



STAR ISLAND NEWSLETTER

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Our mission since 1916 is to hold and administer Star Island and other properties we acquire for religious, educational and kindred purposes.

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Kyle M. Belmont
Editor

Thank you to everyone who contributed in making this newsletter.

Star's Future

By Joe Watts, CEO
In this issue of our newsletter we are focusing on transitions. This seems fitting, as we are in the midst of a few. Vicky has retired and moved to Seattle to be with her family, and I have moved into the role of Chief Executive Officer.



CEO Joe Watts sails around Gosport Harbor in 2012. Merritt photo.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve in this new capacity. I have been deeply connected to Star for over 30 years, first as a conferee, then as a Pelican starting in the late 1980s, then as a year-round employee starting in the late 1990s, and now as CEO. On island, I'm joined by my lovely family, Brenda, Lily, and Joey.

I have been thinking quite a bit about Star's future recently. The summer ahead is shaping up nicely. We're working hard with conference leaders to develop a host of fantastic offerings for individuals and families. We're moving closer to a comprehensive solar power solution for the island. We're preparing to launch online registration in time for the 2013 season. We're

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Storm Update

Despite significant surge and high winds from Hurricane Sandy, Star Island's facilities were minimally impacted. Facilities Superintendent Jack Farrell surveyed the island on Wednesday, October 31 and reported the island to be "miraculously unscathed."

Before Hurricane Sandy approached New England, staff boarded up the island and evacuated all personnel.

But the Star Island community has suffered. We send our hearts and prayers to those who have been impacted by Sandy, including the crew of the HMS Bounty, who

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After Successful 2012, We Embrace a New Chapter

Dear Shoaler,

As I write this letter the leaves are turning and Star is busy with activity to prepare for its winter sleep. Memories of colors of the sea, the rocks and the hotel, against the bright blue, or maybe gray skies, will have to get us through until next year.

By any measure we have completed another successful season. The island looked great all summer and represents a fitting tribute to Vicky Hardy's efforts for the past five seasons. Vicky will be wrapping things up this month and heading for Seattle by month's end.

And as we say goodbye to Vicky we welcome to our new CEO, Joe Watts. An experienced Pel/Shoaler in a new role. As usual these are exciting times!

With our collective participation we have met our occupancy goals and are well on our way to meet-

ing our financial objectives for 2012. All the staff have made this success possible.

Now it's our turn to reach our 2012 goals. As you know the combined Capital and Annual Fund effort is the last piece of our financial puzzle. The support of our entire Shoaler Community is what makes our island sustainable.

As we close the 2012 year we would love to see every member of the Star Island Community on the 2012 Donor List. With your help we will make and even surpass our fundraising goal and ensure the sustainability of our spirits home. Please support your community so our kids and grandkids can create their own collection of fond memories of Star.

Sincerely,

Russell A. Peterson, President of the Board

APPEALING COMBINATION

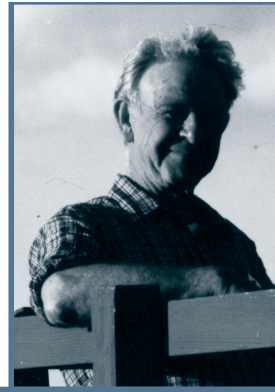
Star's combined Annual Fund and Capital Campaign thrives on your support. See how your support has helped the island by viewing A Grateful Island on StarIsland.org. Or scan the QR code below on your phone to view the video and see how you have helped the island.





HMS Bounty

The HMS Bounty sank off the coast of North Carolina on October 29, 2012. Most of the crew were safely rescued. Captain Robin Walbridge remains missing and Deck-hand Claudene Christian passed away.



David D. Pierson

1924-2012

David D. Pierson passed away on August 9, 2012 at the age of 88 survived by his wife Edith and many relatives. Known to many for his calm demeanor and big heart, Pierson was a cornerstone of the Star Island community.

As a mentor to Pelicans old and young, Pierson served in several capacities during his time with Star. He and his wife spent 18 years on-island year-round as winter caretakers and in various roles throughout the summer from 1976 to 1994.

Before his time with Star, Dave taught classes at the New Hampshire Vocational & Technical College. The same qualities that made him a great teacher also allowed him to educate the Pelican staff he came in contact with year after year. Whether he popped in reminding someone not to use a chair as a ladder, or allowed his quiet leadership to build a team Pierson was indelible to Star's existence.

In the 1976 Pelican Pages, the staff's yearbook, Dave offered this quote from Max Coots: "The shame of it is not the change, but that we will not make a time to touch the earth again and be a part of its incessant miracles." Yet because of Pierson's involvement in Star Island's life, his ability to take part in unending miracles is nearly unequivocal.

completing a restoration to the front porch, seemingly at the same time. Even with an endless list of tasks, Andy always had time for a friend, conversation, and inspiration.

His love for his favorite places was always encouraging, and he held Star Island deeply in his heart and memories. And yet, while we miss him, we know that his work is what makes Star Island so special. The handrail shaped just so, or the smooth coat of paint is due directly to Andy or from his role as mentor to many Pelicans.

Passages

Astrid Kennedy Adam was born on March 14, 2012 to Julia Kennedy and Karl Adam.

Miriam Zita Doll O'Mahoney was born on April 28, 2012 to former pelican Rachel and husband Sean Doll O'Mahoney.

Peggy Hargrove passed away on May 11, 2012. She had been a Corporation member since 1984 and a regular attendee of the Natural History Conference.

Norman Laurendeau passed away on May 20, 2012. He attended IRAS and co-chaired the group's 2010 Star Island conference.

Maude Kirsch Cordes was born on May 21, 2012 to Erik and Brooke Cordes. Maude was 8 lb 9 oz and will attend All Star 2.

Piper Grace LaTorre-Oshel was born on June 4, 2012 to former Pelicans Liz Oshel and Mike LaTorre. The parents met in 2002 as first year waitrae.

Bernie May passed away on July 6, 2012. He is a longtime All Star 2 attendee and is survived by his wife and former board member Suzanne May.

Jacob Goldstein, a former Pelican, married Katie Denslow on July 7, 2012, at The Mount in Lenox, MA.

Chris Adams, a former Pelican, married Cara Shepard on July 7, 2012, at the First Congregational Church of Hampton, NH.

Caroline Hill, a former Pelican, married Jean-Francois Ortiz on July 14, 2012, in the Memorial Chapel at Middlesex School in Concord, MA.

Sawyer Jameson Muller-Barry was born to former Pelicans Jessica Barry and Anne Muller on July 15, 2012.

Betty Binzel passed away on July 24, 2012. She was the mother of 2013 All Star 2 co-chair Charles Binzel.

Current Pelicans **Drew Clark** and **Maggie Cerveney** were married in T-Town overlooking the White Island lighthouse and Pel Garden on August 25, 2012. Many of the guests were from Maggie's LOAS 2 conference and all available staff also attended.

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Email your passages to office@starisland.org

Andy Gordon

1942-2012

A volunteer, a Pelican, a friend. Andy Gordon was all of those, and now we add missed after he passed away from a battle with cancer on May 24, 2012.

Gordon joined the Star Island family as a full season volunteer in 2002 and later became a full-fledged Pelican. But no matter his title, Andy's work ethic and dedication remained the same.

His time on Star was spent all around: mending furniture in guest rooms while



Cindy Schartman participates in a beach clean-up during LOAS 1. Levine photo.

UPCYCLE TO STAR ISLAND

Take a page from the Gosport Green Initiative and find time to reduce, reuse, and recycle with Star in mind. Instead of throwing away those old table cloths, donate them to Star. Here are a few more items we could use:

- Dressers and other furniture
- Computers and parts
- Towels
- Twin and double sheets
- "Pack 'n Play" cribs
- Hand tools

Questions: email office@starisland.org

Green Gosport Initiative a Success

Island reduces waste by 38% and sets goals for summer 2013

With a focus on energy, waste, food and education, Star Island succeeded in the first year of the Green Gosport Initiative.

Facilities Superintendent Jack Farrell announced the measured progress Star Island has taken. "Our vibrant Star Island community came together this past summer to remarkably reduce our waste and increase our efficiencies."

Star's push towards a greener summer destination included evaluating and adjusting use of diesel powered generators. As the power source for the entire island, including two reverse osmosis machines, the generators can consume large amounts of costly oil. To counteract this reality with the need for such things as potable drinking water, Star partnered with the M/V Thomas Lighton to supply supplemental water throughout the summer.

Savings on diesel also came from fewer freight boat trips in 2012 and more efficient oil transfer capabilities from holding tanks.

Farrell also shared that Star Island greatly reduced the amount of landfill waste created on island by 38.8% in 2012. This reduction equaled 180 fewer yards of trash coming off of the island. As a counter to waste reduction, Star increased recycling by 73.9% with 176 more yards of material this past summer. These landfill reductions resulted from increased education and communication through staff led sustainability discussions. The totals also come from a year with an increase in overnight registrations.

In 2013 Star Island hopes to accomplish the following goals with the GGI: Install a large scale solar PV array, further reduce usage of reverse osmosis machines, repair and expand water collection system for quicker cistern filling, add water transport capabilities to staff boat, increase on-island recycling, purchase more food from local and sustainable sources, and continue with weekly community education plans to name a few.

A Message from the Development Office

By Angela Matthews,
Director of Development

One of the best benefits of working for Star Island is summer residency on the island and the opportunity to sample each of the programs and related activities. International Affairs exposed me to experts on the spread of a democratic revolution across the Middle East and the way in which technology did or did not play a role. A few weeks later I returned to that same part of the world with Star Gathering II and peered at the region through the stories of Genesis. Different times yet the stories seemed so similar. Italian Jungian scholar Stefano Carter shared so many images and symbols that seem to emerge from our unconscious and yet are rooted in a place of "knowing

before we know," for example the double helix of the genetic code embodied in the caduceus, the retired logo of the American Medical Association. Rev. Nancy Wood's inspiring opening worship at All Star I provided a special centering and opportunity for quiet reflection during this high-energy conference. I found all of it quite fascinating and learned a little more about the culture of each conference I explored.

Paul George, one of the artists on the faculty of the Road Scholar conference on Star, has generously donated a spectacular 24" x 30" oil painting set on Star Island to be raffled off at the end of the 2013 season. We will begin selling raffle tickets for the painting on December 3. Tickets will

be available on-line, at the Oceanic Front Desk throughout the season, and at Paul George's art studio in Gloucester MA. View his work at www.PaulGeorgeArtist.com.

On December 3 at noon we will be live-streaming the drawing of the winners of the incentive prizes for all who pledged or gave to the Shining the Star campaign by midnight on September 30. We hope that Shoalers in the Portsmouth area will join us at the office for lunch as we announce the winners of all the prizes. A buffet lunch will be provided for \$10 per person. It should be great fun for all in attendance.

From Island Guest to Staff, Board Member Sees Other Side of Star

By Sally Russell, Board Member

For the last two summers in addition to attending my normal conference, I have volunteered for a second week on island as a volunteer/Pel. I am fortunate to have recently retired, so I can volunteer my time to Star.

This past summer, I volunteered during LOAS 2. I worked all week on Chamber. I learned to do hospital corners, and how to arrange a room with placement of the water glasses and towels. I folded thousands of sheets and pillow cases; in fact, I soon learned that there is a never ending pile of stuff to fold down in the Linen Closet. I also found out that the crew's shift coincides with the conferee dining hours. Less sleeping conferees are disturbed this way I suppose.

It was great to get familiar with Pel Hall and the different crews of hard working Pels. It was strange to be on island for someone else's conference. In fact, I took notes during LOAS2 of ideas to bring back to my conference. I think that everyone who is thinking about serving on the SIC Board, should do one day on chamber, or waitrae, if they have not already done so as a Pel.

One crew I have always wanted to try was dish crew. Thanks to another volunteer, Scott Stewart, I shared a 30 minute shift with him. That was about all I could physically handle. Another night I volunteered for Evening Chapel, and saw that experience from another angle. Only one lantern broke as a result of my inexperience.

I am most impressed by how the Pels tweak their jobs to make them more efficient, and on the other hand they



Greg Case welcomes a new Shoaler. Elliott photo.

The Life Cycle

As children we race across the front
serve meals or clean rooms our friends
adults attending the gatherings we find
a place of leadership. Our growth

A Tale of Two Harbors A Pelican Perspective with No Inside Jokes...seriously

By Allegra Hyde, Pelican '08, '10-12 with help from Charles Dickens

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the conference season of Sunshine, it was the off-season of Pale Skin, it was the spring of job contracts, it was the winter of unemployment, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Pel Hall, we were all going direct the other way – in short, the summer was so far like the other summers, that some of its newest Pelicans insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.

It was the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve. Spiritual revelations were conceded to Congregationalists and Unitarians at that favoured period, as at this. Ms. Cho had recently attained her nine-and-twentieth blessed birthday, of whom a prophetic dockie on the dock had heralded the sublime appearance by announcing that arrangements were made for the swallowing up of Shack Deck and the pier. Even the Uncle Oscar ghost had been laid only a round dozen of years, after rapping out its messages, as the spirits of this very year last past (supernaturally deficient in originality) rapped out theirs. Mere messages in the daily announcements had lately come to the Management Team and Staff, from a congress of Pelicans in OBR: which, strange to relate, have proved more important to the human race than any communications yet received through any of the fire drills.

The Front Desk, less favoured on the whole as to matters practical than her sister of the mop and broom, rolled with exceeding smoothness down hill, making registrations and sharing them. Under the guidance of her Supervisor, she entertained herself, besides, with such humane achievements as sentencing a bellhop to have his hands full, his body exhausted by with bags, and his new shirt sweaty, because he had not kneeled down in the rain to do honour to a incoming procession of day guests which passed within his view, at a distance of some fifty or sixty yards...

also maintain important traditions that have survived through decades. I will always look at my freshly made bed differently when I first enter my room for my conference, and I will check the hospital corner, the placement of the towels and water glass.

Share your own Shoaler life cycle stories on Facebook and Twitter

e of a Shoaler

at lawn during a summer week, then
first year as Pelicans. We grow into
found welcoming as youth, and earn
happens together, on one island.

Ultimately, the real world took over and my husband and I were forced to stay on the mainland for the summers. Keeping Star in our world is essential. We have chosen for the time being to continue attending Pelican Reunion. We are able to get our taste of the island, but not feel too much like conferees! This weekend is intended for former staff to reunite therefore we look forward to seeing old friends and reminiscing.

One of the biggest challenges in the transition from being a Pelican to being a Conferee is the lack of complete freedom on the island. It's difficult to resist going through the Authorized Personnel doors or see who may be hanging out in Pel Hall or on Shack Deck. Or in my case, walking into the snack bar and making a frappe just the way I wanted it. We are now forced to use conference spaces. This is not all bad

Finding a Speaker, Finding a Voice

By Kris LoFrumento,
Membership Committee Chair

I was asked in the summer of 2005, when I was a conferee at what was then called United Church of Christ 1, if I would consider chairing the family conference the following summer. Not yet knowing who my co-chair would be I agreed to step up to the challenge. Best decision I ever made.

The entire process of becoming intimately involved with all of the details for running a conference, getting to know the ins and outs of the wider Star Island Corporation and all its various stakeholders, and having this leadership position springboard into other opportunities has been a huge part of my personal development.

Going from Authorized Areas to Rocking Chairs

By Hillary Case, Pelican '02-06, Pel Reunion

I come from a multi-generational family of Pelicans. It was only natural that I too became a Pelican when I was old enough. My family chose Pelican Reunion as our conference of choice. This was a great conference for me to experience the island and decide where I wanted to fit in the community.

When I "came of age," I spent five summers as a full-season Pelican. I was able to contribute to the vibrancy of the staff while learning more about myself at the same time. I especially loved my time as a Snackie – serving ice cream and rickies to guests and staff. Another perk of being a Pelican: I met my husband.

though: utilizing the front porch and the rocking chairs all day as opposed to strictly during conference dinner is great!

As is natural, we do find ourselves saying, "when I was a Pelican..." more than we may want to admit! Additionally, feeling old when we see the kids we remembered as conferees now working as Pelicans is less than desirable. But, we were in that position once too. It is nice to see other generations feel the desire to work on the island the way we did.

We plan on staying conferees for the foreseeable future. We may venture into the week-long family conferences when we are ready to truly be conferees again or have a family of our own. Using conference spaces, eating in the dining hall serviced by Pelicans and having our beds made for us isn't so bad after all.

After a successful 2006 UCC 1 conference, my co-chair Vickie Hambrecht and I entered the fall with an idea of what we were doing! As conference chairs know the first year is a huge learning curve and the second time around seems so much more manageable.

The responsibility of running a conference was a great deal of work (including changing our name to Star Gathering). It allowed me to find my own voice and to know that I have the skills to see the big picture and to tackle minute details at the same time. My time as a conference chair was the springboard for other roles and responsibilities with the Star Island Corporation including as clerk of the Council of Conferences, as Vice-President and President of the Star Island United Church of Christ, Inc., as a Board member of SIC, as a

FORMER PEL DISCOUNT

Star is welcoming back former Pelicans with a significant discount in 2013!

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StarIsland.org/PelDiscount
for more information.

member of the Pel Reunion Steering Committee and later as a co-chair of Pel Reunion, as a founder and co-chair of the Clergy Conference, and as chair of the SIC Membership Committee. It is the people and the environment of Star Island who have supported me, who have mentored me, and who have shown me how to be a confident leader through their personal examples.



US Senator Jeanne Shaheen (center) talks with Facilities Superintendent Jack Farrell (right) and former CEO Vicky Hardy (left). Belmont Photo.

Summer Notes

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- ♦ The **Blue Ocean Society** visited Star in late August to lead an island-wide clean-up. The society had previously visited Appledore earlier in the summer.
- ♦ Divers from the submarines **USS Pasadena** and **USS Miami**, stationed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, helped to collect ocean debris from around the island's pier.
- ♦ **Historic New England** partnered with Star Island to offer a day-long historical tour. Organized by Island Heritage and Artifact Committee Chair **Rosemarie Smurzynski**, the tours were led by Vaughn Cottage Curator **Melissa Saggerer**. Work is underway to repeat the tour in 2013.

Weather Update

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docked at Star this past August and graciously volunteered on island, as well as to those Shoalers who were in the storm's path on the mainland. Many in our community live in areas hit hard by the storm, and as we go to press with this newsletter, we want to send our collective energy and strength to you.

-Your Friends at Star

Star's Future

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planning on unveiling some incentives to attract new families to the island, with a focus on conferences that are not full. There is a spirit of collaboration and excitement in the air, and I hope you will join us this summer to be a part of it all.

I've also been looking ahead to the more distant future. What will Star be like when our kids bring their young families to the island? This is an essential question because our vision of the future shapes what we do right now. Will our buildings and systems be in good and safe condi-

tion? Will we offer programs that free all who come to renew spiritually, explore matters of consequence, and gain knowledge about the world as it might ideally be? Will we be a leader in environmental stewardship? Will people form meaningful relationships that last a lifetime?

As an organization, our work is focused on the long-run, informed by our strategic plan, with the purpose of ensuring that Star Island will remain our spirit's home for generations to come. We draw meaning from the past, we celebrate the present, and we look forward to a very bright future together.

In the end, it's about community. On Star,

we gather on a magical island to form a special community with an important purpose. We learn and grow, we enjoy ourselves, and we return to where we live bringing what we've gained with us, helping to make the world a better place.

As we approach the winter, consider this – remember your last Star experience. Recall the rugged beauty of our island, the programs you attended, the people you engaged with. And now think ahead to the promise of the future – how each one of us plays a role in what Star Island will be for future generations – and get excited about returning next summer. You will come back!

The Other Side of Star's Summer

By Tom and Tricia Coleman,
All Star 1 & Historic Star

The longer you are connected to Star, the more you come to realize that the island experience is so different for so many of us. For most, our window on Star Island is framed by the conference we attend, and indeed, it is routinely the same conference. Family conferences, theme conferences, subject conferences all have their unique vantage of the Island Experience. This informs how we see the island, its relevance, what it means to us, and what it needs from us. I have often been surprised by some old Shoalers of very long standing who have only attended the same conference for decades. Of course, there are a lot of reasons for this, good and excellent reasons. However, one can miss out on exquisite nuances of the different rhythms and pulses of the summer.

Our family are long term All Star One attendees, and we came to see the island through that view. Star Island meant the 4th of July, a very large collection of friends and family, amazing children's programs, speakers, music, and

working with a number of new Pels. It meant the relative beginning of the calendar, and the island's adjustment to the larger family conferences. There was an ever repeated newness, a particular vibe, a certain ocean breeze. It is the Star we came to love, and the image we covet throughout the winter.

But to step forward eight weeks or so is to experience an enchanted change. As summer turns to autumn, our island changes. The sky is bluer, the breezes fresher, the water is warmer. The nights begin to bring a serene and beguiling air. Our old, familiar friend can surprise and delight us with different moods!

We love our family conference. But, the quieter, more languid pace of the end of the season brings its own compelling charms. We share the island with other conferences, offering new opportunities to meet, glimpse, share, and savor. It is a time of sometimes whimsical happenstance. Late this August, conferees stepped out of the dining hall to see the tall ship HMS Bounty tied

up at the dock, and its crew perched on the porch roof of Cottage A and on the Chapel steeple, paintbrushes in hand. Later that afternoon, the same officers and crew were beside us at social hour, glasses in hand.

Over the last few years, more early season Shoalers are returning for a second bite. The pallet of experiences is full, with theme conferences, personal retreats, dancing, painting, meditation, yoga, and practice based conferences. Birders stalk migrating species, and photographers patiently wait for that certain slant of light.

Mealtimes are quixotically fun, sharing food and talk with friends you never knew you had. The smaller groups ebb and flow. You breathe, and smile, and breathe again. This is Star, unplugged. There are rich offerings of talks, lessons, experiences, or the salubrious ease to sit in the sun, or in a chair, and, rock.

Whether you have been a Shoaler for two or forty-two years, consider the other side of the calendar. Get to know a different view of Star. See the other side of summer.

Passages

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Cassie Durette, co-chair of the 2012 ISHRA-June Conference married Jared Stymiest on the front lawn of Star on September 9, 2012. Cassie also has strong connections to Smuttynose Island, which served as the backdrop to the wedding.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Main passed away on September 16, 2012. Betsy has been a longtime Star Gathering 2 attendee and very active with the conference's theatrical presentations since her first visit in the mid-1980's.

Vaughn Cottage Curator **Melissa Saggerer** married former Pelican **Matt**

More Star Island news and information is always available online at StarIsland.org or through Facebook or Twitter.

Terenna on September 22, 2012 at the Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA. The couple also became Corporation members earlier this year.

Former Pelicans **Alexa Fiorini** and **Eric Howell** married on September 22, 2012 at White Cliffs in Plymouth, MA.

Frank E. Robbins III passed away on October 18, 2012. He was a long time All Star 1 Conferee and led that conference's youth programs for many years. He first brought his own children to the island in 1959.

2012

SOFTBALL SCORES

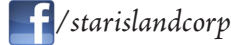
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Summer Notes

Star Island continued to establish itself as New England's most unique island in 2012. And these are some of the people, groups and events the *M/V Thomas Laighton* and *Uncle Oscar* dropped off at Star this summer:

- **Anita Shreve**, author of *The Weight of Water*, spoke at the Star Island Literary Festival. She talked about her inspiration for writing the bestseller as well as her time spent at the Isles of Shoals. Guests packed Newton for this talk in late August.
- The *HMS Bounty* tied up to the island's pier for two nights in late August. The replica of the original *Bounty* was sailing between ports and decided to stop off at the island. The ship's crew volunteered for a day by painting Cottage A and other areas.

- Fourth graders from **North Hampton School** stopped by in early June for a field trip exploring Star Island history. The trip was led by teacher Mark McFarlin and students participated in a beach clean-up. Students also created beautiful Star inspired watercolors.
- Volunteers with **Timberland** constructed picnic tables, benches, and Adirondack chairs. The picnic tables will be used in 2013 to create welcoming spots for day visitors, and the chairs will be placed on Lindquist Deck. Benches will be located near playgrounds and other needed spots.
- US Senator **Jeanne Shaheen** of New Hampshire visited the island in mid-September to tour our facilities and receive an update on our progress towards a solar panel array. The senator also announced her co-sponsored energy efficiency legislation.

- A member of US Representative **Frank Guinta's** (NH-1) office presented the island with a congressional proclamation celebrating the return and success of the Gosport Regatta.
- Members of the **Historic Star Conference** and island staff performed an original mystery theater production in the Pink Parlor. This creative piece, including costumes, will be available to any island group in the future.
- Food Service Manager **John Bynum** initiated a change to meals this summer introducing standard vegan and gluten-free options.
- Island Engineer **Marshal Frye** and Truck Crew Supervisor **Drew Clark** saved passengers from a sinking vessel during International Affairs.
- Star Island was named Best Hidden Retreat by *New Hampshire Magazine*.

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