

SHINING QUARTERLY

Update on the Shining the Star Campaign

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On October 19 the Ricci Construction crew left Star Island for the last time this season having completed the re-roofing of the Oceanic Hotel complex. The results, as you can see from the photo below, are nothing short of extraordinary. This project was funded by a \$75,000 grant from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), and required a one-to-one matching challenge. Funds were raised from contributions to the Shining the Star campaign and combined with the grant were sufficient to fully fund the \$154,000 bid by Ricci Construction Company of Portsmouth. They did a fine job not just on the roof but on the dormers, painting and replacing trim in addition to the roofing.



While the roofing was underway and in the hands of professionals, teams of volunteers worked on the wood trim in Stone Village, the exteriors of the cottages and the railings of the front porch. It started with the LOAS1 conference whose theme, “A Call to Service,” was a driving force throughout the week as teams of volunteers including the youth group scraped and prepared Cottages B, C, E, and Managers for painting. In August and September crews organized by Shoalers Drew Bush and Dave Boynton, and the community outreach coordinator at Timberland, headquartered in Stratham NH, finished the process and restored the faces of the buildings and porch railings to a gleaming white. The campaign supports the ability to invest in high quality – and expensive – epoxy paint that holds up against the harsh weather conditions on Star. All of this paves the way for a major construction effort with Cottage A beginning in the spring of 2011. The project is expected to continue into 2012 and will be funded by the resources of the Shining the Star Campaign.

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There was no shortage of love in the room at the Corporation Annual Meeting when Dave and Edith Pierson were honored with the *Bringers Of Light* award. As Deb Wiener-Soule completed her tribute to the couple the sentiments she expressed rippled out into the sanctuary in thunderous applause, cheering, and a standing ovation that continued for a full five minutes. Dave in his modest way ambled to the podium as Edith fully embraced the experience with arms raised toward the crowd and a smile that filled the room. When Dave and Edith were asked to serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of the campaign they didn't hesitate for a second. They wrote about their connections and commitment in their profile for the campaign. “*We've been regulars at family conferences like LOAS, AS, IRAS, Star Hampshire, and Pel Reunion since 1964 and have also been employees, all of which has given us a well-rounded view of our star-shaped shoal. It has been wonderful to be part of Star's illustrious past. How fortunate we are*”



that we can all have a hand in its glorious future!” It’s no wonder there is such love for the Piersons in the extended Star family. They have been a singular presence for 46 years, forging connections and bridging generations as two of the links in that unbroken chain of Star Stewards. Like the Doolittles and the McGills and others who went before us, Edith and Dave offer us leadership by their fine example.

Just as Dave and Edith represent a voice of Star’s past, their fellow Honorary Co-Chairs represent its present and its future. In issues of the quarterly to come we will feature the profiles of Joe Watts and Molly Mansfield and their own reasons for supporting the campaign. Speaking of which, there are now 75 shoaler families who have pledged to the campaign to date. With \$2,687,794 in gifts and pledges in place, we are at 54 percent of our goal. We are grateful for that early and robust support of our efforts and want to recognize below all who are part of this quiet phase of the campaign. To quote our Honorary Co-Chairs, Edith and Dave, how fortunate we are that we can all have a hand in Star’s glorious future.

Irene and John Bush
Campaign Co-Chairs