



The Coordinating Committee would like to congratulate the following winners who registered by the March 10th deadline for the incentives awarded for LOAS I: \$500 - Bob Sprafkin, \$250 - Miles Khavari, and \$250 - Maddie Emers. The following winners registered by the March 10th deadline for the incentives awarded for LOAS II: \$500 - Paul Lietar, \$250 - Ryan Novosielski and \$250 - Ken Schoman. There were two additional incentives awarded (one for each conference) to conferees who registered before April 30th. Claudia Schartman-Runk received \$250 from LOAS 1 and Tom Blum received \$250 from LOAS 2.



I want to thank you all for making my job as Annual Fund coordinator for LOAS 1 easy and enjoyable. The funds we raised will help care for Star -- I like to think of it as ensuring that she is, despite her age, still in her youth as an oasis on the sea.

The winners of the Jon Stewart tickets, Gary and Michele Kunz, respectfully declined them, and a new winner was needed. The raffle ticket bucket was reconstructed and a new name was drawn. Please join me in congratulating the lucky winners: Scott Jones and Susan Marsh. I don't know about you, but I will be there with them in spirit!

Rebecca Armstrong

At the conferences this past summer, LOAS 1 raised \$34,845 and LOAS 2 raised \$50,717 for a grand total of \$85,562 for the SIC Annual Fund – what a fantastic amount that is. It just goes to show how generous LOAS conferees are and how much Star Island means to all of us!!!



Recap of Life On A Star II, 2011

Thanks for a Great Conference! John and Diane Shriver send much gratitude to everyone who stepped up to help out at this year's LOAS II conference. We take full credit for the beautiful weather (except for that one drizzly day, which was entirely Mother Nature's fault!), and we were so pleased to see people enjoying the island and each other.

Our theme speaker, workshop leaders, youth leaders, and minister set a great tone for the week, and dozens of volunteers handled the many tasks that make the conference so much fun. There are, of course, too many people involved to thank everyone, but we'd especially like to honor:

- Sam Francis, who stepped up at the last minute to be our "virtual Mary Heafy" and wrangle our energetic youth. You're the best, Sam!
- Our banquet-table decorators, Elizabeth

Hutchinson and Janice Keuhnlian, who created lovely paper pockets of poems that echoed our theme so beautifully.

- Susan Smith for leading our morning wake-up singers, greeting each new day like a flock of happy birds!
- Peter Strahlendorf for accepting The Job Nobody Wants and leading us to raise \$50,717 for this year's Annual Fund.
- Beth Copithorne for making it to Star despite a foot injury, then filling the island with happy felt-abusers who created such cool garments and jewelry.
- Al Chu for leading Tai Chi Light each morning.
- Nora Schmidt for organizing two great service projects.
- Gifford King and Gary Kunz for stepping in at the last minute to pull together the adult's final party.
- Our victorious Softball Team, whose youth and exuberance were inspiring!



We'd love to go on and on and list everyone, but you know who you are -- the wonderful folks who made it all happen. John and I were just the pinball levers, directing your energy as it zinged about our amazing island. We're not yet sure of our schedule next year, as we will be entering that "bringing child to college"

zone that may conflict with LOAS II. But we hope to enjoy many more years watching the swallows swoop as we rock on the porch and chat with our dear friends at Star. ~ Diane and John Shriver, co-chairs, LOAS II 2011.



LOAS for 2012 & 2013

LOAS I, 2012 – Chairs, Marion Halberg and Michael Hardiman, have been working on putting together a wonderful week for LOAS I, 2012. They have lined up a terrific theme speaker and minister of the week in addition to a variety of workshops. More information about all of these will be forthcoming in the near future!

LOAS II, 2012 – The chairs, Tanya Van Order and Beat Barblan, are putting the final touches on what will be an enjoyable and fun filled week. Look for more information from them in the next newsletter.

LOAS I, 2013 – The chairs, Scott Anderson and Jeila Gueramian, are honored to have been chosen and they look forward to serving the community in 2013. Scott and Jeila had great role models in Tom Kane, Karen Gray and Julie Mabey this past summer, and they look forward to supporting Marion and Michael in 2012. You can e-mail them your ideas and suggestions at loas12013@gmail.com.

LOAS II, 2013 – Cindy and Mark Wollman are the chairs for 2013.



Star Island Videos

Three short videos were released this past spring by the Star Island Corporation. The videos, each with a distinct theme, portray Star Island through lively interviews and stunning photographs. The first video – “A Magical Place” – can be seen on the home page of the Star Island website. The videos were produced and edited by longtime Shoaler and videographer, Sara Frost Schoman.

These videos describe the Island and conference experience in a way that is more engaging than printed materials. The videos – now on the Web (vimeo and YouTube) – are also available from the Corporation on DVD. They vary in length from three to five minutes.

About the videos, Sara says, “I loved doing this project! It was an honor for me to be involved with several groups. First, thanks to the Shoalers who agreed to be interviewed. As they talked about why they love the Island, it was fascinating to hear how the ‘magic,’ the natural setting, and the community had influenced them. Next, having photographs in hand made it possible to portray the Island during the off-season. Many images were donated by professional and lay photographers for use by the Corporation. Those folks are all credited on the videos. Thank you so much for your generosity!”

For more information, visit www.starisland.org or contact Sara at www.videotapestry.com.



A portion of each newsletter will be reserved for occasions or milestones within our LOAS community. Send an e-mail to our editor if your family has a birth, graduation from high school or college, engagement, marriage, death or other important event. If you know of anyone who would like to receive *Life Off A Star* newsletters or if you do not want to receive any further newsletters, send your request to our editor.

LOAS Family News

Upcoming Arrival:

Julia Kennedy and her husband, **Karl Adam**, are expecting next March. The proud grandparents-to-be, **Sharon & Tom Kennedy** have already started their search for the perfect baby toys.

Change of Address:

Please note that Edith Kates has a new address: 321 N. Hyland Avenue, Apt 221, Ossining, NY 10510.

Other News:

Jill Brody and Herb Emers will be hosting a house concert on Sunday, October 16 at 6:00 at their home located at 43 East Orchard, Providence, RI. Music will be by Constellation, made up of guitar player/signer/songwriter Eric Thomas and his wife Helen Wolfson, who plays the hammer dulcimer. A potluck dinner begins at 6:00 pm with music to follow. Tickets are \$25 at the door. RSVP by October 13th to Jill at 401-421-2678. 50% of the proceeds will go to benefit the Star Island Arts Conference Scholarship Fund.

Aaron Hamburger Misses Lobster Night! As many of you know, I had to leave the Island on Tuesday, Aug. 16, as I developed an infection in my left lung. I had a dramatic trip back to Portsmouth via the Portsmouth Fire Department boat. I was rushed to Portsmouth Regional Hospital where I received wonderful care. I remained in the hospital for 2 1/2 weeks while they treated the infection and then operated to re-inflate my lung. I was released on Sept. 1 and returned to New York City. I am now back to normal and resuming all my New York City activities (which means making trouble everywhere). I regret is that I missed Lobster Night, which was the 30th Anniversary of the Lobster Body Cartel. --- Aaron Hamburger

On October 21, at 7:00 pm **Jill Brody** will have a private gallery showing titled "All of the Believers" featuring her photographs. You are invited to stop by: 10 West 15th Street (Penthouse H) in New York City.

LOAS Coordinating Committee: Irene Bush (Chair), David Whitford, Kay Snowden, Shelley Lauer-Bader (Registrar) and John Pustell (Treasurer).

Council of Conference Representatives: *LOAS I* – Becky Friedkin & Bill Licea-Kane with Marie Dupree as Alternate. *LOAS II* – Gary Kunz and Phil Sears with Darren Grebe as Alternate.

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