



BRUCE BERMAN (center) of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay (SH/SB), was the guest speaker at the recent Friends of Wollaston Beach annual meeting. Besides the Friends, Berman was recognized by state Sen. John Keenan (left) and state Rep. Bruce Ayers (right) who presented him with citations from the Senate and House of Representatives.

Photos Courtesy Friends of Wollaston Beach

Friends Of Wollaston Beach Recognize Supporters At Annual Meeting

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The Friends of Wollaston Beach (FWB) recently held its annual meeting at the Kennedy Center, East Squantum Street, Quincy.

The morning's events began with coffee and conversation at 10 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the North Quincy High School Jr. ROTC and keynote speaker, Bruce Berman of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay (SH/SB).

Berman gave an overview of the Harbor over the last several decades.

"Everyone knew the harbor was filthy due to years of neglect. They also knew how much it was going to cost – in the billions (in the 1970's). While legislators and judges were well aware of what a clean harbor would mean to the safety, health and economy of Massachusetts and its citizens,

they were unwilling to go out on a limb to absorb the cost." He talked of outdated infrastructure, deferred maintenance and other contributing factors.

That all changed in 1982 when the City of Quincy filed an unprecedented suit against the then-MDC for failing in its fiduciary duty to care for Boston Harbor. After years of litigation, groundbreaking legislation created the Mass. Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and a much cleaner harbor for future generations.

Berman cautioned that "just because the harbor is cleaner doesn't mean that our job is done. By working together, we can achieve a common goal. There are groups from Nahant to Nantasket who are doing what you are doing. We need to support these groups by our participation.

"Cleanups are just one way to ensure that the next generation does not have to

fight as hard for clean water. And, it is really important that we engage that next generation – and soon."

Another way you can help is by participating in SH/SB's annual Shamrock Splash on Sunday, March 11 at the BCYF Curley Community Center, South Boston. Check-in is at 10 a.m.; the Splash, 11 a.m.

Sponsored by Harpoon Beer, participants obtain pledges for a specific beach.

Come plunge, pledge, enjoy great company, a pint of Harpoon Beer, and a burger to support our beaches. All participants will have a chance to win great prizes, including round trip flights on JetBlue!

For the faint of heart, there is a 'chicken' category. A 'chicken' doesn't have to 'plunge,' s/he just needs to pay the entry fee of \$20 and hopefully raise additional funds.

If you want to plunge on behalf of Wollaston



BOB VERNEY (second from left), a member of the Friends of Wollaston Beach, accepts citations on behalf of the Robert I. Nickerson American Legion Post at the Friends annual meeting. The Nickerson Post was among the community groups recognized for supporting the Friends. With Verney are (from left) state Rep. Tackey Chan, state Rep. Bruce Ayers and state Sen. John Keenan.

and FWB, simply log onto "shamrocksplash.org." Watch for details on "wollastonbeach.org" and The Quincy Sun.

Friends of Wollaston Beach President Doug Gutro introduced Mayor Thomas Koch who gave some brief remarks. The mayor thanked FWB for its care of the beach. Mayor Koch was joined by Sen. John Keenan and state Representatives Bruce Ayers and Tackey Chan.

After the mayor's remarks, the nominating committee presented its slate of officers for the coming year: Maureen Mazrimas, president and treasurer; George Kober, vice president and Bob Verney, secretary. No additional nominations were received and the new officers were elected.

Outgoing president, Doug Gutro, Mayor Koch, Sen. Keenan and Reps. Ayers and Chan made presentations to local businesses, civic groups and the North Quincy High School Jr. ROTC.

Beginning with the ROTC, Gutro noted these are the people Bruce Ber-

man mentioned in his remarks. "They are already doing things to help out and they are still in high school. They are our future."

Gutro underscored the importance of local businesses in the process.

"Those who helped us are really invested in this community. They are: Arbella, Granite Telecommunications, Stop & Shop and Tony's Clam Shop." The Robert I. Nickerson Post and Wollaston Yacht Club were recognized for their help in providing meeting space to FWB. Thanks also to the Kennedy Center.

The more formal presentations of "Spirit Award," "Friend" and "Member of the Year," followed.

The "Spirit Award" was presented to Margaret Laforest and Discover Quincy.

Gutro thanked Laforest and Discover Quincy for bringing hundreds and hundreds of people to the beach with many free events such as Wolly Wednesdays (part

of the "Fifty Days of [Freedom]"). Each week, a different band would perform a free concert on the beach (funded by Discover Quincy).

Laforest also partnered with FWB and others to apply for grants from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, enabling local groups to subsidize family-friendly events on the beach.

"Margaret more than fulfills the mission of FWB to promote public use of Wollaston Beach, the wise use and preservation of the Beach, encouraging volunteerism, and advocating on behalf of Beach users," Maureen Mazrimas said.

The FWB "Friend" was Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. SH/SB has been advocating for the Harbor for over 30 years. In addition to its care of the Harbor, SH/SB was one of the moving forces behind having the Harbor Islands designated a National Park. SH/SB has

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QHS Drama Club To Present 'Hunchback Of Notre Dame'

The Quincy High School Drama Club will present "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with performances Friday, March 16, Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March

17 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

All performances will take place at the Lloyd Hill Auditorium, Quincy High School, 100 Coddington St.

Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$5 for students.

QCAP Financial Services Workshops March 16, 30

Quincy Community Action Programs' Greater Quincy Financial REACH Center, 1509 Hancock St., second floor, Quincy, will host orientation March 16 and March 30 at 10 a.m.

Learn more about the center's free services including job search, support

and placement; workforce development, education and training; credit counseling and repair; money management and budgeting; and financial education and coaching.

To register contact Theresa Whittaker at 617-657-5355 or emailing twittaker@qcap.org.

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