



# NSBPOA News

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August 2013

## General Meetings

### Clubhouse 10:30 AM

August 25, 2013 (Annual)  
October 20, 2013

### Officers

President: Des Butler  
VP: Michael Armando  
Secretary: Gina Stacknick  
Treasurer: Corin Michaud

### Directors

Bob Conroy  
Keith Martone  
Craig Larsen  
Bob Leonard  
Anita LoPiccolo  
James Metzack  
Brian Shuker

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been my pleasure to serve the members of NSBPOA as President since February. It was my stated intention to serve as an interim officer to contribute to the restoration of a more civil, cooperative community. It has been my pleasure to serve with a Board of dedicated men and women who have put the common good at the top of their agenda.

I have been impressed by the many members, some new this year, who have come forward to volunteer their many talents to make our beach community a more enjoyable experience for all. The generosity of so many who contributed time and their funds to rebuild our staircases serves us all as an inspiration. Together we have taken a major step to preserving the beach experience that many of us recall from earlier times. I thank you all and encourage you to share with your neighbors and friends an invitation to "JOIN THE FUN."

*Des Butler, NSBPOA President*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We'd like to take this opportunity to reach out to the entire membership. A lot of us know each other for many years, some of us from just in passing, and others just by name from emailing back and forth. Whether we are longtime friends, or simple acquaintances, EVERYONE is important and vital to keeping this association united and successful! Yes, the Board takes the lead on this, however, you, personally, help contribute to the progress and achievements of the NSBPOA!

With this in mind, we'd like to thank everyone for helping us to officially open this summer season. We've had numerous obstacles, road blocks, set backs, storms, etc. You name it, we had it! There was a lot to deal with and take care of before we could even fathom opening for the summer season. Somehow, we came together, and were able to do it! Again, we thank you for your patience as we had to entertain many issues these past few months. This has been nothing short of an adjustment period for all of us!

We'd also like you to be aware that we have addressed many concerns that have been brought to our attention regarding security, lifeguards, and beach clean-up to name a few. There are members that have other concerns that we are only made aware of "through the grapevine". We'd really love the opportunity for you to share them with us personally, as well as, have a chance for you to hear what we are currently working on. It's important for every member to "stay in the loop" so we that we are all on the same page. A perfect way to do this is to attend our General Meetings. These meetings are your voice! The purpose of these General Meetings is to discuss things together, as an association. Again, this is vital to our success and progression. We hope that everyone will attend our next General Meeting on Sunday, August 25th at 10:30 AM at the Clubhouse. If you are unable to attend our General Meetings, please visit [www.northshorebeach.com](http://www.northshorebeach.com) to stay up to date with what's going on in the NSBPOA. Also, feel free to email us with any concerns or ideas at [northshorebeachinfo@gmail.com](mailto:northshorebeachinfo@gmail.com). In the meantime, let's keep the spirit of the NSBPOA strong and moving forward! Enjoy the rest of the summer!

# **ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES—OFFICERS**

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## **MICHAEL ARMANDO – PRESIDENT**

I, Michael Armando, Vice President of NSBPOA have been a member of NSBPOA for the past 25 years. My wife Carol and I purchased our home in Rocky Point after moving here from Queens in 1988. I have held various positions on the board over the years. I have worked hard for this organization on many fronts. I believe that an organization should have transparency and that members should know how their membership funds are being spent at all times. One of my most gratifying accomplishments was researching, designing and building (with other members), the "rain garden" on a stretch of NSBPOA property near Hallock Landing. The result of this project has been to stop storm water runoff from entering the Long Island Sound. I was honored with a Certificate of Notable Recognition from Legislator Sarah S. Anker for this sustainable "rain garden" at a recent meeting of the Civic Association.

Over the years I have been involved with nighttime security to help keep our beach safe and private, which is an ongoing problem. I am a Vietnam-era U.S. Navy veteran. I worked for the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SACLANT) in Naval Intelligence and NATO during my four years of active duty and two years of reserve duty. I held a Cosmic Top Secret Atomic Clearance. I am a retired owner of a printing and graphics arts business that I owned for more than 34 years. If I am elected President, I will continue to work hard to improve our beach and to make the NSBPOA a place that we can be proud of. There are many improvements that need to be done. The Beech Road stairs need to be rebuilt after I and other members spent a month constructing three quarters of the staircase previously destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. The completion of the stairs was stopped due to heavy rains which caused the bluff to fail.

We can, as an organization, build again and we will. We need to have more security in the off season. We need to increase membership. Many non-members enter and use our beach day and night without giving their financial support. I want to see our Association flourish. We are a beach family and must all work together to accomplish these and many other goals. Thank you.

## **ROBERT CONROY – VICE PRESIDENT**

Robert Conroy has lived in Rocky Point since 1965. His family rented in Rocky Point since 1940 when they were summer residents in North Shore Beach. Robert Conroy is a veteran of the US Army and served in Germany at a Nike Missile Battalion from 1963-1965. Robert retired from UPS after working there for 40 years. Robert is a life time member of the VFW, and a member of the Moose Lodge and Knights of Columbus. Robert Conroy was also a past board member. He has been instrumental in security for the beach and helped with maintaining the Beech Road parking lot. Also Robert put a lot of time and effort into helping with the rain garden on Soundview Drive.

Robert believes that no one is above the law and is also a watch dog for the membership when he sees wrongdoing. He states, "This is why I became a board member, to protect this association from corruption". The membership needs to know what is going on with its funds and assets at all times. It is not just about the beach like some board members would like you to believe. If our funds and assets are not protected at all times there will be no beach. If the board members do not do this, who will?

## **SEAN SALAZAR – TREASURER**

Sean and his Wife Marla reside in Tuckahoe, NY in Westchester County. They have been three season weekend residents and members of the N.S.B.P.O.A. for over six years. Marla is a Vice President of Creative Services for a wholesale home décor and giftware company. Sean has been an Owner/Operator in the Foodservice industry for over 8 years. In 2005 he decided to follow his lifelong passion of culinary arts and he has since successfully founded and launched three full scale operations, two most recently in 2009 and 2010 in Westchester County. Besides cooking, Sean specializes in negotiations, organizational building, financial modeling, risk management and fiscal policy. Previously Sean was an Institutional Trader at Dreyfus Mutual Funds and served as Vice President of Private Client Banking at Gaines Berland and saw through a public offering and merger with the prestigious Private Client Bank Ladenburg Thalmann. Sean enjoys spending his spare time on Broadway and Friendship Beaches, Four Wheeling his Jeep on Fire Island Outer Beaches, learning guitar, reading financial trade journals, watching documentaries and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Westchester and the NSBPOA.

If elected as Treasurer, Sean promises to uphold the highest level of transparency of all funds and assets of the corporation. He also promises to advise the Board to make sound financial decisions that make good business sense by limiting waste, optimizing operational budgets and striving to get the MOST out of the least. He seeks to improve the financial health of the association by working closely with the Clubhouse Director and the Membership Director to maximize and grow our two most important sources of revenue.

## **GINA STACKNICK – SECRETARY**

Gina moved to Rocky Point almost six years ago with William Carpenter. The deciding factor to purchase a home in Rocky Point was the beach community. They both have a love for the beach and utilize it all year long. In his spare time, William creates beach glass jewelry that he finds up and down the North Shore, as well as other nautical sculptures. He also loves to surf cast from the shoreline.

Gina loves spending time at the beach during the summer. She enjoys going for runs on the beach and paddle boarding, to help train for races in which she participates. She has been a Health and Physical Education Junior High School teacher for the past twelve years. She also serves as the Department Chairperson for her departments. In both her teaching and administrative roles, Gina has had to prepare and deliver numerous presentations to the Board of Education, Parent Teacher Associations, faculty members, and other school administrators. In addition, Gina is responsible for preparing budgets, inventories, and evaluations for other staff members. The responsibilities entrusted to her require the utmost in organization and carefully directed leadership. During her service as interim NSBPOA secretary, Gina has created a new email system, Facebook page, and helped to open the line of communication between the Board and membership. She feels so happy and honored to have met new members of our community and to have been a part of our rebuild. Gina is interested in continuing to serve as Secretary of the NSBPOA. Between her work related experiences, her service as Secretary for the past four months, and her love and respect for the beach community, the NSBPOA Secretary's role is a perfect fit! Gina would like the NSBPOA community to be kept alive and continue to thrive in membership and spirit.

## **ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES—BOARD MEMBERS**

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### **DES BUTLER – BOARD MEMBER**

I have been enjoying the beaches of Rocky Point since 1985. My wife Valerie and I retired to North Shore Beach in 2005. Our extended family has roots in this community from the 1930's and wish to preserve NSBPOA as caretaker of our beaches so the growing number of family youngsters can enjoy what we so treasure. Born in Philadelphia, I hold degrees from LaSalle (BA Education 1962) and Temple ( MA American History 1971). I had the good fortune to have attended numerous Universities throughout the US often on NDEA grants. I have taught in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey for over 38 years and been active in local community affairs throughout my life.

Since living full time in Rocky Point I have been active in the affairs of NSBPOA demonstrated by serving two years as VP with much of that time having the responsibility for our Clubhouse, regular attendance at General Meetings and at many social events at the clubhouse, some of which I assisted in organizing . Many know me from hawking "clambake" or "comedy night" tickets on the beach or as one of the reasons we changed the name 'LADIES Auxiliary' to " NSBPOA AUXILIARY." I am finishing up my term as interim President of NSBPOA.

### **CRAIG LARSEN – BOARD MEMBER**

Craig Larsen is the owner and President of Larsen Excavating and Bulkheading, a family business based in Wading River. As a marine construction contractor, Craig has years of experience in tackling beach erosion problems. Craig has a broad knowledge of the beaches and their ever changing topography and he is familiar with the rules and regulations regarding our shorefront. He was raised in Wading River, lives in Rocky Point with his wife, Jennifer, and their three young daughters, and has been a member of the NSBPOA since 2009. As a lifetime North Shore resident, Craig strongly believes that preserving our quality of life for our children and future generations is our foremost responsibility. Craig has been a member of the Board for the last two years.

### **ROBERT LEONARD – BOARD MEMBER**

My wife, Paulette and I have been members of the NSBPOA since 2001. I have donated my time and resources to the Association. Maureen O'Keefe, Mike Jarski, and I have worked together to maintain and repair the men's bathroom plumbing and the Friendship Beach shower. I graded the parking lot, helped to repair the clubhouse roof, removed debris from the Friendship Beach parking lot and many others projects. When called upon, I always tried to help. I am a General Contractor and have been in business for the past 40 years for residential and commercial construction. I have hired union and non-union employees. I offer 40 years of business experience working with home owners and corporations. I love boating around Long Island's North and South Shores and all outdoor sports. My wife and I purchased a small cottage that I renovated into the home we live in today. We are year round residents of Rocky Point and love the community and we will fight for the survival of the NSBPOA. For the past 6 months I have been the chair of the Clubhouse. I initiated the "Adopt-a-Step" which has raised \$11,700 to date.

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## **ANITA LoPICCOLO – BOARD MEMBER**

My history as part of the Rocky Point community began in 1982 as a newly married woman looking for the “perfect” place to settle down and start a family. My husband, Albert Hanson and I felt the immediate attraction of the beautiful beaches and “small town” living while at the same time, having close proximity to Brookhaven National Lab where Albert had just completed his post doctorate as a nuclear scientist. I have had the great fortune to be able to raise our two children, now grown and pursuing their dreams as artists, in our neighborhood.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Nassau County as the oldest of six, I graduated from the State University at New Paltz ('69) with a BA in Behavioral Science and received an MA from Adelphi University in Special Education ('74) while working for the Brentwood Public Schools from 1969 until my retirement in 2003. I held many positions, working as a regular educator in first and second grades, as an Early Intervention educator (3 and 4 year-olds), as a special educator of emotionally handicapped youngsters and finally as a Resource room educator for the majority of my career. Each day with my students was both a challenge and a joy and I cherish my many years there.

I have many avocations including reading, finance, bridge, travel and gardening. I have been a member of North Shore Beach since 1982. I joined the board in 2011 and became membership chair whose job I took very seriously as I do all my commitments. I have helped to support my fellow board members in every way I can. I hope that I can continue to do good work for the Association. I'm very encouraged by the changes in our rebuilding process and look forward to working with more members who with their talents and energy can help bring us to greater financial and community health. Ideas and programs centered around preserving and enjoying our beloved beach are the keys to success hopefully to the satisfaction of all.

## **KEITH MARTONE – BOARD MEMBER**

Keith Martone has been a member of the North Shore Beach his entire life. As a summer resident he loved our beach and made lasting friends. In 1994, he moved to Colorado because there was no work in the construction trade for a young man. Keith returned to New York one week before 9/11 and moved permanently to Rocky Point in 2004.

Since returning to the North Shore Beach, he has been very active in Beach Operations. Keith worked on the Beach Committee from 2004 to 2007 helping to organize the annual beach transition by ensuring vehicles were operating and the Beach equipment was functioning properly. In 2007, he became a board member and was in charge of coordination between the board and the beach manager. Keith continued to ensure the beach vehicles were functioning and ran an event to pay for a much needed new “quad”.

Keith left the board in 2010 to concentrate on his business, Shore Line Design. Keith would like to continue his work to help restore our beach and help the North Shore Beach P.O.A. build positive relationships with its members, the surrounding business community and the Town of Brookhaven. Keith has the positive attitude that is so necessary to rebuild our organization. His work ethic and likeable personality will help him succeed in this endeavor.

## **JAMES METZAK - BOARD MEMBER**

James Metzак has been a member of the NSBPOA since 2007. He is married to Maryanne and is a Special Education teacher in the South Huntington School District. His efforts to bring parents and teachers together in a working relationship were recognized with a PTA Advocacy Award. As a NSBPOA Board member James wants to promote community awareness and to activate the North Shore community to become more involved in their own backyards.

James is a graduate of SUNY Oneonta and Dowling College and along with his educational career he has managed several small businesses. James is committed to making our membership grow, preserving our beaches and L. I. Sound for future generations and increasing community involvement in issues that affect NSBPOA. James is quick to volunteer, enthusiastic and his extensive computer knowledge will be an additional asset to NSBPOA.

## BRIAN SHUKER – BOARD MEMBER

My grandparents came to Rocky Point in 1928. My parents settled permanently in here in 1958. I was born and raised here so I have much knowledge and history of my community. I have been married to my wife, Marianne, for 26 years and we raised our family first on Begonia Rd. and more recently moved to my parent's house on Nautilus Drive.

I have been an employee of the US Postal Service for the past 26 years. I spend a great deal of my time relaxing at Friendship Beach, fishing or boating. I also enjoy stock car racing. Our beach is one of Rocky Point's best assets and with all that has happened to the beach these past few years; I feel it is important to bring it back to its full potential.

My wife and I have been attending NSB meetings regularly while also active members of the Rocky Point Civic Association. I firmly believe that honesty and openness are the most important values for anyone interested in participating on a board and believe that it's not about popularity but hard work and responsibility. I feel that if elected, I will be able to ask the difficult questions if/ when they arise and be an effective watchdog for the Association.

## AUXILIARY REPORT

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We have had two very successful fundraisers recently!

**Dolly and Me Tea** was, once again, a big success!  
(Photo right)

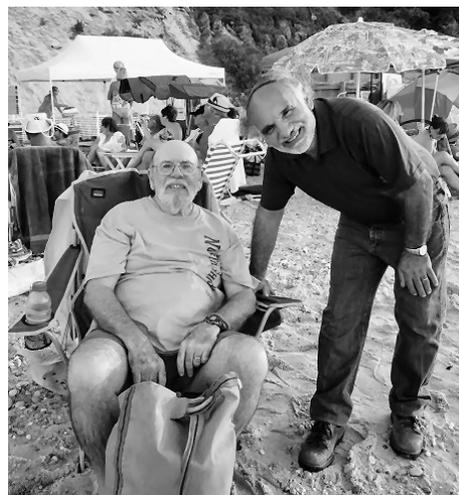
**Chinese Auction/Game Night**  
(Chair people: Gaynor O'Brien and Rory Rubino)

It was a huge success! We gained a net profit of \$1,275.00. The most popular items among the donated gifts were the gift baskets created by members Louise Lomangino, Carol Armando, Rory Rubino, just to name a few. Special thanks to Joseph Kessel, Michael Armando, Reality Carpet, Johansson and Johansson Attorneys, Cow Palace, Naturally Grass Feed Beef, and Michelle Sullivan, who were among the many to contribute prizes.

Also, special thanks to our hard working crew... Joanne Kedrovic, Lidiette Meilak, Jose Baiker, Maureen O'Keefe, Kathy Neubauer, Valerie Butler, and Joanne Olenyik.



NSBPOA Rain Garden



Lobster Fest

## **Proposed Amendments and Recommendations**

*Proposed Changes to the NSBPOA Constitution submitted July 21, 2013.*

### **Amendment #1:**

#### **Article III Membership**

Add:

Section 5 Fiscal Year – The fiscal year for the NSBPOA will run concurrent with the calendar year.

**Board Recommendation for Amendment #1:** *The Board recommends amendment #1 unanimously. This amendment supports implementing into the constitution the reality of our operation.*

### **Amendment #2:**

#### **Article V Officers and Board of Directors**

Change from:

Section 1 Officers – The officers of this Corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected for a two (2) year term.

To:

Section 1 Officers - The officers of this Corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected for a two (2) year term. No person shall hold an elected office for more than four consecutive years. However such person shall be eligible for election to an office they have previously held after a waiting period of six (6) years. No two officers, elected or acting, shall be related by marriage, co-habitation, consanguinity, affinity or any other such family arrangement within the third degree.

**Board Recommendation for Amendment #2:** *The Board voted yes to Amendment #2. Although the vote was not unanimous, it did receive a significant majority of support. The support for this amendment is that it encourages rotation in office. The opposition for this amendment is that it can limit our pool of talent.*

### **Amendment #3:**

#### **Article VIII Meetings**

Change from:

Section 5 Quorum – Twenty-five (25) members of the Corporation in good standing, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Corporation except as specified in By-Laws, Article V, Section 4.

To:

Section 5 Quorum – Twenty-five (25) proprietary memberships including at least seven (7) board members of the Corporation in good standing, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Corporation except as specified in By-Laws, Article V, Section 4.

**Board Recommendation for Amendment #3:** *The Board voted yes to Amendment #3. Although the vote was not unanimous, it did receive a significant majority of support. The support for this amendment is that if only proprietary members can vote, then a quorum should also be made up of only proprietary members. The opposition for this amendment is that if non-proprietary members have input on votes, they should be able to make up a quorum.*

### **Amendment #4:**

#### **Article X Ancillary Organizations**

Change “Ladies Auxiliary” to “Auxiliary”

**Board Recommendation for Amendment #4:** *The Board unanimously recommends amendment #4. The support for this amendment is that changing the name recognizes the progression that has been made in this organization.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS ...

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### Annual Summer Blast Dance

*August 24<sup>th</sup>*

The showstopper of the season will be held on, Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse, where you can enjoy a five course dinner! Tickets purchased prior to August 20<sup>th</sup> will be \$40. Tickets purchased after this date will be \$45.

Music will be provided by Jerome "City" Smith. His band, The Motown Review, played last year at the Brookhaven Summer Concert Series in Rocky Point. He plays a variety of music, sings, and entertains on percussion. A truly entertaining experience! You may purchase tickets from Rory Rubino or Charlie & Sue Bevington.

Rory Rubino: (631) 744-3695 or roryrubino@optonline.net

Charlie & Sue Bevington: cbevingt@optonline.net

### Golf Outing & Awards Dinner

*September 21st*

This will be held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Great Rock Golf Club. Lunch and dinner are included. Please call Keith Martone at (631) 512-6567, or Michelle Sullivan at (631) 849-2073, if you would like to purchase tickets.

### Comedy Night

This event is planned for some time in September, date to be announced. Stay tuned!

Any questions, please call Rory Rubino at (631) 744-3695 or roryrubino@optonline.net

## FIELD DAY 2013

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