

# NEIGHBORHOOD FALMOUTH

## *Meeting Seniors' Needs*

Newsletter – November 2010

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### **Fall Membership Campaign**

Since our September 11 kick-off at St. Anthony's Church we've welcomed 9 new members, for a current total of 86 members in all. We are pleased with our progress and looking forward to welcoming several more before the end of the year. Our goal is to have 100 members by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Don't forget, if someone joins thanks to your invitation, you will get a \$200 deduction from your next year's dues. And, of course, the new member also saves if they join this year, with a \$200 first-year deduction for single membership, \$300 for double.

We hope you are enjoying the benefits of belonging to Neighborhood Falmouth: peace of mind and help when you need it. Tell your friends—they'll be glad you did.

### **Panis Celebration**

**Reminder:** The Panis Celebration will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at First Congregational Church this Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. It is a public celebration of Falmouth's own jewelers, with a speaker, displays, demos, handsome note cards for sale, and a raffle!

You can buy a chance to own an original piece made by the Panises, or one crafted by Mike O'Donnell, who creates work from original Panis designs. Winners do not need to be present at the drawing.

### **Second NF Lecture**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** – *Protecting Your Identity: Cautionary Tales* – 10 a.m. in Atria Wood-briar conference rooms. These events are open to the public. Reservations are requested to insure sufficient seating (call the NF office 508-564-7543), but last-minute attendees will be welcome.

### **NF Book Club**

Next meeting of the NF Book Club will be on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. in the home of Jessica Frosch, 56 McCallum Dr. We will be discussing "*The Book Thief*" by Markus Zusak. New members are welcome.

### **Meet for Coffee/Breakfast**

We hope to see you at the Falmouth Grille (previously Hearth and Kettle) at 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, for breakfast or a cup of coffee. It's a nice way to begin the week, so please come and join us.

### **Meet for Lunch**

We have reserved tables at the Cooname-sett Inn for 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office to reserve a seat or, if you find you can attend at the last minute, just come. We'll simply add another chair.

### **Refurbished NF Web Site**

Thanks to Board member Crissy Pingal and her husband, Dave, we have a new look. More pictures, more information—we want to make it easier for you to find out what's happening, and also for prospective members to get a sense of who we are.

If you have suggestions for more improvements, we'd like to know, just contact us as you normally do. When you're talking to your friends, be sure to suggest they look us up on the Web.

### **Couple of Tidbits - - -**

- **Please do your best** to give at least 72 hours of notice for any service request in order to allow the assisting volunteer to plan ahead. We will try to accommodate last-

minute requests but cannot promise that anyone will be available to help in these cases.

• Is there interest in having us organize **visits to Cape art venues**? Would you participate or be available to drive? Please let us hear your comments.



**Vicky Cullen, President  
Board of Directors**

By Mavise Crocker

The evolution of Neighborhood Falmouth has been the story of the right people with the right ideas and talents, arriving on the scene at the right time. It has been a slow process, but—as with an interesting jigsaw puzzle—as each piece falls into place, the picture becomes clearer.

Vicky Cullen is one of the “right” people who has helped Neighborhood Falmouth thrive and grow. Paul Smith, whose initial idea became the basis of NF, served as president in its early stages, but in the spring of 2008, Vicky became president, bringing with her the background and expertise needed to help make NF a viable organization.

For over thirty years, Vicky served WHOI in many different capacities, from editor of its newsletter and *Oceanus* magazine to Communications Director. She was also Director of WHOI’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Activities, celebrated in 2005.

Perhaps one of the projects that was the most fulfilling for Vicky was the time she spent in 2004-05 writing and compiling *Down to the Sea for Science*, a 184-page history of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. It was the first professional account of WHOI’s 75 years of ocean research and a major asset to its 75<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

In preparation for this extremely active, successful career, Vicky received her BA in political science and English from the University of Nebraska, and her MSJ in journalism from Northwestern University. A true daughter of the Midwest, she grew up in a Nebraska town about the size of Falmouth. She spent five years living in Europe with her first husband, Mel Briscoe, before they moved to Woods Hole. She later married John Waterbury, now WHOI Scientist Emeritus in microbiology. The two Waterbury sons, Andrew and Matthew, are both in graduate school.

After retiring from WHOI at the end of 2005, Vicky turned her energy to freelance writing and editing, the latter mostly for *Oceanography* magazine. She also has time now to indulge in non-business hobbies and to become involved community activities. In her own words, she says, “I serve on the board of the Woods Hole Public Library, grow a few dahlias, and love the fiber arts of all kinds, as well as making bead jewelry.” She authored a history of the Woods Hole Library published in 2008.

However, it is with the Neighborhood Falmouth organization that Vicky is now most deeply involved. Soon after her retirement from WHOI she attended her first NF meeting, realizing how important the organization could be to older citizens. She began by helping with administrative matters, including assisting Ed DeWitt as he finalized our non-profit application. We are fortunate to have Vicky serve now as our president—she certainly has been the right person with the right talents coming to NF at the right time!