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LFC Celebrates 15 Years — Honors Rep. Voke At Banquet

by Gloria S. Conway
Bouquets and an arch of balloons along with flowers of white and varying shades of blue adorned the main hall of the Knights of Columbus and music filled the air as over 350 people gathered on Jan. 29 to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Life Focus Center (LFC) and to honor Rep. Richard A. Voke as its "Man of the Year."

It was more than the decorations and music that filled the hall with warmth, it was the people — the clients and their families, the board and the staff, the elected officials and friends — all joining together in celebration. It was an occasion to reflect on the struggles of the agency as it began a decade and a half ago and through that period saw more than a few hard times. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the successes of the program, a program that has given the mentally challenged and persons with disabilities the opportunity to grow and develop and to be contributing citizens of the community and a part of its workforce.

Also on this occasion, LFC, represented by its Ex-



THE LIFE FOCUS CENTER honored Rep. Richard A. Voke as its "Man of the Year" at its 15th anniversary celebration on Jan. 29. Shown (l. to r.) LFC Executive Director John D. Millerick, LFC Deputy Director Kevin O'Halloran and Voke. (photo by Michael Tognarelli)

ecutive Director John D. Millerick, took the time to say "thank you" — thank you to its board, its devoted

staff, the business community, the town's residents, its elected officials — and par-

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Deadline for advertising and copy is Monday at 5 p.m.

Brown Bag Bookies To Meet

Brown Bag Bookies, the adult book discussion group of the Charlestown Branch Library, will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at noon at the library, 179 Main St.

The book under discussion will be **Born For Liberty: A History Of Women In America** by Sara M. Evans. According to Linda Kerber of the American Studies Association, "Born For Liberty is a splendid book, written so gracefully that it is easy to

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, Feb. 4

- 7 p.m. — Tufts Street Ladies Club Meeting, St. Catherine Lower Rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7 p.m. — Community Meeting on the preliminary design of the reconstruction of Union Street with the BRA and Bryant Associates Inc., Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Friday, Feb. 5

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Sunday, Feb. 7

- 10:15 a.m. — Charlestown Catholic Adult Group Meeting, St. Mary's Rectory, One Monument Square
- 1 p.m. — Color Guard Competition with the "Townies" and the "Little Townies," Charlestown Community Center Gym, 255 Medford St.
- 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Monday, Feb. 8

- 10:30 a.m. — Toddler Storytime with stories, songs, games, fingerplays and fun for children 3 to 5 and their parents, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Mothers Support Group, sponsored by CHAD, Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.
- 7 p.m. — Meeting on the Kent Community School Park Project, Kent Community School Cafetorium, 50 Bunker Hill St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Billboard Committee Meeting, The Music Complex, 50 Brighton St.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Woman's Recovery Group Meeting, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- noon — Brown Bag Bookies adult book discussion meeting featuring **Born For Liberty** by Sara M. Evans, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 to 9 p.m. — Line Dancing with Frank "Zip" Campbell, Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety/Police Community Relations Meeting, Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

- 10 a.m. to noon — Boston Police Community Relations Office Hours, first floor conference area, One Thompson Square
- noon — Lunch Time Films featuring "Legacy of a Dream," Visitor Center, Building 5, National Historical Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard
- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

Birmingham Office Hours On Feb. 17

Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham will hold community office hours in Charlestown from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 in the first floor conference area at One Thompson Square. The public is invited.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Feb. 11

- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour restaurant
- 3:30 p.m. — Let's Celebrate Valentine's Day for children 5 to 10 and parents, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 8 p.m. — Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy Office Hours, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — City Square Park Meeting, sponsored by the Department of Environmental Management, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Annual Meeting of Townie Santa Committee, third floor library, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Housing & Development Committee Meeting on the plans to develop Building 75 in the Charlestown Navy Yard for occupancy by BioTransplant Inc., Boston Redevelopment Authority Offices, Building 33, Third Avenue, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 7:30 p.m. — The Friends of the Library present a slide show by Miriam Braverman on upcoming special exhibit from the National Gallery of Ireland, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, Feb. 12

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Saturday, Feb. 13

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Charlestown Recycling Drop-off Center open, in the side parking lot adjacent to Johnnie's Foodmaster, Bunker Hill Mall

Sunday, Feb. 14

- Following 9 a.m. Mass — Holy Name Society Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Monday, Feb. 15

- 7:30 p.m. — Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion Meeting, Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Curbside Newspaper Recycling Week — Put your newspapers out on your regular trash pick-up day, rain or shine, in paper bags or bundled in string and a separate truck will pick up the newspapers. For information, call 635-4959.

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Woman's Recovery Group Meeting, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- noon to 1 p.m. — Ironsides Toastmasters Meeting, Mass. General Hospital East, 1st floor conference room, Building 149, 13th Street, Charlestown Navy Yard (use 8th Street entrance)
- 7 to 9 p.m. — Line Dancing with Frank "Zip" Campbell, Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council By-Laws Committee Meeting, American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

- noon — Lunch Time Films featuring "Paul Robeson: Tribute To An Artist" Visitor Center, Building 5, National Historical Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard
- 2:30 p.m. — Court St. Jude No. 1123, C.D.A. Meeting and Valentine Party, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 5 to 7 p.m. — Sen. Thomas Birmingham Office Hours, first floor conference area, One Thompson Square
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

Plan Ahead

Friday, Feb. 19

- 8 p.m. — Valentine Dance, sponsored by the first grade parents, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Feb. 20

- 8 p.m. — "Gary & The Girls," sponsored by Bunker Hill Council No. 62, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, March 5

- 8 p.m. — Dance to benefit the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, March 6

- 7:30 p.m. — Gladys Corned Beef Dinner, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Adult Lipsynch Night, St. Catherine's Hall, Tufts Street

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Charlestown Neighborhood Council Sets A Busy Agenda Of Meetings

by Gloria S. Conway

The period of relative quiet during and after the holidays has come to a close for the members of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. With the month of February comes numerous meetings involving issues throughout the town — from the Navy Yard all the way to Brighton Street.

Fifteen council members and a few hearty residents and businessmen braved the cold of Feb. 2 to attend the monthly meeting. Council members in attendance were Chairman Peter Looney, First Vice Chairman Tom Cunha, Second Vice Chairman Mel Stillman, Treasurer Nancy Keyes, Moe Gillen, Bob Scalli, John Dillon, Kate McDonough, Jim Conway, Bill Galvin, Dennis Collins, Judy Brennan, Bill McCabe and Edna Kelly. Members Ken Stone, Tom Pitts and Jim Mansfield were working; Kay Whelan is recuperating from surgery; Jeanne Davis was ill; and John Iacoi was absent.

Randall Stafford, MD, a member of the staff at Bunker Hill Health Center (BHHC), reported on a study he conducted analyzing the causes of death in Charlestown. He stated that this study was a follow-up on one done during the 1980s that showed a high heart disease mortality. From this previous study and its results emerged the Cardiac Advisory Board to address this issue and the annual Healthy Heart Day held each spring.

Stafford stated that, in addition to the follow-up, his study identified the other causes of what he called excess deaths which were the number above the expected causes of death. It also would offer help in shaping the policies and future activities of BHHC.

According to Stafford, he examined death certificate information from 1985 through 1990, looking at the broad categories of the cause of death and comparing the death rates in Charlestown to the rest of Bos-

ton.

The results of Stafford's study indicated that heart disease was the number one cause of death in the town during those six years, with 331 out of a total of 932 deaths. Based on expected deaths from heart disease, there were 93 excess deaths. The second highest cause of death in the town was lung cancer, followed by chronic lung disease and pneumonia.

Stafford said the results of the study were somewhat surprising in that Charlestown is a working-class community and does not have the problem of poverty prevalent in other areas. The staff at BHHC is trying to identify why people are dying, noting that the common denominator in the four categories of cause of death is smoking. He added that without the factor of smoking, Charlestown's death rate would be lower than Boston's.

Stafford referred to Sandra Bock, PA-C, also on the staff at BHHC, who is lead-

ing a group to help people to stop smoking — an addiction that he admitted was very difficult to quit. This pilot program will get underway on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at BHHC. Interested persons should call BHHC at 242-5700 for registration information.

Bock said that her concern is the young people. She noted that there are a tremendous number of children with asthma and respiratory conditions that are directly attributable to smoking. She said that she sees how strongly the community feels about its children and its residents should strive to be a smokeless community if not for themselves, at least for the young people.

Several council members asked about environmental considerations including the exhaust from the traffic on the surrounding roadways, diesel trucks and even the emissions from the airplanes landing at Logan. Stafford said that there is no doubt that living in the city

creates problems with people's lungs, adding that pollution breathed in is not as significant as inhaling 20 cigarettes a day. Bock also noted that second-hand smoke has been determined to be a Class A carcinogen.

Stafford and Bock asked for the support of the council in BHHC's efforts to address the problems.

Ken Auclair from Store 24 spoke to the council. He stated that Domino's Pizza, the subject of a Jan. 20 meeting run by the council, had talked to Store 24 about opening a shop adjacent to the Thompson Square Store 24. He added that Domino's had not negotiated a lease and he was surprised when he learned that the firm's representative had come before the community.

Auclair introduced Dr. John DeJong who operates Boston Mobile Veterinary Clinic and would like to open a clinic at the Thompson Square site. DeJong stated that Charlestown is about the only part of Boston without a veterinary clinic and there is a need here.

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Preservation Society Donation To Provide Playground Equipment



THE CHARLESTOWN PRESERVATION SOCIETY presented a check in the amount of \$3,500 to Kate McDonough, executive director of the Kennedy Center, to provide additional playground equipment for the children in the programs at the Old Kent School in Hayes Square. Parents and staff members are working together to select appropriate equipment for the children. The Old Kent School playground is open to the public after school hours, and residents are urged to utilize the facility. Shown (l. to r.) Maggie Debbie, co-president of the Charlestown Preservation Society; McDonough; and Rosemary Kverek, co-president of the Charlestown Preservation Society.

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Mark and Kathy Urquhart of Londonderry, N.H. are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ian Patrick, on Jan. 11. The baby weighed 9 pounds 8 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Marilyn Browne of Charlestown and Kenneth Browne of Middleboro.

The paternal grandparents are Bob and Maggie Urquhart of Charlestown.

On Honor Roll

Boston Latin Academy is pleased to announce that Charlestown resident Olivia Denton received honor roll marks for Term II. Denton is a ninth-grade student.

Charlestown Residents Pass State Bar Examination

Three Charlestown residents passed the Massachusetts state bar examination administered last July. The three, all graduates of the New England School of Law in Boston, are David S. Ged, Janice L. O'Neill and Patrick T. Sheerin.

This year, New England School of Law's bar pass rate was 90 percent, reportedly second only to Harvard Law School. The passage rates are compiled by

The great-grandparents are Albert and Alice Heatley of Charlestown.

Ian Patrick was welcomed home by his big brother, Mark.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James Connolly of Winchester, formerly of Charlestown, announce the engagement of their daughter Michelle Marcella Connolly to Michael Joseph Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony of Monument Street, Charlestown.

A July 31, 1993 wedding is planned at St. Mary's Church in Charlestown.

Married Recently



PRISCILLA ANN HOLLENBECK

Priscilla Ann Daniels and Thomas Francis Hollenbeck were married on Oct. 31 at Sacred Heart Church, Ipswich. Officiating at the ceremony was the Rev. John P. Spencer S.J., cousin of the bride. The papal blessing was bestowed on the couple.

The bride is the daughter of Attorney Carney D. and Mary Therese (Sawyer) Daniels of Wakefield, and the granddaughter of John H. and the late Mary M. (Kenney) Sawyer of Charlestown. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hollenbeck of Binghamton, N.Y.

Maids of honor were Kelley Daniels and Amy Daniels of Wakefield, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Marybeth Breed of Boston, Linda Smith of San Jose, Calif. and Patricia St. Pierre of Worcester. The junior bridesmaid was Lisa Hollenbeck, niece of the bridegroom.

The best man was Michael Hollenbeck of N.Y., brother of the bridegroom. Serving as ushers were Pat Hollenbeck of Cambridge, John Hollenbeck of N.Y., brothers of the bridegroom; Carney Daniels of Burlington, Vt., brother of the bride; Tom Szlosek of Syracuse, N.Y.; Kevin Shea of Spencerport, N.Y.; Harry Lauria of Marlton, N.Y.; Dan Kelly of Endicott, N.Y.; and Chip Gialanella of Binghamton, N.Y. The ring bearer was Matthew Hollenbeck, nephew of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Hellenic Center, Ipswich.

The bride is a graduate of St. Anselm College and Suffolk Law School. She is an attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The bridegroom graduated from Geneseo State, N.Y. and received his MBA from S.U.N.Y. Binghamton. He is a compliance specialist with Fidelity Investments in Boston.

After a trip to Hawaii, the couple is living in Marblehead.

Not For Nothin' . . . But Have You Heard . . .



• **Last Call . . .** for nominations for the third annual Community Appreciation Awards. Don't delay another minute, folks! The deadline for submitting your choice for an award is tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. . . . The nominations should be sent to P.O. Box 316 at the Charlestown Post Office.

• **For A Special Treat This Weekend . . .** plan on attending the color guard competition starting at 1 p.m. at the Charlestown Community Center Gym, 255 Medford St. on Sunday, Feb. 7th . . . Charlestown's own "Townies" and "Little Townies" Color Guards will be on the line, competing against girls from throughout New England . . . Join them in welcoming the visitors to the town and cheer on our local lassies who have been doing such an outstanding job representing Charlestown throughout the area!

• **A Question For G.C. . . .** How did you go to Arch Street for confession, and manage to come home with a mink coat??

• **Birthday Celebrants . . .** this week include . . . Boston Police Officer Tom Hennessey on Feb. 8th . . . the 22nd birthday for Brian Davis is also on the 8th . . . and Feb. 10th will mark the 102nd birthday of Charlestown legend John Daly . . . We wish each of you a very special day and a wonderful year!

• **Happy Wedding Anniversary . . .** wishes go out to Florence and Mario Tognarelli who'll celebrate their big day on Feb. 7th . . . Our warmest wishes are sent your way!

• **Do You Want To Quit . . .** smoking, that is? The Bunker Hill Health Center of Mass. General Hospital is beginning a program that will offer you help and support in your desire to stop smoking . . . The program gets underway on Wednesday, Feb. 17 . . . Persons wanting more information or who wish to register for the program, should call Sandra Bock at 242-5758 by Monday, Feb. 8th.

• **Glide Or Stride . . .** Glide if there's snow, stride if there's not . . . Depending on the snow cover, enjoy either a cross-country ski tour or a walking tour of Franklin Park, the "gem" of Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace Park System on Saturday, Feb. 6. Meet at the rear entrance of the Franklin Park Zoo at 2 p.m. and let the Boston Park Rangers be your guides.

• **Celebrate Black History Month . . .** with a tour about black Bostonians such as Phillis Wheatley, Crispus Attucks and members of the 54th Civil War Regiment. The tour is conducted by the Boston Park Rangers and is being held every Saturday during February, starting at 2 p.m. at the Boston Common Ranger Station.

• **Don't Forget Your Honey! . . .** Place a Valentine greeting advertisement in *The Charlestown Patriot* today! On Thursday, Feb. 11th, the *Patriot* will run a special page for Valentines. Get your love note in! Call 241-9511 for details.

• **Judy Is Still On Vacation . . .** Judy Evers is relaxing in the sunny south and sends the message that while she is away, people with concerns about city services should call the Mayor's Hot Line at 635-4500.

• **Helping The Hungry . . .** The parishioners of St. Francis de Sales continue their commitment to the Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry by their monthly donation of canned goods. Last weekend, 367 cans of food were brought to the Masses and sent on to the pantry to help those in need.

• **Celebrate Valentine's Day . . .** at a dance, sponsored by the first grade parents of St. Francis de Sales . . . there will be dancing and entertainment by Alan and Tony of the DJ Connection, and a hot and cold buffet will be served . . . The event will get underway at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19th at Bishop Lawton Hall, 313 Bunker Hill St. . . . Tickets are only \$10, and they may be purchased from Co-Chairpersons Jackie Chaisson (242-3176) and Mary Beth Murray, or at the school office or rectory.

• **Wine Lovers . . .** will gather at The World Trade Center in Boston from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 and Sunday, Feb. 7 as 150 domestic and international wineries showcase their proudest vintages at the 1993 Boston Wine Expo. There will be complimentary tastings, special tasting seminars and celebrity chef demonstrations. For ticket prices and more information, call 439-5110.

• **The Boy Scouts . . .** will celebrate the 83rd anniversary of its founding on Feb. 8th.

• **Looks Like . . . Six More Weeks Of Winter . . .** as the infamous Ground Hog poked his head out on Tuesday and saw his shadow . . . Guess the rock salt business will be going strong for some time to come!

• **If The Winter Blahs Have You Down . . .** keep your spirits up as you shovel your sidewalks, there are only 45 days left . . . UNTIL SPRING!

Happy Birthday

JAMIE LEE

Feb. 7

&

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Happy 8th Birthday

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CYO Color Guards To Compete In Charlestown On Sunday



THE "TOWNIES" COLOR GUARD has been practicing for its competition before a hometown crowd on Sunday, Feb. 7. Color guards from throughout New England will take to the floor in competition starting at 1 p.m. at the Charlestown Community Center Gym, 255 Medford St. Shown front row (l. to r.) Meagan O'Connor, Shania Coleman, Jillian Griffiths, Laurie Prince, Char-

lene O'Brien, Lauren O'Hearn and Jen Missett. Back row (l. to r.) Kristen Golden, Sabrina Pinder, Katie Boutwell, Capt. Linda Rizzo, Melissa Missett, Courtney Burke, Alyson Sargent, Manager Stoney Boutwell, Charlene McNeil, Erin McIsaac, Tara Awbrey, Julie Scalli, Laura Corrado and Jan Missett.

(photo by Jeanne Davis)



THE "LITTLE TOWNIES" Color Guard, in its first year of competition, will perform on Sunday, Feb. 7 at the locally sponsored competition at the Charlestown Community Center Gym, 255 Medford St., beginning at 1 p.m. Members of the group include front row (l. to r.) Sara Rolinson, Christine Copithorn, Sheilann Williams, Ashley Smith and Danielle Dellascio. Second row (l. to r.)

Nicole McNeil, Meaghan Costa, Kelley Burke, Adrienne Crowley and Katlyn Walsh. Third row (l. to r.) Christine Celata, Colleen Hoell, Kathleen Lacey, Capt. Stephanie Centola, Allyson Roche and Erin Coppinger. Back row (l. to r.) Kelley Walsh, Kendra Rogers, Anne Marie Fratalia, Stacey Lee Ainsley, Michelle Kelley and Barbie Gillis.

(photo by Jeanne Davis)

Parent Council Meeting

The Edwards Middle School Parent Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the Edwards Middle School. The meeting will begin sharply at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a short business meeting followed by a guest speaker, Stacy Ross, MSW. She has been invited to talk about helping your child succeed in middle school. Ross will give some

positive tips and answer questions.

Parent participation makes a school stronger and better. Please come to the meeting.

Friends Of Charlestown Branch Library Sponsor Slide Show And Lecture

The Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library cordially invite the public to attend the fourth event of its program series, "Master European Paintings from the National Gallery of Ireland," a slide/lecture presentation on the current exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the library, 179 Main St.

This special exhibition of 44 paintings from the collection of the National Gal-

lery of Ireland in Dublin is on view at the MFA now through March 28. It provides a rare opportunity to view Old Masters' paintings including some by Velazquez, Goya, Poussin, Gainsborough, David and Mantegna.

The slide/lecture at the library will be presented by Miriam Braverman, a guest

lecturer at the MFA. Braverman has lectured on the Museum's many special exhibitions and its outstanding permanent collections to Boston Public Library audiences as well as widely in and out of the MFA.

A reception will follow the program. All are invited to attend this very special presentation.

Meeting On Kent Park Project

The Steering Committee of the Kent Community School Park Project would like to invite all interested residents to attend a community meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Kent Community School Cafetorium, 50 Bunker Hill St. This will be the final meeting of the planning and design phase of the project.

The Steering and Design committees would like to thank the community for their assistance in developing this project, and encourage all residents to take this opportunity to view the design. There will be an opportunity to speak with members of the committee, which included representatives of the Public Facilities Department, the Boston Art Commission, Boston Public Schools and the landscape architectural firm of John G. Crowe Associates. Residential input into this project is vital to its success, and we look forward to the community's continued support.

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Borden Honored With Lifetime Membership At Fifth Annual Boys Club Reunion

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by Charlie McGonagle

As a boy, he greatly benefited from the Charlestown Boys Club. As a man, the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club has benefitted even more greatly from Denny Borden.

Although he is much too modest to agree with this, in the minds of those who know him best, it may be an understatement.

Denny's association with the Boys Club began more than forty years ago and has continued almost unbroken for all of those years. If memory serves correctly, only a stint in the service of his country caused a temporary break in the relationship of boy/man and club.

So it was only fitting that the more than 200 former members who gathered at the High Street building of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club last Saturday night set aside a few moments to pay homage to a man whose own philosophy of youth and community so greatly parallels the philosophy of Boys & Girls Clubs everywhere.

Those who have been around Charlestown for a few years are certain to know Denny Borden, for he is a man who is easy to get to know. More importantly, though, Denny Borden is a man you respect and admire, for it is men of his ilk that you easily respect and admire.

As a boy, Denny took all the club had to offer a

youngster, and now as a man, he is giving all of that back, and considerably more.

During January of each of the last five years, his tireless efforts have helped to make the old Charlestown Boys Club Reunion an overwhelming success. He has helped to develop the event into an affair that former members have come to eagerly anticipate.

During the months of February and March he begins to set his sights on the Annual Nate Hurwitz Basketball Tournament. Working along with clubhouse staff, he sees this event to its culmination in early April.

During the month of May he jumps feet first into preparations for the annual Bunker Hill Road Race, which annually kicks off the Bunker Hill Day slate of activities in the community.

During the months of July and August, Denny takes a semi-vacation from the Boys & Girls club activities, but looks at the summer and camping programs with an eye on getting more kids involved.

September brings him back to the Executive Board meetings, and his involvement in the annual Alumni Mailing Drive. It is difficult to calculate just how many contributions to this important annual fundraiser come from former members who recognize Denny's name at-

tached to the drive's literature.

This year marks the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club 100th birthday. Committees were formed months ago to begin planning for the many activities to be held in the community in conjunction with the anniversary. In addition to his aforementioned contributions to club activities, Denny is fully involved with these committees.

When asked once what the club means to him, Denny responded: "The club gave more to me as a youngster than I could have hoped for, and I was not the only one who benefitted from its existence here in the community. As the years went on, I began to better understand how important and vital the Boys & Girls Club is to a community like ours. Somewhere along the line, I cannot pinpoint just when, I began to sense this tremendous feeling of gratitude, and I knew I would feel a whole lot better if I could try to give just a little bit back. I can tell you this, however, as hard as I may try, I'll never fully be able to repay my personal debt to the club."

Denny Borden's name is now permanently attached to a small, but growing, list of honorary lifetime members. It is where it should be.



MEMBERS of the Alumni Committee of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club congratulate Mike McHugh and Dennis Borden who were honored at the fifth annual reunion of the Boys Club. Shown (l. to r.) Jim Connors, McHugh, Borden, Pat Sweeney and Dan McGoff.



MIKE McHUGH was honored at the fifth annual Boys Club Reunion in recognition of his contributions to the club and to the youth of the community. McHugh first came to the club to work part time while he was a student-athlete from Harvard and has continued his association since that time. He is the senior member of the local club board and is a member and vice president for personnel for the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. Shown (l. to r.) his brother Kevin McHugh; his 94-year-old grandfather Cornelius O'Brien; Mike McHugh; and his brother Dennis McHugh.



Charlestown Neighborhood Council Sets A Busy Agenda Of Meetings

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DeJong stated that the clinic would operate during daytime hours, essentially 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, he said that Diane Brennan, who operates Groomtown on Main Street, would like to join him at the 1,500 square foot store. DeJong noted that he has worked out of Groomtown one day a week for the past 2½ years.

Looney said that the council would set up a meeting during the month to which abutters and interested residents would be invited. He also asked that Store 24 be represented to answer questions that arose during the meeting on Domino's. Conway asked that DeJong come to that meeting with some ideas on traffic volume.

Cunha, as chairman of the Housing & Development Committee, reported that the committee would meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) offices in the Navy Yard for a presentation on the proposed development of Building 75 for use by BioTransplant Inc. He said that members of the development team with Jim English as spokesperson, along with design and traffic experts would be present.

Cunha also stated that he was given a map of available sliver parcels by the BRA which he found to be incorrect. He said that when the map is corrected, he will send it out to council members and call a Housing & Development Committee meeting.

Cunha reported that the Zoning Committee met on Feb. 1 and proposed zoning for Parcel 3 in the City Square area. He noted that this was the most heavily impacted parcel as it backs into existing structures. He went on to say that one-family, two-family and some small commercial space plus residential was discussed for this parcel.

Parcels 4 and 6 will be the subject of a Monday, Feb. 22 meeting at the YMCA in the Navy Yard. Cunha noted that the council should maybe consider finalizing the zoning on the six City Square parcels before going on to rezone the rest of the community. He said that the state's Department of Capital Planning will be at the start of a 22-month process to draw up Requests For Proposals once the zoning is approved.

Looney reported for Stone on a hearing before the Mass. Highway Department Outdoor Advertising Division at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 to act on a request by Rite Media Inc. to construct a billboard on top of 50 Brighton St.

He urged council members and residents to attend the hearing which will be held at the state Transportation Building.

Looney asked Keyes to meet with the members of the Community Benefits Committee to review the process used last spring in distributing the \$50,000 in mitigation funds from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, and plan the procedure for the next allocation of \$50,000.

According to a letter from J.W. Cashman Co., 487 truck loads of glacial till have been removed from the site at 425 Medford St. and the remainder is slated to be removed by Feb. 26. Looney said that he has asked Attorney John Tobin to send a letter to Cashman's lawyer requesting the exact status of the removal process.

Conway stated that this site should be watched carefully as, according to a published report, Cashman is having similar problems in Lynn with a reported lack of permits.

McCabe presented a two-page handout that outlined the establishment of a Charlestown Emergency Fund and called for an amendment to the council's by-laws. Looney referred the amendment to the By-Law Committee and Conway, its chairman, has called a meeting for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

The By-Law Committee's action will be sent to the council members 10 days before the next meeting so action can be taken on it in March.

Looney asked and was granted permission to open an escrow account with the \$5,200 earmarked from last year's MWRA allocation with his signature and that of Keyes on the account.

Kelly brought up a concern from a number of residents that 50 feet of curb space in front of the Charlestown Post Office at One Thompson Square has been designated as handicapped parking — which she said was enough for four cars. She said that people are

angry and are questioning the arrangement in that handicapped ramps are at Green and Main streets and at Church Court and Main Street — either end of the block.

A motion to send a letter to the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) requesting that there be only one handicapped space in front of the post office was passed by one vote. Action by BTD employees on Wednesday negated this request as the signs were changed providing just one space in front of the post office.

Galvin expressed concern on the route of the Freedom Trail from Winthrop Street, to the Training Field and up to the Bunker Hill Monument. Looney said that a Basic Services Committee meeting will be called to publicly address the Trail's location.

Looney announced that Suffolk County District Attorney Ralph Martin would be present at the monthly meeting of the council on March 2 to make a presentation.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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The Life Focus Center Celebrates Its 15th Anniversary — Honors Rep. Voke As Its 'Man Of The Year'

photos by Michael Tognarelli

(continued from page one) particularly to Rep. Voke who has stood by LFC with steadfast support since his first day in this community.

Rev. Daniel Mahoney, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, delivered the invocation and set the tone of the speaking program. He expressed the "gratitude and love of all for the Life Focus Center of Charlestown," stating that "it is a gift for so many of us, especially God's special and exceptional children of all ages, for those physically disabled and handicapped,

for parents and family, relatives and friends . . . for all those who do so much for so many . . . the staff and the volunteers, the members of the board of directors and the patrons, who have made all this possible for the past 15 years . . . what was once a dream and a hope so many years ago is now a reality for which we are so proud." Father Mahoney continued: "In a special way tonight, one very special person among us is honored and recognized for his labors on behalf of Life Focus Center . . .

and in honoring Rep. Richard Voke, all of you are honored."

Jim Conway, clerk of the LFC board and staff member, served as the master of ceremonies. He welcomed the gathering and introduced the board of directors seated at the head table. They included: President June Reilly, Treasurer Kay Perreault, Deputy Director Kevin O'Halloran, Charlie Johnson, Richard Sexton and Gloria Conway, many of whom have served on the board from its inception.

Also at the head table was past K. of C. District Deputy Tom Cunha, representing Bunker Hill Council No. 62, who was thanked for the donation of the hall and its continuing support.

Mayor Raymond L. Flynn was on hand to bring his greetings, expressing pride in the young people of LFC and in the organization.

Commissioner Elmer C. Bartels, Mass. Rehabilitation Commission, voiced his pleasure on being present to honor Voke, noting

that he has appeared before him many times in Voke's previous position as chairman of the House Committee on Ways & Means and Voke has always supported programs for people with disabilities. Bartels added that "the programs and services of LFC should be celebrated."

Millerick extended his welcome to the gathering. He said that he has been asked many times over the years "what is LFC?" He noted that if you don't come from Charlestown, it is dif-

ficult to describe. He said: "LFC is . . . 'Dukie' Reilly moving kids around town in his truck 15 years ago and not taking money for gas . . . it's Kevin O'Halloran's wife doing accounts . . . it's Kevin biting his nails, fearful that we'll run out of money . . . it's my wife Karen making floral centerpieces to sell . . . it's Gloria Conway typesetting until 3 a.m. . . . it's Rep. Richard Voke listening patiently as we explain our problems and seek legislative support . . . it's Jim (continued on page 9)



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 Conway pounding the pavement . . . it's Jack French and his staff doing design after design to find us a permanent home . . . it's the faces of people we serve taking home a paycheck . . . it's the wild cheers of those who come to work each day at LFC . . . it's the business people of Charlestown and their continuous support . . . and last, but not least, it's the people of Charlestown."

Greetings were extended by Piedad Robertson, Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth, and by Boston City Councillor Albert "Dapper" O'Neil. Councillor John Nucci praised LFC and presented a council resolution to Voke. Councillor Bruce Bolling spoke of the significance in honoring Voke and commended LFC on its 15 years of service. He was joined by Councillor Charles Yancey in presenting LFC with a council resolution.

Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham, chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, spoke about LFC being entrepreneurial and the creativity of Millerick. He said that Voke's commitment to LFC is "beyond question" and that he is a "stalwart defender, protector and advocate for its service programs." Birmingham, addressing Voke, said: "I hope I can do for programs such as LFC in the communities we represent, just half as much as you have." He then presented LFC with a senate citation recognizing its 15th anniversary.

In introducing House Majority Leader Voke, Millerick recalled just a few of the instances where Voke has provided LFC with assistance. He spoke of the

center's search for computers to provide work for the disabled so their "minds could do what their bodies couldn't" and how Voke saw that these specially equipped computers were installed at the center.

Millerick told of Voke obtaining vans when LFC couldn't transport clients . . . he related how Voke, in the midst of dealing with the House budget, took time to listen and stood up to the bureaucrats in order that the programs be funded. Millerick said: "Richard Voke came through for LFC . . . and through his efforts, people have seen the sunshine."

"A chair is a symbol of authority," stated Millerick, and "the person who sits in authority can make something happen." With that, Cissy Ahearn and June Reilly carried in a wooden armchair with an inscription honoring Voke. A will plaque was also presented to the representative citing him as "Friend and Advocate . . . Man of the Year 1993."

This was a rare evening for Voke as not only were his friends from LFC and the Charlestown community present, but family members and colleagues from Beacon Hill joined in the celebration.

Voke's mother Marion was in the audience. He noted that she was a nurse and praised her service to people. Also present was his sister Debbie Voke O'Sullivan, her husband Mark and her daughter Bridget. Among the representatives present were Carol Donovan of Woburn, William Reinstein of Revere, Thomas Kennedy of Brockton, Kevin Honan of Brighton and Jim Micelli of Wilmington.

As he took the micro-

phone, Voke stated that "this was a touching moment and words won't come easily." He spoke of people with disabilities finally having recognition and talked about their productivity and love. He praised their families who have "nurtured them and brought them along."

Voke then cited two persons in the audience — Commissioner Bartels and Rep. Kennedy. He stated that Bartels had been severely injured and "he picked himself up, is now commissioner and has the faith and commitment to look ahead." He told of Kennedy spending 13 months in bed, unable to move, who is now holds the prestigious position as vice chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee. He added that Kennedy "brings joy, peace and commitment to all he embraces."

Voke stated: "Shame on us if we shun people, look away and not allow them to be part of the community." He added that "where does love run deeper than in Charlestown with its sense of family and friendship." He added: "I would like to be known as a 'Townie.'"

He spoke of the event the previous weekend when Tom Cunha was honored by a roomful of people. He added: "His home will be rebuilt, only a little bit better, because now he knows how his community responded to his need."

Voke said: "It gives my heart great joy to see the number of clients working." He went on to say that a month ago he "brought Jack and Kevin back before the bureaucrats so they could tell them that all the jobs they had were filled and ask them to give them more of God's children they

could help."

He said he had one regret when he left the chairmanship of the House Ways & Means Committee and that was whether these special people "would be allowed to nurture and grow." Voke noted that "it did my heart good to see that a Townie (Birmingham) was appointed chairman of Senate Ways & Means."

Voke extended "a special thank you to a great staff" and, in conclusion, stated: "My door will always be open, for first and foremost I am your local state representative."

It was then a time for socializing and dancing, and as the lights came on and the music ended at midnight, there was still a full dance floor.

The reviews were unanimous in praise of the celebration and of Voke, the "Man of the Year." It is now back to work for the staff, the clients and the board . . . formulating plans and programs that will take LFC and the people it serves 15 more years and beyond.

Let's Celebrate Valentine's Day

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	W	L	T
B.H. Florist	14	0	1
Ironside Grille	12	3	0
Peg & Al's	11	4	0
Chas'n. Home Furniture	8	5	2
Albany Florist	8	7	0
Bryan's Pals	6	8	1
A.A. Radiators	5	9	1
Kerrigan's	5	10	0
The Blow Up	4	11	0
T.J.'s Kids	1	13	1

★ **Players Of The Week** ★

- T.J.'s Kids - Michael Nelson and Michael D'Ambrosio
- The Blow Up - Michael Griffin and Patrick Doherty
- Kerrigan's - Geno Lawrence and Sean Anthony
- A.A. Radiators - Paul Collins and Jack Doherty
- Bryan's Pals - Danny Cas-

matches last Saturday at the Malden Bowladrome where

- tro and Jackie Burke
- Charlestown Home Furniture - Lauren Lynch and Matt McGinn
- Albany Florist - Patrick Considine and Michelle Kane
- Peg & Al's - Jonathan Libby and Shawn Wallis
- Ironside Grille - Kevin Smith and Alexandra Lane
- Bunker Hill Florist - Keith Morrison and Steven Polizzi

CYO Gym Hockey is holding a bottle and can drive. Anyone wishing to support this drive can bring their empty cans and bottles to St. Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday mornings. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

the Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League members showed off their bowling skills.

It was a fine match between the Cricket and Nucci teams. The Crickets took the first match by 11 pins, but the Nucci team came right back to take the second string by 22 pins. The third string was a beauty by both teams, but Kelly Gouthro's 77 was too much to overcome for the Nucci team and the Crickets took the third string by 17 pins.

The Kennedy Center team hammered the Cappucci team for six points. Michael Lane and Christina Biggins both had a great day in a winning effort. Meghan Buckley turned in a fine performance for her team in a losing effort.

The Charlestown Patriot team clubbed the Lori-Ann's team for six points. Tammy Biggins powered the Patriot team with 42 pins over her average, and Pat Pinder held up the rear guard with 25 pins over his average.

Craig Powers had a wonderful day as he bowled 48 pins over his average, powering his team, B & B Oil, to a six-point win over the Erins team. Kevin McCusker, Jill Connolly and Maryann Kissane bowled strong games in a losing effort for Erins.

Keith Ryan was the driving force in the American Legion's six-point win over Bunker Hill Real Estate. Michelle Marino and Lesley Southern turned in good performances in a losing effort.

The bowling jackets have been ordered.

We hope to see you all at the bowling alley on Saturday, promptly at 11:30 a.m.

Second Half Standings

	W	L
Crickets	20	4
Patriot	14	10
American Legion	14	10
Cappucci	12	12
Lori-Ann's	12	12
Nucci	10	14
Erins	10	14
B.H. Real Estate	10	14
B&B Oil	10	14
Kennedy Center	8	16

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BOB D'S BEAT

by
Bob DeCristoforo

■ **Off to Quebec . . .** Glad to hear that John Lynch will represent Charlestown in the prestigious International Pee Wee Hockey Tournament to be held in Quebec City beginning Feb 11. Over 100 teams from Europe, Canada and the U.S. will compete. John, a member of the Charlestown Pee Wee "A" traveling team, will play for the Greater Boston Select Team. Congratulations and spread that Charlestown Pride!

■ **Pro Line . . .** Thursday evening at Boston Garden I had the best of both, the Bruins won and Keith Tkachuk scored a goal for his Winnipeg Jets. Saturday evening Winnipeg got back on the winning track, defeating Hartford 6-3. Keith had an assist in the win.

Providence moved to within two points of first place Capitol District by defeating Springfield 6-5 in an AHL game.

■ **ADSL . . .** Charlestown Pride — the Ladies were defeated by Bird Street (Dorchester) 31-28 in the 1993 All Dorchester Sports League (ADSL) 17-and-under basketball opener on Tuesday evening at the Tynan Community School in South Boston. Costly fouls were the big difference in a very well-played game. Fourteen of Bird Street's points came at the free throw line. Shannon McLaughlin and Nicole Matson combined for 20 Charlestown points. Kelly Gilgunn and Stephanie Ward had excellent games. Courtney McLaughlin got the "Miss Hustle" award; Colleen Walsh, Erin McDonough, Kim Weafer and Christine Locke all turned in great efforts. This is the first Charlestown girls team to participate in ADSL sports. Special thanks to John Killoran of the Boys & Girls Club for providing the transportation and support.

■ **High School Notebook . . .** Jamie Hutchins had two goals and two assists as Charlestown (6-1-1) blanked Snowden (5-3-1) 5-0.

Charlestown Hoopsters stayed close, but both suffered two defeats. East Boston nipped the Townies 60-57 and South Boston came from behind to score a 79-74 win.

The East Boston ladies defeated Charlestown 59-43.

Malden Catholic hockey team was defeated 7-3 by Billerica, but topped Don Bosco 6-2 to remain in the Catholic Conference top spot. Bosco also fell to Xaverian 5-3 in another conference game. BC High was defeated by Catholic Memorial 5-1, but came back to shut out Springfield Cathedral 2-0 in a non-league game at UMass-Boston.

Over in the Commonwealth Conference, Northeast Regional defeated Pope John 6-1. Shawsheen also topped the Tigers 7-2. Pope John's record is 3-7-0.

Boston Latin defeated Xaverian 6-3. Mark Chardavoyne had a hat trick. Mark also had a goal and two assists as Latin shut out Concord-Carlisle 6-0.

On the basketball court, Boston Latin split its week's work losing to Newton-South 66-50, but defeating Wayland 69-62. Losing Jamie Smith (ankle) definitely will impact Latin. Don Bosco was defeated by Malden Catholic 76-72 and Xaverian 71-46 in Catholic Conference play. Pat Woods is back in action for the Bears.

■ **College Board . . .** In Hockey East, the only good news for Northeastern was the double dips of both UMass-Lowell to Boston University and University of New Hampshire to Maine. Providence grounded the Huskies twice, 3-2 and 7-5.

Stonehill College defeated Wentworth 8-6, but lost to Suffolk University 5-4. Stonehill's record is 10-5-0. Paul Tibbetts and Joe DeRoeve picked up some points for Stonehill.

■ **Super Bowl . . .** The Boys & Girls Club Teen Center held its annual Super Bowl party on Sunday. Thirty teens, including Mike Upton, Courtney McLaughlin, Colleen Walsh, Mike Christopher, Joe Tallent, Stephen Linnane, Robb Brady, Erin McDonough, Corey Gallagher, Julie Trainor, Kelly Gilgunn, Matt Dividi, Arthur Cameron, Ian Urquhart, Matt Ezekiel, Mike O'Leary, Lori Burke and Christine Locke spent a great evening together watching the game. Larry, as usual, did a great job organizing and chaperoning.

■ **Tidbits . . .** Birthday best to Amanda Fornash and to Jimmy Gillen.

— Erin McDonough's favorite TV show is "The BRADY Bunch."

— Danny Ryan was spotted getting an early jump on his '93 football career. Dan is also considering whether to get his B.A. or B.S. degree when he graduates from college.

— Did Joe Fitz' dramatic defeat over Jim Gillen in a club ping pong game send Gillen to the floor?

— Christine Locke's favorite movie is "Rocky III."

— Mike Upton and Colleen Walsh wear chocolate cake well.

— Mike Christopher's favorite movie is "Rocky IV."

— Congratulations to Tommy Allen on his graduation from electrical school.

Have A Great Week — Behave!

Charlestown Pop Warner Plans For 1993 Season

Charlestown Pop Warner has officially started its 1993 season. The Board of Directors and Board members have been meeting to discuss many important issues and to exchange ideas in order to make this a fun and safe football season.

Registration will be held in April at a time and place to be announced.

We are all looking forward to an enjoyable and successful season.

Jack Schievink,
C.P.W. President

News From The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club



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TEEN CENTER NEWS

This past Friday, 20 teens participated in a ski trip to Nashoba Valley. They braved bitter cold temperatures and a biting wind to enjoy an evening of skiing. Steve Linnane should be complimented on his ski wear.

On Sunday, a huge throng of teens invaded The Teen Center to root for their favorite team on Super Bowl Sunday. A majority of the fans were supporting the Cowboys with a few die-hard Bills fans. A hot and cold buffet was served at half time while Julie Treanor was eagerly awaiting the Michael Jackson show. If Colleen Walsh was rooting for the Cowboys, how did she end up with cake on her face?

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the club will run a ski trip to New Hampshire. Permission slips are now available in The Teen Center. Only 40 spots are available, so sign up early. It will be filled on a first-come basis. The cost is \$38 which includes transportation by motor coach, ski rental, lift ticket and a ski lesson.

MONSTER WORKSHOP

On Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in The Teen Center, Poncho Brown will be doing his monster workshop. This meeting will include drug and alcohol awareness, peer pressure and self-esteem. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

FEBRUARY VACATION

Many tournaments, movies (which will be shown on the new VCR that was bought with the proceeds from our yard sale) and other fun events are planned in the games room during February vacation week.

On Wednesday, we will go to see the play "Aladdin." Members will pay \$3 and the club will pick up the rest of the cost. Space is limited, so sign up with Eileen at the front desk soon. Permission slips are required.

TORCH CLUB

Torch Club elections took place last Friday. Katie O'Leary was elected president; Shannel Auch, vice president; and Shawna Dole, secretary. The election for treasurer will be this Friday.

The Torch Club is planning a Beach Party Blast from 6 to 8 p.m. this Friday night, Feb. 5, for all club members 6 to 12. Wear your beach outfits. Admission will be \$1 for those dressed for the beach, and \$2 for others.

70s ROLLER-SKATING BASH

A 70s Roller-Skating Bash will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12 in the gym for members 11 to 17.

Admission is \$4, or \$2 if you dress in 70s attire. It includes skate rental and refreshments.

Skate to the music of the Partridge Family, the Bee-Gees, Tavares, Bay City Rollers, the Swedish super-group Abba and many, many more.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Some very exciting basketball games were played last week, with Charlestown winning two out of three games.

In the 12-and-under division, Charlestown faced Lowell in a game that saw the lead change hands a number of times until Lowell built up a seven-point lead with less than two minutes to go. However, with great defense and two last-minute steals by Thai Tu, the team was able to set the ball to its go-to guy, Arthur Cameron, who put in the winning shot with just five seconds on the clock. Lowell's last shot bounced off the rim and the Townies won the game 37-36.

That same team played the Salesian Club of East Boston in what turned out to be another one-point game. However, Charlestown was on the losing end of this one. Cameron and Todd Tu both had great games in the losing effort. The final score was Salesian 41, Charlestown 40.

The girls also faced Salesian in a defensive battle that kept the score very low — that is until Nicole Matson started to heat up. This undefeated team chalked up another victory and is well on its way to taking the title. The final score was Charlestown 21, Salesian 14.

Girls Ball Hockey — The 1993 Girls Ball Hockey season began on Jan. 19. The first game featured a rematch of last year's champion, The Parkies, against last year's runner-up, The Lancers. The Lancers, ready to make its move to capture its first title, won by a score of 4 to 1. The winners were paced by two goals each by Rachel Britton and Nicole Matson. Kolleen Hayes was the lone Parkie to beat standout goaltender Loreen Jones who was trying to post her first career shutout.

The action continued on Jan. 21 as The Lancers upped its record to 2-0 by defeating an undermanned (or "underwomanned") Newtowne squad. Newtowne superstar and perennial all-star Michelle Macomber was not in uniform and her leadership and veteran savvy were sorely missed. However, young Courtney McLaughlin boldly predicts that The Lancers will beat her sister Shannon's Newtowne team no matter who they have. This rivalry will be renewed tonight, Thursday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m.

The second game of the night pitted Main Street against The Parkies with both teams looking for their first wins. Main Street jumped to a quick one-goal lead, but that was about all they could muster as Parkie Captain Cheryl Collins led a stalwart defense that Main Street couldn't penetrate. The Parkie offense was led by the always closed-mouthed Mary Kay Tkachuk whose "lead by example and not by word" philosophy was never more

Teen Connection Corner . . .

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evident than this game as she netted two goals.

On Jan. 26, The Parkies upped its record to 2-1 as the team handed Newtowne yet another defeat. Newtowne's goalie, Jessica Baker, was nearly perfect in net but her teammates provided very little support in the offensive zone. For The Parkies, once again Cheryl Collins proved why she is the league's premier defensive player, limiting Newtowne to hardly any quality scoring opportunities as Julie Treanor held the fort in net.

The second game almost produced the first major upset of the year. Main Street jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead against the undefeated Lancers on two quick scores by Linda Howell. The Lancers answered on a goal by shifty Nicole Matson, but Main Street put two more quick ones on the board to take a commanding three-goal lead into intermission. The Lancers, on the brink of their first loss, got it together and proved worthy of its lofty status. Two goals by Erin McDonough and another by Matson tied the score at four. Patty Reilly put the Main Street crew back on top but The Lancers were once again able to answer and send the game into an extra session. Early into the overtime period, Erin McDonough beat Main Street's Kelly Moloney to preserve The Lancer's unblemished slate.

Games are held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Kent Community Center gym. The first game

starts at 6 p.m. with the second game immediately following.

Butternut Mountain — The Teen Connection will be traveling to beautiful Butternut Mountain in Western Mass., staying overnight at the Rustic Swan Lodge in Great Barrington. The group will depart on Friday, Feb. 5 and return on Sunday, Feb. 7. Included in the trip are two full days of skiing and snowboarding, and enjoying the beauty of the majestic Berkshire mountains.

Volleyball Champs — It may sound like overkill, but congratulations once again to Kenny Giordano and his band of Butt Pirates as they took home the championship trophy one more time. The Pirates defeated the Club 42 squad three games to two in a hotly contested and competitive match.

The Butt Pirates raced out to a quick two games to none lead, and it looked like a cakewalk. However, Rookie of the Year nominee Fred Collins would not allow Club 42 to fold that easily as he led a ferocious rally that saw Club 42 even the match at two games each and force a fifth and deciding game.

Wily veteran John Koharski dominated the Butt Pirate side of the net as they jumped out to a quick lead that Club 42 could not answer. The Butt Pirates would win the rubber game and, after congratulatory handshakes were exchanged, Captain Gio could be seen exiting with his index finger proudly raised high for the fourth consecutive year.

Frank Santos A Huge Success — The Teen Con-

nection held its second annual adult hypnotist fund raiser on Jan. 30. The turnout was absolutely phenomenal and we would like to thank each and every person who bought a ticket or paid at the door.

We would like to especially thank John Addison, Kelly Pelton, Sue Stella, Mary Beth Giovinucci and our favorite mayor, Pat Harty, for being such good sports and putting on a most entertaining show.

An extra special thanks goes out to Paul Herrick and the rest of members of the Knights of Columbus for their continued generosity and support.

Life Focus Center 15th Anniversary — Greg Jackson had the pleasure of representing the Charlestown Community Centers at the K. of C. on Jan. 29th as the Life Focus Center celebrated its 15th anniversary by honoring Rep. Richard Voke as its "Man of the Year."

The dedication that Rep. Voke has shown to not only the Life Focus Center but any agency (and ours can vouch for that) is unmatched by any elected official.

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Bunker Hill Post To Meet

Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the post quarters, 23 Adams St.

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"To My Best Friend"

*It must have been cold there in my shadow—
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You always walked a step behind—
So while I was the one with all the glory—
You were the one with all the strength
A beautiful face to show how PROUD you were—
A beautiful face to hide the pain—
It might have appeared to go unnoticed—
But I have it all here in my heart—
I want you to know I know the truth—
of course I know it.
I would be nothing without you—
You had very many wonderful qualities.
Did you ever know that you're my HERO
And you're everything I wish that I could be?
You are the wind beneath my wings.
I love you and miss you, Daddy.*

"Rainey"

Dear Papa,

It has been three years since you passed away. I really don't know how I survived all this time, but I pulled myself together and made myself move on. But I didn't forget that you were my best friend and still are. You were always there for me, no matter what I did, that's why I loved you. Not just because you were my Papa, but because you were "the father" that I never had. I could depend on you for anything, you were always there to help me. I have the greatest memories of you. Like when I was little, you would always tuck me in at night and kiss my forehead, then you would make my stuffed animals dance because you knew it would make me laugh more than anything. I remember our walks in Fanueil Hall and our games of Wheel of Fortune at the kitchen table. The thing I miss the most is — Papa, find me. You could always find me no matter where I would hide. I have so many memories of you, I could go on forever. But the one thing I don't have is you. I miss you more than anything. I'll never stop thinking of you. You're with me in everything I do. I know you're watching over me in everything I do. You are always in my heart and always in my thoughts.

Until we meet again, with all my heart . . . I love you, Papa . . .

Love, Christina

Anniversary Mass will be said at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at St. Catherine's Church.

SENIOR UPDATE

Golden Age Senior Center

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ACTIVITIES

- **Quilting** — Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Arts & Crafts** — Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Flower Arrangements** — Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Ceramics** — Monday and Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., contact Pat Venezia.
- **Beano** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Lunch** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Knit & Crochet** — Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Liquid Embroidery** — Monday from 10 a.m. to noon, contact Reed White.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See Sheila Walsh on the following events . . .

- A day trip to Danvers will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18. The bus will leave at 10 a.m., stopping at Ann & Hope, the Ground Round for lunch and then to the cinema.
- Trip to Cape Cod Irish Village, March 16, 17 and 18. The cost is \$126 for two nights stay at the village, round-trip bus transportation, two full breakfasts, one full dinner and a St. Pat's celebration on March 17.
- Starting in the spring, there will be line dancing on Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

BUS TO STOP & SHOP

A bus to Stop & Shop picks up at the Golden Age Center on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Friday, Feb. 5

- 10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Monday, Feb. 8

- 10 a.m. - Knitting & Embroidery, Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Tuesday, Feb. 9

- 10 a.m. - Crochet and Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

Wednesday, Feb. 10

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Anchorage Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Rug Hooking, Arts & Crafts and Social Security representative, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Thursday, Feb. 11

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Senior Lounge, Constitution Co-op and Golden Age Center
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 1 p.m. - Ice Cream Social, Senior Lounge

If you need complimentary rides to and from the Senior Lounge for activities, please make arrangements in advance by calling Phyllis Bryant or Fran Nardone.

For more information on senior activities, contact Judi Meaney, director of Senior Services, at 241-8866.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(never known to fail)
O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother Of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recoured to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you. P.A.

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A stolen automobile was recovered on Cambridge Street, and another was recovered on Carney Court.

At 1 p.m., Officer Jones observed two teen-agers in an automobile on Polk Street. When he approached, the driver placed the automobile in reverse, drove backwards onto Monument Street and then sped toward Sullivan Square. The two suspects in the vehicle were identified, and the vehicle had been reported stolen. Warrants were issued for their arrest.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Stolen automobiles were recovered on Green Street, Main Street and Carney Court.

At 1 a.m., Officer Jones observed a 17-year-old resident who was wanted for stealing automobiles, and placed him under arrest.

A window in the hall at 75 West School St. was broken into during the evening. Damage was done to the vending

machines. The culprit then tried to set the building on fire. The Arson Squad is investigating.

An automobile parked on Thirteenth Street was broken into during the evening, and a cellular phone was stolen.

During the evening, an attempt was made to steal an automobile parked on Main Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

At 3 p.m., officers responded to Old Ironside Way where they placed a 41-year-old resident under arrest for the violation of a restraining order.

Thursday, Jan. 28

At 1 a.m., officers responded to a store on First Avenue where they found that the rear window had been smashed.

At 1:30 a.m., officers responded to 5 Austin St. on an alarm, and found that the front glass door of the business had been smashed in.

Friday, Jan. 29

A stolen automobile was recovered on Phipps Street.

Saturday, Jan. 30

During the evening, someone smashed the front door of

a business in City Square and stole money from the register.

**For additional information
regarding arrested individuals,
contact Community Service Officer
Joe McNulty at 343-4627.**

• If you know of any drug activity in your neighborhood, call the Area A Detectives office at 343-4571. It is not necessary to give your name, and all information will be investigated.

• Residents are reminded that if you purchase alcohol from a local liquor store for someone under age, you are subject to arrest.

Boston Police Hold Office Hours In Charlestown

The Community Relations Officer of Area A of the Boston Police Department is holding office hours in Charlestown twice a month.

The officer will be on hand in the first floor conference area at One Thompson Square to meet with residents or business persons on an individual basis. The next office hours will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon.

C.Y.O. & St. Catherine's NEWS

by Father Ron Coyne

• **St. Catherine's Color Guards To Appear At Charlestown High School** — St. Catherine's "Townies" and "Little Townies" Color Guards will host an Eastern Mass. Color Guard Show at Charlestown High School on Sunday, Feb. 7, beginning at 1 p.m.

We invite and welcome all family, friends and neighbors to join us for this outstanding competition. There will be hundreds of children and teen-agers from in and around Boston competing. This is a wonderful opportunity for our town to show their appreciation to the young girls from our community who give so much of themselves to represent Charlestown each week. Tickets will be sold at the door.

• **Archdiocesan CYO Sports Hall of Fame Banquet** — The Archdiocesan CYO will hold its first Sports Hall of Fame Banquet at Lombardo's in Randolph on Saturday, Feb. 27 with a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. All former CYO members and those who played CYO sports from the three Charlestown parishes are invited. For more information, call Kevin Lally at 268-0536 or Michael Kerr at 469-5514.

• **Eighth-Grade Boys Olympics** — On Wednesday, Feb. 17, St. Catherine's will enter the CYO Junior Olympics at West Roxbury High School. The bus will leave St. Catherine's at 8:30 a.m. and 15 parishes will compete from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in volleyball, basketball, gym hockey, water basketball, relays, etc. All eighth-grade boys from Charlestown are invited to participate.

St. Catherine's sponsors this annual event and so high school students are needed to referee, keep score and keep time.

Any eighth-grade boy interested in competing or high school student willing to referee, etc. is asked to please call Father Coyne at 242-1750.

The Eighth-Grade Girls Olympics will be held in April.

• **Adult Lipsynch** — The parish is sponsoring a fun-filled night on Saturday, March 6 which will feature you, your neighbors or your friends performing their favorite songs, fantasizing about being a star and using their originality and creativity to win prizes.

With lipsynch, a song is played and you, as an individual or in a group, act out and pantomime to the music and the words. You don't sing anything yourself. You can dress in the costumes of the actual group, use makeup, wigs, etc. You can use props. We can actually make Cher, The Supremes, the Righteous Brothers, the Beatles, etc. present in our hall.

The acts will be judged on appearance, originality and lipsynch, and prizes will be awarded. We hope to have 20 acts performing that will present a wonderful evening of entertainment for the people of the community.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime, and we would love to see you become a pioneer in this first lipsynch. Talk to your friends, choose a song, practice and use your imagination.

Obviously, we hope to fill the hall with an audience of your friends and neighbors. For more information or to register an act, please call Father Coyne at 242-1750, Mary Featherston at 242-1750 or Lori Murphy at 241-9766. Admission will be \$2.

• **Children's Roller-Skating Party** — St. Catherine's will sponsor a children's roller-skating party from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Feb. 19, during school vacation, at Rollerworld in Saugus. Busses will leave St. Catherine's Church at 9:15 a.m., and return around 12:30 p.m. All children and teen-agers are welcome. The cost is \$5 per person which includes transportation, skate rental and admission. Adults are welcome to accompany their children.

• **The Singing Priests Come To Charlestown** — We are proud to announce that on Sunday, March 14, the Singing Priests will be putting on a show to benefit St. Catherine's Parish. The Singing Priests are priests from the Archdiocese of Boston who average 10 concerts a year. They recently appeared on the Tom Bergeron Show, "People Are Talking," and were so well received that the show has been replayed. Our concert will be performed at the Charlestown High School Auditorium on Sunday, March 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. This is a special St. Patrick's Day show which will feature comedy, solos, sing-a-longs and all sorts of antics.

• **"Atlantic City, Here We Come" . . . Again** — St. Catherine's will sponsor another great trip to Atlantic City via deluxe motor coach to Bally's Grand from 7 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31 through 8 p.m. on Friday, April 2. The cost is \$109 per person, double occupancy, with a \$15 casino bonus. A \$50 deposit left at the rectory will reserve a spot. Checks should be made payable to St. Catherine's. No seat will be reserved without a down payment. The trip will be limited to 46. For more information, call Sandra at 242-9612.

• **CYO Ice Hockey** — Our boys' team competing in CYO hockey has had a good year, even though we now have a record of zero wins and seven losses. Our sportsmanship, spirit, attitude and pride characterize a team of which we can be very proud. Last weekend, we played a great game and lost to the first-place team from Sacred Heart in Roslindale, 4-2. We are grateful to every boy who wears our uniform.

Our remaining regular season games will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 vs. St. Brendan of Dorchester; 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 vs. Sacred Heart of Malden; and noon on Saturday, Feb. 20 vs. St. Theresa of West Roxbury. All games are played at the MDC Rink in Milton.

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Erin Sullivan, Mayoral Candidate

If you haven't heard already, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you of my decision to run for "Mayor" of Charlestown.

I feel it would be a great privilege to serve my community as its honorary Mayor. Charlestown has been home to me, as well as many members of my family for several generations. Our town has a lot to be proud of and the Charlestown-to-Charlestown Committee's mayoral campaign is one of them. Charlestown has historically taken great pride in things that help local charities.

As a mayoral candidate, I would like to invite you to my kick-off party, Sunday, Feb. 14 from 7 p.m. 'till ? at Patten's, 173 Milk St., Boston. A \$10 donation entitles the bearer to 10 chances on a \$1,000 drawing. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Erin A. Sullivan

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Animal Babies," the story of how newborns learn to survive without their parents; a dentist and his wife outwit a hungry fox in "Doctor DeSoto;" and "The Ugly Duckling" is the story of

how the ugly duckling grows into a beautiful swan.

Homer Price and his friend assist their superhero idol in "The Case of the Cosmic Comic," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are **Doctor DeSoto Goes to Africa** by William Steig, **The Fir Tree** retold by Bernadette Watts and **Summer** by Ron Hirschi.

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Our Gratitude To The Patriot

Dear Gloria,

We, the members of the Alumni Reunion Committee, would like to express our sincere gratitude for your invaluable assistance in helping make the Fifth Annual Boys Club

Swan Swiping Saga Continues

Since the Swan Swiping letter was published in the Patriot on Jan. 14, I have had 62 phone calls; I, my family and my friends have been bombarded with questions and last night I received a call from my sister in La Madellena, Italy (she receives her copy of the Patriot a week later). She was not too interested in the saga of the swan as much as she was concerned as to whether my brain cells may be depleting themselves quicker than normal. What's normal? Comments from readers were varied from: "Ma, I don't believe you did that!", to "hysterical," "foolish," "hilarious" and "how terrible." So I decided to clarify some of the questions that have been raised.

Was a swan actually taken and how expensive was it? Yes, Swannee was abducted, and the astronomical cost was \$3.98.

Did you really receive that ransom note? Yes, and it was printed verbatim in the Patriot. One person said he thought I had written both versions, while another person said he thought the "ransom rhyming" was better than the "response rhyming" — to each his own!

Do I know who did this? No, maybe. Off the top of my head I could think of 24 people who would be capable of this act. Someone suggested that maybe one of my "heavy weight" friends fell out my front door, landed on Swannee and this was an attempt at a "cover up." Hmmm. Once I received the ransom note and saw their wording of "Listen clearly . . ." it showed me that "they" know me well. I have eliminated many of my initial suspects, as I know only eight people (my and my daughters' friends) who possess what I would call "creative dementia" . . . also, with their words "We see the heat . . ." I can conclude that this is not someone from my generation who would use the word "fuzz" rather than "heat." Their terminology shows it is someone 30ish or under. So I have dwindled the suspect list down to three.

Why did I put it in the "Patriot?" Well, the news locally, around the country and the world has been anything but good, the weather has been cold and bleak and some of us suffer from "after the holidays B's and DT's (blahs and debt tremors) . . . I saw this as an opportunity to toss some "fluff" into the atmosphere and never imagined the thunderous "fall out" that would follow.

In particular, I want to address those people who couldn't see the humor in this at all. Their backs went up (a Townie trait) when they thought a fellow Townie was being wronged. Let me assure you that both the ransom note and my response were sent in jest . . . and . . . although I can't say too much (it's a secret), within the next 10 days the swan-nappers will start having these uncontrollable urges to honk no matter where they are, and we will soon know who these honkers are. A gala FLOCK party will be held when Swannee is returned, and I'll keep you posted!

Orson We . . . Claire Lynch

Alumni Reunion a huge success.

There is little doubt that the pictures and articles you ran for us in the early January issues of **The Charlestown Patriot** sparked a great deal of interest in the annual affair. It is certain that many of the "first timers" were made aware of the reunion and attended because of your efforts on our behalf.

We think that it is important that the people of this community understand that this is not the first time you have reached out to the club with an eager and helpful hand.

Whether it be your husband Jim or you at the reins of the Patriot, our debt of gratitude spans some 30 years now. That is a long time, and if friendships can be measured in time, ours is truly one of the most valued.

The Charlestown Boys Club Alumni Committee
Denny Borden, Paul Collins, Dennis Collins,
Jimmy Connors, Danny McGoff, Charlie McGonagle,
Kevin O'Halloran and Pat Sweeney

Many Thanks To LFC

Dear Gloria,

Mere words cannot describe the elation I felt at being recognized as Life Focus Center's "Man of the Year." For the past 15 years, this outstanding organization has provided crucial services to the physically and mentally challenged of our community and beyond. I am proud to have been associated with yet another Charlestown organization whose mission is to help others.

When I describe Charlestown to my colleagues in the House of Representatives, I don't discuss the historic Monument or the **USS Constitution**. After all, most people already know about these wonderful landmarks. What I tell them is that the real backbone of the community is the people. I really believe it's the selfless concern of neighbors and strangers alike that makes Charlestown so special.

I want to extend my congratulations to the dedicated Board of Directors and committed staff at LFC. Your work is invaluable. Finally, let me say the real stars are the men and women who I have witnessed make great strides at LFC. Truly you deserve the accolades for all that you have accomplished.

Thank you for this wonderful honor.

Sincerely,
Richard A. Voke
State Representative

There's A Lot Of Love

On Jan. 23 my family and I were guests at a Fire Fund Dance given on our behalf.

I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity and concern by the people who attended. As I had the opportunity to say that night, even though we had a small tragedy on Dec. 22, since that night an awful lot of right things have occurred. I was born and married into the right families, I married the right woman, there is every indication that, with God's help, we have raised our children in the right way, we definitely have the right friends and co-workers and, last but not least, we live in the right town.

Probably the most poignant statement made that night was made by my daughter Alison while we were dancing. She said, "Dad, there is a lot of love in this room."

I think that about sums up the feeling that night. In closing, the words "thank you" seem small in comparison to the generosity and compassion shown to us.

A Grateful Townie,
Tom Cunha

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Needed: Health Care For All

To the Editor,

I attended Gov. William Weld's press conference on Jan. 25 when he put forth his proposal to help seniors with medigap health insurance. Does he think seniors cannot crunch numbers just as well as his staff?

We were certainly not fooled by his \$500 income tax deduction. There are too many of us living just at or slightly above the poverty level for that to help!

Twenty million dollars in subsidies for low income seniors offers little relief when Blue Cross Medex costs us \$118 a month now. With the 28 percent increase the non-profit insurance giant is asking for, we will be paying \$152 a month — an increase of over \$400 a year. The \$25 to \$30 a year per person you are offering just doesn't cut it, governor. You are just pouring it into Blue Cross — which is why they spoke so highly of your proposal at the press conference!

What we need is health care for all. Cradle to grave. Cost containment. Root out the fraud, help doctors with their malpractice insurance and let us seniors live the last years of our lives in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with food on our tables and clothes on our backs!

I do want to thank the governor for finally moving out of the cave he's been in and admitting that seniors have a problem paying for health care. But his proposal is like one snowflake in a blizzard — it is lost in the storm of rising costs that force low-income seniors to live the barest existence.

Rep. Ed Lambert (D-Fall River) has proposed a bill that I hope and pray all seniors, regardless of income, will get behind — for the good of all. We need a freeze on health care costs.

Sincerely,

John Early, co-chair,
Boston Chapter Mass. Senior Action Council
Charlestown resident

To the Editor,

It was with great interest that I read the notice that was printed in last week's **Patriot** concerning the selection of the principal for the Charlestown Catholic Elementary School. It is ironic that this event comes as the Catholic church celebrates Catholic School Week. From the information that is well known in the town, the conflicts, lies, distortions and hidden agendas that have been a part of this

Our Thanks

To Dear Charlestown and The Marsdens;

We would like to thank Charlestown for its very warm welcome and great time you gave us. Christmas and New Year celebrations were the best time ever!

Our special thanks goes to Peachie, Melanie, Billy and Michael Marsden and their family and friends who showed us the finest example of hospitality and warmth. This is a family true in loving spirit and dedication to caring, sharing and giving to others as well as within their family unit.

We've never experienced the true spirit of a close community where people knew each other and cared for each other so much. The greetings in the street and the kind thoughts and words that met us were overwhelming. In other words, "we wished truly to stay."

The wonderful time we had in the USA throughout our six-week trip was so memorable that we will definitely be back again.

Thank you Charlestown and all who made our USA trip the best holiday ever.

Your town has something to be very proud of: its people, its warmth and its hospitality which is second to none. Keep your arms open wide, hugs last forever!

Our very best wishes to Charlestown and its "family", may it be forever blessed with good luck, good cheer and continued prosperity.

Our love to you all and hugs and welcome to Australia is always there.

John, Johanna, Kerrie and Sallianne Rosee

Must Do What Is Best For Children

merger are a disgrace to the Catholic church community in Charlestown.

The general feeling of those who have experienced any of this school merger "process" is that it has been dysfunctional and that the church leadership has willingly participated in the dysfunction.

Last year, the school community at St. Catherine's School was rocked by the removal of Sister Catherine Loughran as principal with no valid reasons ever given. She had devoted 17 years of her life to the parish and the children of that school. This year we are told by those who have been involved in the "process" that Father John Stagnaro, who has been a wonderful principal at St. Francis de Sales School, is being treated in the same manner by those in control. This happens after he has given five years of faithful care and concern to the students and parents of St. Francis de Sales School.

As we lose our schools, our identity and our principals, we parents are only told that everything has been done in the course of a fair "process." If the church is to be credible, a concern for good individuals should be more important than a so-called "process."

Since the Principal's Selection Committee announced its results, much information has come forward about how biased the committee seemed to be and how people's names were signed to letters and statements who had actually walked off the committee. But all of this, I'm sure, is just part of the "process." When a school site was selected, the issues of location, safety and financial viability were found to be less important than other considerations we were told by those who were involved in the "process."

As a Catholic who has lived in Charlestown for many years, I have observed this "process" cause parishes and schools, priests and people to deal with each other in ways which should be a disgrace to the church.

As a parent who will soon have to make a decision about the future Catholic education of my child, I must now begin to engage in my own "process." Simply being given a form and told to sign on the dotted line and to send the check (non-refundable) will no longer be enough for me. The priority of my "process" will be what is best for my child, as I choose a school. It would seem to me, that the Catholic church in this town is going to be dealing with too many of its own internal problems, which have been self-inflicted as a result of the "process," to be dealing with Catholic education in the years ahead. There is an old saying — Physician Heal Thyself! These words are also applicable to an institution such as the church.

As parents, we must do what is best for our children, not the "process." There is another apt saying for this situation — Let the Buyer Beware.

Sincerely,
Robert Sullivan

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around the town

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★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .

Billboard Committee Meeting

Chairman Ken Stone announces that the Billboard Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8 at The Music Complex, 50 Brighton St. to discuss the plan by Rite Media Inc. to install a billboard on top of the 50 Brighton St. building. Representatives of Rite Media are expected to attend.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

The Public Safety/Police Community Relations Committee will meet with the Community Relations Officer of Area A of the Boston Police Department on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Housing & Development Committee

Chairman Tom Cunha announced that a meeting of the Housing & Development Committee would be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Boston Redevelopment Authority offices, Building 33 in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Plans will be outlined for the development of Building 75 in the Charlestown Navy Yard for occupancy by BioTransplant Inc. Jim English will speak on behalf of the developers.

By-Laws Committee Meeting

Chairman Jim Conway has called a meeting of the By-Laws Committee for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

The committee will discuss a proposed amendment to the by-laws to provide for the establishment of a Charlestown Emergency Fund as a cooperative effort of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and the Charlestown community.

Rezoning Charlestown

The Planning & Zoning Committee will meet on Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave. in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

According to Chairman Tom Cunha, this meeting will focus on the use and zoning of Parcels 4 and 6 in the City Square area that will become available upon the completion of the Central Artery/North Area (CANA) roadway reconstruction project. Representatives from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the Mass. Highway Department and the Division of Capital Planning and Operations will be present.

All residents, especially abutters to the City Square area, are encouraged to attend.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

The council meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

★ **Union Street . . .** The plans for the reconstruction of Union Street, the third street in the Three Streets Design Contract, will be presented at a community meeting at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. All are welcome.

★ **Affordable Mortgage Fair . . .** The Boston Urban Bankers Forum, in partnership with the Mass. Community & Banking Council, are sponsored a state-wide Affordable Mortgage Fair at the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, 900 Boylston St., Boston, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Satur-

day, Feb. 6.

The event, free to the public, will allow consumers to review and compare mortgage packages under one roof. There will be mortgage/credit counselors available.

★ **Boston Conservation Commission Hearing . . .** In accordance with the Mass. Wetlands Protection Act, the Boston Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in Room 801 of Boston City Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

At 7 p.m., the commission will hear the Notice of Intent submitted by the Mass. Highway Department for the Temporary Central Artery/North Area (CANA) Loop Connector to the I-93/Route 1 Charles River Bridge. The proposed construction work is in the area of the Miller's River and Charles River in Charlestown.

Immediately following the last hearing, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., the commission will hold a public meeting.

For further information, call 635-3850.

★ **Public Hearing . . .** The Mass. Highway Department Outdoor Advertising Division will hold a hearing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 in Room 7241 at 10 Park Plaza in Boston.

The applicant, Rite Media Inc., is requesting permission to erect a 14 by 48 foot billboard on top of 50 Brighton St. in Charlestown. The total height from the ground to the top of the billboard would be 68 feet.

★ **City Square Park . . .** The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and the park designer, The Halvorson Company, have begun the conceptual design phase for the City Square Park.

A community meeting on the park has been set for Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. At this working meeting, DEM and The Halvorson Company will be working with members of the Charlestown community to develop concept sketches for the design of City Square Park.

All are welcome.

★ **Street Reconstruction Update . . .** The gas light heads continue to be installed by Susi as they arrive from the manufacturer and as weather permits. Last week, Susi completed all of Chestnut Street and all the lights were able to be lit. Another shipment of new light heads is due this week, and the last roof connections will be made operational at that time.

The Middlesex Corporation has not been at the Mead Street Stairs (40 Flights) this last week, but it is expecting its subcontractor to install the rest of the street lights and finish the wiring in the next week or so. They also informed us that the fabrication of the new railings for the stairs will be completed shortly and it is hope installation can start around the end of the month.

Questions, concerns and complaints are being handled by Community Liaison Peter Looney at 722-4300 ext. 5674.

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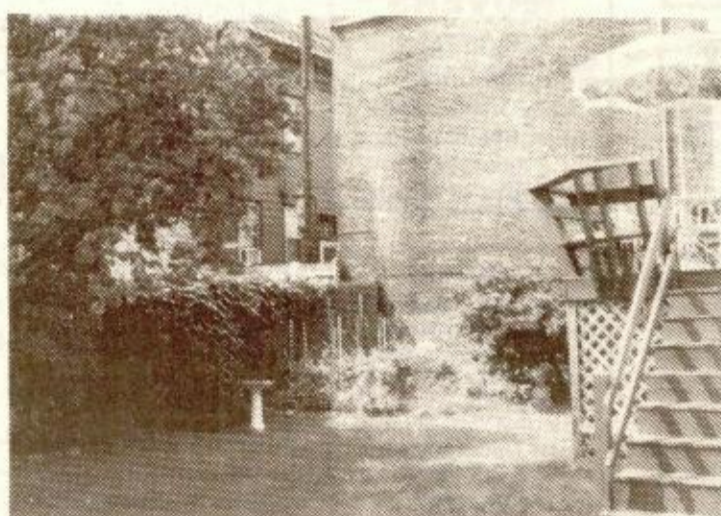
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