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Important Information

Town of Frye Island

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Frye Island, ME 04071
Phone: 207-655-4551
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Email: office@fryeisland.com
Web site: www.fryeisland.com
Town Manager: Wayne Fournier

Office Hours

Tuesday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday & Monday: Closed

Code Enforcement Officer

John Thompson
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Fire, Medical, or Police Emergencies – Call 911

Non-emergencies

Frye Island Police: (207-893-2810)

Police Chief: Rod Beaulieu

Fire Department: (207-655-8618)

Fire Chief: Steve Persson

Municipal Officers

John Nun First Selectman
Mark Thomas Selectman
James Kuiken Selectman
Joseph Potts Treasurer

BIT Representatives:

Bruce Nisula Chair
Bob Miner
Joe Potts
David Bond

Public Works Department

Phone: 207-655-7493
Director: John Crosby

Transfer Station

High Season Operating Hours

Saturday: 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Sunday: 12 Noon – 5:00PM

Wednesday: 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Holiday weekends: Closed Sundays, open Mondays

During high season the Transfer Station can be open on closed days by appointment only, between 8am to 3pm.

To set up a Transfer Station opening **please call the Public Works Garage at 655-7493 (please try to call the day before)**

Thank you, Your Public Works Department

Frye Island News Service

Email: lkerrigan@fryeisland.com

Submission deadline:

Wednesday, 3:00 PM - **No Exceptions**

Representative to Legislature

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Town News

Island Manager's Comments

Greetings Everyone:

SAD 6: The SAD 6 Board of Directors has decided to hold a Referendum seeking permission to issue bonds totaling \$12,821,765 to renovate the Hollis Elementary School. I have included the warrant below. It has also been posted on the web site and the Town bulletin boards.

TO THE VOTERS OF FRYE ISLAND:

You are hereby notified that a District referendum election will be held at Frye Island Community Center, High Point Drive in the Town of Frye Island at 10:00 A.M. on September 8, 2009 for the purpose of determining the following articles:

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: Shall the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 6 be authorized to issue bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$12,821,765.00 to construct and equip additions and renovations to Hollis Elementary School on River Road in the Town of Hollis (the "Project") and to acquire and convey such real estate interests as the Board of Directors may determine to be necessary for the Project, which may include up to 40 acres of adjoining land to supplement the existing school site?

The voting on Article 2 shall be by secret ballot referendum. The polls will be opened immediately after the election of the Moderator following commencement of the meeting at 10:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

Absentee ballots for the September 8th referendum are available in the Town Office for those registered Town voters who will not be able to vote in person on the 8th. All absentee ballots will be counted with the ballots cast in person at 8:00 PM on Tuesday September 8th at the Community Center.

I will need ballot clerks to assist with the referendum vote. Anyone interested in helping can sign up at the Town office.

Disturbance: We had another situation where a stranger was pounding on an Islanders door late at night demanding to be let in. The police officer was on duty but the perpetrator had left before the police arrived on the scene. This is the second incident of its kind this summer. I don't have any answers as to what is going on on the Island lately but we all should be a lot more careful.

Medical Emergencies: There are times when it becomes necessary to leave the Island to attend to a family medical emergency. If this happens when the ferry is not running you should call the Cumberland County Communications Center at 207-893-2810. They have the necessary information to get a ferry. Again, this is only if you have to attend to a family member who is not on the Island.

Please, please, please, don't confuse this with an emergency medical issue with some one on the Island. If someone on the Island requires emergency medical services call 911. The Communications Center will dispatch the ferry and an ambulance.

In addition, if you require non-emergency police response please call 207-893-2810 as well. This gets your call on record for future reference.

Tropical Storm: Here we go again. We may be getting more weather this weekend from Tropical Storm Danny. It looks like it will be a coastal issue **but** I have attached the notice that I received from Cumberland County for your information.

“Maine is within the 5 day forecast cone for Tropical Cyclone Danny.

It is within the realm of possibility that the storm could become a hurricane and pass over or near Cumberland County bringing high winds and heavy rain to our area. This could result in significant storm surge, coastal erosion, flooding, road closures, downed trees, structural damage and power outages Saturday night into Sunday morning.

Be thinking about localized evacuations of flood or surge prone areas and be thinking about possible sheltering requirements. We'll be watching the National Weather Service forecasts closely over the next 96 hours. Anticipate that we'll be conducting conference calls in the near future.”

Taxes: We have a number of Islanders that are delinquent in the payment of their 2009 taxes and have mailed “30 Day Notices” to those property owners. Some of the amounts due are relatively small amounts resulting from interest accrued from late payments. Others are the second half of the tax payment which was due June 30th. The 30 day notice is a reminder. If we haven't received the payment before the 30 day notice expires we will have to lien the property. The receipt of 2009 tax payments is behind our normal response. Hopefully the 30 day notices will prompt the delinquent payment.

Cutting of trees on Town and Frye Island Inc.

Property: I have received reports of trees being cut on Town / FII property without receiving permission. While the Town of Frye Island doesn't have an ordinance prohibiting this, the State does. Penalties for infractions range anywhere from \$25.00 to \$100.00 per tree, and can double or triple depending on the circumstance. In addition, the penalty can include “professional fees” that may be necessary to determine the extent of the infraction. We are investigating the complaints and will be taking action. For everyone else, a word to the wise should be sufficient.

Board Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen / Executive Committee will be held on Saturday August 29, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Community Center and will begin at 9 AM. All are welcome to attend.

Have a great weekend and stay safe!

Wayne

BOS / EC Meeting

Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Community Center

FII Stockholders Meeting

On Saturday September 5th at 9 am the Annual Meeting of the Frye Island Inc. Stockholders will be held at the Community Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 am. The agenda for the meeting has three items:

1. Review of 2009 Finances
2. Approval of 2010 Budget
3. Election of Board of Directors

Your support by attending this meeting is a valuable part of being a Frye Island property owner.

BIT & FII VOTER LEDGER

The 2009 BIT & FII Voter List for has been produced from the Town database and is now available for viewing on the FI website. This list will be used for the FII Stockholder Meeting scheduled for Saturday September 5th and the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday October 10th. Check out the List and if you see any errors, please notify Joe Potts (jpkpotts@fairpoint.net). There may be some recent property purchases that do not show up on the list, but that is due to the delay in receiving property sale information from Cumberland County.

Frye Island Yacht Club Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 6, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Community Center

FII Board Meeting

Monday, September 7, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

Community Center

Beach Committee

The Beach Committee would like to thank the following people for doing such a great job on the painting of the beach rocks – Nancy Donio, Pam Lacerte, and Frank Limauro. You guys Rock!!!!

Office Thank you

Thank you Theresa Bates for the peanut butter cookies.



Frye Island's End of Summer Dance

Saturday, August 29th

7:30-Midnight, at the Community Center (Leisure Lounge will be closed that evening)

Cost: \$15 per person - tickets available at the Town Office or Leisure Lounge.

\$20 - at the door



ANNIE & the ORPHANS

One of New England's favorite rock and roll acts, Annie & the Orphans has been entertaining fans, young and old, for over 40 years. Specialists in 50s, 60s, 70s rock and roll, Annie & the Orphans' unique blend of musical talent and showmanship make them one of the most eagerly anticipated acts around.

Come One Come All

Let's bring back the Frye Island tradition, an end of season dance! We must fill the Community Center for this event to continue.

Hors d'oeuvres start at 7:30 pm. Please bring one for your table to share.

A full cash bar will be available.

Come and enjoy the music!

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ASAP. WE NEED TO SELL ENOUGH TICKETS TO PAY FOR THE BAND. SO PLEASE DON'T HESITATE.

This is an Adult Only Dance

The lounge at the clubhouse will be closed on this evening. The bar will be moved to the Community Center and there will be a cover charge at the door.

So purchase your advance tickets.



Ferry News

655-4258

This Week's Ferry Schedule

| | First Ferry | Second Ferry |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 7 AM - 1 AM | 10 AM - 6 PM |
| Sunday | 7 AM - 10 PM | 12 PM - 8 PM |
| Monday | 6 AM - 10 PM | 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 3 PM - 5 PM |
| Tuesday | 7 AM - 10 PM | 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 3 PM - 5 PM |
| Wednesday | 7 AM - 10 PM | 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 3 PM - 5 PM |
| Thursday | 7 AM - 11 PM | 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 3 PM - 5 PM |
| Friday | 7 AM - 12 Mid | 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2 PM - 10 PM |

Reminder:

Please remember to put your name/lot # on the back of your ferry tickets to assist us with our end-of-shift reconciliation. Thanks.

Ferry Thank You

To Mrs. Orzag for the cookies, the Messervey's for the coffee, and Nancy Schwaderer & Bruce Nisula for the muffins.



655-4256

Welcome back, everyone! We're looking forward to another great season on the island.

Full Season Is Here...

Store Hours are as follows...

Sunday – Friday: 8:00AM – 9:00PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM

CAFÉ Hours are as follows...

Monday – Friday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM



We're pleased to announce that the store will be continuing with the extended schedule instituted last year, opening daily at 8am during high season.



Have you had breakfast at Frye's Leap lately? Huge pancakes, breakfasts made to order, and our signature muffins are served by the water every Saturday, Sunday and on selected holidays throughout the season. Don't miss it!



Visit fryesleap.com for a peek at our menu, special event information, store hours and lots more.



Leisure Lounge

Fairway Lane (next to the golf pro shop)

655-3551

Air Conditioned

Open to the Public

Hours:

Thursday & Friday: 8:00 AM – Midnight

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Monday – Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM



Enjoy satellite reception on our 42" plasma TV.



For you Red Sox fans, we will stay open late on Thursday evenings so that you may watch the games.



Full Bar

Beer, Wine, & Mixed Drinks

\$3.00 Root Beer Floats

\$2.00 Hot Dogs

\$5.00 Pizza



Sue's Kitchen is now under construction.



ANNIE & the ORPHANS

This Saturday evening, August 29th the clubhouse lounge will close at 6:00 pm and will reopen at the Community Center. The rock & roll band "Annie & the Orphans" will be playing. There will be a cover charge (to pay for the band), \$15 for advance purchase (at the clubhouse or town office) or \$20 at the door. Starting @ 7:30



Marina News

Safe Boating Tips

Frye Island Yacht Club Annual Meeting

The Frye Island Yacht Club Annual Meeting and Election of Marina Committee members will be held on Sunday September 6, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the Community Center.

Yacht Club Policy requires representation from an Equity Rights slip holder, Quail Circle slip holder, and an At Large slip holder.

Any Yacht Club Member interested in serving on the Marina Committee should contact Dave Bond, Chairman at 978-887-5670 or fryeislandguy@verizon.net to have their name placed in nomination.

The following have placed their names in nomination:

Dave Bond Lot 297 Equity Rights

Mike Hurley Lot 164 Quail Circle

Jim Anderson Lot 1397 At Large

Other agenda items will include the 2010 Marina Budget.

All interested Islanders and Yacht Club members are welcome to attend. This is a public meeting.

Message from the Marina Committee

There are several boats and PWC in the Long Beach Marina that are not authorized to be there. All of the authorized boats and watercraft are paying for the right to be there and it is not fair of other islanders to abuse the system by docking there for a few days, and in some cases, weeks. There are open slips available for rental. If you need a slip, call the Office. This activity is being monitored and the Town **will tow** the offending craft away at the owner's expense. Please remove any unauthorized vessel as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dave Bond, Chairman
Marina Committee



Fire Department

Fire Barn: 207-655-8618

Medical Emergency Procedure Dial 9-1-1

Your 9-1-1 call will be received at the Raymond Dispatch Center.

State your name, your location, and the nature of the emergency.

The Raymond Dispatch Center will dispatch the Frye Island Fire Department medical First Responders and Raymond Rescue. The Raymond Dispatch Center will also notify the ferry captain for an emergency run. This will occur during normal operating hours and during off-hours.

Time is critical in an emergency! Stay at your location until help arrives. Medical personnel are responding to your location. If you leave that location, you may bypass responding rescue personnel.

Fire Emergency: Dial 9-1-1

Your 9-1-1 call will be received at the Raymond Dispatch Center.

State your name, your location, and the nature of the emergency. Then **get out of the building if there is a fire.**

The Raymond Dispatch Center will dispatch the Frye Island and Raymond Fire Departments. Raymond Dispatch will also notify the ferry.

Note that all streets and fire lanes on the island are clearly marked. All owners and visitors should know the street, lot number, fire lane, and a nearby landmark where they are located in the event of a fire, medical, or police emergency. This information will greatly expedite the response time for the emergency service that is answering your call. Time is critical!



Frye Island Golf Club

655-3551

Open to the Public

Fairway Lane

Hours

Monday – Wednesday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday – Saturday: 8:00 AM – dusk
Sunday 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Greens Fees

Weekday: \$20.00
Weekend and Holidays: \$30.00
Twilight (after 5 PM)
Weekdays \$13.00
Weekends \$15.00
Weekday Youth (16 or younger): \$10.00
Weekend Youth (16 or younger): \$20.00
3-day weekday pass: \$45.00
Week-long unlimited golf pass: \$110.00
Scramble Fee (e.g. 9 holes Sunday AM): \$15

Cart Rentals

Gas Cart:
9 Holes: \$16.00
18 Holes: \$26.00
Pull Cart:
9 or 18 Holes: \$4.00
Club Rentals: \$12.00

Tentative 2009 Tournament Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Tournament</u> | <u>Organizers</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Jun-Aug | Club Championship | Bruce |
| Sep 11-13 | Sebago Lake Escape | Mark |
| Sat, Sep 26 | TKE Fall Classic | Jim |
| Sat, Oct 3 | Shoot Out | Mike |
| Sat, Oct 17 | Cross Country | Laura |

Congratulations to the 2009 Member-Guest Tournament Winners:

Sue Hodge & Josie Auger

Club Championship

Congratulations to the following golfers who have now qualified to play the final match:

Final Match must be completed by Sept. 7 (Labor Day)

Paul Murphy – Bob Miner

Laura Davis – Kathy Hingston

Sunday Morning Scramble

Every Sunday morning, tee off at 8:00am, sign up between at 7:30am – 7:45am.

Sunday, August 23rd Scramble Results

1st Place Team (-4) \$34.00 each:

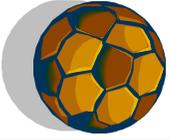
George Greenwich
Bob Bullock
Bernie McGhinney
Vic Solimini

2nd Place (-4) \$14.50 each:

Tom Higgins
Jim Hirsch
Mike Clerc
Mark Savoie

Closest to the Pin \$16.00 each:

#4 Steve Daigle #8 Ray Barlow



Activities & Recreation

Recreation Chairperson: Andrea Sansonetti

Recreation Dept. Schedule:

Recreation Director: Nancy Bishop

Friday Aug. 28th: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday Aug. 29th: 10:00 PM – 2:00 PM
6:00 PM CAPTURE THE FLAG @ Ball field
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM Teen Night

Sunday Aug. 30th: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Monday Aug. 31st: Closed

Tuesday Sep. 1st: Closed

Wednesday Sep. 2nd: Closed

Thursday Sep. 3rd: Closed

Friday Sep. 4th: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday Sep. 5th: 10:00 PM – 2:00 PM
6:00 PM CAPTURE THE FLAG @ Ball field
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM Teen Night

Sunday Sep. 6th: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Monday Sep. 7th: Closed

The Recreation Center will be closed for the rest of the season due to renovations.

Thank you to all Frye Islanders that supported the Recreation Center this year. It was a great summer of 2009!!

Thank you.

A Thank You Frye Island Party

Featuring The Cheap Dates – Classic Oldies Rock n Roll Band from Boston

Saturday, September 5th, 7PM to Midnight
Community Center

Tickets: \$10.00 per person, Age 16 and under \$5.00
Tickets at Door \$15.00 – Call and save a table.

Tickets sold at Rec. Center or contact Tom Bishop
(781) 983-1180 or e-mail www.tom.bishop@ge.com

Bring your own drinks and appetizers.

Also “I Survived Frye Island” tee-shirts will be on sale for \$10.00



Frye Island Chapel

Services every Sunday 9:00 to 9:30 AM
In the Upper Room of the Community Center

All are welcome. Dress is casual.

You are cordially invited to attend our weekly **non-denominational** services, which are held every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:30 AM in the **upper room at the Community Center**. Communion is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. There is a coffee and snack hour following the service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Presiding Chaplains: Rev. Richard Petersen, PhD
Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm

Book Group Selections for 2009

The following titles will be discussed on these dates.

Aug. 31 **ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN** by J. Fergus

All Frye Islanders are invited to join us on this last Monday evening 7:30 PM in the Community Center Library.

FRYE ISLAND LIBRARY

You are welcome to use the Frye Island Library on the honor system whenever the Community Center is open. It is organized on a loose alphabetical system with a separate biography section, a mystery section, a non-fiction area and a carousel full of summertime's favorite romance novels.

BINGO

Join in this last Monday evening 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

BRIDGE

Bridge for fun - and not too much seriousness! Come and join some of the Island folks for a couple hours of bridge. Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. at the Golf Clubhouse is the usual time and place.

Mah Jongg

Come and join some of the Island folks for a game of Mah Jongg. Monday mornings 9:00a and Friday afternoons 1:00p at Leisure Lounge

YOUR COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Garden Club has taken the lead in planting and maintaining gardens at the Community Center and Ferry Landing. These gardens add to the beauty of the island and enhance the value of all the property. However, a few people cannot do this alone – we need your help. If you would pull a weed while waiting for the ferry, or deadhead a bush, the work would be more manageable. Thank you

Frye Island Garden Club News

Need more Bobbex to finish the 2009 season? Time to stock up. Claire LaDow will be leaving the Island Labor Day week. (655-7730)

Many thanks to Nancy Donio for offering to paint a new sign for the Little Frye Island area of “downtown”!

Please consider if any of your plants could be divided and donated for sale at the Memorial Day Plant and Bake Sale sponsored by the Garden Club. With the funds raised from that sale, spring and fall maintenance can be contracted along with interesting programs planned through the season.

As mentioned throughout the summer, help is needed to keep the Island public gardens weeded. Everyone wants to enjoy the summer here. Homeowner contributions are necessary to keep our Island a desirable place to stay.

Happy August days!

LADIES GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Recreation Commission is sponsoring a Ladies Golf Scramble each Thursday morning. Meet at 8:45 and tee-off at 9:00 a.m. at the Golf Club. Come join the fun and sister ship no matter what your level of play. The teams are made up of all levels and, since all play the best ball, no one is left in the woods! Questions, call Rita Lapati at 655-4644 or Nancy Perry 655-5221.

Winners of 8/20/09 scramble: Nancy Donio, Dorothy Leonard, Sylvia O'Connor, and Lorna Priestley.

PETER HUCHTHAUSEN

September 25, 1939 – July 11, 2008



This article is submitted by Paul Dysenchuk, WWII

Written by Richard Eastman Monday, September 15, 2008

A meandering chronicle of my decaying orbit around the fringes of oblivion.

Echoes of the Mekong

There's been a lot of talk about heroes lately. I recently lost one of mine. He wasn't famous or anything. But he was someone I really admired. He was a writer and a historian and a Captain in the U.S. Navy. His name was Peter Huchthausen. I first met Peter during a visit to my parent's house on Frye Island in Maine. Peter had a house there too. He had just written a book called *Echoes of the Mekong*. My parents had read it and they both loved it. They sent me a copy because they thought it would make a great movie. I was living in New York at the time and had recently begun to concentrate on writing screenplays. I read the book and I loved it too. I decided to meet Peter and ask him if I could adapt it into a screenplay.

I'll never forget our first encounter. Peter arrived in a small motorboat, which he moored at a small dock at the end of the road near my parent's house. He wore a black fishing cap and a windbreaker and had the ruddy face of a seafaring man. I greeted him and we walked up the road to my parent's house. By the time we got to the driveway we had already reached an agreement about the screenplay. We shook hands and that was that. In all the years I knew him we never needed a more formal agreement than that handshake. I knew right away that this was a man I could always rely on.

I went back to New York and banged out a first draft of the script. It was an amazing story of courage and hope in the face of the horrors of war. Peter had served a captain of a river patrol boat on the Mekong River during the Vietnam War. One afternoon, he and his crew rescued a badly wounded young girl named Lung. She had lost her leg in a 'friendly fire' incident—meaning she'd been shot by an American gunship. Peter brought her back to his base where he and some of the other sailors arranged for

her treatment and rehabilitation. When she was well enough, they sent her to school. During the Tet offensive, however, the school was bombed and Lung was forced to flee for safety. Peter tried to find her, but she was lost in a sea of refugees. Peter left Vietnam without knowing her fate.

Lung's life after the war was filled with hardship and danger. Due to her association with the Americans, she was considered a traitor by the Communists who were in power. She had to live as a fugitive to avoid being sent to a concentration camp for "re-education." She fell in love with another fugitive and became pregnant, but he disappeared before their daughter was born. Lung vowed that her daughter would have a better life and hoped for a way to make it possible. One of the few possessions she had kept with her since childhood was a photograph of her and Peter. She managed to get a copy of the photo into the hands of an American journalist, who got it published in Stars and Stripes, the armed forces newspaper. When Peter saw the picture and accompanying story, he was overjoyed. He contacted the journalist and the two of them arranged for Lung and her daughter to come to the United States.

I wanted the screenplay to remain as true to the book as possible, because I felt that the plain facts carried tremendous impact. There were numerous instances where both Peter and Lung showed great strength and faith and I wanted to honor their story. I had never done an adaptation before, and certainly not one where the story was true and the author was someone I knew. I sent Peter the script and made arrangements to meet with him back up on Frye Island.

When I met with Peter for our first 'script conference' I was prepared to be told that I had gotten everything wrong and completely screwed up the story. What did I know about being in the middle of a firefight in the Mekong River? Or having my leg shot off? Or watching a comrade die right before my eyes? Or fleeing from my town as artillery shells exploded all around me?

To my surprise, Peter was very pleased with the script and had very few criticisms. I remember one in particular, when I had referred to the sound of the "waves" lapping against the side of Peter's river patrol boat. He corrected me, "there aren't waves in a river, there's current." He made a couple other such corrections, mostly technical things, then he started showing me some of the photographs from his time in Vietnam. Including the one of him and Lung that served as Lung's passport to freedom. Many of the photos were of Peter and his buddies, some of the naval base and some were just pictures of the extremely beautiful country where so many terrible things had taken place. Every once in a while, Peter would look at a picture and point to one of

the people in it. His voice would grow hoarse and his eyes glassy as he told me how and where that particular man had given his life. As I watched him describe the battles he had fought, I realized that a part of him will never return from that place. And even though he survived the war, he lost something very precious that people like me tend to take for granted. He lost a part of his soul.

Maybe that was why it was so important for him to try and help at least one young girl get through the war without being destroyed by it. Peter left Vietnam after questioning the ethics of a covert operation his crew was involved in. Captured North Vietnamese soldiers were being rearmed and sent back into the field as paid assassins in the service of the CIA. They received a certain amount of money for each human ear they turned in, indicating the number of 'kills' they scored. The trouble was, you couldn't really tell one ear from another, and sometimes the assassins would just kill whoever they found, including civilians and South Vietnamese soldiers. When Peter reported this information to his superiors, he was told to 'walk away' – the project was an overall success, so don't rock the boat. Soon after that, he was transferred.

For a time, Peter served on an aircraft carrier patrolling the South China Sea. Periodically, the ship would encounter boats filled with refugees trying to escape the war. One of Peter's duties was to investigate the boats and offer them what little assistance he was allowed. He scanned the faces of the refugees, wondering if he would ever find Lung among them. He never stopped thinking about her, despite the gulf of time and distance between them. In just a few months, they had forged a bond that crossed the boundaries of age and language and culture. They had made a real human connection in a time and place where humanity was in very short supply. That connection also kept Lung going during her years as a fugitive.

When they were reunited, one of the first places they went was the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C. Lung wanted to say thank you to the people who had given their lives for her freedom.

I met Lung and her beautiful daughter Trang at Peter's house on Frye Island. Knowing what she had been through to get there, it was almost unbelievable to see her in person. When I saw Trang, who was born on the dirt floor of a thatched hut while mortar shells exploded a few hundred yards away, it was like witnessing a miracle. The two of them looked at Peter with adoration. He was their savior. But in a way, they were his saviors, too. Because despite all of the brutality and violence and terror he had witnessed, know that he was able to help give Lung and

Trang a better life gave Peter something truly meaningful to hang in the balance.

When he said goodbye to his men before leaving Vietnam, Peter told them, "Don't lose sight of your humanity, because that's the only thing that's going to get you through this." I think that's what makes Peter a hero to me. It's not just bravery in the face of fear that counts, but also bravery in the face of doubt. Sometimes we are asked to put aside our basic values in order to serve a 'greater good'. We are told that the end justifies the means. That our enemies do not deserve our understanding or compassion, or humanity. It is at those times, more than ever, that we need to hold on to our values. Because it is at those times that our values will serve us best.

That is what a hero should do. That's what Peter did. And I miss him.

Peter is buried at Arlington National Cemetery

August 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 23 9:00a Chapel @ CC Member-Guest | 24 MGCSA Tournament 9:00a Mah Jongg @ Leisure Lounge 7:00p BINGO @ CC | 25 1:00p Bridge @ Leisure Lounge 6:00p Pick up Soccer @ Ball field | 26 6:00p Candy Bar Bingo @ CC | 27 8:45a Ladies Golf Scramble 6:30p Pick up Basketball @ CC | 28 1:00p Mah Jongg @ Leisure Lounge | 29 9:00a BOS/EC Mtg @CC 6:00p Capture the Flag @ Ball field 7:30p Annie & the Orphans @ CC 8:00p Teen Night @ CC |
| 30 9:00a Chapel @ CC | 31 9:00a Mah Jongg @ Leisure Lounge 7:00p BINGO @ CC 7:30p Book Group @ CC Library | | | | | |

September 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 1:00p Bridge @ Leisure Lounge | 2 | 3 8:45a Ladies Golf Scramble | 4 1:00p Mah Jongg @ Leisure Lounge | 5 9:00a BOS/EC Mtg @CC 9:00a FII Stockholders Mtg @ CC 6:00p Capture the Flag @ Ball field 7:00p A Thank You FI Party @ CC 8:00p Teen Night @ CC |
| 6 8:30a Yacht Club Annual Mtg @ CC 9:00a Chapel @ CC | 7 Labor Day 8:00a FII Board Mtg @ CC | 8 10:00a SAD6 Referendum @ CC | 9 | 10 | 11 Sebago Lake Golf Escape | 12 8:30a Planning Board @ CC Sebago Lake Golf Escape |
| 13 9:00a Chapel @ CC Sebago Lake Golf Escape | 14 | 15 | 16 9:00a Garden Club @ CC | 17 | 18 | 19 9:00a BOS/EC Mtg @CC |