



CORPORATION NEWSLETTER LAUNCHED

On several occasions, and particularly at the Annual Meeting last spring, Corporation members suggested that they could perform their role more effectively if they were kept informed of what takes place, both at the Island and at meetings of the Board of Directors.

Many of us, on the Board and on the staff, respond very enthusiastically to this suggestion. This Newsletter, therefore, is the first of what we hope will be two or three a year, to be issued as occasion warrants.

We are using this informal format, because it is dictated both by the need for economy and ease in publishing. We sincerely hope that the content will prove to be so informative and interesting that you can overlook the informal appearance.

Roland B. Greeley, President

NEW MUSIC BUILDING DEDICATED

Musically-inclined Shoalers will be delighted to learn that a building especially for their use -- the Nichols House -- has been erected below the Chapel. Intended for instrumental and choral rehearsal, the building will also be used for special winter storage.

Charles S. Bolster, Corporation Clerk, at the dedication of the building on August 2nd, paid tribute to the late Mr. and Mrs. William B. Nichols of Quincy, Mass., whose interest in Star Island led to the establishment of the trust funds which supplied funds for the Building's construction.

"Billy Nichols was a vice president of Boston Consolidated Gas Co., and a director of the Quincy Savings Bank and other corporations. He was the second President of The Star Island Corporation, continuing until he was succeeded by Carl B. Wetherell in the mid-1930's.

Millie Nichols was very active in raising Maintenance Funds for the Island, and when she died Mr. Nichols placed \$5,000 in trust, the income from which was to be used for Star Island Maintenance. In 1974 the accumulated income in the trust amounted to more than \$8,000.

Mr. Bolster, now the sole surviving trustee, decided that the interest could be used for a music building. He also arranged for the Corporation to take over the trust, the Corporation agreeing to keep \$5,000 invested, and to use the income for Star.

A suitable bronze plaque on the Nichols House will remind Shoalers through the coming years of the generosity and devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols.



SEWAGE DISPOSAL REPORT

With the help of "gentle urging" from the US Environmental Protection Agency and the NH Water Pollution Commission, your Board of Directors is tackling our sewage disposal problem. We have hired Camp, Dresser & McKee, an engineering firm specializing in the field, to make a feasibility study of the various possible ways of doing the job.

Mr. Darrell Root of CD & M came out to Star in August to gather data and tell us what additional information he needed, such as flow rates, salt and fresh water quantities and topography.

Consequently, if you were at LIFE ON A STAR 2, you might have seen Lyle Ramshaw (Pelican) measuring salt water tank levels at 1-3 AM, or Victor Kates and Al Doolittle surveying Poison ivy patches beyond the barn (using a beautiful new transit loaned us by Dr. John Kingsbury from Appledore) or the writer lurking by the sewer outfalls, taking measurements at odd hours! With this information in hand Mr. Root gave an oral preliminary report to the October Board meeting, indicating that a straightforward septic tank and the leaching field system appeared the simplest and most practical solution, albeit not a cheap one, as it will involve a major capital expenditure. We will keep you informed as plans progress.

Albert Doolittle, Chairman
Safety and Health Responsibility Com.

GIFT SHOP GIFT - \$4,710.30

Members of the Isles of Shoals Association Unitarian Universalist voted at their annual meeting held on September 28, to donate \$4,710.30 to The Star Island Corporation, as a result of 1975 sales . . . and as the result of the untiring efforts of many loyal workers.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Gifts to the Island do much to lighten our financial burden, and provide greatly needed items which might not otherwise be acquired. Among the major gifts received this summer are the following:

Two Pianos - an upright and parlor grand from Mrs. Mahlon Traylor. Transportation costs from the Traylor home to Star Island were covered by an anonymous gift of \$500, and \$200 from the Isles of Shoals Association, Unitarian Universalist.

Pair of Speakers for Dining Room PA System, from Charles Case.

Bogan Amplifier for PA System from Edward Rutledge.

Paint for Tennis Courts from Hermon Holt, III.

. . . . AND GIFTS NEEDED

Suggestions, challenges? - just to start your thinking. Money to purchase any items would also, of course, be most welcome!

Piano truck or dolly
Cover for grand piano
Portable record player
200-gal. fish tank
Porch rocking chairs
2 rowboats
Refrigeration compressor
Lavalier microphone
Brush cutter (gasoline powered)
Electric router and lettering
templates
4 tennis posts with hardware
New or restored wall coverings (drapes)
for dining room
Battery operated Citizens Band
radio

LIFE ON A STAR ESTABLISHES

NEW ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

To assist the registrar in meeting the problem of attendance at the two LIFE ON A STAR conferences, the past chairmen have made the following decisions:

1. Fifteen percent of the places available shall be held open for new Shoalers until March 15.

2. All conferees shall be limited to attendance at one LOAS conference.

These new rules have been adopted in line with the conference attendance suggestions advanced recently by The Star Island Board of Directors.

The Board noted that it appreciates that the popularity of many of the conferences, however gratifying, poses real problems in the handling of applications, and believes that individual conference registrars must do their best to cope with the situation in terms of their conception of fairness. The Board then made the following suggestions:

1. That no commitments be made (except possibly for essential staff) in advance of application on the official form in the blue brochure.

2. That new Shoalers be encouraged, to whatever extent seems feasible, by subjecting them to less rigorous time restraints than may be necessarily applied in the case of old Shoalers.

3. That there be no blanket assignment of preferential treatment within the general body of old Shoalers.

4. That deadline for refunding of registration fees in case of cancellation be clearly stated when the registrations are accepted.

\$14,365 GIFT FROM A LOYAL SHOALER

The Corporation has received \$14,365.32 from the Grace W. Chandler estate. This sum is one fifth of the total bequest, and a further payment will be made later to cover the balance of the money the Corporation is to receive from the estate.

Miss Chandler was a Unitarian from Leominster, Massachusetts and a faithful attendant at the General Conference (lately known as the International Affairs Conference). She was also an active member of the McIver Club, a group of Unitarian Shoalers located in central Massachusetts. The Club made many contributions to Star Island, including improvements in Cottage C.

FROM THE WRITERS' CONFERENCE

A significant change in policy this past summer resulted in the recognition of the Writers' Conference as a real part of the Star Island program.

This acceptance of our conference made possible the sharing of the spirit of Star Island with each other and with other conference members to a greater extent than in past years.

I shall do all I can to promote this mutual feeling of fellowship. Next summer will be our 29th anniversary.

Kay Fuller, Director

A NEW CONFERENCE - JUNE 26-JULY 2

A new adult conference of 90-100 conferees, to run concurrently with the LTY conference is now under consideration. Since the LRY conference has a maximum of 150 conferees there would be adequate space for both conferences.

WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF

THE STAR ISLAND CORPORATION

EXECUTIVE. To transact any urgent business arising between Board meetings. President (Ch), Treasurer and Clerk.

BOAT. To arrange transportation with Viking of Yarmouth, Inc. Charles Bolster (Ch), Roland Greeley, Faith Russell, Paul Shanabrook, James Smith.

BOOKSTORE. To act as Board of Directors for the Bookstore. Theodora Nash (Ch), Elizabeth Proctor, Ruth Twiss, Marjory Wiren.

FINANCE. To recommend rates, and make plans for Fund drives. Warren Witherell (Ch), Jean Cochrun, Ruth Twiss.

MANAGEMENT STAFF. To recommend policies for, and evaluate effectiveness of the management. Jean Cochrun (Ch), Roland Greeley, Philip Southwick, Richard Case, Jr.

PERSONNEL. To review problems relative to Island personnel when requested by Management, or special Pelican petition. Robert Frost (Ch), Elizabeth Proctor, Charles Case.

POLICIES. To codify and interpret, subject to Board affirmation, policies which have been officially adopted by the Board, and to recommend adoption of policies at its discretion. Faith Russell (Ch), Robert Frost, Paul Shanabrook.

PUBLICITY. To plan for publication of a Newsletter, to assist with the preparation of the Blue Brochure, to recommend advertising, if needed. Ruth Twiss (Ch), Philip Brady, Sr., Richard Case, Sr., Betty Lasselle, Philip Southwick.

SAFETY AND HEALTH RESPONSIBILITY. To review CONTINUALLY the steps needed to improve the welfare of personnel, and to make recommendations to the Board and the Technical Committee. Albert Doolittle (Ch), Charles Case, Paul Lietar, Robert Russell.

TECHNICAL. To give advice, to plan and make recommendations on maintenance and additions to the Capital Plant. Roland Greeley (Ch), Richard Case, Jr., Albert Doolittle, Warren Witherell.

EX OFFICIO. Roland Greeley and Harry Lent are to be ex officiis members of all committees except Management Staff. Harry Lent is to have special concern for Boat, Finance, Personnel, Safety and Health, and Technical. Roland Greeley is to have concern for the other committees.

AD HOC FOR BY-LAWS REVISION. To consider suggested or potential revisions to the By-laws for report to the 1976 Annual Meeting. Charles Bolster (Ch), Richard Case, Sr., Paul Lietar, Theodora Nash.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES for 1976

- JUNE 26 - JULY 2, LRY
- JULY 3 - JULY 10, ALL STAR 1
- JULY 10 - JULY 17, ALL STAR 2
- JULY 17 - JULY 24, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- JULY 24 - JULY 31, INTERNAT'L AFFAIRS

- JULY 31 - AUGUST 7, INSTITUTE ON RELIGION
IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE
- AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 14, UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST 1
- AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 20, UCC 2
- AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 20, WRITERS' CONFERENCE
- AUGUST 20 - AUGUST 22, LAITY WEEKEND
- AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 29, LIFE ON A STAR 1
- AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4, LOAS 2

JUST SEE WHAT THEY DID!

Our Newsletter would be incomplete without a tribute to our devoted staff--to the work of Bobby Jorgensen and Ruth Koe in the office and to Bob Jorgensen, Rozzie Holt, and Harry Lent responsible for the Island maintenance and operation.

Take a deep breath and read their accomplishments of this past summer, taken from the Manager's report:

Piling on the pier
New sidewalk, front of Cottage D
Hot and cold water to showers
New toilet, 3rd floor Cottage A
Fire hose east end of Brookfield

- 2000-gal. drinking water storage
- 1000 gal. diesel fuel storage
- Wiring in Nichols building
- Power line to chapel tower
- Toilets in shack
- New bake shop, shelves, counter, door
- New ovens in new bake shop
- Exhaust fans in dish machine room and new bake shop
- 471 GM diesel engine rebuilt

50 KW generator installed
Salt water pump on pier
Tennis courts re-surfaced
66 GMC truck transported to Island
Iron Sewer from hotel replaced

Sink in Cottage E
Drinking water line to Manager's Cottage and Cottage E
Steward's pantry relocated, involving carpentry, plumbing and refrigeration
New gutter and water collection system on front porch

- Candle lighting room under porch
- Plaster walls in kitchen replaced
- Caswell stairwell and hall and Pelican Hall stairwell

Railing and porch floor boards on units repaired

Truck trestle railing replaced
Non-skid treads put on brow

- Pier railing straightened and replaced

30 wooden sashes and window frames in Gosport and hotel replaced and repaired

Broken plaster in underworld replaced
Three stair treads on front porch replaced

New glass shelves installed in Book Shop

Lobby windows made operable, built screens

New shelves in 4th floor Atlantic, Barn, Newton Center, Mimeo Room

Screen door on Sandpiper Room

New sandbox by the barn

Office for chef

- Rebuilt engine in laundry installed
- Shelves and racks in carpenter shop

- Vaughn windows reglazed and new shutters built

- Kitchen ceiling installed
- Skylights rebuilt; wiring replaced
- 4 new screens for parsonage
- Plugged holes in Parsonage floor
- Screens in units repaired

Porch floorboard replaced

Sheet rock ceiling in Manager's Cottage

- E- sheet rock upstairs, built partition, hung door, repaired sagging floor.
- D- Sheet rock in jon wall, 1st floor

C- Sheet rock 1st floor jon, and linen closet in upstairs jon

A- Sheet rock linen closet, 3 wall partition between #9 and jon

Gosport - sheet rock 2nd floor hall ceiling, walls of rooms 2, 12, 24, covered old connecting doorway, covered transoms

Main Building - sheet rock end of hall, dormer, covered transoms, shelves in rooms 87, 105, patched stairwell ceiling and jon ceiling

3rd floor - sheet rock

3rd floor - ceiling in #62, sink, closet shelves

2nd floor - sheet rock #28 wall, major patches, rooms 4, 7, 12

Lobby ceiling patched

Shelves and cabinet for bellhop desk

Repaired Snack Bar screens

Pipes in Book Shop cased

Window and doorsill in Store repaired

4 screens for Dining Room

BUILT 4 cots and 6 beds

BUILT shelves for linen room

THANK YOU, JAKE!

This is to express to Jacob Wiren of Westwood, Mass., our thanks and deep gratitude for the drawings he made to decorate the Newsletter.

SAVE THE AFTERNOON!

The 1976 Annual Meeting of The Star Island Corporation will be held on Sunday, March 14, 1976 at the Wellesley Hills Unitarian Church. Details later.

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