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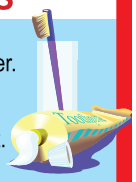

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The Oronoque Village Golf Tournament Committee invites Villagers to sign up for the 11th annual event, which will take place Aug. 15 at Oronoque Country Club.

This tournament, which is limited to 136 players, fills up quickly. Those who would like to play are urged to sign up now. Registration sheets are inserted in this edition of *The Villager* and also can be picked up at the Business Office.

For the fourth consecutive year, the tournament will support St. Vincent's Swim Across the Sound, a nonprofit agency that provides cancer education, screening and prevention programs at low- or no-cost for the underinsured and uninsured. Last year, the tournament raised $3,200 for the charity. In all, the OV Golf Tournament has donated more than $10,000 to this cause.

Sterling House Community Center also will benefit from this year's event. Sterling House is a multi-service community center located in the heart of Stratford. The agency serves more than 13,000 children, teenagers and adults per year in the Stratford and the Greater Bridgeport areas. Its services include child development, community and positive youth development programs.

Golfers who would like to participate in the fundraising tournament are encouraged to sign up right away. For a $100 fee, players get a full day of golf at OCC with everything covered — breakfast and dinner, beverages, carts, greens fees and prizes.

Those who would like to play as a group must submit their payments simultaneously. Competitions include closest-to-the-pin, closest-to-the-line and longest drive competitions and prizes will be donated by local vendors.

A Happy Hour, followed by an Awards Dinner with raffle prizes, will conclude the day's events. Those who would like to attend the social hour/dinner only are welcome to do so. The cost is $40 per person.

On-site registration for the tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee includes practice sessions on the driving range and putting contests. At 11 a.m., participants will tee off in a shotgun start for the 18-hole Scramble.

The Callaway System will be used for scoring, so that

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Entry fee checks, made out to OVCA, should be brought to the Business Office. Those who would like to make personal contributions to the charitable organizations may drop off checks at the Business Office.

The Golf Tournament Committee is comprised of Chairperson Judy Waldeyer, Richard Keating, Bob Koritko, Camille Manzolli, Dee Tuozzoli, Dee Varholak and Executive Manager John Staley. OV

Bruce Blanchard, Guy Gellatly, Fred Orrell and Joe Polizzano won first place Low Gross during the 2015 OV Golf Tournament.

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RESIDENT PHOTO IDS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

Photo identification cards for residents are now required. To get your Oronoque ID card, please call Linda Arvers in the Business Office at 203-377-5313 to make an appointment to have your photo taken and a card made. The process takes about 10 minutes.

Photos are being taken during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. On Fridays, the hours are 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Please bring a photo ID with you when you come to the office.

We will set up a Saturday event for those residents who are unable to visit the office during the week.

The Oronoque ID cards are part of a security plan that is being implemented throughout the community.

OVTD ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

During the annual OVTD meeting held on May 24 at NCB, the 2016-2017 budget of $1,848,005 was approved as well as proposed mill rate of 12.93 mills.

Also, the current OVTD executive board members were re-elected to serve one-year terms. The officers are President Steve Brieger, Vice President Bill Tanski, Treasurer Jim Irwin and Secretary Marguerite Dunigan.

The OVTD board meets quarterly at 7 p.m. at NCB. The next meeting will take place on July 26.

SOCIAL ROUND ROBIN ON JUNE 18

The Oronoque Tennis Club will conduct a Social Round Robin on Saturday, June 18, for its members. The time for play has changed from 9 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Debbie and Bob Grosso will coordinate the games. Sign-up to play is posted on the bulletin board at the courts. The first eight women and the first eight men who sign up will play in the first set. All games are played with no ad so that achieving the game score of deuces will require the receiving team to designate who is to receive the serve. The winner of that point is the winner of the game. The teams will be decided by the draw of playing cards for each set resulting in one woman and one man for each team.

The reservation forms for the country-western party on July 9 are available at the bulletin board. The price for each ticket is $35.

WATER AEROBICS TO START ON JUNE 20 AT SCB

Water aerobics classes will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for eight weeks, beginning on Monday, June 20, and ending on Aug. 12. The sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

To register, please sign up at the heated pool at 9 a.m. on June 20. The cost is $5 for the eight-week program. Questions? Call Merrilees at 203-378-8753.

RESIDENT TRAVELERS: TELL US ABOUT YOUR TRIPS!

The Villager would like to start a new feature section in which we highlight the trips taken by our residents. Did you take a cruise or travel to an interesting location? Can you

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give us details about the highlights of your trip? Is there something you learned that you would like to share with fellow travelers?

We welcome written contributions. However, if you are not a writer, the *Villager* editors will be happy to help you put an article together for publication. Please email *cking@orono quevillage.com* or *ovvillager@optonline.net*

BUSINESS OFFICE NOW 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.

DISTRICT MEETINGS *

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

District 4 will meet on Thursday, June 30, at 7 p.m. at SCB.

District 5 meeting is June 29 at 7 p.m. at SCB.

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

District 7 dinner meeting on Monday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. at NCB will be catered by Lasse's and will includes chicken, hamburgers, sides, soft drinks, coffee/tea, dessert. BYOB. Cost is $12 per person. RSVP BY July 5 by depositing a check made out to District 7 in the District 7 box at NCB. No walk-ins. Question? Call Marilyn at 203-362-5233.

District 8 will hold a picnic meeting on July 13 at 6 p.m. at NCB.

District 9 will meet on Thursday, June 23, at 6 p.m. at NCB.

District 10 will meet at NCB on June 16 at 5:30 p.m.

District 11 will meet on July 14 at NCB.

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

ACTIVITIES

EDITOR'S NOTE: ***To ensure accuracy, information must be submitted, via email, to Carol King at cking@orono quevillage.com. (Submissions must be typed, in upper and lower case.) The deadline to be included in the next issue of*** **The Villager*****, on July 1, is June 20 at noon.***

CURRENT EVENTS

• The Current Events Discussion Group will meet in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on June 15, July 6, 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.

PICKLEBALL CLUB SCHEDULE

• Pickleball season is underway. On Mondays and Wednesdays -- through the end of June -- clinics will be held at 3:30 p.m. Also 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 need to hold a Round Robin.

• Tennis/court shoes with nonmarking soles must be worn.

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

OVCA, Tuesday, April 19

OVCA President Bob Grosso recommended that the Board pass the 2016-17 budget.

Communications Committee Chairperson Cheryl Dwyer reported that committee meetings, which are open to residents, are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom at NCB.

Election Committee. Chairperson Dave Bingham gave the report of the committee related to the Nominating Committee and the Vote Counting Recommendation.

Motions approved during the April 19 Meeting:

The 2016-17 budget was approved unanimously.

ART. VII, Section 9(A)(1), 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. This motion was approved with one "no" vote.

ART IV, Standing Committees, Section (2)(A)(3), was changed from "… the Chairman shall report to the Board of Directors as a whole and present a slate of the four best qualified candidates … along with the names of any other qualified office seekers …." to "The Chairman shall report to the Board of Directors as a whole and present a list of all qualified candidates in alphabetical order by position." The motion passed unanimously.

ART IV, Standing Committees, Section (2)(A)(3) was changed from "In the event there are multiple candidates for one or more offices, the Board of Directors shall schedule a Candidates' Night . . ." to "The Board of Directors shall schedule a Candidates' Night for every election, even if there are not multiple candidates." The motion passed unanimously.

Vote Counting Rules or Regulations was changed as follows: "The President of the Boards of Directors shall appoint a minimum of three (3) people, in addition to the office staff, to count proxy votes that are cast prior to the election. Additionally, the President shall appoint five (5) people to count votes on the night of the election" and "Each candidate may appoint up to two (2) people each to serve as observers of the cote counting on the night of the election." The motion passed unanimously.

OVCA, Thursday, April 28

During a meeting that focused on bylaws revisions, the following motions were approved to go forward to the Bylaws Revision Committee:

A motion that the Definition section be changed to eliminate the word "building" from the definition and to add Definition of House Facilities: "House Facilities shall mean the North Clubhouse (NCB), the South Clubhouse (SCB)." The motion passed unanimously.

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**** RSF = Racquet Sports Facility***

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

- 9:00 a.m. – AARP Smart Driver Class, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Blood Pressure Screening, NCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *The Big Short,* SCB (O)
- 3:30 p.m. – Pickleball Clinic & Round Robin, RSF
- 4:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Meeting, NCB, B/R (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)

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 5:30 p.m. – District 10 Meeting, NCB (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB (O)

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 12:00 p.m. – Adult Coloring, SCB, C/R (C)
- 7:30 p.m. – *Ludwig Live,* NCB (O) (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

ROADWAY REMINDERS

- The speed limit at Oronoque Village is 20 mph.
- Pedestrians should walk facing traffic
- When cars approach, walkers should form a single file.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- 9:00 a.m. – Tennis Open Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Pickleball, Racquet Sports Facility (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – *Ludwig Live,* NCB (O) (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

SUNDAY, JUNE 19: No events scheduled

MONDAY, JUNE 20

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 3:30 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, JUNE 21

- 10:00 a.m. – Men's Club Seminar, SCB (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)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Bravo Meeting, SCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – OVCA Nominating Committee, NCB, B/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA Board Mtg, NCB (O)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- 3:30 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)
- 7:00 p.m. – District 6 Party, SCB (C)

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

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

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FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Adult Coloring SCB, C/R (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Wine Club, NCB (O)

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- 500 p.m. – SAC Red, White & Blue Picnic, NCB (O)

MONDAY, JUNE 27

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 3:30 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, JUNE 28

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Men's Club Seminar, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 12:30 p.m. – Cards, SCB, Back Rm (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- 3:30 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)
- 7:00 p.m. – District 5 Meeting, SCB (O)

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)

FRIDAY, JULY 1

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Art Committee, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Adult Coloring, SCB, C/R (C)
- 4:30 p.m. – It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, NCB (O)

SATURDAY, JULY 2

- 9:30 a.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)

SUNDAY, JULY 3: No events scheduled

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ARTY PARTY AT SCB

Story by Barbara Stewart ~ Photo by Wendy Swain

A good time was had by all at the second Arty Party, which was held on Thursday, May 19. Villagers gathered in the SCB lounge and enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres while getting to know fellow lovers of the arts.

Art Committee Chairperson ***Barbara Stewart*** introduced the committee members who organized the party: ***Wendy Swain, Carole Plotnick, Diana Strassburger*** and ***Janet Schwartz O'Leary.*** Barbara announced that the new Galerie OV sign is now hanging on the gallery wall. She thanked Janet, who organized and supervised the project. The committee is thrilled that the gallery at SCB has been such a success. The People's Choice Award for the winter show received more than 200 votes. There's still time to vote for the spring show winner; the deadline is June 28.

Barbara explained that at the end of the year, the Art Committee will hand over the management of the Galerie OV shows to either a newly formed committee or to an Arts Club, if such a club is formed.

Wendy introduced ***Ray Vermette*** and ***Betty Mulholland***, who have volunteered to co-chair the prospective Art Club. They each spoke to the group about ideas for programs and projects. Betty expressed her willingness to hold an arts and crafts fair in the fall, if there is interest from the community.

A group of the Arty Party attendees.

Thanks were given to everyone who brought delicious food and drinks to the party. Stay tuned for information about the future Arts Club. OV

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FLOWER POWER!

Thanks to Marcia Klein for taking these photos during the House & Garden Club's annual plant sale on May 14. Picking up their purchases are Susan Trapasso (left) and Dorothy Zigmond.

All proceeds from the House & Garden Club events are donated toward beautification projects in the Oronoque Village community.

The club meets every second Monday, at 1:30 pm, at SCB. There are no meetings in January, February, July or August. An Annual Luncheon for members is held in June.

For information, call Camille Manzolli at 203-377-6119. OV

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ART III Board of Director, Section 7(C): A motion to change the word "in" to "for" in the sentence "The President is given the authorization to change the order of business for an Executive Session" passed unanimously.

ART IV Procedures, Section 1: A proposal was to change language in this section to "With the exception of the Maintenance and the Social Activities Committees, the chair person for the remaining standing committees will be appointed by the OVCA President." The motion was passed with four "no" votes.

ART IV Human Resources, Section 2. A proposal was made that the composition of the Human Resources Committee be increased to the President, Vice President and three (3) residents (increased from two residents). The change was passed with one "no" vote.

The Board discussed language for ART Human Resources, Section 2(b) The language that was agreed to was:

The Board then discussed language for ART Human Resources, Section 2(b) The language that was agreed to was: "The Human Resources Committee will provide a recommendation regarding the annual percentage increase, the annual bonus, and any benefits for the Executive Director to the OVCA Board. (This will cover any of those specific areas if they are not already covered under a contract between OVCA and the Executive Director.) A formal written performance evaluation process from the OVCA Board will be developed for assessing the performance of the Executive Director. The Committee will give significant consideration to these evaluations in arriving at any proposed changes. The proposed changes from the Committee will be voted on by the OVCA Board." A motion that this language be adopted for Section 2(b passed with one "no" vote.

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OVTD, Tuesday, April 26, 2016

OVTD President Steve Brieger praised Executive Manager John Staley for his vision and his hard work during the past three years. He noted that the Renaissance Project and the purchase of the community buildings were extraordinary efforts that were spearheaded by John.

Al Schlager spoke about the Stratford Fire Department. An independent evaluation of Stratford's structural fire suppression capabilities has resulted in an upgrade of the town's rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The improved rating could mean reduced insurance costs paid by town residents and businesses.

Treasurer Jim Irwin reported that the Maintenance Department has purchased a new truck and a stainless steel snowplow. He also stated that a washing station has been built due to mandate by state and local authorities for pollution control.

Steve Brieger said that a Stratford Police Department traffic expert was brought in to look at the intersection of Commanche and Iroquois Lanes. The expert does not see a need for stop signs, but did suggest that two signs be placed there; one sign to caution drivers approaching the turn, the other sign to caution pedestrians approaching from the opposite side. Signs will be installed shortly.

Motions approved during the April 2016 OVTD Meeting:

A motion to move the OVCA-approved budget forward passed unanimously.

A motion to approve an engagement letter from Attorney Adam Cohen passed unanimously.

A motion to begin meetings at 7 p.m passed with one abstention. OV

Editor's Note: ***Minutes of the OVCA and OVTD meetings, in their entirety, can be found at*** **www.oronoquevillage.com**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE STRATFORD LIBRARY

All events listed below are free and open to the public. For more details, call the Stratford Library Public Relations & Programming Office at 203-385-4162 or visit the library website, *www.stratfordlibrary.org*

READERS THEATRES SUMMER SHOWCASE 2016, Thursdays, June 16-July 28, 7 p.m.

Annual festival of live, staged readings of new plays will be presented in conjunction with the library and Square One Theatre Company. Plays will be presented each Thursday evening beginning at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for general seating. No reservations, first-come, first-served seating. Adult audiences.

EDWARD III, Saturday, June 25, 2 p.m.

The Hudson Shakespeare Theatre presents the first of three summer productions. Patrons can bring a lawn chair or blanket to spread in the outdoor ampitheater. In the event of rain, the play will be in the library's Lovell Room.

MONDAY MATINEE: *Spotlight,* June 27, noon

The year's Academy Award winner for Best Picture is a gripping true-story about the *Boston Globe's* expose of the Catholic Church's cover-up of pedophile priests. Michael Keaton and Mark Ruffalo star. Rated R, 129 minutes.

BOOKS OVER COFFEE: *A Man Called Ove*, June 29, noon

Monthly book discussion program looks at the popular best-seller by Fredrick Backman. Discussion leader: Kathleen Faggella. Bring a bag lunch – coffee and tea served. Final book talk for the season. Program will return in September.

MONDAY MATINEE: *Steve Jobs,* July 11, noon

Michael Fassbender takes on the title role of the mercurial, demanding genius responsible for the launching of the iMac and other revolutionary "toys." Rated R, 123 minutes. OV

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE AWARDS LUNCHEON

Top left: *First-place team: Marie Sorge, Maryanne Hyatt, Bridget Matthews and Dot Stoeppel (seated).* ***Top right:*** *Last-place team: Peggy Rascar, Agnes Lavin, Joanna D'Onofrio and Claire Maicco.* ***Bottom left:*** *Marina Verrilli, Debbie Tomasko, Lida Julian, Sue Pfannkuch and Joan Chanda.* ***Bottom right:*** *Substitute players: Miriam Tierney, Sue Pfannkuch, Ann Chapel, Anita Karasu, Connie Murawski and Marge Goss.*

By Joanna D'Onofrio ~ Photos by Irene Sanzone

The Oronoque ladies from the Bowling Club held their annual awards luncheon at the Blue Goose in Stratford. The event was hosted by ***Debbie Tomasko*** and ***Mary Lee Prussel.*** These two creative ladies made floral centerpieces for each table, and every lady received a white chocolate flower lollipop. The centerpieces were given to a lucky winner at each table. A delicious meal preceded the presentation of awards.

There were more than 75 awards earned by the bowlers and substitutes. ***Joanna D'Onofrio*** and ***Dee Tuozzzoli*** announced the winners in the different categories.

The most esteemed awards were as follows: First-place team prize went to Captain ***Dot Stoeppel*** and her teammates ***Bridget Matthews, Marie Sorge*** and ***Maryanne Hyatt;*** High Average of 149: Dot Stoeppel; High Series: ***Fran Hulley,*** 502; High Game: Maryanne Hyatt, 219; High Individual Standings by class, ***Agnes Lavin,*** Debbie Tomasko and Marie Sorge; High Series by class, ***Bobbie Bartolotta, Cindy Torregiani*** and Mary Lee Prussel; Most Improved Bowler: Mary Lee Prussel, with an incredible average increase of 12 pins.

Ladies with four baggers (four consecutive strikes) were ***Mary Ann Baudouin,*** Fran Hulley, ***Peggy Rascoll***, Bobbie Bartolotta, Cindy Torregiani and Agnes Lavin. Two ladies had five baggers: Maryanne Hyatt and Dot Stoeppel.

Substitutes, who are important to the Bowling Club, were recognized for their achievements. ***Connie Murawski*** had six splits and ***Sue Pfannkuch, Vangie Wales*** and ***Anita Karasu*** had turkeys (three consecutive strikes).

This group meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 at A.M.F. in Milford, across from Costco. During the summer, the ladies bowl for fun. We extend an invitation to any lady who would like to join us. If you have never bowled, this is a good chance to learn. If you bowled in the past, this is your opportunity to revisit your skills. For additional information, call Joanna at 203-381-9664 or Dee at 203-375-3724. OV

WEEKENDERS RECAP

By Carole Tepper

The Weekenders event held on May 14 featured the talents of Dr. Joe Utterback on the piano accompanied by the superb voice of Michael Jovovich.

Many of the attendees looked forward to this performance. Some had heard the pair sing at past Weekenders events while others are familiar with Dr. Joe and Michael because of their involvement at Stratford Congregational Church.

Dr. Joe's artistry and command of the piano keys thrilled the audience. He received a standing ovation for his performance. When Mike took the microphone as Dr. Joe played, the audience swooned over his beautiful voice and the great tunes that he crooned. It was another great night for our sold-out crowd!

Sam Levinson's choice of meal for the night was a delicious dinner of very large pieces of fried chicken breasts and legs, plentiful coleslaw and potato salad along with melt-in-your-mouth Hawaiian rolls. The attendees had their choice of two pieces of chicken and, after chewing them the bone, many came back for more.

Dessert was a delicious variety of baked goods. Many Villagers asked how we are able to provide such an award-winning dinner and top-quality entertainment for $17 per person. They say it's the best buy in Stratford.

Many thanks to ***Nan and Burt Schwartz, Arlene and Ken Block, Sharon and Sam Levinson, Helen Ross, Merrilees Leemhuis*** and ***Jerry and Barbara Brown*** for all their help to make this night so spectacular.

Weekenders is a social group open to all Villagers. There are no membership fees. We want our guests to enjoy a pleasant evening of entertainment and a dinner while meeting other residents. We are happy to report that during the 18 years that Weekenders has been in existence, there have been a few marriages between people who met at our events.

Our next event will be on July 16 at the North Clubhouse at 6 p.m. We will present Gordon Michaels, who has a smooth, but powerful, baritone voice. He will sing a variety of music including ballads, jazz, gospel and even some Nat King Cole. Deposit your check for $17 per person in the Weekenders box at NCB early to ensure yourself of a seat. Cut off will be July 10 or the first 140 reservations. OV

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH: HERMAN SOLOMON

Story and photo by Carol King

Herman Solomon has a doctorate degree in engineering from Yale University as well as an MBA from Sloan School at MIT. During his career, he has worked as an engineer, a venture capitalist and an alcohol distiller.

Yet, he has always had a passion for the arts. "I became interested in art in 1953 while attending high school in Lodi, N.J.," he recalls. "I started off doing charcoal drawings and then branched into oil painting."

His interest in painting intensified during the 1970s. "I like painting large-scale works; some of them are too big to hang on the wall," he notes. His renderings include landscapes, seascapes, ships and boats, flowers and some portrait work.

"I have an eye for color," he adds. "Most of my works are very bright and vivid."

This month marks his first display as Artist of the Month. "I've had a few private exhibits," he explains. "However, I am not interested in selling any of my works. My paintings are like my children."

His artistic technique is to capture an image on film and then paint from the photograph.

His work also is on view at Galerie OV as part of the current exhibit. "I painted a portrait of Zapata that is a monochrome. It is a picture that is done completely in shades of gray," he notes.

Herman has been a resident of Oronoque Village since

2003. "I had friends who lived here who recommended it," he says. "I moved here after selling a family home in Milford."

In addition to art, Herman is pursuing an interest in writing. "I just finished writing a book on 'rational realism' and am in the process of seeking a publisher,'" he says. "I am very interested in the question of what makes people think the way that they do. I always had curiosity about the social issues and many things that lead to the lifes that people live." OV

REALTOR TIPS

The OVCA Communications Committee is now collaborating with the newly formed Oronoque Village Realtors Forum This group of dedicated area Realtors meets monthly at Oronoque Village. Our collective primary goal is to increase outside interest in living here at Oronoque. Both groups are striving to move towards increased home values and sale prices. The Realtors Forum articles will be featured regularly in The Villager. *These articles will provide important tips to our residents.*

What can be done to improve the value of my unit? As discussed in the previous Realtor Tips article, decluttering will certainly help your unit show better, resulting in faster sales with higher prices.

Updating the unit also results in faster sales with higher prices. Here are some ways to improve your value and sales price:

1) Repaint the interior. A clean, freshly painted interior with light neutral colors will always make your unit more inviting.

2) Professionally shampoo carpets and refinish hardwood floors if they are old or in need. (Clean and bright are important.)

3) Update your kitchen with new cabinets and granite countertops. Older cabinetry with exposed hinges and painted surfaces detract greatly from the desirability.

4) Install new appliances in the kitchen. (Stainless steel is very popular.)

5) Add some crown molding and other decorative moldings to give your unit a special finish.

If you want to get the best price for your unit, you need to invest in it. If you don't invest in your unit, an investor will buy it cheap, put money into it and then sell it at a profit. Remember: many buyers don't want to deal with remodeling.

If you are not looking to sell immediately, that's okay. It is wise to make those improvements now, enjoy them for a while and know you have improved your values for years to come.

If you have any questions, you may direct them to the Realtor's Forum via *office@oronoquevillage.com* OV

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SAC invites all residents to
the Galerie OV Summer Show Reception

"Abstract Art"
Date: July 10
Time: 4-5 PM
Place: SCB

Come enjoy refreshments and meet the participating artists

Don't forget to cast a vote for your favorite artist in the current show, which ends on June 28.

The Movie Club Presents *The Big Short* on June 15

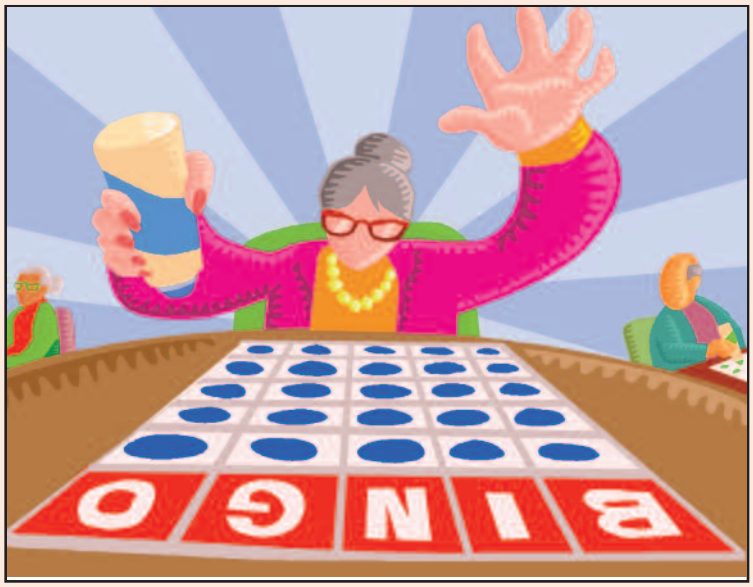
The Movie Club is sponsored by Len Learner, Dee Tuozzoli, Marcia Klein, Joan Schmitt and innumerable volunteers.

Wednesday, June 15. 2 p.m. at SCB
$1 admission includes popcorn

In 2008, Wall Street guru Michael Burry realizes that a number of subprime home loans are in danger of defaulting. Burry bets against the housing market by throwing more than $1 billion of his investors' money into credit default swaps. His actions attract the attention of banker Jared Vennett (Ryan Gosling), hedge-fund specialist Mark Baum (Steve Carell) and other greedy opportunists. Together, these men make a fortune by taking full advantage of the impending economic collapse in America.

Refreshments will be served

Open to all

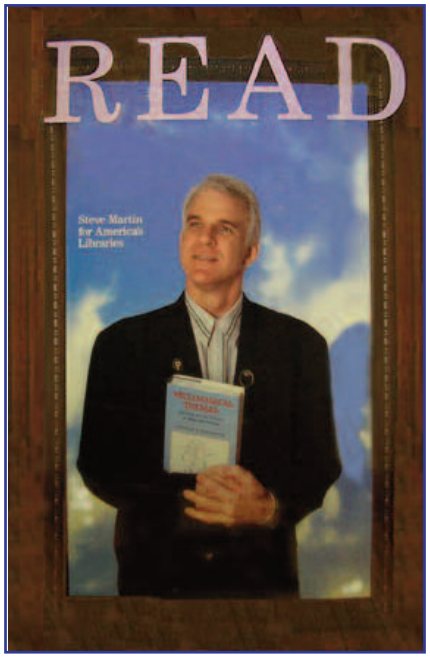


Questions?
Call Sandy Lunt
203-377-5833.

Bingo: Presented by the Men's Club

Thursdays, June 16 & 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

July 6: *It's What I Do* by Lynsey Addario. Lynsey Addario was just finding her way as a photographer when September 11th changed the world. One of the few photojournalists with experience in Afghanistan, she gets the call to return and cover the American invasion. She makes a decision to risk her life, to set our across the world and to make a name for herself. Watching uprisings unfold and people fight to the death for their freedom, Addario understands she is documenting not only news but also the fate of society. She eventually earns widespread recognition, a MacArthur Genius Grant and a Pulitzer Prize. It is the story of how -- as a war correspondent and a wife and mother -- she learned to live her life in two different - though hardly separate - worlds.

August 3: *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. "A story of classic simplicity, based on a Mexican folk tale. *The Pearl* explores the secrets of man's nature, the darkest depths of evil, and the luminous possibilities of love," Amazon.

BRAVO PERFORMANCE PLANNED

The members of "Bravo" would like to present a variety show this fall.

We invite anyone interested in performing --- as a singer, dancer, storyteller, member of a skit or short play group to come and join us.

Please call Dolores O'Neill at 203-375-9971 or Bob Krakovich at 203-752-6105 by June 20 and Come Join the Fun!

The Movie Club Presents *Brooklyn* in July

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

Friday, July 8, 7 p.m. at NCB
Wednesday, July 13. 2 p.m. at SCB
$1 admission includes popcorn

An Irish immigrant (Saoirse Ronan) in 1950s New York falls for a tough Italian plumber (Emory Cohen), but faces temptation from another man (Domhnall Gleeson) when she returns to her homeland for a visit.

"*Brooklyn* is easily the year's best and most beguiling love story," Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*

"*Brooklyn* is both sharply observed and gently nostalgic," A. O. Scott, *New York Times*

FUNSEEKERS presents a Country and Western Music Evening

Come to the Funseekers meeting at the SCB on Tuesday, July 12th, at 7 p.m. and be delighted with The Larry Ayce Band. Your spirits will be lifted as they rock the room with old and new tunes, touching your hearts and triggering memories. It takes a variety of music to do this and Larry's band has prepared selections for one and all.

Larry grew up watching his father perform and, in doing so, became comfortable on any stage in front of any crowd. His love for music runs from Hank Williams to the Beatles and his collection of musical memorabilia spans from Tommy Dorsey to Alan Jackson. Larry has performed all across the USA, including Nashville, TN, and especially throughout New England.

Larry's wife, Doreen Marie, has spent twenty-five years working and singing in Nashville, TN, with artists like Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette and Randy Travis.

As Larry and Dorene always say,

"It's not the music, it's the way you play the music."

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ATTENTION ORONOQUE ARTISTS!

CALL FOR ARTWORK FOR THE SUMMER GALERIE OV SHOW

JULY 1, 10 AM, SCB

Theme: Abstract Art

Oronoque Artists using any medium are invited to bring one or two pieces to SCB on July 1 at 10 a.m.

Pieces must be wired and ready to hang and fit the theme of the show. The show will hang for 3 months.

Artists participating in the current show are asked to pick up their artwork on Wednesday, June 29, between 3:30 and 5 p.m.

For information or help transporting artwork, call Barbara Stewart @ 203-612-1373 or Diana Strassburger @ 203-380-2258

Theme for Fall Show — October through December —"STILL LIFE"

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~Sunday~

Join us At 11:00am
Bottomless Bloody Mary's & Mimosa's for $12.00
20% off Our Worldly Wine List

Weekenders Presents
The Fabulous Voice of Gordon Michaels
July 16th, 6PM at NCB
Dinner and Show: $17 per person

Powerful is a word that most people would use to describe Gordon Michaels' smooth baritone voice. His delivery seems almost effortless and his stylistic range is diverse. He is comfortable singing Broadway ballads, jazz standards and gospel and is a treat for those lucky enough to enjoy one of his performances.

Gordons' reputation as a premiere vocalist has led to performances with internationally known singers, such as Patti Labelle, Jennifer Holiday, James Taylor, Aerosmith, Rod Stewart, Keith Lockhart, Natalie Cole and the Harlem Gospel Singers.

His talents also have garnered numerous awards including the Encore Silver Note Sing Off as well as first place in the Searching for the Stars competition. He has been nominated twice for best male vocalist for Jazz & Gospel by the Boston Music Awards and was a winner of the David Foster singing contest.

To enjoy this fabulous night presented to you by Weekenders get your reservations (checks made out to Weekenders for $17 per person) in the North Clubhouse by July 9th to reserve your seat for this entertaining show and another delicious dinner arranged by Sam Levinson.

???? Carol 375-2101

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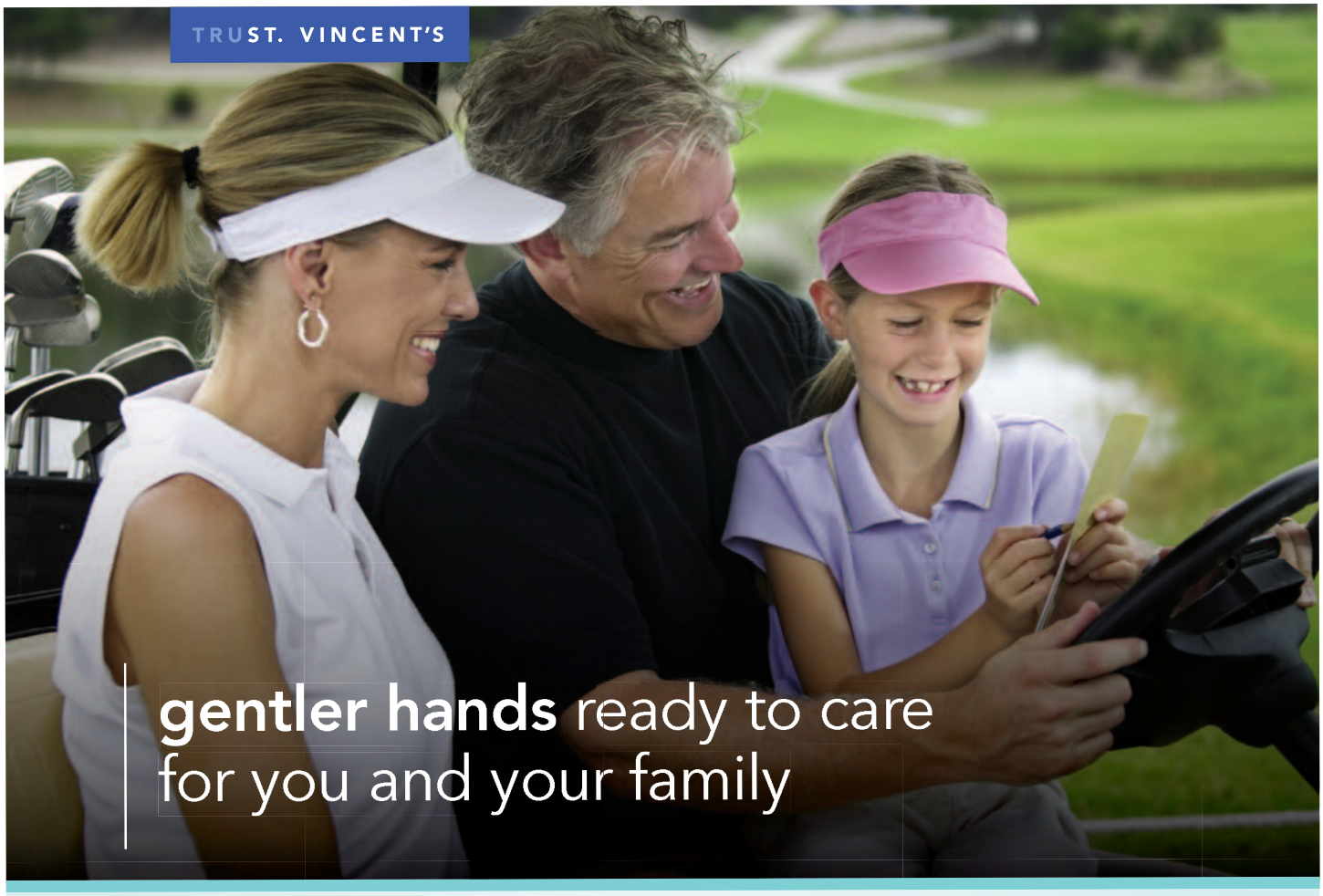

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