

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



A spaghetti supper with all the fixings will be served this Sunday, April 2, at a fund-raiser to help longtime Jamestown resident Nancy Williams Maloney.

The event will take place at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets sell for \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. They are available at Baker's Pharmacy or can be purchased at the door.

The fare includes pasta with traditional meat sauce or a vegetarian meatless version.

Nancy's family and friends are organizing the fund-raiser to help with growing medical costs caused by a recurring bout of cancer. She is the daughter of Bert and Marie Williams and grew up on the island with her 11 siblings.

In addition to the dinner, there will be a raffle and silent auction with all prizes awarded after 8 p.m. Winners not in attendance will be notified by phone.

Money donations can be sent directly to the Nancy Williams Maloney Fund, c/o 51 Southwest Ave., Jamestown 02835.

Questions? Call Linda O'Connell at 423-0751, or Theresa Botelho, 683-3108.

Islanders baking for the Maloney fund-raiser, but are unable to deliver their baked goods to the PAC Club, can have the items picked up by Ginny Perry. Call her at 423-0694. The goodies can also be taken directly to the PAC Sunday morning.

Kudos to Jamestown School sixth-graders Jacob Gomez and Bruce Page. The students in their class are pen pals with kids in Kenya, Africa, where islanders Amara Murray and her husband are volunteering. The couple had told the class that there is little

money for medical and educational needs.

Last Saturday, Jacob and Bruce set up a bake sale, which they had organized themselves, in front of McQuade's market to raise money for the Kenya youngsters.

They had hoped to surprise their teacher with what was earned, but they were spotted by her when she went shopping at the market.

"The two of them sacrificed their Saturday to sit in the drizzle to raise money for the tiny village of Ugunja in Kenya," teacher Beth Weibust enthused. "Jamestown kids are the best."

You don't have to be a sixth-grader to help out. Anyone can donate by making out the check to Amara Murray and sending it to her home address of 1053 E. Shore Rd., Jamestown, 02835.

Great job, guys.

Season allergies are something that people and dogs both have to deal with, says Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic in his Pet Tip of the Week.

"If you notice that every spring your pet Fluffy starts licking or chewing at his or her feet or legs or scratching at their ears or sides then maybe your pet has allergies, too. Regular bathing with a gentle shampoo or oatmeal-based shampoo every week or two may be enough to help your pet.

Cleaning the feet between the toes, and cleaning the ears on a daily or almost daily basis will keep them dry and cuts back on the chances of an infection or moist dermatitis caused by the licking and moisture.

Your veterinarian may also suggest antihistamine therapy, skin supplements, medicated shampoos, or allergy testing if

your dog is really suffering.

So, let your veterinarian know if Fluffy has signs of allergies because prevention will save you and your pet's time, money and discomfort in the future."

Thanks, Doctor.
WOOF!!

Jamestown School eighth-graders will be putting their no-longer-needed CDs, movies, and books up for sale to raise money for their class trip to Washington, D.C., in June.

At this writing, plans were still underway for a class yard sale to be held Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of the school on Melrose Avenue.

The money will help pay for incidentals that occur during the trip. Save the date and stay tuned for more details.

When letter carrier Peter Mullen came to our door Saturday morning, we commented on the cold, raw day. His learned reply, based on years of hoofing it through the four seasons, was, "Patience is the key."

Tomorrow is the last day to get your donation to Jim Pemantell, who is running in next month's Boston Marathon on behalf of the Adeline LaPlante Memorial Center. Make your check out to the center and drop it off at Jim's house, 224 Narragansett Ave.

Give him a hug, too.

For those involved in the shooting last fall of the documentary about the '38 Hurricane, the production is now in the final stages of editing.

Sonya Bieler reports she has been in contact with Producer Jason Bolicki at Towers Productions in Chicago, and he said the final version will soon go to the History Channel.

"Apparently, the History Channel loves everything it's seen so far, especially the re-creation of 1930s life that was shot in Jamestown and Newport. Jason thinks everyone in Jamestown who tunes in will be very happy," Sonya said.

No air date has been set yet, but September is a good bet.

Stay tuned.

We realized that things were getting out of hand when one morning grandson Tom came downstairs and told me, "Gramp, I can't sleep anymore. It sounds like they're having all-night parties up there."

The "they" are squirrels. We knew a couple were in the attic because Tom chased them out a couple of times and attempted to seal up the access hole. But, no luck, they would get back in by going through the patch. We admit to being lax, thinking they would appreciate a warm place to spend the winter. It might have worked out if they hadn't invited their friends.

Tom went back into the attic



Luck o' the Irish

Shannon Buss, with daughter Molly, and Capt. Joe McEnness of the Newport Museum of Irish History presented teacher Maureen McGuirl with several books on Ireland last week to be kept in the Lawn Avenue School library.

Photo by Andrea vonHohenleiten

and discovered they weren't parting up there, they were taking the house apart.

Time for action. We borrowed a small trap from Nick Robertson, but after one night in place we determined it was smaller than the rodents. We borrowed a bigger one from Alice Dunn. Tom rigged it up, put some salted nuts and sunflower seeds inside, and we waited.

Monday morning there was the sound of metal banging against wood as a large squirrel tried to work his way out of the trap. Tom put the cage in the back of the truck and we headed up North Road.

Keep in mind we decided that should we catch the house invaders we would repay their hours of interment by taking them to more affluent neighborhoods.

We had determined the first one would go to the North End. He came out of the cage like a cannon in East Passage. He never looked back.

Tuesday we took one to Ft. Wetherill thinking there would be a lot of scraps there from the tourists.

Wednesday's captive found Ft. Getty to his liking as he bounded off to the Lt. Col. John C. Rembijas Memorial Pavilion.

Thursday's rodent went out to

Beavertail and when released made a bee-line for some pretty heavy brush right next to a multi-million dollar house.

Friday's squirrel also went to Ft. Getty but we shot him out closer to the trailer park so he can spend the hot summer days with the campers.

Thanks to Tom, we had five squirrels off the property in five days. So, we didn't need any of those highfalutin pest control types. (One quoted me \$80 per trap and \$80 per squirrel. That would have been \$480)

Mim says that all five have probably arranged to rendezvous at the PAC Club and come back together.

No way, but come to think of it, that big fellow hanging upside down on our bird feeder this morning did look a little familiar.

Saturday is All Fools' Day.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday. Spring ahead, fall back.

Be true!

We welcome your contributions to this column. Any kind of stuff will do. Call us at 423-0383 or our cell, 829-2760. E-mail us at jtnwalrus@hotmail.com, or drop the item off at the Jamestown Press.

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