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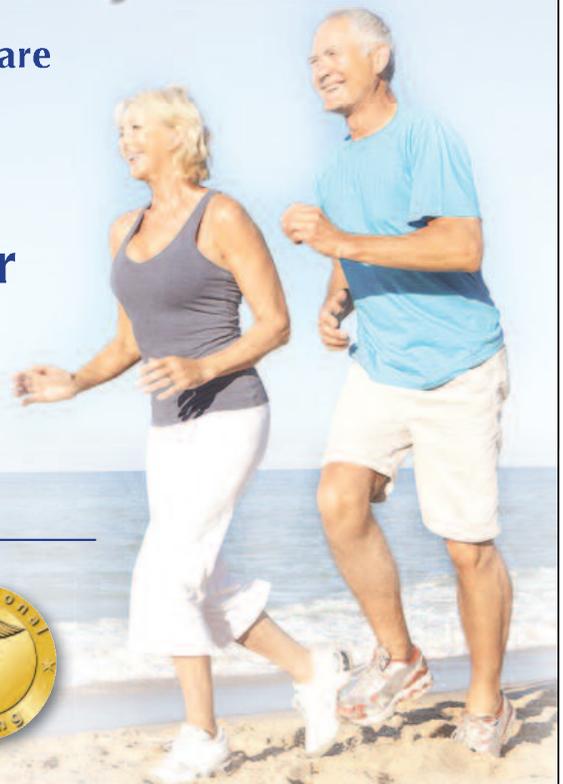
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# NEW YEAR'S EVE AT OCC



Organizers of the 2016 New Year's Eve Gala at OCC, from left, Megan Bergaila of OCC with residents Dee Varholak, Pat Spodick, Dottie Sullivan, Sonya DeBiase and Carolyn Novotny.



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## IT WAS NEW YEAR'S EVE ... SOMEWHERE

By Dee Varholak ~ Photos by Bob Krakovich

As the minutes were counted down to midnight during the Oronoque Country Club's fabulous New Year's Eve 2016 Gala, 118 Villagers raised their glasses, hugged and kissed to the tune of *Auld Lang Syne*.

The mood was set from the moment guests stepped into the elegant, sparkly dining room; the ladies were fashionably dressed in their party apparel and the men looked especially dashing from head to toe.

The music of Bob Cooper of Sound Advice, the decor (including the candles, balloons and centerpieces), the service staff (welcoming and friendly), the presentation of the hors d'oeuvres and food and the amazing people; old friends, new friends, everyone mingling and greeting each other. How can I describe it in one word? Magical!

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The theme, "It's Midnight Somewhere," was carried out throughout the evening. A lavish table displayed gift baskets, wine and beers from the five countries where New Year's Eve would be toasted before the clock at OCC would strike midnight.

Replicas of flags and wines of the United Kingdom, Cape Verde, Brazil, Argentina, Canada and the United States were raffled off hourly beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at midnight. The winners took home the bottles of wine and lucky **Janet and Leo Onze** won the prize gift basket. **Gene Sullivan** won the USA bottle of champagne.

While the hours slipped by and the prizes were given out, the dinners were served and the dance floor overflowed with couples enjoying the music. The DJ accepted requests and happily accommodated all our line-dancing groupies to *Boot, Scootin' Boogie, Candida* and *New York, New York*.

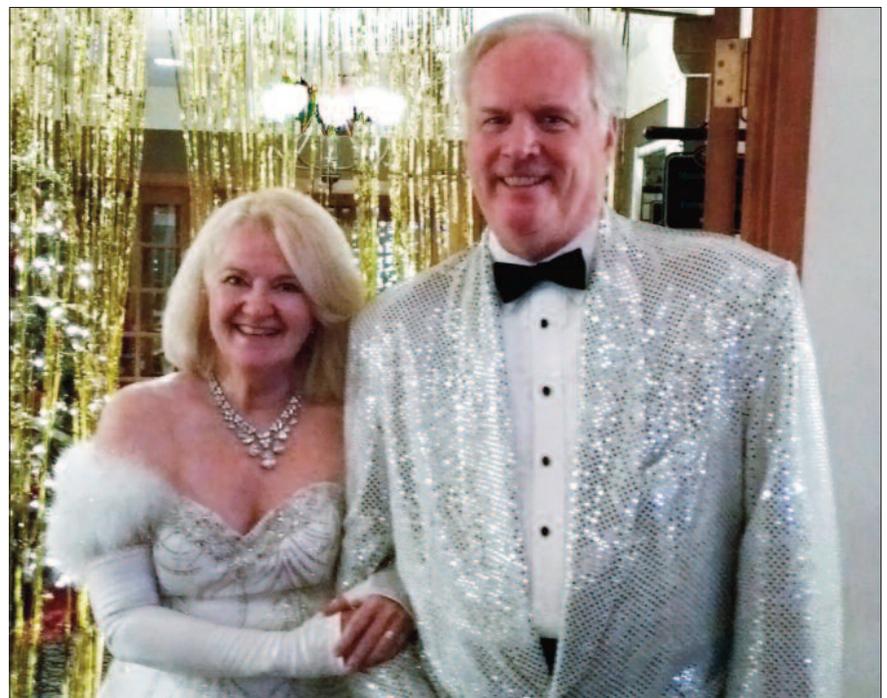
If you were at a magical evening such as this, you surely know that a Cinderella and Prince Charming would have made some sort of entrance at some point in time. Well, yes indeed, they did. Ours arrived at 7 p.m., danced the night away and did not leave until after midnight! **Melinda and Jim McCreary**, who are newcomers to the Village, made our Gala more Gal-icious as you can tell by the photo on this page. Who could ask for anything more?

There was another kind of excitement when **Maryanne and Peter Doonan**, also new residents, won the gift certificate for \$500 towards membership to Oronoque Country Club. Congratulations!

When *Auld Lang Syne* was played, the champagne was poured, the clock struck midnight and it was the end of a perfect New Year's Eve party.

This incredible event was put together by the Oronoque Country Club, courtesy of new Banquet Manager Meghan Bergaila, a very special addition to the club's staff, and the personal attention and diligent planning efforts of an ad hoc committee comprised of **Sonya DeBiase, Carolyn Novotny, Pat Spodick, Dottie Sullivan** and **Dee Varholak**, all active Oronoque Village residents.

**Top:** a table of party goers. **Center:** raffle winners Leo and Janet Onze with their prize. **Bottom:** Melinda and Jim McCreary dressed for the occasion.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOLIDAY DECORATION REMOVAL

According to a policy voted on by the Board of Directors, all holiday decorations must be removed by Jan. 15.

If you have outdoor lights in place, wreaths, decorated light poles or others decorations on your unit's exterior or common areas, they must be removed by the deadline date.

Those who do not obey these rules will be subjected to the potential cost of Maintenance removing them or fines imposed by the Board.

## SAC INVITES RESIDENTS TO AN ART GALLERY RECEPTION AT SCB



SAC invites all residents to attend a reception from 3-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan 24, to celebrate the opening of the first Oronoque Gallery Show at SCB. The theme of the exhibition is "Urban and Rural Landscapes and Seascapes." Refreshments will be served.

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The exhibit was installed on Jan. 11 in the SCB foyer and will remain on view through April.

## CALL-IN PROGRAM IS OFFERED TO RESIDENTS WHO LIVE ALONE

Villagers who live alone may place themselves on a call-in list and call the monitor on duty each morning at 9 a.m. There is also an answering machine in the office in case they want to call in before 9 a.m.

If the call-in resident hasn't called by 10 a.m. and can't be reached by telephone, the monitor calls a contact person on behalf of the resident.

If no one can be reached, the monitor notifies management in the NCB Business Office and someone goes



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For information, call Dee Tuozzoli at 203-375-3724.

## VOLUNTEER MONITORS WANTED

The Oronoque Village Monitor program needs volunteers as monitors and substitutes. Daily monitors are needed to maintain a presence in the South Clubhouse office. This is a two-hour-a-day, once-a-week volunteer job. Positions are open for Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If interested, please contact Dee Tuozzoli at 203-375-3724.

## EVENT MEETING SCHEDULES

Following is a brief outline of when some of this community's club and group events take place.

**Bingo** is held the third Thursday of each month (excluding December) at 7 p.m. at SCB.

**Blood pressure screenings** are offered at no cost on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at NCB.

**The Book Club** meets the first Wednesday of every month in the NCB Library at 7 p.m.

**The Current Events Discussion Group** meets on alternate Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at SCB.

**Dollcrafters** meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at NCB.

**Funseekers** meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month (excluding January) at 7 p.m. at SCB.

**House & Garden Club General Meetings** take place at SCB on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m., beginning in March 2016. (There are no meetings in January, February, July and August.)

**It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere**, presented by SAC, takes place the first Friday of each month in the NCB Lounge at 4:30 p.m.

**The Movie Club** shows films at NCB on the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. and the following Wednesday at 2 p.m. A \$1 admission includes popcorn. (There are no films shown during the month of December.)

**The Pickleball Club** will resume its meetings at the Racquet Sports Facility in the spring.

**The Pool Social Group** meets the second Thursday of each month at SCB from 4-6 p.m.

**Tea, Talk & Crafts** meets at the South Community Building on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

**Table Tennis** meets at 10 a.m. on Fridays at SCB.

# ACTIVITIES

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *To ensure accuracy, information must be submitted, via email, to Carol King at [cking@oronoquevilage.com](mailto:cking@oronoquevilage.com). (Submissions must be typed, in upper and lower case.) The deadline to be included in the next issue of The Villager, on Feb. 1, is Jan. 19 at noon.*

## BINGO

• Bingo, presented by the Men's Club, occurs at 7 p.m. at SCB on Jan. 21. The cost is \$2.50 per card.

## BOOK CLUB

• On Feb. 3, the group will meet in the NCB library at 7 p.m. to discuss *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens. Published in 1854, the story concerns one Thomas Gradgrind, a "fanatic of the demonstrable fact," who raises his children Tom and Louisa, in a stifling and arid atmosphere of grim practicality. Please see flyer for more details.

## CURRENT EVENTS

• The Current Events Discussion Group will meet in the SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on Jan. 20, Feb. 10 and Feb. 24.

## FUNSEEKERS

• An evening of entertainment is scheduled for Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at SCB. The Take 4 - Coastal Chordsmen will sing a variety of songs, ranging from The Beach Boys to doo-wop, country or Broadway ballads. Admission is \$2 for members, \$5 for nonmembers. Cabaret-style seating. BYOB. Coffee and dessert will follow the program. Questions? Please call Bob at 293-752-6105 or Jack 203-375-6282.

## IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

• SAC invites all residents to attend an informal gathering on the first Friday of each month at NCB. "It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere" is an opportunity to get to know other longtime as well as new residents. The next event takes place on Feb. 5 at 4:30 p.m. BYOB. Ice will be provided. For more details, call Barbara Minoff at 203-386-0533.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

• Resident women are invited to attend a Bible study class on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium at SCB.

## MEN'S CLUB

• The Men's Club Mohegan Sun Casino bus trip on Jan. 18

will leave from the rear parking lot of the South Clubhouse at 1 p.m. The bus will depart from the casino for the trip home at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Checks made out to Oronoque Village Men's Club are your reservation. Please place check in the Men's Club box in the North Clubhouse. Questions? Call Sandy Lunt at 203-377-5833 or Jerry Brown at 203-378-7781.

• The Men's Club Super Bowl Party will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, at SCB. All residents are invited to attend at a cost of \$5 per person. Reservations are a must. Please see flyer for the sign-up form. Payment includes sandwiches, beverages and dessert. For more information, call Jerry at 203-378-7781 or Sandy at 203-377-5833.

## MOVIE CLUB

• Films are shown at NCB at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month and the following Wednesday at 2 p.m. The \$1 admission includes popcorn.

• On Feb. 12 and 17, the film will be *The Martian*. When astronauts blast off from the planet Mars, they leave behind Mark Watney (Matt Damon), presumed dead after a fierce storm. With only a meager amount of supplies, the stranded visitor must utilize his wits and spirit to find a way to survive on the hostile planet. Meanwhile, back on Earth, his crewmates hatch a plan for a daring rescue mission.

## WEEKENDERS

• On March 12, Weekenders will celebrate St. Paddy's Day at NCB with Pierce Campbell of The Kerry Boys. Pierce, who has been entertaining for more than 25 years, was awarded the honorary position of Connecticut State Troubadour for 2007 to 2008. He will perform traditional and original Irish/Celtic songs with a guitar accompanist. Irish fare will be served. The cost is \$17. Deposit checks made out to Weekenders at the North Clubhouse by March 1 to secure your reservation. Please include details regarding special seating arrangements.

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## FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16:** No events scheduled

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17:** No events scheduled

## MONDAY, JANUARY 18

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 12:30 p.m. – Cards, SCB, Back Rm (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA Board Mtg, NCB (O)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, Beginner, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB,
- 1:00 p.m. – Mahjongg, SCB, C/R (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Men's Poker Group, SCB, C/R2 (C)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 12:30 p.m. – Card Game, SCB, CR (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB, C/R (O)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, SCB, Aud (O)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

- 3:00 p.m. – Art Show Reception, SCB (O)

## MONDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 12:30 p.m. – Cards, SCB, Back Rm (C)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, Beginner, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Mahjongg, SCB, C/R (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Men's Poker Group, SCB, C/R2 (O)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 12:30 p.m. – Card Game, SCB, C/R (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB, C/R (O)

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## FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30:** No events scheduled

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31:** No events scheduled

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 7:30 p.m. – SAC Meeting, NCB, B/R (O)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Board Mtg, NCB, B/R (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 12:30 p.m. – Cards, SCB, Back Rm (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Mtg, SCB C/R2 (C)

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, Beginner, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Men's Poker Group, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB, Library (O)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 12:30 p.m. – Card Game, SCB, C/R (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB, C/R (O)

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 4:30 p.m. – It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, NCB (O)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6:** No events scheduled

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7:** No events scheduled

O=Open / C=Closed

### The Business and Maintenance Offices will observe the following holidays during 2016:

*President's Day* .....Monday, Feb. 15

*Good Friday* .....Friday, March 25

*Memorial Day* .....Monday, May 30

*Independence Day*.....Monday, July 4

*Labor Day* .....Monday, Sept. 5

*Columbus Day*.....Monday, Oct. 10

*Thanksgiving* .....Thursday, Nov. 24  
Friday, Nov. 25

*Christmas* .....Monday, Dec. 26



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# MAINTENANCE MATTERS

You know it is winter when you see the brightly colored curb markers sprouting throughout the Village. These markers are placed to help the snow plow operators stay close to the edge of the road without harming the curbing.

These markers are **very** important and must not be moved. Should you see one that is broken or out of place, please report it to the OV Maintenance Department at 203-375-8853.

## Some winter reminders:

- There is free "Ice Melt" available from containers at the entrances of the North and South Community Buildings. Bring your own container and please take only what you need at one time.

- There is a detailed write up of the snow-plowing procedures available in the OV office.



- When walking within the community, always face on-coming traffic and -- at night and in the early morning hours -- wear easy-to-see light-colored clothing. Carrying a flashlight and using reflectors are also advised.

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# WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB

By Joanna D'Onofrio ~ Photos by Irene Sanzone

The members and substitutes of the Women's Bowling Club recently held their annual Christmas luncheon at The Bridge House in Devon.

The hostesses were **Debbie Tomasko** and **Mary Lee Prussel**. Along with delicious food provided by the restau-

rant, there were table decorations and favors made by these two creative ladies. A good time was had by all and the ladies are looking forward to making some strikes and spares in the new year.

There is always a need for substitutes at any level of play. If you have questions, please call Joanna at 203-381-9664 or Dee at 203-375-3724.

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**Top left, from left,** Lyda Julian, Mary Christiano, Miriam Tierney and Maryanne Hyatt.

**Top right, from left:** Cheryl Zerjav, MaryAnn Baudoin and Anne Vecsey.

**Above, seated, from left,** Joan Chanda, Agnes Lavin, Marina Verrilli, Dee Tuozzoli, Ann Chapell, Claire Miucco, Joanna D'Onofrio. **Standing, from left,** Bobbie Bartoletta and Dottie Stoeppel.

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# FUNSEEKERS FETED AT DOWNTOWN CABARET

By Anne Gallo

What a fun night our Funseekers had while attending Bridgeport's Downtown Cabaret on Nov. 21, 2015. The show -- titled "50's Dance Party" -- was a festival of the 1950s, featuring songs made famous by music legends Buddy Holly, Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens.

This musical tribute to this very memorable era was near and dear to our enthusiastic crowd of 78 Villagers, which is considered to be a large group for this charming little theater. It was a "sold out" night that balmy Saturday. The excitement was abundant with singing, swaying, clapping and dancing in the aisles...it was just a great, great show, as it always is!

Funseekers has been attending Downtown Cabaret events for more than 20 years; on average, we attend four to five performances a year.

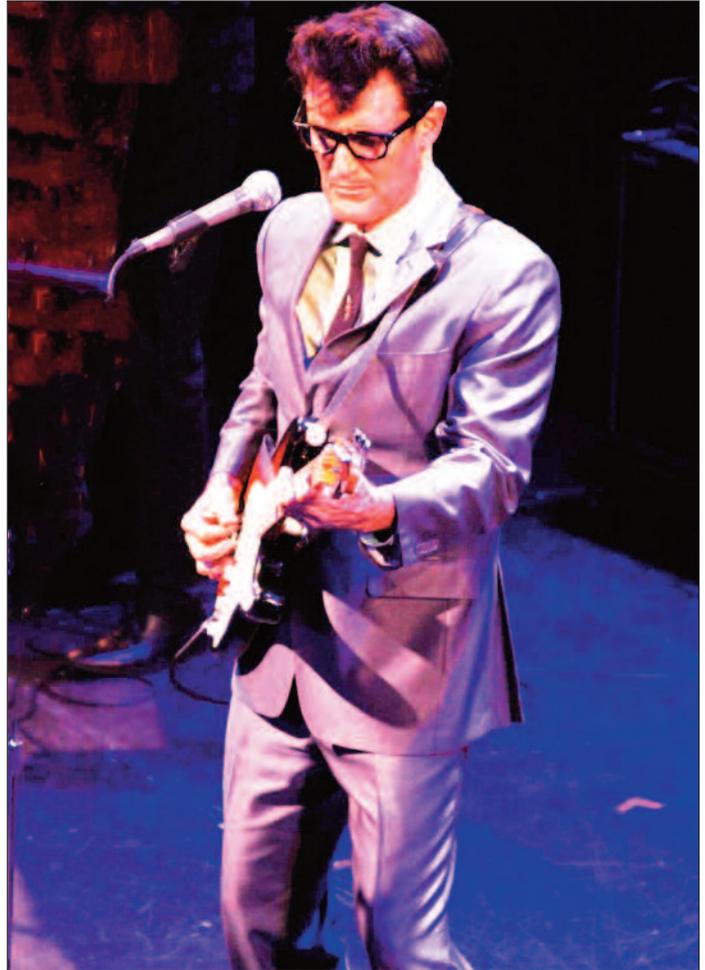
We were specially acknowledged during the Nov. 21 event. Appreciation was extended to us for our longstanding loyalty and attendance...a very nice recognition.

Plans will be announced shortly for upcoming shows. There's always a sign-up sheet at our monthly Funseekers meeting. Our next trip will probably be in late February or March. Details will be provided to Villagers well ahead of time so you can plan to be a part of these delightful performances.

Funseekers meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, excluding January.

If you have questions, please call **Anne Gallo** at 203-380-1022.

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*John Mueller portrayed Buddy Holly at Bridgeport's Downtown Cabaret's "50's Dance Party."*

## AARP "SMART DRIVER" CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2016

By Joan Pappas

Five AARP driver safety classes will take place at Oronoque Village during 2016. This course has been designed specifically for older drivers and is updated regularly to reflect changes in ourselves, vehicles, roads and in other drivers.

For more than 30 years AARP courses have presented proven safety strategies to mature drivers so they can continue to drive safely for many years to come.

The latest version of this course, Smart Driver, was introduced in 2014 and provides current research-based information to help drivers update their driving knowledge and skills. In fact, research shows that as a result of completing the course, most people make positive changes to their driving behaviors.

There will be no tests, However, students can answer

some self-assessment questions for their own use.

Insurance companies offer discounts on liability insurance rates for drivers who complete the course.

You will have five opportunities to reserve a place in an Oronoque Village-based Smart Driver class in 2016.

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# DISTRICT 8 CELEBRATION AT OCC

By Judy Waldeyer ~ Photo by Jeanette Caron

Oronoque Country Club rolled out the red carpet for the District 8 Holiday Party on Dec. 15. Attendees were greeted by **Marcia Klein**, District 8 secretary, and **Phyllis Holson**, treasurer, who gave out the table assignments and presented each with one-half of a playing card and a ballot to guess the number of candy kisses in a large jug.

Also, there was a large table filled with gifts donated by the District 8 team members and their friends to be presented to winners throughout the evening.

More than 50 District 8 residents and their guests started off the event with a cocktail hour and a table filled with freshly baked stuffed breads. The mood was very festive as holiday music was played.

Following the cocktail hour, District 8 Representative **Judy Waldeyer** introduced herself, and welcomed everyone. Always one for punctuality, Judy presented two prizes: one to the first to RSVP (**Judy Carpenter**) and one to the first to come to the party (**Janet Ghent**).

A spectacular dinner followed. The choices of entrees were apple-stuffed chicken with sundried cranberries and an

apple-cider bourbon sauce; lemon-dill salmon and sliced sirloin topped with onion straws.

Prizes were given out during the meal: contest categories included those with the most grandchildren (**Joe and Anne Vecsey**), those with the most great-grandchildren (**Jean Ahlberg**), the person who has lived in District 8 the longest (**Ernestine Wisniewski**) and the newest residents (**Diana and Michael Coppola**).



From left, Jackie Freeman, Phyllis and Mel Holson, Cynthia Harms and Natalie Munn at the District 8 Holiday Party.

Prizes also were won by the holders of the half of the playing card that matched the cards picked during drawings. The prizes varied: bottles of wine, a Vera Bradley bag, a gift box of jams and jellies, candles, mugs, placemats and many more.

The high point of the evening was to find out who guessed the

number of candy kisses without going over the number.

Numbers ranged from 200 to 1,600, but the winner of 433 candy kisses, and a bottle of chocolate wine, was **Bob Kilton**, guessing 429. Good job, Bob!

Before the end of the evening, Judy thanked **Do Irwin** and **Mary Ann Kelly**, from District 9, who, last year, introduced District 8 to having its holiday party at Oronoque Country Club.

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## VILLAGE SNAPSHOT

Thanks to Sonya DeBiase for contributing this photo of the Tea Talk and Crafts group attending a potluck luncheon on Dec. 17, 2015, at SCB in celebration of the holidays. Cynthia Harms gets credit for the cheerful table decorations.

Left to right around the table: Dottie Moscato, Babara Koushouris, Irene Sanzone, Judy Ganser (at head of table), Eileen Clavenoux, Anne Freehill, Ruth Kunin, Marge Ragazzino, Barbara Dierolf, Terry Kelso, Mary Ann Buckley and Anna Hickey.



# ARTIST OF THE MONTH: JACKIE FREEMAN

Story and photo by Carol King

This month visitors to NCB have the opportunity to see a unique form of Folk Art, courtesy of Jackie Freeman.

Jackie, who is the Artist of the Month, is showcasing her Theorem paintings, which is a meticulous artform that dates back to the early 1800s. "Theorem paintings incorporate hand-cutting mylar stencils that are then used with the application of oil paint on a white velvet canvas," she explains. "The technique requires using multiple overlays, shading and fine-line brush work."

The Theorem technique was popular in the New England states from around 1810 to 1840, and it became part of the curricula of the schools for young ladies of the period.

Jackie became intrigued with the medium about 30 years ago. "I joined a friend who was taking lessons in Theorem painting during the 1980s," she says. "It was my first entry into painting and I enjoyed working in a medium of the past."

As a former elementary school teacher, Jackie has been involved in a variety of art-related activities. "While I was teaching, I would work on seasonal art projects with the children as well as assignments that combined artwork with creative writing," she says.

"When I retired, I would return to the classroom as a volunteer, working on art-related projects with the third and fourth-graders," she adds. "I enjoy dabbling in different activities."

Of late, she is focusing her talents on the creation of greeting cards, which are sold at the Southport Women's Exchange. "I make the cards using antique postcards, multiple accent papers, ribbons and other embellishments," she notes. "I also create cards that make use of counted cross-stitch on perforated papers."

Since arriving at Oronoque Village in 2008, Jackie has shared her talents with a number of community-based or-



ganizations. As the Hospitality Co-chairperson of the House & Garden Club, her creativity is well-known to those who attend the organization's events. The table decorations and centerpieces that she creates often make use of live plants and found objects, such as silver-plated buckets or seasonal ornaments.

"As soon as I moved here, I got involved in everything that I could," she recalls. "I became a member of Funseekers and Tea, Talk and Crafts, I attended the Pletman Concerts and I took advantage of the special events and trips that the community offers."

She also is the District 4 Representative, a member of the Tennis Club and, during the summers, she organizes water aerobics classes in the South pool.

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The security phone number **SHOULD NEVER** be called when you are in need of a first-responder.

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- Domestic violence incidents

- Theft or intentional damage to property
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