

Summer 2012 Interview Summaries

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Sue Baker: Teacher, Conservationist, Preservationist

This very interesting, comprehensive, informative account is narrated by dedicated conservationist and activist, Sue Baker, who worked side-by-side for many years with Greenwich High School marine biology teacher Dan Barrett (the subject of an Oral History Project book found in the library's holdings). Baker, who founded the Greenwich Point Conservancy is a past president of the Friends of Greenwich Point and is still active in the organization. A member and active participant in many local organizations committed to the preservation of our community's waters and beaches, Baker was instrumental in spearheading the restoration of the Innis Arden Cottage at Greenwich Point. The fully restored structure houses a large marine laboratory enabling a new generation of students to learn by doing, in keeping with Baker and Barrett's commitment to teaching.

Greenwich Library Response to Storms of March 2010 and 2011

This interview, narrated by the Library's Associate Director, Barbara Ormerod-Glynn, is an excellent companion piece to the interview of Carl White, Local History and Genealogy Librarian, on the same subject. Ormerod-Glynn speaks knowledgeably about the managerial aspects of dealing with the disaster while White emphasizes the Library's response to the personal problems of Library patrons. As Ms. Ormerod-Glynn explains, "Everything we did was guided by our mission to expand our normal service to accommodate the many residents who needed to use the Library as a home away from home until their power was restored." Doing so included staffing the Technology Training Center through the evening hours, keeping the café open (which the operator [Ailton Sousa] agreed to do), providing additional access to electrical outlets for recharging, and moving more staff to public service desks.

Greenwich Old Timers Athletic Association

The narrator of this interview, Nino Sechi, is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable spokesperson about the history and activities of the Greenwich Old Timers Athletic Association. This much-revered organization has a strong following among sports enthusiasts in town. Sechi tells of the beginnings of The Greenwich Old Timers in 1960 and its founding primarily by two brothers, Joe Branca and Jim Branca, citing Joe as the true "brainchild." According to Sechi, Joe was interested in raising money to award scholarships and to support sports programs for deserving youngsters. He began to fulfill his dream by involving influential people in town, and over the years the organization has grown in size and scope. Drawing on the support of many local and

nearby sports celebrities and luminaries, the organization has awarded upwards of \$800 thousand dollars in scholarships to local youths of promise.