

Letters

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important aspect of Jamestown which makes this place so very special. It seemed like there were always family-oriented activities such as the skate competition at the skate park, open recreation at the Teen Center or the baseball season's opening day parade. The Howards were never at a loss for things to do.

During our time here we have had the opportunity to meet many life-long friends, some of whom are in the military, but others are long-time Jamestown residents. We feel fortunate that we have met the Bailey, Downing and Podunajec military families. We also cherish our new Jamestown friends such as Fern and Don, the Cub Scouts as well as the Andres, Gaudreau, Gregory, McGuire, and Moffet families. My son will especially miss Colin Moffet and my daughter is attempting to abduct Aryan Burns so that she won't have to say good-bye.

In conclusion, as we prepare to move to our next assignment, I would like to thank everyone for their warm hospitality. Jamestown has been our favorite assignment so far (over Hawaii!) and I will highly recommend living here to all my fellow service members assigned to the Naval War College. Best wishes...

John O. Howard
Jamestown

An idea for future of the highway garage

I am writing this letter in regards to the editorial titled, "What should we do with the old highway barn? (Sept. 18)"

I feel the best option we have for the Fort Wetherill highway barn would be to make it into a community complex. The building provides a big open area for events such as dances, art galleries, and sports gatherings. The docks and pier can be used for public activities such as fishing and diving. Jamestown needs more recreational facilities, which could ultimately benefit everyone.

Kaan Kurt
Sail Street

Ghouls ruled at Halloween bash

The Ghouls Rules Halloween Bash was a success! We raised awareness for the Jamestown Arts Center, showcased the incredible artistic talents of Jamestowners and had a great time doing it! The community center was transformed into a Transylvanian forest, complete with a giant moon, bats, eerie smoke and of course the runway-junkway!

Thank you to all the partiers who packed the Community Center to participate in and see the show, bid on the silent auction, buy raffle tickets and show support and enthusiasm for our cause. The 61 contestants strutted their spook-tacularly ghoul-

ishly green costumes to a cheering crowd!

Thank you to the Jamestown Press, Greer Beecroft of Mansions and Manors, the Cathryn Jamieson Salon, Island Realty, Jamestown Hardware, and Island Rubbish for generously sponsoring our weekly ads in the Jamestown Press and to Cindy Blair for her wonderful graphic designs.

For sound and music, Mark Jenga and Didi Suydam; props, Kerry Sheehan, Dan and Jocelyn Donaghue, and Bennett Hirsch; photography, Caia Diepenbrock; lighting, Jack's Electric; set design and construction, Greer Beecroft, Laurana Medeiros, Kathleen Brown, Dori Hirsch, Vivi Valentine, Mary Beth Murphy and Susanne O'Donnell, Hutch Hutchinson; PR, Barb Hutchison and Dianne Grippi; and catering, Anne Marie Defley, Kerry Cardi, Elisa Conte, Lisa Primiano, Alyce Dwyer, McQuade's Marketplace, Ace's Pizza, House of Pizza, and Ken Newman. Thank you all!

The raffle was a hit thanks to Niki and Matt Thran for their Ski House in Quechee, Vt. for a weekend; Three Golden Apples for the beautiful Konstantin ring and Elizabeth Congdon for her stunning oil painting.

Tom Deininger, Josie Wright, Mary-Beth Murphy, Kim Chandler, Cathryn Jamieson Salon, Arnold Art, Little Bits, Karen Imbriale, Jamestown Designs, Conanicut Marina, Green Envy, Smart Cycle, Chopmist Charlie's,

Tricia's Tropi Grill, Theater Family Restaurant, Slice of Heaven, Didi-Suydam Studio, Christina's Bags, Breakell Jewelry, Greer Beecroft, Tom Deininger, Dori and Bennet Hirsch, Pat Tuff, Barb Hutchison, Elizabeth Congdon, The Purple Door Bead Shop and Julia Montminy all gave generously to the silent auction.

And, Green Envy, Dance Essentials, Kristine Trocki, Taste, Matthew Forster, Smart Cycle, Item, Mike Rembijas and the Secret Garden kindly sponsored tables.

Thank you to Bill Piva, Debbie Tungett and the kids at the Teen Center (for making all those bats!), and to Tom Deininger and Martin Keen for generously sharing their artistic genius at the Costume Workshop. Bella Randall, Jessica Brown, Lilli Flour and Tiffany Wolf did a great job pumpkin carving, decorating and spreading the word.

We would like to extend a very special thanks to our three incredible judges, Donna Gustavsen, head of the R.I.S.D Apparel Design Department, her partner Maurice Griffin, and BJ Dupre of the Armory Revival Company whose task was nigh on impossible!

We were so honored and grateful that Peggy Sue Deaven, Rebecca Libman and Stephanie Burgee, the talented RISD Apparel Design students, graced our junkway at the finale!

And finally, thank you to the entire J.A.C. board; Lizzie Con-

gdon, Jocelyn Donaghue, Dori Hirsch, Barbara Hutchison, Dianne Grippi, for all their hard work over the last few months to make the evening a success. What a team!

Last Monday we presented our proposal to the Town Council to buy the Old Town Hall property on Southwest Avenue. Peter Twombly, of Estes Twombly Architects, had drawn up a beautiful design to convey our vision of the Jamestown Arts Center. It will be an inspiring place for our community to gather and collaborate, whether artist or art lover. It will give a wide range of opportunities to islanders, including employment, outreach, education, internship, mentoring, and, most of all, it will enhance our community's sense of identity and unite us even further! The council was unanimous in their positive feedback!

Kate Petrie
President J.A.C.

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