

Letters

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their sacrifices will go to companies whose executives often make millions in salaries and to shareholders whose dividends can benefit from those concessions.

When a public sector union makes concessions, the beneficiaries are not high priced executives but the people, the homeowners, the citizens of Rhode Island. That is an important difference.

I know this will not make me very popular in some circles, but I believe it needs to be said. It's not us against them. We have to work together and we'll get through this.

**Harvey Waxman
Wickford**

Concerts a seasonal success

On behalf of the Jamestown Community Chorus, I am writing to thank everyone who helped make our recent concert season such a success.

Our thanks and appreciation goes to everyone at the Jamestown Press, with special thanks to Dylan Paschke for a wonderful article, and the Walrus, for keeping our activities in the public eye.

We thank the Secret Garden, Baker's Pharmacy and Jamestown Hardware for selling advance concert tickets, and we thank everyone who bought a ticket and attended the concerts.

Thank you to the Central Baptist Church for our rehearsal space; ticket staff Tim Yentsch, Agnes Filkins, and Kathy Karl; all the businesses (way too numerous to name) who placed ads in our program; Jim Perry, our sound man; Lynn Normand for designing the poster; and all our singers, both in the Youth Chorus and the Adult Chorus.

We look forward to our spring concert for which rehearsals will start on Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. In the meantime, we wish everyone in the Jamestown community a very happy holiday season!

**Jessica Wilson
Jamestown Community
Chorus**

Watson Celebration a great success

There are so many people to thank for the success of the fundraiser that celebrated the life of 11-year-old Payton Watson. It was the 12th birthday party that she wanted and would have planned for herself.

Thank you to Wendy Rafferty and Amy Gladding for the origi-

nal idea and for putting your heart and soul into this. Also, thank you to Norma Smith Ibarlucea for all your time and effort and to Ramon Ibarlucea, thanks. Ditto that to Barry Sullivan.

Thank you to Frances Goode, Robert Goode, Theresa Botelho, Kathy McDonald, Kelly Moniz for your help with tickets sales and collecting all the raffle and auction items and for setting up and helping all day. Thank you to Bill House, Bill Marsh and Johnny Neronha for dealing with the tent. Thank you to Peter Coble, Rick Curry, Julie Ann, Brad Hammond, Carol Gillerin, Eileen Parfitt. Thank you Ted Gillerin and Ed Furtado for your beautiful music. Thank you so much Teddy Bearskins for your clothing donation and to Susan Bacari for running the show. Thank you Chris Cournoyer for your donation of toys. It was a great success with the children. Thank you Terry McElory for being in charge of the kids raffle. Thank you to Frankie Watson and all her friends for being totally terrific ticket ATM machines. Thank you to Terry McElory for running the bake sale and a huge thanks to everyone who baked. Thank you to the PAC and The Holy Ghost Hall and its staff. Thank you to Baker's Pharmacy and to Tim Baker for all his help and support during the past two years. Thank you to my children, Carl and Gage DeVellis for all your help and for putting up with the frequent visitors.

Stop and Shop, Anthony's Seafood, Toppa's, RI Quahog Company, Socrates Island Pizza and McQuade's supermarket, thank you all for your generous food donations and Taylor rental for the donation of the tent.

We received many donations for our raffle and auction and I hope I remember them all. Thank you to David and Jennifer Clancy for their glassblowing donations and for being the first to donate so generously after already donating to many other Jamestown needs. Thanks also to the following:

Coddington Brewery, Showcase Cinema, Jitters, Village Reflections, Wilson's of Wickford, The World Store, Togs of Wickford, B. Thomas Gallery, House of Pizza, Cathryn Jamieson Salon, Rheas, Jamestown Country Club, DeVellis Masonry, Jamestown Boat yard,

Chopmist Charlie's, Fluke Wine and Bar, Secret Garden, Conanicut Marina Store, Spinnaker's, Slice of Heaven, Tire Pros, Twin Willows, E&J Restaurant, Green River Silver, JW Graham, Primavera, Blink Gallery, The Land-ing, Applebee's, Smith Optic, Shock Gallery, Trattoria Simpatico, Cowesett Inn, Seaview Station, Linda Wallace, Dimare Seafood, Oasis Salon, Total Look, The Black Pearl, Newport County Propane, The Barking Crab, House Personal Trainer, Rhumbline, Narragansett Lobster Co. Poor Richards and Benjamins. Thank you AJ Martin, Peter Gaudoury, The Purple Door, Island Kneads, Belmont Market, Wickford Service, Newport Lobster, Aquidneck Lobster, Anita Haircut, L'Osteria Ristorante, Poor Richards, Bowens Wharf, Violet Fish and Trap, The Brick Alley Pub, Baer Hands, Pam Shea, Catarina's Restaurant and The Mollo Family. Flowers by Bert 'n Peg, CourageBracelet.com, Chilmark Chocolates, The Parcillo family, The Coast Guard House, Valuna, Triggs, Gossip, Onne and Tenley van der Wal, Laura Dutra and Laura Smith. Thank You also to Trio Restaurant, The Bucci family, Ernie Savastano, Cindy and Ray Smith, Marion Sheehan, Amanda Gallagher, John Doty, David and Barbara Ruggeri, Kathy Brownell, Melissa Barrett, Julie Bailey and the Vetter family as well as Mary Brittain. Thank you to Erin, Lauren and McKenzie Marsh. Thank you Kyle, Kayla and Sammy Ann Rafferty. Thank you to Colin Enos and Elliot Roberts for keeping Gage busy. Thanks also to Kerry Sheehan, Jamestown Wine and Spirits and Grapes and Gourmet.

If I have forgotten to mention your name I apologize and feel free to call me at 423-3889 I will make sure you get the attention you deserve.

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased tickets and attended this celebration of Payton Watson.

We like to extend to everyone and their families and loved ones a healthy and prosperous new year!

Cathy Goode, Elizabeth, Frank, and Frankie Watson and our angel Payton.



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Where: The Bay Voyage, 150 Conanicus Ave., Jamestown, RI

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