPP and the Town develop, which are encouraged by positive relationships with elected officials at the local, regional, state, and federal levels.
2. **Town Funds:** The Town currently holds \$197,000 for Red Lily Pond restoration. The plan is to use a portion of these funds as soon as possible for a weed-raking in the Middle and North Basins (last done in 1997).
3. **Private Contributions:** (\$12,003, August, 2009-July 2010): These funds support bi-weekly embankment mowing, Town permitting, insurance, and operational expenses, including fund-raising. In 2010, \$19,150 in private contributions from previous years purchased and installed the box culvert under the Sandy Lane. These contributions will support embankment pruning for the balance of 2010.

-Steve Brown

Craigville Cottage Owners to Meet

On **Sunday, August 22nd at 5:00 PM**, all homeowners are urged to join us at the Williams' house (on the Bluff, opposite the Manor and Lodge) to review this summer's activities and plan for next year. The CCOA relies on you to participate and to share with your neighbors what you enjoy about the Village, as well as what you would like to see done differently. Community living is always a challenging balance between personal preferences and the good of the whole. Come and communicate your needs, and find out where you can devote a piece of your time to make sure that Craigville is a safe, comfortable, healthy and lovely little Village that will endure.

Old Craigville Post Office

There are less than 15 wine glasses left on the shelf, and the water bottles, which are great stocking-stuffers, are going as well. Remember we close for the winter in two weeks, so please don't forget to drop in and shop for your Christmas presents. The cupola soap opera goes on. The estimated expense has more than doubled from the anticipated number, which is only one of the hitches. The Post Office building is a CCMA building and, therefore, any repairs done to the exterior have to be approved by the Board of Directors. There is a Board meeting coming up soon, and hopefully the cost of the "new" cupola will be approved. If not, the new wind vane, which has been fully treated with lacquer, will continue to be stored away waiting for its time to be installed onto the roof.

-Debbie Almy

AROUND THE TOWN

The Craigville Tennis Club Bench Dedication is set for **Saturday, August 21, at 10:45 AM**. Please join us for our bench dedication ceremony to remember and honor Guy Coletti, Kevin McGinty and Skip Danforth.

Also, the Junior Program will be finishing their season with "Family Fun Day" this Saturday.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK: "Family life is too intimate to be preserved by the spirit of justice. It can only be sustained by a spirit of love which goes beyond justice. Justice requires that we carefully weigh rights and privileges and assure that each member of a community receives his due share. Love does not weigh rights and privileges too carefully because it prompts each to bear the burden of the other."

- Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)
Protestant theologian & critic

WEATHERWIZE: EFFECTS OF HEAT OR LACK OF.....CALLED COLD

By Doppler Debbie (Almy)

How cold or hot it is predicted to be outside may determine what clothing you put on to either keep warm or cool. For example, in the winter, should it be mittens or gloves, for there is a big difference in warmth: mittens keep all your fingers touching each other and they keep each other warm, while in a glove, each finger is on its own to keep warm.

We all know how the heat has affected us this summer, with air conditioners and fans running full bore, 24 / 7 as we all sought comfort constantly. Breathing was difficult at best, as the humidity and dew points hit all time highs. These were the normal conditions for us as we dealt with the extreme heat.

The lack of heat is technically called cold, and can be just as difficult to live in, with ramifications far beyond our control. Last winter was a perfect example of the lack of heat in the Southern states that was unprecedented in recent past history. Temperatures dipped into the freezing zone in Florida and all of the Southern states for months. The tomato crop was ruined along with many fruits, such as strawberries. The tomatoes usually served as a free item on your salad now had to be requested, and sometimes were more costly. The food industry is only one of many areas affected drastically by unpredicted changes in normally-expected temperatures.

One other very large area of concern in the vacation South last year was the sudden lack of tourists, or snowbirds as some are called. People either cancelled their reservations completely or cut back their time drastically. Well, one says, so what?! Let them stay home and suffer in the cold. At one point in February last year, it was warmer in the Boston area than it was in Southern Florida. Tourists mean money for many businesses in the South, from rental properties, restaurants, food growers, car rentals, clothing sales etc. It has a domino affect, for without the people to rent the condominiums, there are less people to go to restaurants, meaning there is less bulk food ordered to supply the eateries affecting the growers. Car rentals decline, as do the clothing stores sales that so rely on the "regulars" to buy the new merchandize. Less people mean the service people are not needed, so they lose their jobs. Now, they can't pay their rent, buy food or gas, so they go on the unemployment roll. All of the collapse of much of the economy in one specific area can be blamed directly on one factor: the weather. New Orleans is a perfect example.

Look at Cape Cod. A huge percentage of the yearly income is totally dependent on good weather and whether the tourists come to the area to buy, rent, beach, shop, etc. So, even though we usually think of the weather in terms of what the weather person says on the evening news, it really does have a more far-reaching effect than merely what we put on that day to keep warm or cool.

FEATHER/FUN FACTS: JELLYFISH

BY DEBBIE ALMY

Jellyfish, over 200 species of them, are found in every ocean in the world and are over 650 million years old, outdating dinosaurs and sharks. The largest one can be over 7' in diameter with tentacles 120' long (nearly half a football field!) The jellyfish is 95% water, has no brain, heart, bones, blood or eyes, but they can detect light with light sensitive cells, and obstacles by a sensory nerve net, or pits. These sensors are located on the bell of the jellyfish. It cannot swim but moves by either rhythmically expanding and contracting the bell, or by taking water into its mouth and shooting it out, making a small jet propulsion move. They are totally dependent on currents in the ocean to carry them along. Only after a serious storm do our local beaches on the Northeast coast tend to see them. The Portuguese-man-of-war are the type we have to deal with. The box jellyfish, only found off Australia (thank goodness), is the most deadly in the world and once stung, the prey is dead in about 3 minutes; this includes humans. The jellyfish has no digestive system and lifts its prey into the mouth, which also acts as the anus to dispel waste.

They reproduce when the male releases sperm into the water which travels to the mouth of the female. The eggs then lodge in the oral armpits, forming a brood chamber for the growing embryos. On the tentacles are capsules that hold a hollow barbed coil, a venom sac and sensitive hairs, called cilia. When edible prey brushes against these trigger hairs, the capsules expel the coiled lance-like barb and inject venom through the hollow thread. The pressure built up in the capsule is about 2,000 lb. per sq. inch; thus, the venom is injected deeply into the prey. Humans' reaction to the venom is dependent on how individuals react to toxins: similar to bee stings, where some people have life-threatening reactions, while others have no reaction at all. First aid for a sting can be vinegar, or meat tenderizer. If the reaction is severe, immediate medical attention is required. Jellyfish should be avoided whenever possible, for contact with the human skin can indeed be most serious.

An interesting fact: even when the jellyfish is dead on the sand, the stingers can still give off their venom, and recently over 125 people were stung by walking on the tentacles of just one dead jellyfish. On the humorous side, a beach on the North Shore discovered hundreds of jellyfish on their beaches after a good storm. Instead of trying to pick them up and bury them - the right thing to do - they drove a steamroller over them. Not the smartest thing to do, for all the venom was then pushed into the sand, thus closing the beaches for weeks until the poison dissipated. Bet they don't do that again!

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Letter to Larsan from a Friend:

Larsan,

I can't wrap my mind around what happened. I feel like you can't be gone. I mean, you're Larsan, you're the person I can count on to flash me a smile in the hall when I'm having a rough day. You're the person who is never afraid to share what is on his mind. You're the person who I was laughing with and elbowing during group yesterday. You're my friend. That is why none of this makes sense. I feel like there were so many conversations I never got to have with you. There was so much more I wanted to learn about you. You are an amazing person. The thing I always have admired about you is your unwavering strength and faith. Honestly, it has always confused me how a person could have such undoubting belief. As overwhelmed as I am by what happened, I can't help but feel that you are exactly where you want to be – with God. I truly think the world of you. You are such a wonderful big brother, that was so obvious to me during our meeting for the board at St. Mary's. I remember you brought your two little sisters, and it was so evident on their faces that they look up to you so much. I feel like your family must be so proud of who you are. When I think of you I think of honesty, character, integrity, and kindness. You have seriously always been friendly and genuinely nice to everyone. I am so grateful that I got the chance to get to know you, especially this last year. I always appreciated how you would really listen to everything I said. I was always happy to see when you sent me a text or even a facebook message because I always knew they would be happy thoughts. You are one of those people who walk around with such a positive outlook on life, always seeking to help others. I will never forget the influence you had on other people. You always inspired everyone, especially me, to be better people and to grow closer to God. I wish I could have grown even closer with you this upcoming year. I know that you will be smiling down, looking over our class and your family.

Rest in peace Larsan.

Love,
(a classmate)

To the Lifeguard Team at Craigville Beach:

Thank you for doing everything you could to help our classmate, friend and brother, Larsan, yesterday. It was so inspiring to see you all rushing to the aid of a stranger. You all need to know that there was nothing more you could do. There is no sense in asking "Why?" or "What if?" because this was all in God's plan, and there is no changing His will. Larsan was an amazing person who had a full, wonderful life. He spread his own faith and strength to everybody around him. If you had known him, you would've seen that he changed people's lives with just a few simple words. He has touched the hearts of everybody in our community. His mission on Earth was completed, and now God has called him home to a higher, much more important mission. We are all in pain, no matter how close you were to Larsan. I know it's hard to see past the heartache and grief, but you need to know that Larsan is fine. Larsan is better than he ever has been because he has everything he wanted—he's with God. Someday, we'll all see him in heaven. I promise you that he will greet each one of you with a hug and the bright trademark smile that so many people have talked about. He exudes love and holiness, and he will make the most amazing angel. I'll say it now, because he can't, but he is grateful to you all for trying to save him. He loves you for that, as well as just for being fellow children of God. He doesn't want you to blame yourselves—just celebrate his life, and live out his mission of loving the world. Again, thank you all for your efforts. Every one of you is in my prayers, and I know Larsan will be watching over you for the rest of your lives. God Bless you all,

Lindsey Chou, Carla Tirrell and the Bishop Feehan High School Campus Ministry Leadership Team