

## 2021 Chairs Report - Annual Meeting Sept 24, 2021

All Star One 2021 was a wonderful and unique conference week. We feel very fortunate to have held our conference in the sweet spot of the summer. With our high vaccination rate and prior to the Delta variant surge, vaccinated people had virtually no masking or distancing restrictions and were able to dine and room as they wished. Some of the many highlights from the week included:

- The conference size - The smaller conference afforded conferees to be able to have those wonderful lengthy conversations and more time to connect with one another.
- The Dining Room - Conferees were pleased to be able to hear themselves think and have conversations. People loved the picnic tables on the porch and front lawn. It was such a hit it is likely to be continued in future years. The rolling meal time also contributed to a more relaxed and an overall more enjoyable meal experience.
- All events were well attended even with our smaller conference numbers.
- There were great new activities including: Beloved Community with Rev Dr. Leon Dunkley, self defense with Becky Valentine, and Bachata with Penelope Garcia.
- Our speaker felt the love! Attendance never dropped off and had rave reviews all week! Our Speaker Catherine Dunn taught us how movies were made and how the director gets the audience to feel and see what they want us to feel and see. She also taught us the Rule of 3rds, how sound is created, and how movies develop their story of plots and subplots. The week culminated in the analysis of Alfred Hitchcock's *North by Northwest*. We were riveted to the last minute!
- The Media Committee (Deb Weiner-Soule, Jim Scheffler, David Yermack, David Epstein, Jeff Loewer, and Annie Stewart) - The Chairs merely gave the committee a list of events to stream and they never had to think about it again. The committee did a fantastic job seamlessly streaming events such as the lecture, Talk on the Rocks, and the Musicale on Facebook Live and 15 x 20 on Zoom. We also had several presenters able to present their 15 x 20 from off Island through Zoom.
- Social Hour - in the Stone Village and musicians on Marshman stage was an A+
- Serving a variety of beer in cans provided choice; serving wine in a box produced less waste.
- Social hour food was by necessity less elaborate than in past years. There were some definite social hour food highlights thanks to Angela Zingale and Esme Elzi.
- With a smaller conference attendance we were able to have several wonderful new Shoalers.
- Deb and Tom Walton and the amazing Children's Program teachers gave our children a creative and meaningful week despite the upheaval.
- David Yermack brought us into the 21st century by enabling electronic payment for T-shirts, auction winnings, social hour donations, and clam and artichoke tickets.
- The auction was a huge success raising \$13,442 thanks to Beth Corsa's tireless work.

- Volunteers - All volunteers were amazing and did so much to make it a great conference. The fewer numbers gave us the opportunity to think outside the box and ask people to try new things. People really stepped up with several people wearing a variety of different hats. A few honorable mentions include:
  - Betsy Berg was our auctioneer extraordinaire with sidekick Joel Fredricks.
  - Bernie Baltaxe and Scotia Miller revitalized the 4th of July games.
  - Jodi and Mark Martini led a wonderful Banquet. Jodi also stepped in to present Jim Prochaska's 15 x 20 as well as run Talk on the Rocks for Jan Prochaska.
  - Lizzie Yermack beautifully reprinted Elizabeth Yermack's watercolors for our name tags.
  - The Krejci/Powsner Family provided us with a beautifully colorful chalkboard each day.
  - Laurie Powsner pulled together THREE separate "dry dock" news in the off season of 2020 and 2021. This was in addition to the actual Boat News.
  - Ellen Clegg and Louise Williams led a remarkably meaningful and mobile Children's Chapel.
  - Annie Stewart kicked off the week with the fun Boat Get Acquainted Activities
  - Scott Stewart rocked Newton our first night with those who identify male vs. those who identify female Trivia.
  - Elizabeth and Larry Yermack led a healthy crowd in a very engaging discussion about the book *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett.
  - Cyndy Parr (along with April Castoldi from home) put together a wonderful series of healing Evening Chapel services.
  - Shannon Miller and Alex Smock provided us with a truly fun night at the Moon Over Star Island intergenerational dance.
  - Tom Walton and his additional "hunters" led a smashup Great Peoples Hunt.
  - Joel Fredericks showed us that a cabaret style Musicale could be a huge success.
  - The musicians (Ray Castoldi, David Epstein, John Robbins, Ben Krejci, Michelle Drenth and others) filled the conference with wonderful music during social hour from the new Marshman Stage.
  - Brendon Etter provided people with a super fun, slightly less stressful opportunity to perform at Open Mic Night - a real highlight.
  - Art on the Porch was provided by the very creative Katy Biron, Suzanne Cook, Julianna Czum, and Gilbert Williams.

In all, it was a truly special week supported by the efforts of all of our conferees. The Island management also worked tirelessly to help ensure that All Star One was the best week it could be and it really was one of the best weeks ever!

Respectfully Submitted by your 2021 Co-Chairs,  
 Lisa Gresser, Cathy Bertasi, and Ann Etter