

WE'RE CHANGING!

Over the winter we took a look at our options for changing the format of the GLP NEWS. Since 1998 the cost of producing the newspaper has risen dramatically (doubled), and so we explored ways to still bring you all the news of the Point, along with our beloved columnists, while holding the costs down. We have looked at different printing companies, different paper and different sizes .

We know you love your news-

paper and we will do our best to keep the changes to a minimum while trying to stay within a reasonable budget. So we're going to give this size a try and see how it works.

It may not continue in this particular format and size, because this is just an experiment but right now with everyone back we are ready, set and anxious to go.

We are still coming your way; we're just coming your way in a different way.

GROTON LONG POINT NEWS

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GET READY! 'CAUSE HERE WE COME!

YACHT CLUB REGISTRATION

**HELLO SUMMER COCKTAIL PARTY
JULY 2, 6 TO 8 PM - CLARK HALL
PLEASE BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE**

JUNE

Yacht Club office is open
9 to noon June 28, 29 & 30.

Pick up your registration paperwork. This will make your registration much quicker.

JULY

Registration

Adult tennis July 1, 1- 2 pm
All other programs - July 1,
2 to 4pm
July 5 - classes start
July 28 - classes end

Activities

July 2 "Hello Summer"
Cocktail Party 6 to 8 pm
July 3 Bike Safety 1 pm
GLP Police
July 16 "Under The Big
Top"
Family Night 6 pm
Fireworks 9 pm
July 23 "Cruise to
Nowhere"
7 to 10 pm
July 30 Swing Band
concert
7 pm at the gazebo

AUGUST

Registration

Adult tennis Aug.1, 1- 2 pm
All other August programs
2 to 4 pm
August 2 - classes start
August 25 - classes end

Activities

August 6 , International
Beer and Wine Tasting
7 to 10 pm
August 7, Art Show
1 to 4 pm
August 13, Bocce 5pm
August 14, Patrons' Brunch
noon to 2 pm
August 21, Quintebrass
Gazebo Concert 4 pm
August 27 "Goodbye
Summer" Cocktail Party
6 to 8 pm



Remember when? Rudy Rudolph last winter!



Real men do drink tea! At the GLPWO spring sherry and tea party - Gordon Lange, Andy Noel & Jack Mertens



The ladies who lunch - Karen Carriera, Geneva de Labry & Susan Brooks start the season with a spring get-together.

**FAMILY NIGHT
JULY 16, 6 PM
FIREWORKS, 9 PM**

**"CRUISE TO
NOWHERE"
JULY 23, 7 - 10 PM**



OH, BABIES!

Jim and Pat Egan welcomed their 4th grandchild and 3rd granddaughter, Erin Kelly Egan, on May 1, 2005. Erin's parents, Jamie and "Crittter" Egan, have now expanded their family to include Erin's older sister, Siobhan, and older bother, Jack. Almost the entire Egan clan will unite on July 4th where Erin will meet her new cousin, 5 month old Molly McGuinness. The only Egan missing will be Sean who is working on his Master's degree in Buenos Aires. Jim and Pat had a great visit with Sean in Buenos Aires last April. Sean will be home for the wedding of Catherine Egan in September.

Another beautiful girl for Geoff and Sonia Millsom who added Veronica Mary to the family last April 15th. Veronica joins older sister, Anita. The girls are very welcome additions to a family of all boy nephews and cousins.

And not to be outdone, Lynne Bucolo was showing off her new granddaughter, Lily Jenifer courtesy of her daughter and son-in-law Leslie and Christian Driscoll..... Marion Fey's son, Geoff, and his wife,

Vivian, have made Marian a first-time grandmother via the birth of new son, Brandyn.

It's a big one for Geneva and Gerry de Labry - and this time we don't mean a fish! Renown fisherman, Gerry, and his wife, Geneva, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary amid family and friends at a June cocktail party in the Clark Room at the Casino. A book of memories, anecdotes and happenings of the de Labry's through the 50 years, as experienced by their friends and family, was gathered together by their children and grandchildren and then presented to the couple. All the best for another 50, kids!

And kudos to the younger set-GLP's own Fitch High School students Jillian Bonner, Andrew de Labry and Jimmy Finley have been inducted into the National Honor Society in recognition of their scholarship, leadership, service and character qualities.

The "A" boat fleet has a lot to thank Jay Fisher and Frank Murphy, Sr. for. It seems they have spent all winter working on Cormorant, Pelican and Kittiwake to maintain the fleet.

SOUP! GLORIOUS SOUP!

It started arriving about 15 minutes after I returned home from the hospital following a surgical procedure.

It came in big bowls covered by Saran Wrap, it came in fancy colorful tureens and it also came in plain plastic containers.

It came in steaming - the pungent aromas curling comfortably around my nose. It came in at room temperature ready to pop into the oven or microwave whenever I thought I was ready or able for it. It came frozen so that I could continue to enjoy it as my recovery progressed.

Some offerings contained big chunks of chicken, some sported shredded strands and some had small evenly sliced, precise cubes. Some had rice, thick with the broth, some had noodles, long and thin or wide and spoon size and some had dots of barley.

There were carrots popping up through the broth, peas and celery, too. In some, onions made an appearance.

But it all had one purpose - to make me better. After all, isn't that what chicken soup is supposed to do?

That's certainly what our mothers and grandmothers told

us. They made it for us when we came in out of the cold, when our feet were wet, when our eyes were red, when our noses ran, when the mounds of Kleenex beside our beds began to resemble small hills and when our coughs and sore throats made conversation impossible.

But is there any medical basis for the healing properties of chicken soup? If there is, it certainly can't be found in any medical books. Doctors are much quicker to prescribe antibiotics than they are to prescribe chicken soup. But I think all of us know precisely what it is that works as well as any prescribed medicine. It's the ingredients that aren't chopped, diced, sliced and simmered that go into the mix that make us better. The cook's sympathy, care and sincere concern are obvious in every spoonful that comforts us and makes us say, "Yes, I am feeling better!"

And so I say, "Thanks to all those who "souped me up" after my winter surgery. Your kindness was the best medicine in the world.

Chicken soup rules!
Luise Bethencourt - editor

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You Take The Cake
 Everyone loves cake. A friend of mine who always served cake for breakfast on the birthday of her children said, "A day with cake is a better day."

Yellow Chiffon Cake
2 eggs, separated
One-and one-half cups sugar
Two-and one-fourth cups cake flour
2 teaspoon baking powder
One-half teaspoon salt
One-third cup vegetable oil (canola)
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract
Grated rind of one orange

Pre-heat oven to 350 F
 One recipe makes two 9 inch round cakes. Butter the bottom of the cake pan(s) and dust lightly with flour. Or, cut a round of parchment paper the

same size as the pan. You do not need to butter pan when you use parchment paper.

Separate eggs. Set yolks aside. Beat whites with an electric mixer until they become foamy, add one-half cup sugar slowly and continue beating until the whites hold stiff peaks, about 4 minutes.

Add remaining wet ingredients to the egg yolks. Measure dry ingredients in a separate bowl and stir to combine. Pour dry ingredients over wet and stir to combine. Beat with electric mixer for 30 seconds. Drop about one-fourth of the egg white mixture over the batter and mix by hand to combine. Spoon remaining whites over batter and fold gently into the batter with a rubber spatula.

Pour into prepared cake pans and bake 25-30 minutes. Test cake with a knife. Cake is done when instrument inserted into middle of cake comes out clean.

Let cakes cool on racks in the pans. Run a metal spatula or butter knife gently around the rim to loosen the cake from the sides of the pan. Leave the parchment paper in place and let the cake rest with the paper on the bottom.

Serve with fresh fruit and whipped cream or ice cream. Enjoy!

Next week - Frosting the Cake.

4th of July Road Race
Register by the flagpole
9 am kids 7 - 12
around the lagoon
Adults 9:30 am 5k

PARADE
1:30 PM
Participants meet in the parking lot by the police station at 12:30 pm

Join the band float in the 4th of July parade.
Meet in the back parking lot at 12:30 pm. All are welcome, especially kids! Bring any kind of instrument!

YC RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES ARE HELD IN CLARK HALL

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Ages 9 -12 10:30 - 11:30 am

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Library Board Members Take Part In Award Ceremony



Library Board members, Lois Jennings & Mary Peirce Burke.

The Groton Public Library was awarded the 2005 Connecticut Award for Excellence in Public Library Service. The library won for an over-all program of services for libraries serving communities with a population of over 15,000. Helping the library to win this prize were GLP's own Lois Jennings and MP Burke who worked tirelessly to secure the award. Well done!

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**Gloria Gavert's
"FROM THE
ARCHIVES"**



A SORT OF A MYSTERY

In the early days of the GLP archives, we archivists were busy collecting (by asking for or taking in) various kinds of materials relating to the history of GLP.

Gardiner and Libby Colson were particularly generous about bringing us a range of materials they had saved. One item, however, puzzled us and them: it was about the size of a silver dollar and made of brass. One side had a raised outline of GLP, and the other side was unmarked. No one had a firm memory of its purpose. So it was set aside in a box of memorabilia.

Then, gradually, as copies of former GLP News were contributed to our archives, the facts came to light. On July 16, 1971, our newspaper had the following article:

"Founders' Medallions"

The medallions commemorating Groton Long Point's 50th anniversary are still on sale and from reports going fast. These handsome medals are on sale daily at the Point Spa, from Prudy Parris, and will also be available at all Founders' events."

But sales must have been

slow because on August 13, 1971, we find the GLP News reports:

Medallion Sales

Bud Colson would like to explain to the August residents that the activities on the Casino front porch some mornings is the sale of the Founders' Medallions and the GLP history, '50 Years and Then Some'. For those who haven't seen the bronze Founders' Medallion they are the size of a silver dollar with an outline drawing of GLP on the reverse side and the inscription - '50 Years 1921-71' on the obverse side. These medallions are available from Prudy Parris or at the Spa any day for \$3.00.

Next, on August 27, 1971, the newspaper holds a dire warning:

Founders' Medallions

This is your last chance to purchase your Founders' medallions. These bronze medallions were designed and struck by our country's most outstanding medalists in this field, Medallic Art Company in New York City. Hal Higgins was in contact with a coin collector who told him that these medals are very valuable because the Medallic Art Company struck these medals and because only 500 were made, making this a very limited edition. I urge you all to purchase them now while they are still a bargain at \$3.00. Collectors are breathing down our necks. They are at the Spa or from Bud Colson at 536-1503.

And, yes, the above article must have had a smashing effect! A final note is included in a later GLP News - all 500 medallions were sold!

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Hello, Megan!!



Megan Hill assumes the post of Yacht Club Director

This summer, Megan Hill, a lifelong resident of GLP, will assume the position of Yacht Club Director.

Megan grew up here, graduated from Fitch High school where she played softball, was the captain of the tennis team, a member of student council and an honors student. At UMASS Megan double-majored in legal studies and sociology and studied Spanish at the University of Arizona and in Salamanca, Spain. She played rugby, intramural co-ed soccer and flag football. She worked on the newspaper and was also a Dean's List Scholar.

Megan has worked since she was 16 years old. She worked locally at Mystic Sporting Goods, Abbott's Lobsters, Mystic Pizza and the Sea Horse

Restaurant. She also worked as a lifeguard here becoming the assistant head guard, and she has worked as a swimming instructor garnering many compliments from the parents of the children with whom she has worked.

Megan said that she is looking forward to the challenge of working with GLP's children and parents many of whom she knows personally. She knows that she has a strong staff of kids who are eager to get the Yacht Club off to a great start and who will continue on through the summer providing excellent instruction and activities. She knows her sports, she knows kids, she knows the program, she is ready to go and we are glad we've got her.

Good luck, Megan!

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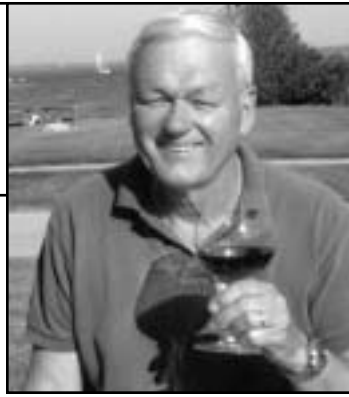
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Jeanne and I, the Chericonis and the Blairs just got back from a phenomenal trip to China. It was a Viking Cruise on the Yangtze River which incorporated side trips to Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The trip was fabulous, revealing a level of growth and development that was beyond our expectations, with one exception—the selection of wines. In most places, the wine of choice was Great Wall red or Great Wall white, and let me tell you, this had to be what the peasants drank while they were building the Great Wall.

Believe it or not, I was often forced to relegate myself to Tsingtao beer, something I am very reluctant to admit to my fellow oenophiles. The real coup de grace, however, occurred on a cruise of the Li River, which was absolutely magnificent, only to be tarnished by the offer of a glass of Snake wine - yes, you read that

right!!! We were presented with a large jar containing several dead, poisonous snakes floating in a sea of 45% alcohol. Need-less to say, none of us drank this "grapeless" wonder.

Fortunately, our trip closed in Hong Kong where there are some magnificent restaurants that featured delightful imported wines.

Anyway, it's great to be back to normality where we can enjoy some excellent wines which look forward to talking to you about in future columns. If you're planning a trip to China in the near future, my advice is -

DRINK BEER -UGH!
or,
BYO wine.

Sie Sie

Marty "Corks" Rosol

AND SO WE BEGIN!!



Ann Marie Lafayette, Jane Bogdan, Nancy Green & Priscilla Wallace wear their best hats to the Kentucky Derby party!



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GLP Garden Association News

Spring officially arrived in GLP on Saturday April 30th as members of the GLP Adopt-A-Garden program along with friends and neighbors labored together to get the Association gardens cleaned out, fed, and mulched for the season. We had a terrific turnout of about a dozen or so volunteers despite the cool, misty morning and impending rain. We worked for about 2-3 hours before the rains finally did arrive but not before we were able to complete most of the gardens around the Point.

The GLP Adopt-A-Garden program is a neighborhood volunteer effort that promotes community involvement, ownership of our gardens, and a significant cost savings. The program was started last year by the Landscaping Committee lead by Dave McBride. Kristin Sullivan currently runs this program and welcomes anyone who would like to join in helping out. Volunteers are needed during the growing season in particular with

spring cleaning, planting and mulching and summer weeding and watering.

Please contact Kristin or any of the other team members if you would like to help maintain our gardens.

Current team members are: Gordon Lange, Denise Wakim, Bob Ten Eyck, Nancy Congdon, Valerie Stowe, Brenda Natal, Jeanne Rosol, Phyllis Chericoni, Geri Difrancesca, Al and Pat Maines, Linda Johnsen, Shirley Sebastian, Pat Sparkman, Linda Burrows, Gail Munn.

Our next meeting of the Adopt-A-Garden Program will be held Thursday, July 7th, in the Dodd Room at 7 pm. We hope to see you there! All volunteers are welcome. You don't have to have a green thumb.



The "Axis of Evil" better known as the "Ponytails" pictured at one of their previous planning sessions. Who knows what evil lurks in their hearts as they plan for the 2005 tennis season?

CUT OUT AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

We've got loads of tennis for you this season. See how many trophies you can win!

- July 3 Scrambles 9 - noon
- July 5 Women's Draw 8 am
- July 6 Women's Draw finals at 9 am
- July 9 Adult/Child 8 am
- July 12 Women's Doubles 8 am
- July 13 Women's Doubles Finals 9 am
- July 16 Mixed Doubles 8 am
- July 17 Mixed Finals 9 am
- July 19 Women's Singles 8am
- July 20 Women's Singles Finals 9 am

- July 23 Men's Doubles 8 am
- July 24 Men's Finals 9 am
- July 30 Men's Singles 8 am
- July 31 Men's Finals 9 am

- August 2 Women's Draw 8 am
- August 3 Draw Finals 9 am
- August 6 Adult/Child 8 am
- August 9 Women's Doubles 8 am
- August 10 Women's Finals 9am
- August 13 Men's Doubles 8 am
- August 14 Men's Finals 9 am
- August 20 Mixed Doubles 8 am
- August 21 Mixed Finals 9 am

Remember to sign up at the YC the day before. You must be a YC member and have paid Association dues.

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SEASCAPES



Annually, Annuals

I like to think great gardens are made up of all types of plants. Trees and shrubs are the framework, perennials the body, and annuals, whether in the ground or in containers, are the crowning glory.

What is an annual? They are plants that grow, flower, produce seed and die in one season. They are a bit like fireworks; they put on a great show, though short lived. Some I seem to use over and over, some invite themselves back year after year, because they self seed. Often, Mother Nature positions them in the most unique places when they return and some become permanent, self-invited guests.

The glory of annuals is that they are temporary. There is no need to agonize over their placement the way we often do with perennials. It is just this characteristic that makes them such a valuable garden addition.

Some feel annuals are second rate, and to a certain extent I agree. Marigolds, old fashioned, standard petunias, and the original single impatiens have been abused, and over-used. But, even these long time varieties have evolved and new

and exciting cultivars have come to market. Have you seen some of the new petunias? Wow; you can have a three foot cascade from a window box, a variety that doesn't have to be deadheaded, and colors, both single and double flowering varieties that are really something. Have you seen the yellow seashell impatiens, or how about the rosebud impatiens? And, even I like the little 'Lemon Gem' marigold. But, these are but a few of the ever growing number of choices that are out there at the garden centers so go take a look for yourself.

If you have questions for Val, we will send them on to her for future columns.

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GLP NEWS' BIGGEST FAN

We are sad to report the loss of Evelyn W. Sharples this past spring. As a long time resident of Prospect Street, she was well-known because of her warm personality and friendliness to all who came in contact with her.

Evelyn had a fabulous memory that was put to good use on many occasions by the Archival Committee. She also was a wonderful "saver" and gave so many news items that are invaluable for everyone's use in the archival files and we thank her for that, too.

Evelyn kept young right into her 90's by staying actively involved in many historical societies from Norwich to Stonington. She served as docent at both the Leffingwell Inn as well as the Denison House. She served 2,000 hours as a volunteer at Backus Hospital. She also co-authored with "Bud" Colson, Groton Long Point, Fifty Years and Then Some.

She loved joining her "South Beach gang" late in the afternoon to chat and take a dip before returning to the cottage. She also enjoyed having people call on her on her veranda for a visit.

Evelyn adored her two daughters, Jane and Annie, and



was always glad to tell you of their lives. One great pleasure to report was the annual July birthday party they put on for her.

It is because of her love of life and people that she remained young at heart, and, I might add, in looks.

Yes, we will miss you, Evelyn!

Lib Colson

Editor's note

Evelyn Sharples was the biggest fan of the GLP News. I delivered her paper first thing as soon as it arrived from the printer. She always asked for extra copies to send to old friends who had left the Point so that they could keep up with events. She had years of copies but no one could copy her!

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OPTI'S

- 7/14 Watch Hill
- 7/19 Fisher's Island
- 7/21 Ram Island
- 7/29 Mason's Island
- 8/5 Thames
- 8/16 GLPYC

BLUE JAYS and 420'S

- 7/13 GLPYC
- 7/18 - 7/20 Larchmont Race Week
- 7/28 Salle Evelyn
- 7/29 Mason's Island
- 8/11 Fisher's Island

Adult Sailing - The "A's"

- 7/2 Point Race 2 pm
- 7/9 Point Race 2 pm
- 7/10 Vice Commodore's Cup 2 pm
- 7/16 Point Race 1:30 pm
- 7/24 Commodore's Cup 2 pm
- 8/6 Point Race 1:30 pm
- 8/7 Commodore's Cup 2 pm
- 8/13 and 8/14 Long Distance Race 10:30 am
- 8/23 Point Race 1:30 pm
- 8/30 Point Race 1:30 pm

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"JAIL FOR BAIL"?

While the Point does quiet down after "the season", GLP residents are hard at work serving on various civic committees and actively being good Groton citizens. Among this past winter's efforts was the very successful "Jail for Bail" event masterminded by our own Officer Frank Dawson, aided and abetted by Roger Chericoni and his "committee"..



Roger Chericoni, jailed!

On February 12, 2005, 17 GLPers were "arrested, tried and convicted" (of course!). Chief of Police Jack Drumm was not immune, being sentenced to time by Judge Jerry Carriera despite Chief Drumm's phone call to his mother. Donald Di Francesca was the defense attorney, Mike Kennedy was the prosecutor and Mike's son, Chris, served as clerk of the court. Each "felon" was expected to contact his or her family and friends for bail money. As the day rolled by the cash rolled in and over \$4,000. was raised for the Groton Social Services heating program which helps provide assistance to Groton residents who rely on Groton Social Services for winter assistance.

Other participating "arrestees" included Ann Marie Lafayette, Doug Peacock, Rob Holley, Helen Ellison & others who have since gone into the witness protection program. Nice job, all!

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