

# THE ROSE BEACON



The January meeting of the Lower Cape Rose Society will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 - 10am at the Harwich Community Center, 100 Oak Street, Harwich. Refreshments will be served, members A-L remember the goodie table!

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, BY OZ

The Lower Cape Rose Society is coming off two very exciting months. During November we actually held two events. First, and most importantly, the society met for the winterizing of the roses in the Millie and Tip O'Neill Garden. This was the final step in a yearly process that includes pruning, fertilizing, spraying and deadheading the roses. Weeding, of course, is also a necessary task. This year the garden looked magnificent and many visitors passed along flowery compliments to our rose tenders. My special thanks go out to our regulars, Ann Marie, Audrey, Greg, John and myself; as well as those who occasionally came to help when time allowed. **Dues are due.** The following Saturday the LCRS held its second annual photo contest. This year we moved the site to the beautiful West Dennis Yacht Club. There were many stunning pictures in five different categories which included a single rose, a bush with many blooms, a climbing rose, garden features and landscape pictures. Next year we will expand the categories to include more rose and more non-rose sections. We hope that this, and keeping professionals in a separate section, will attract more entries from our society and local garden clubs. Clem and Julie are doing a great job making this an annual success. **Dues are due.** December, of course, was the month of our Christmas party. It was great to see so many members, new and old. Strangely the HCC tree which is usually on the stage was missing, but there were so many gala red sweaters and decorations that the Christmas Spirit quickly filled the room. The food was incredibly delicious and prizes were awarded for those voted the best appetizer, entree and dessert. The Yankee swap provided the usual laughs as chosen gifts were taken away, "swapped", by those with higher numbers. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Bill's reindeer hat that not only flapped when he became excited but also played "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer". It was at the party that the members accepted the Executive Board's recommendation to postpone the February Luncheon which was scheduled to be held, at Alberto's Ristoranti. It is felt that the Society has to direct everyone's attention, time and efforts toward the Yankee District Convention, which will be held at The Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster on March 25-27. **Dues are due.** Before I close the page on the Christmas Party, I wish to sincerely express my gratitude to those members who supported my grandson Jordan's wreath sales. His class is planning an educational trip to Washington DC and this was a major fundraising project. Your generosity certainly filled me with the Christmas Spirit. I was now more aware of the many other school age girls and boys who were spending a great deal of their time trying to raise money for their school or civic projects. Whenever I saw them at the supermarket and other stores, I made sure to stop and financially support their efforts. When the cashiers asked me if I cared to donate a dollar to a food pantry, I cheerfully replied "I certainly would!" All this reminded me of my first day back from school vacation when I would ask the girls and boys "...and what did you give for Christmas" ? **Dues are due.** 2011 Yippee! Let's all hope that it is a healthy year for you with many happy days of joy. January also brings "New Year's Resolutions" for many people. Besides losing weight, why not make some rose society goals...come to more of the monthly meetings, support the society activities, write an article for the newsletter, take charge of a project or join a committee, bring a new member to a meeting, buy more roses, donate items for the raffle and help out at the Millie and Tip O'Neill Rose Garden! **Did I mention that dues are due?**

### A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives

kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway."



— Mother Teresa



**DUES ARE DUE!! \$25.00**  
**THE LOWER CAPE ROSE SOCIETY**  
**2011 Membership application**

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PLEASE MAKE CHECK (\$25.00) PAYABLE TO LOWER CAPE ROSE SOCIETY AND  
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## RAMBLING WITH OZ

The Lower Cape Rose Society wants to be “the hostess with the mostest on the ball”, with apologies to Ethel and Irving. Do you remember the wonderful affair that we held at The Sea Crest in Sandwich five years ago? Since that time, the Rhode Island Rose Society, the New Hampshire Rose Society, the Connecticut Rose Society and the New England Rose Society have each hosted a Yankee District Convention. Once again it is our turn, or should I say, once again it is **our** responsibility. I always answer the question “who are these people who belong to the Yankee District?” with a simple response, “they are people like you who belong to a local rose society in the New England states”.

As you attend our rose show, the September Lobster-fest or the annual Yankee District Convention, you have probably entered into a conversation with many rosarians from the other societies. Some of the the most recognizable members are Art Emmons, Mike Fuss, John Mattia and Marci Martin from Connecticut; Patsy Cunningham, Mike Chute and Louis Horn from Rhode Island; Craig Dorschel, Manny “Big Boy” Mendes and Dave Cannistraro from New England, and Clarence Rhodes from Maine. These people are true rosarians who want to share their knowledge and love of roses with you. I am the Yankee District Director (a Big Shot, lol, bahahahaha etc) and if any one of them ever spoke in a rude manner to you, I would throw them and their sorry bag of fertilizer out of the District, yesterday! That is how sure I am of their personalities and attitudes.

Dues are due. The Lower Cape Rose Society will host this year’s Yankee District Convention at the beautifully stunning Ocean Edge Resort on 6A in Brewster, overlooking Cape Cod Bay. Many of our Lower Cape residents have driven by these remarkable buildings and grounds that sprawl up to 6A, and have been impressed by the setting, especially at night. I am telling you now, that their attention to the quality of all the interior meeting rooms is even more remarkable. This event will take place during the last weekend of the month, March 25-26-27. Friday is the traditional welcoming and hospitality room gathering. Saturday is filled with entertaining and educational speakers with outstanding presentations and powerpoint illustrations. The Past President of the American Rose Society, Steve Jones will be coming from California to be the featured after dinner speaker. Steve’s presentation will be “Around the World with Roses” featuring pictures from his recent trips to China and Europe. The Garden Lady, C.L. Fornari will be our luncheon speaker. Many of you listen to C.L.’s 8AM Saturday “Garden Line” on 95.1 FM. Bill Kozemchak, renowned rosarian from the Penn-Jersey District, will present a rare program on climbing roses and bones in the garden. I believe that a representative from the National Seashore will present an opening film on Cape Cod, perhaps “The Sands of Time”. There will be others of course, but by now you realize that the day will be packed with information and entertainment. Did I mention the raffle tables featuring all kinds of rose and garden related treasures. This is one of the District’s major money sources and the items are usually so good that most people keep buying extra tickets, you better buy an arm’s length. After dinner the Silver Honor Medal may be awarded, along with a possible Outstanding Judge Award and an Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award. Finally there is the Yankee District rose auction, which is a great chance to obtain roses at unbelievable bargains. I changed my entire driveway last spring, thanks to the auction. The raffle table and the rose auction are the only fundraisers for the Yankee District. There will also be a vendor room, open throughout the day, which always features quality items outside the realm of garden products.