



Star Gathering I Gazette

News on 2013 Star Gathering I Conference Volume 1: January 2013

Welcome from your 2013 chairs!

Each month we will introduce you to a Shoaler who offers time, talent and treasure to our conference.

Shoaler of the month:

Karen Ellis

Karen Ellis has been coming to the island since the late 70s when her interest was sparked by an advertisement in Christian Century Magazine. As a retired teacher, Karen has excelled in roles as morning staff, junior high and even lead a clown workshop on island.



Happy new year! We are Laura and Tommy Ermini, your 2013 Star Gathering I Conference Chairs. As evidenced by the photos above, we grew up on the island and are flattered and privileged to lead this tremendous conference (above, with our grandparents Bob & Jean Hamilton). We have brainstormed ideas to make this a memorable conference for everyone – those who have come as long as we have, and new Shoalers * (*see vocab note below). Be on the look out for old traditions brought back (**balsa wood plane launched off the porch, anyone?**) and some new traditions to build community and get to know each other better. We will be producing and sending out a newsletter each month to provide insight into the conference, to build excitement and to offer material for you to share with others. Please pass this along to anyone who may be interested in joining us this summer. Be on the look out for next month's installment! We WILL come back!



These days she serves as a Green Dot Host (welcoming our newest Shoalers before the conference begins) and leading intergenerational basketweaving in the afternoons. Karen says her favorite part of the day is setting up early morning communion. Karen thinks of the island as her opportunity for the Three Rs: Relaxing, Rejuvenating her spirit and Rejoicing with old and new friends. We'd love for you to come to Star Gathering I to meet Karen, then relax, rejuvenate and rejoice!

Star Island Vocab Words of the Month:

- ★ **Green Dot:** Grēn' Dōt (n) A conferee who has never been to Star before
- ★ **Shoaler:** shō-luhr (n) anyone who visits the Isles of Shoals; in our context, visitors of Star Island

May 15, 2013: Registration Deadline for GREEN DOT families to qualify for \$2000 cap / \$1600 for single parent families (click [here](#) for more details)

June 1, 2013: deadline for Star Island Corporation (SIC) Scholarship (*You must be registered for the conference before applying)

May 15, 2013: Registration Deadline for former Pels to receive 50% discount (click [here](#) for more details)

July 27 – August 3, 2013: Star Gathering I Conference

