

VINEYARD

Island of Martha's Vineyard, seven miles off southeast coast of Massachusetts. Winter population, 15,007; in summer, 105,624. Twenty miles from city of New Bedford, 80 miles from Boston and 150 miles from New York.



GAZETTE

Devoted to the interest of the six towns on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, viz.: Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury (Vineyard Haven), West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. These, with Gosnold, constitute Dukes County.

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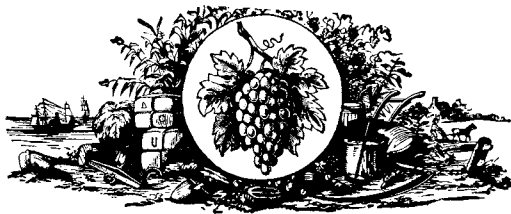
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Birthday Smiles to Trulayna Rose on November 10, Amanda Gonsalves on the 11th, Katie Davey on November 13, Patricia Alley and Barbara Humber on November 15, and Marion Morton on the 17th.

Enjoy your week.
Peace. ♦





Vineyard Youth: Connecting for Change Bioneers By the Bay Conference: October, 2010

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They were fascinated by David de Rothschild who built the catamaran *Plastiki*, buoyed by 12,500 reclaimed plastic bottles and sailed across the Pacific Ocean. They were intrigued by Annie Leonard, *The Story of Stuff* and how "we need to use less stuff to help our global neighbors." They were shocked to hear statistics from Dr. Antwi Akom and Van Jones, known as the "Martin Luther King Jr. of the green jobs movement" about the environmental and health challenges facing today's youth. They were energized by performances by Tem Blessed who uses Sustainable Hip Hop like the "Green Anthem" as a tool to educate, empower and inspire young people to adopt green lifestyle habits including retrofitting buildings with YouthBuild New Bedford.

An aspiring businesswoman, Kelsey was especially impressed with Seth Goodman, President of Honest Tea is "one of the ten best companies on the planet based on their overall social and environmental record."

They were inspired by Nikki Henderson, People's Grocery in West Oakland, California leveraging local nutrition education to reduce obesity, diabetes, heart disease. Since People's Grocery is featured in the book, *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*, Nikki will serve as faculty for the 2011 Vineyard Youth Summit.

They enjoyed meeting members of the Youth Initiative and invited them to the Vineyard Youth Summit! Other Vineyarders attended including Pam and Nat Benjamin, Gail Tipton and John Abrams signing his books.

To continue their college preparation process, MVYLI youth also toured UMass Dartmouth.

The Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative's mission is to develop the next generation of Island leaders. MVYLI's year-round program builds on the Youth Summit and provides leadership development opportunities.

The Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative is grateful to all those who helped make this possible including the Marion Institute, Comfort Inn & Suites Fall River, Not Your Average Joe's in Dartmouth, Sangre's in Fall River and Brown Williams. Special thanks to our Vineyard sponsors especially McCurdy Motors and Bill Brown at Martha's Vineyard Multisport Inc., Bink's Auto, Vineyard Alternative Auto, Vineyard Bottled Water Steamship Authority and EcoMV.

MVYLI is a project of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute. The Institute's mission is to develop educational tools like the book/educational curriculum, *Stone Soup for the World*, initiatives and Youth Summits that prepare young and emerging leaders to build a sustainable world. Founded in 1997 on Martha's Vineyard, the Institute is a 501c3 non-profit education organization registered in Massachusetts. MVYLI invites everyone to pitch in to help build a new generation of leaders on the Island. For more information, please email mvyouthleaders@gmail.com