

# Project G.R.A.C.E.



Granting Resources & Assistance through Community Effort

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



*Help a student start the school year on the right foot*

The calendar says July, but Project G.R.A.C.E. is preparing for children to return back to school. We understand just how important it is for a child to be well-equipped with school supplies. We offer families the help they may need to prepare their children for that first day of school.

For several years, we have given children a fully stocked backpack. Last year Project G.R.A.C.E. and volunteers provided backpacks for 70 students. There are many ways you can help. You can volunteer your time to help organize and plan, donate school supplies, or even adopt a student to provide a fully stocked backpack.

Who doesn't love shopping for school supplies? Such a great time of year!

If you would like to donate to this effort, please fill out the enclosed form and mail back to us. A volunteer will get in touch with you for further instructions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 16-** Back-to-School Campaign

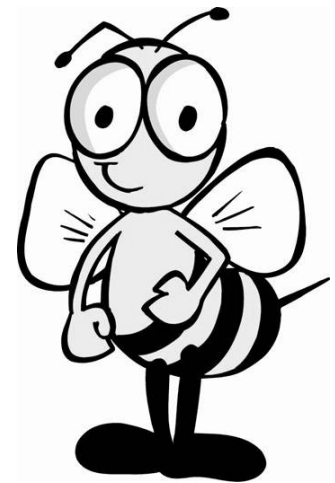
**August 20-** Summerfest, 5:00-9:00, Scarborough High School Athletic Fields

**November 4th-** 4th Annual Trivia Bee at The Landing

## GOING GREEN



*We can save over 8,400 sheets of paper by sending our newsletter by email!*



*To Bee or not to Bee, there is no Question!*

The Trivia Bee is back! See page 3

## SUMMERFEST ON A FRIDAY NIGHT?

For you avid and longtime Summerfest fans you will be pleased to know that Community Services made the decision to return to the Friday night schedule. On August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-9:00 p.m., the Project G.R.A.C.E. tent will be open for business. We will be serving our self-proclaimed famous brownie sundaes. Entertain the kids and the grandkids with the Race for G.R.A.C.E. game (not to be confused with the Race for G.R.A.C.E road race) and face-painting. The evening concludes with a fabulous fireworks display.

We always need a extra hand so if you are interested in volunteering please call or email.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The last day of school is a wild celebration, at least for kids. Summer for me growing up began with a 10 hour trip from Washington DC to Cape Cod. Stuffing a car with luggage, a pet or two and 3 kids left me with hundreds of comical memories. Wrong turns, fighting in the back seat and emergency stops to rescue the luggage that flew off the roof of the car must have left my parents with very different memories!

Today, while some families head on vacation or to "camp", many Scarborough families are attempting to manage activities for their children while they work to support that same family. The Town of Scarborough's "summer rec." program offers a great alternative for parents, but at a cost. Scholarships are available through the town but often there is a shortfall for the family.

Project G.R.A.C.E. annually contributes thousands of dollars to this program. We have experienced an increase in cost, primarily because today, it is necessary for both parents to work. As with all changes in our programs, we discuss possible solutions. "What do you think of "an 'adopt camper'?" was brought to the table. I thought it was a great idea!

Many donors contribute to our annual holiday giving and our back to school drive in the summer. Families and individuals "adopt" recipient families and provide Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas gifts and Easter baskets. Before returning to school, donors (including many businesses) provide back packs filled with the necessary school supplies to start the year out right for school-aged children.

Next summer, we will introduce this new program. We haven't settled on a name but for now "Adopt a Camper" will suffice. In the meantime, through your continued generosity more kids than ever will celebrate for 6 weeks this summer. We hear the gratitude and relief in parents' voices. Thank you from all of us, especially the kids!

With warm regards,

Mary E. Rollo

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## CHOWDER CHALLENGE

The Blue Point Congregational Church in Scarborough challenged the Scarborough Culinary community to "put your chowder spoon where your *mouth* is" and they did!

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> dozens of "chefs" and their chowders were ready in the church hall for the judging. Homemade cornbread and desserts completed the menu. The esteemed Judges were: Dave Corbeau, Scarborough's Harbor Master, Paul Lesperance from Joseph's by the Sea and Joe Brennan, Head Chef at the Cumberland Club.

And the winners were - judges choice 1st Anne Brennan, 2nd Jeff Caldwell and 3rd Shawn Brennan. In the People's Choice category Anne Brennan placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with Sara Salisbury in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Is there untapped culinary talent in the Brennan home?

Proceeds from ticket sales at the door were generously donated to Project G.R.A.C.E.



Several months ago, Project G.R.A.C.E. had the good fortune of meeting Jill McFarland, a Scarborough wife and mother of two. She had an idea to name Project G.R.A.C.E. as the beneficiary of her fundraising efforts through a group called *Moms in Motion*. This culminated in the first annual Race for G.R.A.C.E. on March 27<sup>th</sup> raising close to five thousand dollars!

The Race for G.R.A.C.E. had 239 participants cross the finish line. That number far exceeded our expectations. Not to mention it was a lot of fun to see old friends, and make new friends, all while raising funds and awareness for Project G.R.A.C.E.

We'd like to thank our major sponsors:

Hannaford, Timex, Key Bank, Dr. Daniel Ravin, Saco and Biddeford Savings, Portland Pie, Olympia Sports and Reliv. A big thank you to Scarborough Family Chiropractic who gave runners chair massages after the race.

Lastly, we'd like to give a heartfelt thank you to our race organizers: Jill McFarland, Cheri Schulz and Nicole Garvey, the talented team from Moms in Motion who worked so hard for many months to support our local philanthropy...Bravo, ladies!

*Congrats to our own  
Executive Director  
Mary Rollo  
for winning the  
People's Choice award  
for her Seven Fishes  
Chowder for the second  
year in a row!*

## THE DON MARTIN CLASSIC

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Barbara Martin has been a friend to Project G.R.A.C.E. for several years. She serves as both a board member and a volunteer on the Granting Resources Committee.



**PRACTICE ON THE  
PUTTING GREEN**

For the past 4 years, Barb with her two daughters, Michelle and Jill, along with their husbands and extended family members, honor Don Martin their husband and father in a very special way. Don passed away unexpectedly in 2006.

The Don Martin Classic golf tournament at Prout's Neck has celebrated Don's life for four years.

Don and Barbara's grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends work for months organizing this event. Gregg Frame, the event chair, is at the heart of this enormous undertaking.

This year a new record was set with the outing raising over \$40,000.

These funds will be shared by Project G.R.A.C.E. and St. Nicholas' Church.

In the four year history of the event, over \$150,000 has been contributed to the two charities and in the words of Gregg, "allowing them to fulfill their valuable missions."

We are so grateful to the golf committee of Jen Abbott, Jill Frame, Ralph Hillman, Barbara Martin, Bill Martin, Karen Packhem, Peter Senger, Chris Whitney, and Michelle Whitney. Thanks to the volunteers from Project G.R.A.C.E. and St. Nicks, to the golfers and participants, to all the sponsors, vendors and businesses for their donation of auction items and to Prout's Neck and their membership for sharing such a beautiful venue.

## BERT ROCKS !

Our words cannot THANK YOU enough. For almost ten years, Bert Follansbee our friend and resident graphic designer has spent many hours on our newsletters and added her own creative flair. Now, we are stepping into uncharted waters with new software, so our newsletter has a new look that we have created here in the office. Now that Bert is "retiring," she'll have more time to focus on her many freelance projects.

Thanks, Bert for always sharing your talent!  
Allison and Mary

## THE TRIVIA BEE



**Tom Eschner of the team *Trivial Bees*  
proudly showing off his  
finest bumble bee costume.**

## GOING GREEN

To run more efficiently, cut costs and help save resources, Project G.R.A.C.E. will soon be offering our correspondence via email. We will offer the option of receiving our quarterly newsletter as well as holiday donation forms to be sent right to your **inbox**. We will also be sending out e-notices to keep you posted on all our current events and activities.

If you would like to receive all Project G.R.A.C.E. correspondence via email, please send along a quick email.

**The Bee is Back** . Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 4th at The Landing at Pine Point.

What an entertaining evening and a fabulous way to raise funds for Project G.R.A.C.E. This is a wonderful opportunity for organizations and businesses and great way to market and gain community exposure.



Just decide at what level you and/or your organization/business would like to participate! Scarborough's **Trivia Bee** brings all occupations under one roof to test their trivia knowledge.

Teams consist of 3 people who represent a particular skill, trade, craft or school. Soccer moms, accountants, landscapers, or students will rival one another for the honor of **Top Trivia Team**. Each team will be presented a trivia question (a plethora of categories will be covered) to answer. Those teams answering correctly will advance to the next round.

Here are the ways you and your group, business/organization can be involved:

1. Create a team. A team consists of three people with an entry fee of \$300
2. Sponsor a team (s)

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