



BELLE TERRE NEWS

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STORM DAMAGE

The devastating storm of Saturday March 13th, destroyed one third to one half of our beach parking lot after breaching the heavy concrete block confinement wall.

Port Jefferson's beach and parking lot were also damaged.

The Trustees are trying to get funds



from FEMA, but are not very hopeful. They will evaluate the repair options.

The Village does have funds put aside for repairs. The beach parking lot is closed for now because it is too dangerous for drivers.



Notices and Notes

STORM DAMAGE (Continued)

We were lucky that there were no power outages or downed trees reported in the village. Our thanks to Patrick for clearing the drains before the storm, so that there was no flooding

NEW RESIDENTS

Michael and Danielle Friedman, 8 Sts Orchard.
(they actually bought in July, but we missed the transfer 'til now!)

Joan Silsbee, 35 Beach Road (November)

Steven Leon, 8 Club Road (November)

Lawrence and Jennifer Miele, 6 Cliff Road
(January)

GARDEN TOUR

The Belle Terre garden tour will take place at the end of June. The organizers are looking for volunteers to lend out their garden for a day.

For Information contact Judy Zaino at nftyis50@aol.com

SPRING TRASH PICKUP

This is scheduled for April 26th.

BTCA REMINDERS

Coast Guard Boating Safety: Sat 10th April

Movie/Game Nights: Fri. April 23rd & Fr., June 14th.

Mather Hospital Breast Walk: Sun. May 2nd.

Garden Tour/Refreshments: Sat., June 19th.

Eugenia Sellenings Rice

Former resident Eugenia Sellenings Rice died on Dec. 18, 2009, at the age of 104 in Nashua, N.H. She was a popular resident for more than half of her life in BelleTerre. See Memories on Page 6.

(Obituary can be found at <http://www.northshoreoflongisland.com/1obituariesbody.lasso>)

Belle Terre Community Association 2010 Spring Session Ballroom Dance Lessons



Friday-April 16, Thursday - April 22

Fridays - April 30, May 7, 14 & 21

7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Vincent Bove Belle Terre Community Center 55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre
\$95 per couple (BTCA members \$70 per couple)

For information call Joanne daytime: 928-0020 Evenings: 928-7013

Instructors: Stephanie & Lucio Costanzo

Make check payable to BTCA & mail to: Belle Terre Community Association, 1 Cliff Road, Belle Terre, NY 11777 (Spring 2010 Session)

YOUTH PROGRAM

Youth Commissioner Francoise Schachner has been assured by the Mayor that beach repairs should be accomplished in time to commence the youth program on July 6th.

Political correctness has gone mad.

Nicole Mamo, who tried to offer jobs to "reliable" and "hardworking" people applying at a government-run placement center in England, was told no thanks.

Her ads, it seems were deemed offensive to unreliable people.

"If the matter wasn't so serious, I would be laughing out loud" she said.

(Copied from the New York Post 2/22/10)

ANTARCTICA

We went to Antarctica and did not fall off the end of the earth!

We saw thousands of penguins. The attached picture reminded us of the Belle Terre Beach Program.

The penguins line up near the water's edge. When the lead penguin jumped into the water, the rest followed like a chorus line.

It is the trip of a lifetime! However, it takes three days of travel to get there. You have to be patient to appreciate this magnificent area.

Ted & Lori



Resident Joyce Collier - Theatre Performances

Attached is a production photo generously provided by Jeffrey Sanzel, Artistic Director at Theatre Three.



Production: "The Graduate"

My role: Mrs. Braddock
This is my Theatre Three Mainstage debut.

I performed at Theatre Three two years ago in the Children's Theatre as Myra Miller in *Rumplestiltskin*. Most recently I performed in a touring show of *"Run For Your Wife"* as Mary Smith, and in Shakespeare's, *"Romeo and Juliet"* as Lady Montague on the Mainstage of the Theatre Arts Department at Stony Brook University in Staller Center. I will be performing again on the Mainstage at Stony Brook in *"Figaro Figaro"* in April. My role as Mary Smith will be reprised for 3 more performances in April as well.

In 1973, it was the beloved Brent Erlanson who cast me in my first musical at Port Jefferson Junior High. It was Brent that I had the pleasure to work with when I returned to live theatre after 30 years. It was that return to theatre which inspired my return to Stony Brook University

where I am studying Theatre Arts with a minor in Media. I anticipate a graduation date in the Spring of 2011.

Through the years I have appeared as background in *"Damages"* with Glenn Close, Disney's *"Confessions of a Shopaholic"* and as a featured extra in *"Masquerade"* with Rob Lowe, Meg Tilly, and John Glover. More recently, I was the subject of a documentary on a self prescribed weight loss program where I lost 85 pounds. I starred in an independent film last year portraying the United States Secretary of State.

The experience of working with Theatre Three is by far one I am most proud of and I look forward to working with the Theatre Three family again.

Joyce Collier



THE FOOTBALL PARTY AND CHILI CONTEST



The football party was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time.

The chili cook off was a hit - we had 5 contestants!

1st Place Dave McAnaney,

2nd place The Doganieri Family and

3rd place to Athena Toyas.

A big thank you to all those that helped make this event a huge success.

Linda Poirier



TOYS for TOTS

The railway display over the holiday brought in 30 boxes of toys and \$1400. Those Marine boxes are not small, so well done Belle Terre.

The man of the hour has to be John Serabian, for all the hours that he put into the project. Lets not forget the rest of the family, I personally saw Loraine climbing around the top tier, stapling down the tracts.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, and as we are going to do it all again this year, Judy ("in charge") Zaino says we will need you all again.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY



Lots of preparation and imagination became evident in the Christmas Party. It was enjoyed by people of all ages.

Thanks to Pam Heidi and her crew of volunteers and, of course, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.



Memories of Mrs. Rice

From Sheila Knapp:



Mrs. Rice. Well, first of all, let's set the record straight. To us she was 'Kanka'. Why? It started with her first grandchild who couldn't pronounce Grandmother. So from there on out, it was 'Kanka'

I'll never remember the first time I met her. You see my parents lived next door to her. My mother was carrying me for a September birth, whereas Kanka gave birth to her daughter in June. My mother

loved the summer and I assume suffered in silence, her beach chair by the water, cooling her feet. So Kanka came into my life at birth. We were bonded not only by proximity, but by families and by love.

What I admired the most about my 'other mother', in addition to her compassion, was her ability to stay healthy both physically and mentally. "Moderation" was her code in life. She never had more than two of anything - candy (which she loved), a cocktail or dessert. Two was the limit. She kept her brain alive and active with her many interests and activities. She belonged to book, bridge, and historical clubs. She loved to read, especially British history. She was a kind, gracious friend who is missed.



From Yvonne Dwyer:

It is difficult, at best, to say "Good Bye" to someone who has been a minion to me for 58 years. When I was a young girl 'running away' from home, Mrs. Rice, as she was known to me then, called to me from her porch to come and 'sit' for a while. In no time at all she had led me to sort out my problem with my grandfather and head home. She was always the lady, always the bright one, and always someone I loved dearly and had many 'sits' with over the years. Thank you, Kanka.

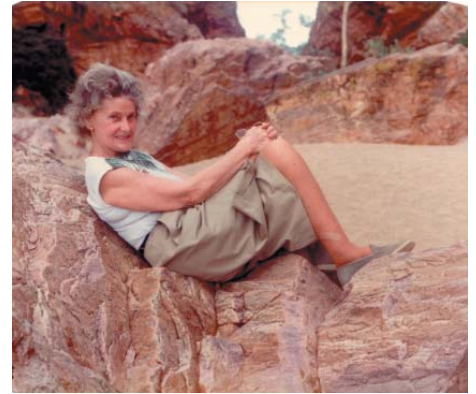
From Nancy Orth:

Mrs. Rice was part of the Belle Terre setting. Utterly distinctive, she could have been a character in a novel. Little girls wanted to grow up to be like her

– good-looking, fashionable, refined, educated, with perfect grammar and the ever-so-slight hint of a British accent. In summer she was a fixture on the beach, buried in a book on the deck of her pale yellow cabana, yet always ready for a good conversation. Until well into her sixties, barefoot, she would negotiate her way to the water's edge for her daily swim. Who else could have gone on a round-the-world cruise at age seventy and returned with a lover who won the hearts of all her Belle Terre friends? Genie never refused a cocktail or the chance to have fun. Her zest for life is what I loved, admired and remember most.

From Abe Krikorian and Gene Taylor:

We first encountered Genie Rice years ago downtown in Gristedes pushing a shopping cart. It was summer and she was wearing a hat and white gloves! Who was this relic of the past?



Soon after making her acquaintance we learned that she had absolutely no pretensions. Instead, she was a charming, down-to-earth lady—surely the matriarch of Belle Terre—not only because she was the oldest resident but because of her undisputed elegance. It was a pleasure getting to know this remarkable lady. She was open-minded, always willing to learn and hear other viewpoints; she was well-read, devouring countless biographies and autobiographies, and was a good conversationalist, always attentive and interested.

From Mary Duffy, a frequent visitor to Belle Terre:

With her you were never bored. She was always interesting and interested. Informed about the world around her, you could count on her for a view, an opinion. She was of the moment, positive, delightful, a woman of the world who never retired from life. I was always happy when we ran into her at the beach.



A WINTER WELCOME HOME



Wherever we have been and whatever we have seen, the Belle Terre Gates always make a pleasant welcome home.

WINTER BEACHES

The winter beaches are very different from the summer ones. They are quite volatile. We walk them often with our dog.

One day the sands will be gone, the picnic table seats will be head high and large boulders exposed right along the beach. Two days later the sand will be back, the boulders will be covered and the picnic table seats accessible to posteriors once again.

On cold sunny days the water is calm and as clear as Crystal. Other days the surf will be pounding the beach with a roar.

On such a day Roy and I saw the beach alive with hundreds of



Gulls. Some were riding the waves, others running back and forth on the beach as the tide ebbed and flowed. Most of

them were screaming at the top of their lungs as they fished.

Yes our beaches are worth visiting in the winter.

(This was written before the big storm)

Pat

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

PLEASE RETAIN THIS DIRECTORY NEAR YOUR TELEPHONE

MAYOR.....	Ted Lucki	331-4907	Zoning Board of Appeals	Dave McAnaney	928-0020
Deputy Mayor.....	Sheila Knapp	473-0212	Assessor.....	Ronald Matuza	928-0020
Trustee.....	Grant Geelan	473-6245	Beach Comm.....	Sheila Knapp	473-0212
Trustee.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686	Building Comm.....	Grant Geelan	473-6245
Trustee.....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028	Conservation Comm....	Dave McAnaney	928-0020
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Joanne Raso	928-0020	Constable Comm.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Louise Smit	928-0020	Constable's Office.....	928-5785
Village Attorney.....	Eileen A. Powers	727-8250	Fire Marshall	James Makarius Jr.	774-3706
Village Justice.....	Charles Russo	265-7200	Historian.....	Nancy Orth	473-1078
Court Clerk.....	Elaine Freda	473-5105	Parks Commissioner....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028
Planning Board.....	Vincent DeStefano	928-0020	Road Commissioner...	William Raso	928-0020
Building Inspector.....	Cathy Evans-Masci	928-0020	Youth Program Comm ...	Francoise Schachner	928-0020
Technology Advisor.....	Ken Weiss	928-0020	Newsletter.....	Pat & Roy Stockdale	473-4801

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted.
VILLAGE CLERK: 928-0020 * FAX 928-7971. **PASSPORT AGENT HOURS:** Call Office.
VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.belleterre.us **VILLAGE E-MAIL:** btvillageoffice@gmail.com
JUSTICE COURT CLERK: Call 473-5105 to leave message for call-back appt.
NOTARY PUBLIC: Call office. **RECYCLABLES REFUSE PICK-UP:** Alternate Wednesdays.
1.CURBY: Glass, Metal, Plastics (1) & (2). **2.** Newspapers, Cardboard (flattened and tied).



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