

# Letters

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their support and we share your enthusiasm for bringing a wind energy project to Jamestown in the very near future.

**Clayton Carlisle**  
**Jamestown Wind Energy**  
**Committee**

## Thanks to town for new teen center

If you haven't heard already, the Jamestown Teen Center is officially finished and open for teens Monday through Friday at the Jamestown Recreation Center! Our Grand Opening celebration was a huge success and we were so happy to finally cut the ribbon! I would like to send my thanks to everyone who attended the opening, including Town Council members Julio DiGiando, Barbara Szepatowski, Bob Sutton and Michael White, Town Administrator Bruce Keiser, Representative Bruce Long and all of the parents and residents who came to show their support. Over 180 teens came out to enjoy a great party and celebration!

I could never have gotten through the night without the help of so many adult volunteers who helped plan, chaperone, gather

food and clean-up afterwards. Thank you to Bev Rudman, Mary and Martin Keen, Gaeli and David Greene, Judy and Chuck Reppe, Larry Bartley, Ana Irwin, Duval DiGasper, Eleanor Hanson, Matt and Linda Jamison, Durga Larkin, Marisa Quinn, Diane Grippi, Kristin and Kerry Sheehan, Robin Tregenza, Andrea vonHohenleiten, Samira Hakki and anyone I may have missed.

Before the big event, and for over a year, there were many who really made the Teen Center come together. Without the generous support from Ron DiMauro, the construction may never have begun. Ron Parfitt, Andrew Rush-ton, and Ramon Ibarlucea, who did everything from demolition and construction to the final cleaning and painting, deserve a huge thank you for their job well done! Special thanks to my wonderful parents Don and Heather Minto, Bill Piva, Andrea Masterson, Jill Goldstein and Stephanie Nocon for all of their support, organization, encouragement and laughter!

Thank you to the Jamestown Police Department, the Rotary Club of Jamestown, Gary Gagne and Flint Audio in Newport, Cardi's Furniture, the Jamestown Junior Women's Club, the Jamestown Yacht Club and everyone else who has supported teens by purchasing tiles. A special thank you from the teens to Barbara Szepatowski for

the donation of appliances, including a refrigerator stocked full of everything a teen could want!

I was thrilled to learn that the Rhode Island Foundation's Newport County Fund has decided to continue our funding for the project for the next two years, ensuring that the Teen Center will blossom as a base for teen programming. My final thank you goes out to the many teens that have made this project a reality, from start to finish. Without you, we never would have known what it was you were looking for. Congratulations!!

**Melissa Minto**  
**Jamestown Teen Coordinator**

## Nostalgic for the days of old

I wanted to write about an experience I had at Trattoria Simpatico a couple of Thursdays ago. My husband and I were set to have a café menu dinner of burgers and fries at the bar at Trat and then to go home early. While we ate, we chatted and happily listened to Dave Manuel who was playing the piano, as is the usual Thursday entertainment at Trattoria. Having finished our food, we paid our bill

and began to leave. It was at that moment that I noticed that someone other than Dave was singing. I turned to look, only to find out that I was listening to David Long, our former Town Council President. He was gently singing Paul McCartney's memorable and mellow tune, "My Love", accompanied by Dave Manuel. The music was enticing, and we decided to remove our coats and stay a bit longer.

What followed was a succession of familiar songs, and as some diners began to join David in song, I did too. Even Bruce Keiser, our town administrator, performed a rendition of "Rocky Raccoon" that I subsequently found out is his signature song.

I never had met some of the people with whom I now was

sharing melodies, and most others I did not know well, but obviously all of us were enjoying something valuable, something one cannot buy. It was wistful flashes of our earlier years when we sang with and danced to LP records, used spindles for our smaller 45s, watched The Beatles on Ed Sullivan, and listened to what we now call the "oldies" or "solid gold" on the radio.

Nostalgia gently reminds us of who were and what we have done that meant more than routine. I know that I will be returning to Trattoria often on Thursday evenings, so I can visit my past and be 16 years old over and over again.

**Mary Schachtel Wright**  
**Jamestown**

## Learn to market your business

The next session in the Jamestown Chamber Winter Breakfast Series will be Thursday, Feb. 28, from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at the Bay Voyage Inn. The topic will be "Marketing Your Small Business," and the featured speakers are Eric Cote of Cote & D'Ambrosio, speaking on marketing strategies behind the success of the agency's local and national clients, and Tony Lush, president of Advanced Web Marketing, will share his expertise on keyword marketing and search engine optimization.

The cost is \$15 for Chamber members, \$20 for non-members, and includes a hot buffet breakfast. Payment may be made at the door by cash or check. RSVP by Monday, Feb. 25, to info@jamestownRIchamber.com or 423-3650.



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