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OV GOLF TOURNAMENT

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

By Judy Waldeyer

The Oronoque Village Golf Tournament, scheduled for Aug. 15 at Oronoque Country Club, is on its way to becoming another successful event. Slots are filling up quickly and residents are reminded to sign up soon, before they miss the opportunity to become a part of this worthwhile event. Don't golf? Banquet-only guests are welcome to join in for dinner and an opportunity to win some of the many prizes presently being collected by **Richard Keating** and **Bob Koritko**.

The 12th annual tournament has once again earmarked the proceeds of the event for the beautification of our Village and two local charities.

The OV Golf Tournament will donate some of the proceeds to Swim Across the Sound. Their mission is cancer education, screening and prevention programs at low- or



The OV Golf Tournament will donate a portion of its proceeds to the Sterling House Community Center in Stratford as well as Swim Across the Sound.



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no-cost for uninsured or under-insured area residents. Since 2013, the tournament, through entry fees, raffle prizes and private donations, has raised more than \$10,000 for Swim Across the Sound.

This year, the second recipient of proceeds from the Golf Tournament is the Sterling House Community Center on Main Street in Stratford. Since 1932, Sterling House has served children and youths (92 percent from Stratford and Bridgeport) and provided basic-needs assistance for them and their families in the form of food, clothing, information about places to live, employment, child care and financial assistance and crisis support.

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- Provide enough food for more than 47,000 meals for over 7,1000 hungry families and individuals
- Distribute 320 turkeys and 240 Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need
- Provide more than 200 families with holiday gifts
- Equip more than 300 school children with new backpacks filled with school supplies
- Give scholarships to more than 300 youths who otherwise would not be able to participate in sports, day camp, after-school enrichment programs and nursery/pre-school programs
- Support victims of domestic violence and homelessness through community organizations

Over the years, Oronoque Village has been a vital part of the work that the Sterling House does. Our own **Harriet Liss** and **Betty Mulholland** have chaired the Backpack and Toy Drive programs. Thanks to the Sterling House Toy Drive, more than 1,000 children in Stratford receive holiday gifts.

The Golf Tournament Committee, under the direction of Executive Manager **John Staley**, is being chaired by **Judy Waldeyer**, with committee members **Marcia Klein, Camille Manzolli, Dee Varholak, Dee Tuozzoli**, Richard Keating and Bob Koritko. Our many volunteers will be working hard throughout the event to make this the best tournament ever.

We urge OV residents to join us and pledge their sup-



Oronoque Village residents have a long history with Sterling House. Shown during last year's Toy Drive drop-off are, from left, Sterling House Office Manager Donna Kelly, Maintenance staff member David Hobson, Sterling House Executive Director Lou Pernot and Maintenance staff member Chris Sloat.

port for this wonderful opportunity to help these charities.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OVCA NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS CANDIDATES

The OVCA Nominating Committee, chaired by Irene Sanzone, is accepting resumes for candidates who wish to serve as an officer of the Association. The office is for a one-year term beginning September 2016 and concluding September 2017. Selection will be for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Candidates should submit resumes to the Business Office and be prepared to appear before the Nominating Committee by appointment for personal interviews. Email resumes to larvers@oronoquevillage.com. (Please be sure to specify the position for which you are applying.)

The deadline to receive resumes is Thursday, July 21. The recommended slate of officers will be read at the OVCA Board Meeting on Aug. 16. The vote will take place at the Sept. 20 Annual OVCA meeting.

MONITOR PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEER FOR FRIDAY MORNINGS

The Oronoque Village Monitor Program needs a volunteer for Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SCB.

Responsibilities include checking visitors in and out, patrolling the building, participating in the Call-In Program and assisting with the Movie Club Home Loan Program.

If you are interested, please call Dee Tuozzoli at 203-375-3724.

BUSINESS OFFICE HAS SUMMER HOURS

The OV Business Office is operating under a summer hours schedule. The office is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. On Friday, the office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you would like to drop off payments and or other correspondence after-hours, you are welcome to use the outside dropbox at NCB.

ACTIVITIES

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

CURRENT EVENTS

- The Current Events Discussion Group will meet in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on July 20, Aug. 3 and Aug. 17.

DOLLCRAFTERS

- Dollcrafters meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at NCB.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

- Resident women are invited to attend a Bible study class on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium at SCB. There are no meetings scheduled for August.

PICKLEBALL CLUB SCHEDULE

- Pickleball season is underway. On Mondays and Wednesdays Round Robin are held from 4 to 6 p.m.

- On Saturdays, Round Robins are held from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please email Gery, cleeker@optonline.net, if you will be attending. Four players are needed to hold a Round Robin.
- Tennis/court shoes with nonmarking soles must be worn.

DISTRICT MEETINGS *

District 2 will meet on Sunday, July 17, at 1 p.m. at SCB.

District 6 will hold a meeting on July 27 at 6 p.m. at SCB.

District 11 will meet on July 20 at NCB.

** Flyers with full details will be distributed to district residents.*

MEN'S CLUB ART SHOW AT WENDY'S

The Oronoque Village Men's Club sponsored its Fourth Annual Art Show at Wendy's last month.

The show, which took place at 484 Bridgeport Ave., featured the works of students who are under the tutelage of Chris Goldbach.

Several Oronoque residents participated in this show, including **Marie Orlowe** and **Barry Lewinsky**, who are pictured, as well as **Jack Fitzgerald**, **Sam Levinson**, **Sandy Lunt**, **Mel Robinson**, **Wally Sloves** and **Barbara Stewart**.

Thanks to Marcia Klein for the photo contributions.



OVCA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Editor's Note: Meeting minutes, in their entirety, are posted on the website, www.oronoquevillage.com

OVCA Meeting, May 17, 2016

OVCA President Bob Grosso stated he met with Dee Varholak and Barbara Minoff to discuss the feasibility of SAC supporting a New Year's Eve Party.

Executive Manager John Staley reported that meetings are being held with the new OVCA auditors. Regarding solar panels for NCB, he said that the paperwork dealing with the State of Connecticut is becoming onerous and outside legal counsel has been needed. He asked that the committee re-visit the decision in light of these unforeseen costs.

House Committee Chairman Steve Brieger spoke about an issue related to an entertainment production that will be held in the Village at the North Clubhouse.

Nancy Blagys, OVCA liaison to the Oronoque Country Club, updated the board on changes at the country club.

Due to a technicality, two motions that were approved at the April 19 meeting had to be resubmitted and acted on by the board. The two motions were ART. VII, Section 9(A)(1) - Windows and Glass Panes and ART. VII, Section 9(A)(1) - Sliding Glass Doors.

Motions Approved During the May 2016 OVCA Board Meeting:

A motion to expand a deck at 447A Hammerstone passed unanimously.

A motion to approve changes to the pool rules and regulations passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following resolutions passed with one "no" vote:

RESOLUTION: ART. VII, Section 9(A)(1)

Windows and Glass Panes

a. All original window frames are the responsibility of the Unit Owner, except for the glass panes.

b. The glass panes are the responsibility of the Association and will be replaced by the Association at no charge to the Unit Owner with the exception for breakages if attributable to the Owner or Renter.

c. All frames and panes replaced by a Unit Owner with newer materials (such as vinyl) in the same original opening or in a new location are the responsibility of the Unit Owner.

d. Breakage caused by golf balls to window panes in the original window location are the responsibility of the Association. Breakage to window panes added in a new location by a Unit Owner are the Unit Owner's responsibility.

e. The cost of any glass replacement will not exceed the cost of the standard glass being used by the Association for replacements, i.e., if the Unit Owner has replaced a window pane with a more expensive type of glass, it will be covered only at the standard glass cost.



ART. VII, Section 9(A)(1)

Sliding Glass Doors

a. Definitions:

1) The Master Sliding Door Frame is the main wooden structure attached to the building (including the foot sill and the Sidelight Glass) that surrounds and holds the original Metal Sliding Glass Door Frame and Glass.

2) The Metal Sliding Glass Door Frame is the Metal Frame that sits inside the Master Sliding Door Frame and holds Glass.

3) A Modification is classified/made If the Master Sliding Door Frame or the Metal Sliding Glass Door Frame and Glass is replaced with a newer material (such as metal, wood or vinyl) by a previous or present owner. This becomes the responsibility of the Unit Owner. No glass will be replaced in modified frames by the Association.

b. Original Master Sliding Door Frames are the responsibility of the Association.

c. Original Metal Sliding Glass Door Frames and Glass are the responsibility of the Association.

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*RSF = Racquet Sports Facility / O=Open / C=Closed

FRIDAY, JULY 15

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Adult Coloring, SCB, C/R (C)

SATURDAY, JULY 16

- 9:30 a.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Weekenders, NCB (O)

SUNDAY, JULY 17

- 1:00 p.m. – District 2 Picnic, NCB (O)

MONDAY, JULY 18

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Body Sculpting, SCB, Aud (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)

TUESDAY, JULY 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 (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Bravo Meeting, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – OVCA Nominating Committee, NCB, B/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA Board Mtg, NCB (O)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Blood Pressure Screening, NCB, C/R (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 11 Meeting, NCB (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Men's Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)
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THURSDAY, JULY 21

- 9:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB, Pool (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

FRIDAY, JULY 22

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Adult Coloring SCB, C/R (C)
- 5:00 p.m. – Pickleball Cocktail Party, NCB (O)

SATURDAY, JULY 23

- 9:00 a.m. – Tennis Club Social Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 9:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, SCB, Aud (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)

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SUNDAY, JULY 24: No events scheduled

MONDAY, JULY 25

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Body Sculpting, SCB, Aud (O)

TUESDAY, JULY 26

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Nominating Committee, NCB, B/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVTD Annual Meeting, NCB, Aud (O)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry’s Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Men’s Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 6 Meeting, S (O)

THURSDAY, JULY 28

- 9:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB, Pool (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry’s Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

FRIDAY, JULY 29

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Adult Coloring, SCB, C/R (C)

SATURDAY, JULY 30

- 9:30 a.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)

SUNDAY, JULY 31: No events scheduled

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Body Sculpting, SCB, Aud (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – SAC Meeting, NCB, B/R (O)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Nominating Committee, NCB, B/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Meeting, SCB, C/R2 (C)

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SELF-MASTERY

By Susan Del Bene-Cartisano, PhD, RN

Mastery refers to relatively stable traits of personality that may predispose an individual to achieve skills necessary to accomplish self-awareness and growth during difficult circumstances and stressors.

When a person experiences stressful life events such as illness, death of a spouse, loss of a significant other through circumstances, relocation and/or choice, and perhaps, retirement from a career, there is a painful interval between the stressor and the changes/adaptation that will be required.

It is important to confront the event. There must be a process of “working through” the change/loss. Some events require more coping, others require more grieving. The imperative aspects are allowing the self to reestablish mastery.

Mastery must not be influenced by the actions/opinions of others. All too often, individuals give away their decision-making processes, thus denying themselves the potential for mastery and/or growth to a higher level of fulfillment.

In the culture that I was born into, in many instances, when a male spouse died, the female spouse took on a mantle of black clothing for her remaining days.

However, a male survivor usually remarried within a respectful time and, in many instances, he married a much younger woman. Society no longer makes these demands and we have witnessed changes and the availability of many choices.

Individuals can throw off the mantle and charter their own course. They may create themselves in their own engagement in life and the choices/ decisions they make. Mastery/ hardiness are a composition of traits consisting of certainty, change and, finally, acceptance.

Let us examine the three attributes of mastery:



Certainty

Individuals must maintain that whatever their loss/stressor is, the “sense of self” must prevail. Certainty is present in mastery. It enables the individual to plan, to make decisions and to chart a direction. Thus, certainty is a state of accepting the stressor and mastering a view that is free of self-doubt. To be specific, the individual owns the power of the self to maintain a level of self-esteem, hardiness and mastery.

Change

Change entails effective problem-solving, decision-making and action. Change requires a sense of personal responsibility, planning and strategies for achieving the change and a sense of responsibility that the individual can master the change. Perhaps, the change may take many attempts, but the individual must be aware that there is strength and growth in the change.

Acceptance

The individual must accept the stressors of the event and find alternate sources for satisfaction and growth. One cannot change the event/loss, but one can change the perception of the event.

Kubler-Ross, the noted writer and philosopher, describes acceptance as the last stage of the process of grieving and defined it as, “an existence without fear and despair.” Nietzsche, another great philosopher, famously stated, “That which does not kill me, makes me stronger.”

Thus, this is the essence of mastery, utilizing certainty, change and acceptance for ultimate growth. **OV**

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FUNSEEKERS TRIP TO ST. CLEMENTS CASTLE

Story and photo by Bob Krakovich

Twenty-one Funseekers and guests recently attended a luncheon show at St Clements Castle, overlooking the meandering Connecticut River in Portland, Conn.

The castle, constructed in the late 1800s, emulates a French Chateau. It has two Norman Towers and French Tudor ambience with a beautiful rose garden surrounding an inner court covered well. Following a delicious lunch of either chicken Francaise or tropical mahi mahi, the Funseekers strolled a portion of the 82-acre castle grounds, enjoying views of the gardens, sculptures and winding river below.

Reconvening in the banquet hall, singer John Timpanelli performed a concert, paying tribute to some of the great contemporary songwriters and singers, such as Neil Sedaka, Paul Anka and Barry Manilow. John was later joined by another talented singer, Lisa Stiles, whose impersonation of Dolly Parton was well-received. Lisa later performed songs by Carole King and Barbra Streisand.

A highlight of her performance was a rendition of Betty Everett's *It's in His Kiss*, which was performed with backup singers picked from the audience; **Bob Krakovich** was one of the two backup singers selected. The pair donned



St. Clements Castle in Portland, Conn., was the site of a recent Funseekers trip.

feather boas, wigs and a Dolly Parton-sized bra and swayed and "shoop-shooped" along with the song.

It was an excellent event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all those in attendance. The event was chartered through Friendship Tours. 



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GRAPE EXPECTATIONS EXCEEDED!

Story by Charlie DiGiovanni
~ Photo by Christian Davin

What started as an idea over an "It's 5 o'clock Somewhere" glass of wine with neighbors became a reality on the evening of Friday, June 24. The first OV Wine Club event took place and was enjoyed by all participants.

After greeting us with a chilled entrance wine from the Mediterranean region of Spain, "The Wine Tutor," Len Gulino, guided 30 Villagers in a "Wine 101" course. This included the basics of sniffing, swirling and sipping an assortment of wines from various regions of the globe. Whether you are a world-class sommelier or someone who is just learning about wines, this was a fun and informative group event.

Len instructed us on the characteristics of six different wines that he provided for tasting, including their grapes and country of origin. We learned a tasting technique similar to "slurping," which uses different sectors of the tongue to reveal a wine's sweetness, sourness or bitterness. This is due to the primordial aspects of our tongues, which helped our prehistoric ancestors determine what is poisonous and what is not. Also, we learned that quickly swirling a wine with our hands over the glass enhances its aroma. In between each tasting, we cleansed our palettes with an assortment of cheeses along with grapes and water.

After the tasting concluded, most participants remained as we talked about the event while we enjoyed **Dorothy Tanski's** homemade cookies. Overall, it was a



OV Wine Club Committee and guest speaker: from left, Cheryl Dwyer, Carole DiGiovanni, Charlie DiGiovanni, Bill Tanski, Len Gulino and Dorothy Tanski.

great night. It proved that the best wines are the ones we drink with friends!

Going forward, we plan to add different wine experiences to these tasting events. But for now we're very pleased that our first "course" went very well. A flyer for the Aug. 26 Wine Club event appears on page 22 of this issue of *The Villager*. Until then, salute!

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HEALTH MATTERS: BALANCE

By Mary W. Haynes, RN, MS

Fitness is about being able to do the things you enjoy with ease, from being able to hold your newest grandchild to shopping, walking and participating in sports, to name just a few.

Balance, which is part of being fit, can help prevent falls and help maintain independence.

Following is a simple balance exercise: Stand behind a sturdy chair. Place both hands on the top of the chair

back. Shift your weight and stand on just one foot. Hold the position for a few seconds. Then shift your weight to the other foot and hold the position for a few seconds. The chair will help you maintain your balance. Start with three times per foot and increase the number of times as tolerated.

When you do balance exercises like this simple one, your nervous system notices you are leaning away from your center, so it turns on muscles to pull you back to your center point. Balance training teaches the nervous system to do this faster and more efficiently.

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BEYOND THE VILLAGE

THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS *CHICAGO*

Winner of six 1997 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Revival, *Chicago* has a universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz; one show-stopping song after another and astonishing dance numbers.

Set in Prohibition-era Chicago, the musical is based on a 1926 play of the same name by reporter Maurine Dallas Watkins about actual criminals and crimes she reported on. The story is a satire on corruption in the administration of criminal justice and the concept of the "celebrity criminal." The production ends on July 24.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ivorytonplayhouse.org or call the box office at 860-767-7318.

The Ivoryton Playhouse is located at 103 Main St. in Ivoryton.

MOZART'S *COSÌ FAN TUTTE* TO BE SHOWN IN RIDGEFIELD

Former Met Music director James Levine conducts a cast of youthful stars in Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte*, a sophisticated comedy about testing the ties of love.

Susanna Phillips and Isabel Leonard are the sisters Fiordiligi and Dorabella, who are led to believe their fiancés have gone off to war. Matthew Polenzani and Rodion Pogossov are Ferrando and Guglielmo, the lovers who return in disguise to test their girls' fidelity. Danielle de Niese sings the scheming maid Despina and Maurizio Muraro is Don Alfonso, the philosopher and mastermind pulling the strings.

The production will be shown at the Ridgefield Playhouse on July 22. The running time is 3 hours, 21 minutes.

For more details, call 203-438-5795 or visit <http://ridgefieldplayhouse.org/>



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SAC'S RED, WHITE & BLUE BBQ

Story and photos by Cathy Rapaport

America is a tune. It must be sung together.
— Gerald Stanley Lee, *Crowds*

And indeed it was. Pride was flying high as our veterans were called to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the recent SAC Red, White and Blue BBQ.

Later, guests joined with **Ray Vermette**, at the piano, and the six chorale singers: **Jackie Freeman, Tina Vermette, Dee Varholak, Marie Orlowe, Kathy Rydelek** and **Carolyn Novotny** in singing favorite patriotic songs. The red, white and blue theme in the room and the enthusiastic voices added a "patriotic sparkle" to the evening!

The exuberant small team of dedicated SAC volunteers accomplished a big job. This event was chaired by **Cathy Rapaport** and the committee included **Carole Plotnick** and **Sylvia Penzel**, with set-up help from **Celeste Jardim, Mecia Camara, Joanne Sutphen, Debbie Jackson, Maria Szalontay, Jeanette Caron** and **Barbara Minoff**. Kudos to all involved.

Lasse's provided a fabulous menu with a varied selection of American food that included cheeseburgers, turkey burg-



Ray Vermette, at the piano, accompanied the six chorale singers: Jackie Freeman, Tina Vermette, Kathy Rydelek, Carolyn Novotny, Marie Orlowe and Dee Varholak.

ers, veggie burgers and fried chicken along with hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw and baked beans. And don't forget the dessert: juicy watermelon, chocolate chip cookies, oatmeal raisin cookies and melt-in-your-mouth brownies.

It was an all-American lively and fun evening. Everyone left humming the tunes. A great time was had by all. **OV**



The Villager is published twice each month, on the 1st and 15th when possible.

Below is a schedule of upcoming issues and their deadline dates:

- Aug. 1 issue has a deadline of July 19.
- Aug. 15 issue has a deadline of Aug. 2.
- Sept. 1 issue has a deadline of Aug. 19.
- Sept. 15 has a deadline of Sept. 2
- Oct. 3 has a deadline of Sept. 20.
- Oct. 17 has a deadline of Oct. 4
- Nov. 1 has a deadline of Oct. 19.
- Nov. 15 has a deadline of Nov. 2.
- Dec. 1 has a deadline of Nov. 16.



SAVE THE DATE: NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA AT OCC

Enjoy an enchanted evening of hors d' oeuvres, dinner, dessert, dancing, entertainment, prizes, champagne toastings, two complimentary drinks and other surprises at the upcoming New Year's Eve Party at Oronoque Country Club.

There will be a double Midnight Toast: An Early Bird Toast (It's Midnight Somewhere) for those who choose to leave before 12 a.m. as well as a second champagne toast for the night owls among us to hoot and yell to welcome in the New Year 2017.

The cost per person is \$65 to Villagers and guests. Watch for details in future issues of *The Villager*.

Questions? Call Sonya at 203-377-1515 or Pat at 203-375-1788. **OV**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS

Anthony & Joan Bowser, 396A Ottawa Lane
 Peter & Sharon DeLuca, 642B Old Knife
 Elaine Ficarra, 566A Pequot Lane
 Linda Gabriel, 88B South Trail
 Pam Keegan & Andrew Vena, 516B Opa Lane
 Victoria McGeorge, 95A Seminole Lane
 Marylyn Mulvey, 376B Piute Lane
 Eric & Patricia Peabody, 644A Onondaga Lane
 Deborah Prentice-Baron, 475A Commanche Lane
 Janice Robinson, 475A Commanche Lane
 Susan Schettini, 232B Boxelder Lane
 Leonard Toigo, 128A Cayuga Lane

CHILDREN'S POOL SCHEDULE

July 11 to July 17.....North
 July 18 to July 24South
 July 25 to July 31North
 August 1 to August 7South
 August 8 to August 14North
 August 15 to August 21South
 August 22 to August 28North
 August 29 to September 4South

North Pool Closes on September 6

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH: MARLENE REHNER

Story and photo by Carol King

A simple snapshot taken 25 years ago brought Marlene Rehner's artistic talents to the fore.

"My daughter asked me to take a photograph of a snow scene in Connecticut, which I sent to her at her home in San Diego," Marlene explains. "When the film was processed at Wilton Photo, the man behind the counter told me that I had some excellent shots. He said that I have a good eye and a gift for depth of field."

From there, Marlene was given an Olympus camera as a gift from her daughter.

"I took that camera with me everywhere I went and I captured a lot of really good images. Ultimately, I began selling my photos at craft shows," she states.

Among her best-selling works are a covered bridge taken in Comstock, Conn. and a photo of her grandson with a horse. Visitors to NCB may have seen another good seller, a shot of a sunbeam appearing after a rainstorm.

"Not too long ago, I was contacted by someone who had purchased one of my photographs at a Goodwill store in Maine," says Marlene. "She wanted me to know that she had one of my photos and really likes it. The interesting thing is that I never sold my works in Maine! We are not exactly sure how the photo wound up there."

Marlene's skill in oil painting was discovered about seven years ago.

"I thought I might have the talent for painting and decided to take a class with Hank McGlaughlin at St. James Church in Stratford," she reports. "I told him that I didn't want to waste his time or my money and asked him for an honest opinion of my work."

The teacher's reply was: "Some people have it and some people don't. You have it!"

Indeed. This is the fourth time that Marlene has been featured as the Artist of the Month. Previously she exhib-



ited her paintings. The exhibit this month will feature her photos.

Marlene, who grew up in Baltimore, spent 22 years working as the office manager at the Wilton Fire Department before moving to Oronoque Village 13 years ago.

"I was attracted to Oronoque Village because it is a social place and is conveniently located," she said. 

NEW RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED TO REGISTER TO VOTE

By Janet Clayman

The League of Women Voters reminds new residents that it is never too early to update your voting registration. The Registrar of Voters offices get busier as an election draws near.

- You can register in-person at the Registrar of Voters office in Town Hall, 2725 Main, St.
- If you have questions, call that office at 203-385-4048.
- In the Village, call Janet Clayman at 203-380-2576.

Note: Once you apply to register, the Registrar's office should send a confirmation and a notice of your voting place in a few weeks. If it doesn't arrive, check with the Registrar's office.



ANCHORS AWEIGH



(Departure Date) August 20, 2016 - **Doors open at 6:00**
 (Cruise Director) SAC - *Pool Party*
 (Muster Station) SCB
 (Port Expense) cost per person is \$28.00

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and music around the Lido Deck (SCB pool), followed by an incredibly delicious buffet dinner presented by Lasse's (galley), later you will savor a delectable dessert while dancing around the Lido deck, enjoying music provided by DJ Alex from James Daniels Entertainment.
 Wine, soft drinks, and set ups will be provided throughout the evening - BYOB

***No more than 10 at a table
 Include all names with checks***

Reservations are limited - don't delay!! - Drop your check in the SAC box at the NCB before Aug. 12.

Name(s): _____

Questions: Cathy Rapaport -
 203 345 8370 or
 Joan Schmitt - 203 870 1931

Phone _____ Amt Enclosed _____

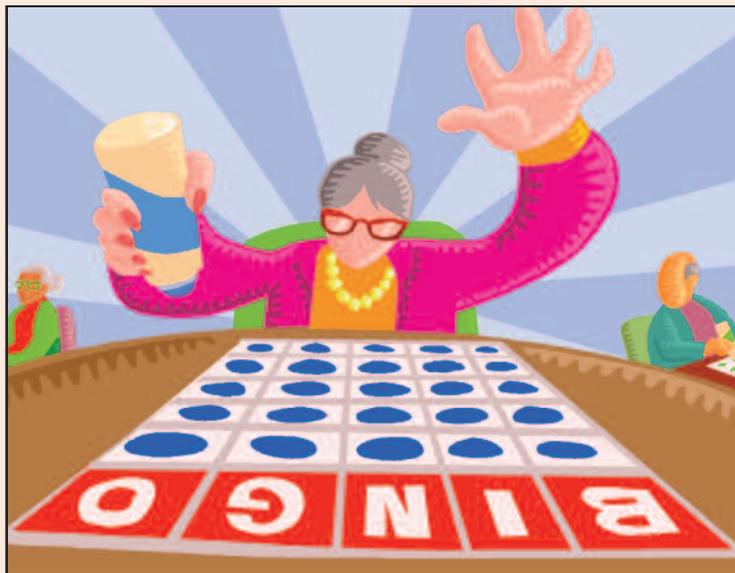


**MEN'S CLUB TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN
 MONDAY, JULY 18
 DEPARTING REAR OF SCB AT 1 P.M.
 LEAVING CASINO AT 8:30 P.M.
 COST PER PERSON: \$25**

A check made out to Oronoque Village Men's Club is your reservation. Please place check in the Men's Club box in the North Clubhouse. Questions? Call Sandy Lunt: 203 377- 5833 or Jerry Brown: 203 378-7781

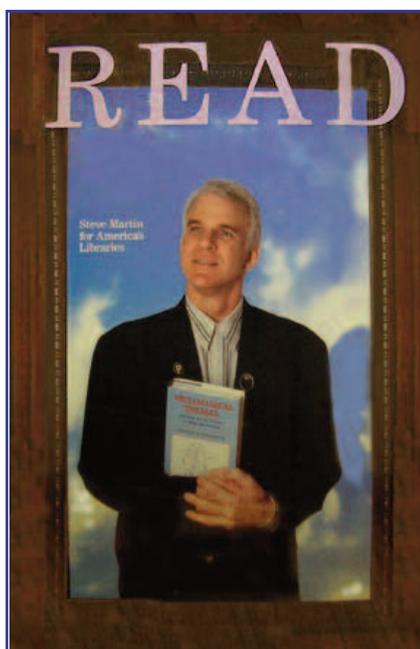
Refreshments
will be served

Open to all



Questions?
Call Sandy Lunt
203-377-5833.

Bingo: Presented by the Men's Club
Thursday, July 21, at 7:00 pm at SCB
Come and bring your friends. Cost: \$2.50/card



**The Oronoque Village Book Club meets at 7 p.m.
on the first Wednesday of every month at NCB
All Villagers are welcome.
Need a ride or information? Call Barbara at 203-612-1373**

August 3: *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. Like his father and grandfather before him, Kino is a poor diver, gathering pearls from the gulf beds that once brought great wealth to the Kings of Spain and now provide Kino, Juana, and their infant son with meager subsistence. Then, on a day like any other, Kino emerges from the sea with a pearl as large as a seagull's egg, as "perfect as the moon." With the pearl comes hope, the promise of comfort and security ...

The book for **September 7** is: *Greater Journey: Americans in Paris* by David McCullough



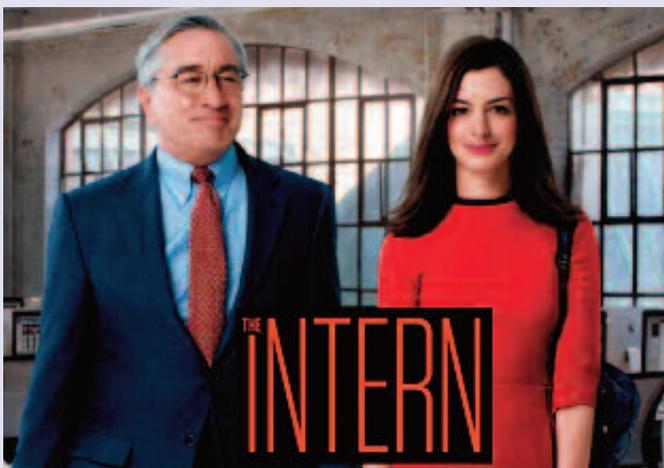
Oronoque Funseekers! Come feel the beat and tap your feet at our social meeting on August 9 at 7 p.m. at SCB.

We will be entertained by the Sedgewick Sisters and their "ugly stepsister," Jeff Daniel, singing lively songs of Louis Armstrong "New Orleans" Dixieland Jazz vintage (i.e. When the Saints Go Marching In, Basin Street Blues, Alexander's Ragtime Band, Blue Skies, etc.)

An evening to be remembered!

Admission is \$2 for members, \$5 for guests. Cabaret-style seating. BYOB and snacks. Desserts and beverages will be served after the performance.

The Movie Club Presents *The Intern* in August



**Friday, August 12, 7 p.m. at NCB
Wednesday, August 17, 2 p.m. at SCB
\$1 admission includes popcorn**

Starting a new job can be a difficult challenge, especially if you're already retired. Looking to get back into the game, 70-year-old widower Ben Whittaker (Robert De Niro) seizes the opportunity to become a senior intern at an online fashion site. Ben soon becomes popular with his younger co-workers, including Jules Ostin (Anne Hathaway), the boss and founder of the company. Whittaker's charm, wisdom and sense of humor help him develop a special bond and growing friendship with Jules.

The Movie Club is sponsored by Len Learner, Dee Tuozzoli, Marcia Klein, Joan Schmitt and innumerable volunteers.



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***VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE
WORK OF ART AT THE
SCB GALLERY SHOW***

The Summer Oronoque Gallery Show, which has the theme of “Abstract Art,” is now on view. Please stop by and vote for your favorite piece of artwork.

The person who gets the most votes will receive a People’s Choice Award. The show will conclude in September.

Funseekers is pleased to announce a fabulous trip to
Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT

On Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

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Depart SCB 10:30 am; Return 4:30 pm

Checks payable to FUNSEEKERS and deposit in NCB mailbox by July 28.



Oronoque Country Club Grille Room Weekly Specials

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Tuesdays~

\$2 Well Drinks

~Wednesdays~

\$2 Domestic Bottled Beers~

~Thursdays~

\$3 Import Bottled Beers
& Craft Beers

~Friday~

Happy Hour All Day!!

~Saturday~

Join us At 9:00am for
Bottomless Bloody Mary's & Mimosa's for \$12.00
Half Price 16oz. Draft Beers

~Sunday~

Join us At 11:00am
Bottomless Bloody Mary's & Mimosa's for \$12.00
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OV Wine Club: Grape Expectations!

Join us for our next Wine Club event “An Evening in France.” Once again the wine tasting will be an informative presentation by Len Gulino, “The Wine Tutor,” who did an excellent presentation at our first event, “Wine 101.”



The French have a multi-century history of wine making going back to the middle ages. They have provided us with so many of our favorites: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon (to name a few). Some of the wines will be from well-known regions such as Bordeaux and the Rhone Valley, and others from lesser-known locales.



The event will include:

Informative commentary by Len
Tasting 6 wines
Cheese, crackers, grapes
Post-tasting cookies and wine

When: Friday, August 26, 7 – 9 p.m. Cost: \$25 per person. Attendance is limited to the first 40 persons responding. Your check to OV Wine Club is your reservation.

*Deposit checks in Wine Club mailbox at NCB. RSVP no later than August 8th.
Contacts: Charlie DiGiovanni 203-375-0054 or Bill Tanski 203-540-5389*



What happens at 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month in our Village?

IT'S FIVE O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE happens in the North Clubhouse Lounge!

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**SAC Hosts for August 5 are
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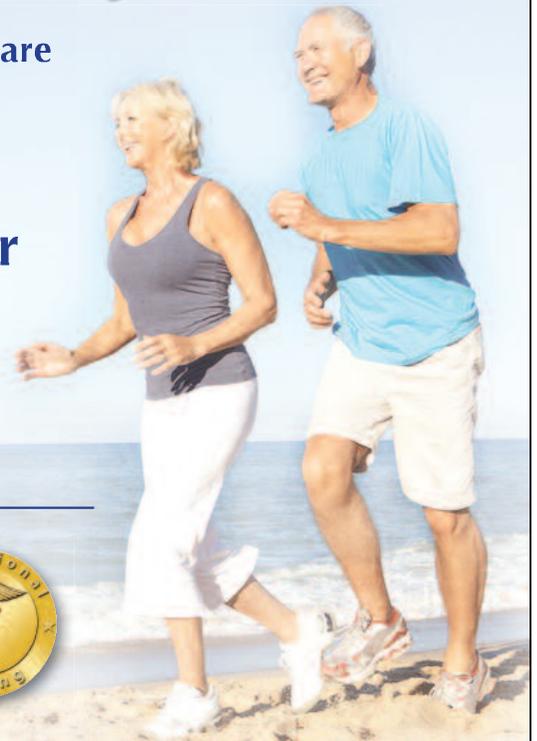
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