

Letters

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even a Category 1 hurricane. We are not struggling against our environment as Mr. Waller suggests, but learning to live in it and protect it in a thoughtful, intelligent, forward-thinking manner.

**Anne Marie Bellino,
Jamestown**

Help the Lions help others

The Jamestown Lions Club is a group of 33 local individuals who have come together to play an active role in the civic, social, and moral welfare of the Jamestown community.

The Lions Club International, of which the Jamestown club is affiliated, is the largest civic organization in the world. Since 1953, the Jamestown Lions have been living up to the Lions motto, "We Serve."

Most residents know of the Jamestown Lions Club but few are aware of the number of good works and charitable contributions the club accomplishes each year. Just some of those activities include: donations to the three churches, to help their efforts in assisting local families in need, and financial assistance to the town's holiday tree and Christmas pageant. The club sponsors scholarship programs for Jamestown eighth-grade graduates

and high school graduates, as well as trustees for the Rebecca and Leah Carlisle scholarships.

The club's concern for the children of Jamestown is manifested in the efforts it makes to help local children with cancer, to support the Cub Scouts, and to offer eye screenings.

The Lions are important contributors to the quality of life issues in Jamestown, such as the island fireworks display, and are sponsors of the RI Adopt-a-Highway (East Shore Road).

Occasionally, the members can be seen physically busting their you know what's helping senior citizens move within the senior housing complex.

One of the most important activities the club is involved in is the fight against blindness. Financial support to Camp Mauchatea, pronounced "Mac-a-tee," a summer camp for blind children, funding toward the purchase and training of seeing eye dogs, proactive programs for the prevention of blindness and the recycling of eyeglasses are all part of the club's efforts to improve eye care.

The Lions Club of Jamestown donates 100 percent of the funds it receives and the board of directors carefully review the requests they get during the year, some from individuals and some from

organizations, and they allocate funds in such a way as to have the greatest impact for good, benefiting the Jamestown community and the state of Rhode Island. The Jamestown Lions Club especially wants to serve our neighbors who need our help. If you are aware of any particular individual or family in need, please contact Lion President Bob Horan Jr. at 423-3554 or write in care of 18 Ocean Ave., Jamestown RI 02835. All requests will be held in the strictest of confidence.

At this time of year, we once again turn to the Jamestown community at large and ask them to forward donations to the Lions Club so that we can continue these acts of local charity. Address checks to the Jamestown Lions Club, P.O. Box 316 Jamestown, RI 02835.

Thank you.
**Bob Horan,
president,
Jamestown Lions Club**

Thanks, SELAC leaders

As the 2006-07 school year swings into full gear, the Jamestown Special Education Local Advisory Committee (SELAC) would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to Terri Tamase, outgoing chairwoman of SELAC. Terri's tenure

at the helm of our committee was conducted with great diligence and intelligence, a tireless attention to detail and organization, and an unwavering commitment to safeguarding the first-rate special education professionals and program offered by the Jamestown schools.

The needs and demands of a successful special education program can only be met when the program has not only the full support and commitment of the school community, but the backing of the town government and community at large. One of the missions of SELAC is to cultivate that vital support and commitment, and under the direction of Terri Tamase, it achieved that and so much more.

We would also like to recognize the commitment and efforts of Tracie Shea, who served as Terri's co-chair during the 2005-06 term. Tracie has also been an invaluable contributor to the successes of SELAC and shares Terri's unwavering commitment to the special education program.

Thank you both for a tremendously productive tenure as co-chairs of SELAC and for your continued participation in the SELAC mission. We pledge to devote our energies and efforts at trying to meet the standard you have set as we lead SELAC this year in its ongoing commitment to special education in Jamestown.

**Donna Perry,
Anthony J. Rafanelli,
co-chairs,
SELAC**

Garden club decorates library

"Our highest assurance of the goodness of Providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. All other things, our powers, our desires, our food, are all really necessary for our existence in the first instance. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its color are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which gives extras, and so I say again that we have much to hope from the flowers."

— Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

On behalf of the trustees of the Jamestown Philomenian Library, the library staff and the people of Jamestown, we would like to thank the Jamestown Garden Club for decorating the library in the spirit of the season. Once again, at the doorways, we have beautiful swags welcoming all. There is a glorious tree in the hallway and red poinsettias everywhere. This year, please take the time to wander down the hallway to the rotunda, where you will be greeted by a beautiful display of cyclamen, greens, moss, and pottery.

Thank you, Jamestown Garden Club, and a special thanks to Joan Taft, the library volunteer who provides the lovely fresh flower arrangements you see every Monday morning at the front desk. We refer you to the quote above.

**Judith H. Bell,
library director**



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