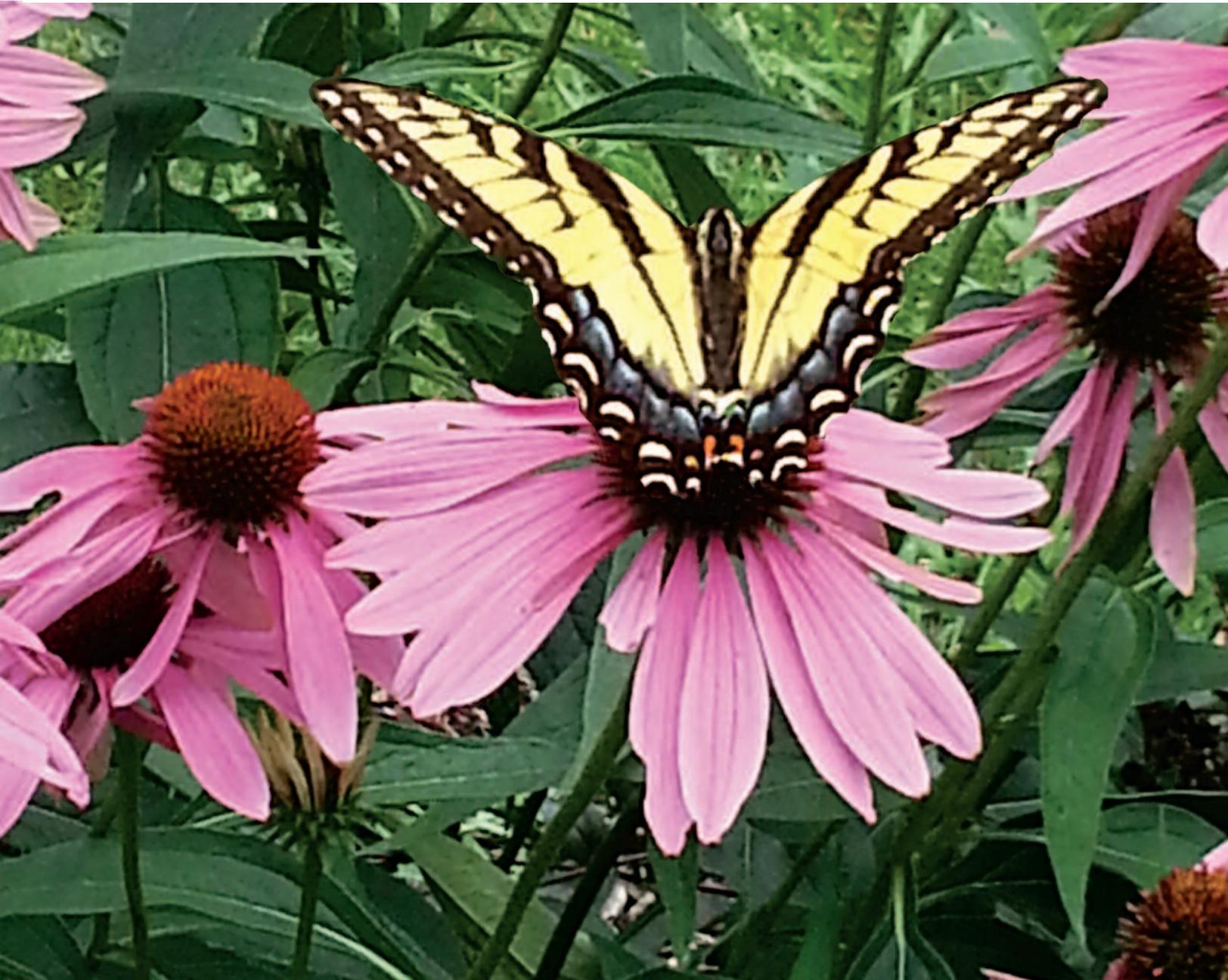




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A MESSAGE FROM THE OVCA PRESIDENT



This column is reprinted from an Eblast that was distributed to residents on Friday, Aug. 19, 2016.

By Bob Grosso

The following are highlights from the Aug. 16, 2016 Board Meeting:

Save the date: Sunday Jan. 8, 2017 - Retirement Celebration for John Staley: Congratulations to our Executive Director John Staley, who is retiring after over 40 years of dedicated hard work. He has continuously improved the quality of Oronoque Village and made "Our Village" such a wonderful place to live.

SAC, the party planners extraordinaire, will be doing the

planning for the overall celebration.

The Retirement Program will be planned and organized by the President and other residents. Expect a few surprises and fun for all!

Nominating Committee Announced Endorsed Slate of Candidates for OVCA Executive Board: The OVCA Nominating Committee announced its endorsement of the following slate of OVCA officers: Bob Grosso, president; Cheryl Dwyer, vice president; Lee Shlafer, secretary; Bob Romatnick, treasurer.

Candidates Night will be held on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at NCB.

The OVCA Annual Meeting/Voting for Officers will be held on Sept. 20.

Ad Hoc - Solar Energy Committee: The project is moving forward. Work will commence shortly and is planned to be completed later this fall.

Flood Zone Update: Hammons LLC, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, is currently surveying two of the four areas initially. They have completed about 50 percent and are cautiously optimistic of a positive result from FEMA. This may result in a change of the flood zone and insurance classification that would ultimately benefit many residents.

Executive Manager Search Committee: This is without a doubt the most significant undertaking and decision that we will be making for our beloved Village. We are embarking on a rigorous, methodical task of searching, vetting and, ultimately, presenting a recommendation to the OVCA Board. The Village is seeking a highly qualified candidate who will possess the leadership, operational and interpersonal skills to move our vision forward.

I have spent a great deal of time reflecting on the magnitude and long-term impact of this task, the make-up, size and selection of the committee from the many dedicated, talented and experienced individuals. Substantial time was



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Please direct all questions regarding The Villager publication, and submit any proposed notices and event listings, to Carol King. Unsolicited manuscripts, which we invite from all residents, should be discussed first with Carol King. We also welcome unsolicited photographs of Oronoque scenes and events, which should be submitted to Marcia Klein.

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taken talking and meeting with many individuals, trying to assess the committee and structure.

Please recognize that like any other committee, a recommendation will be presented to the OVCA Board for review and approval. In the interim, please allow the committee to perform its job and do not approach or inquire status of any of the committee members. Confidentiality of candidates seeking the position is of utmost importance as there will be instances in which they are seeking the opportunity while currently employed. Breaching this confidentiality could be a legal risk for the Village.

We welcome input regarding a name or a network source that may help the committee in its search; however, we must keep the highest level of confidentiality within the Search Committee. So, please, respect the roles and responsibilities of each Search Committee member.

Search Committee Members: Steve Brieger, Jerry Brown, Cheryl Dwyer, Bob Grosso, Vic Liss, Linda Libertino Bob Macaluso, Lee Shlafer and Bill Tanski.

Communication Committee: Communications Committee Chair Cheryl Dwyer gave a summary report for the year. The committee's two goals were: to improve communication within the Village and to communicate value of Oronoque Village to outside community. The committee conducted a survey of our residents to find out what forms of communication they use. As a result of that survey, the committee did the following:

- * Initiated the One Call System for our residents which provides timely phone messages.

- * Updated the front end of the website and are currently having the back end of the website redesigned to improve ease of navigation, coordination, flow, pertinent information

and appearance. (Completion, September 2016).

- * Updated the online video on the website (will be completed shortly).

- * Worked with *The Villager* editors to find ways to increase resident articles in magazine.

- * Sponsored a resident workshop on writing articles for *The Villager*.

- * Redesigned trifold and full-size brochures for the public and prospective buyers.

- * Placed Oronoque Village ad in *Connecticut Magazine* April Top Docs edition to promote visibility.

- * Met with local Realtors and established Realtors' Forum.

In conclusion, the Communications Committee made many improvements this year. We are proud of our work. While a few of our initiatives were not as successful as we had hoped, it is important to try new ideas with the understanding that if nothing is ventured, nothing is gained.

Results of Golf Tournament: The Annual Golf Tournament was very successful. The OVCA Board approved the recommendation of the Golf Committee to donate \$3,000 to Swim Across the Sound; \$2,000 towards the gas grill project outside of the SCB; \$1,000 to Sterling House. A special thanks to Judy Waldeyer and her committee members for their hard work.

Thank You: This is the last OVCA Board Meeting prior to annual elections. It has been my pleasure to work with the Board. I wish to thank the full board for their hard work and the many hours of work on the bylaws, and the committees for their outstanding contributions.

Finally, I wish to thank you, the residents and "my boss," for your support of the work we have accomplished. **OV**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LABOR DAY WILL DELAY GARBAGE PICKUP

The Labor Day holiday on Sept. 5 will delay garbage and recycling pickup by one day. Pickup will occur on Thursday, Sept. 8, instead of Wednesday, Sept. 7.

OVCA ELECTION EVENTS

These are the dates for upcoming OVCA election-related events:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 14:** Candidates Night will take place at 7 p.m. at NCB.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 20:** OVCA Elections at NCB at 7 p.m.

MONITOR PROGRAM SEEKS A VOLUNTEER

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

Responsibilities are few and simple: greet visitors enter-

DISTRICT ELECTION MEETINGS*

District 2 will meet at SCB at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26.

District 3 will hold a dinner meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22 at SCB at 6 p.m. There is a \$5 fee to partake in the meal. Contact Gladys at 203-380-8866 or Sonya at 203-377-1515. RSVPs by Sept. 19 are appreciated.

District 4 dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m. at SCB.

District 6 meeting is at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at SCB.

District 7 will meet on Monday, Sept. 26, at NCB at 6:30 p.m.

District 8 will hold a meeting/ice cream social on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at NCB.

District 10 will meet at NCB on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m.

District 11 will meet on Sept. 27 at NCB. Pizza will be served.

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

ing the building and check-out movies for the Movie Club Home Loan, as needed. During each two-hour shift, monitors should patrol the building once.

Feel free to bring a book, knitting, needlepoint or any other hobby with you to pass the time. There is a television in the office if you'd like to watch.

This is an easy and pleasant way to volunteer your time and help with the safety and security of our Village. Also, it is an opportunity to meet fellow residents.

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

FARMERS' MARKET WILL NOT BE HELD ON SEPT. 2

The Farmers' Market will not be held on Sept. 2 due to the Labor Day holiday. The market will resume on Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. at SCB.

DATE CHANGES FOR FUNSEEKERS EVENTS

Funseekers has rescheduled its meetings for the months of October and November.

An Oktoberfest will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13.

A Pre-Holiday Dinner/Dance will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12.

SCULPTURE WORKSHOP

A weekly sculpture classes will meet Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, at SCB starting on Sept. 28 and ending on Nov. 2. All levels are welcome. The cost for the five sessions is \$50 in addition to a \$5 fee for materials. Contact Wendy Swain at Wendysw10s@gmail.com or 203-386-9125.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP TO MEET IN STRATFORD

New Day is a 10-week bereavement program for women and men going through the early stages of grieving due to the death of a loved one. This seminar is designed to help those in mourning deal with their loss and move on in life.

Beginning Sept. 13 at 9:45 a.m., the program will be offered for 10 consecutive Tuesdays at St Mark Parish in Stratford. The program assists participants through the use of meditation, writing, group discussion and peer support.

To register or for more information, call Susan Monk at 203-257-6999.

PICKLEBALL CLUB TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE



The Pickleball Club invites all residents to an Open House at the Racquet Sports Facility on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Pickleball Round Robins are held from 4 to 6 p.m. On Saturdays, Round Robins are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Please email Gery at cleeker@optonline.net for more details.

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 Sept. 15, is Sept. 2 at noon.

CURRENT EVENTS

- The Current Events Discussion Group will meet in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on Sept. 7, Sept. 21, Oct. 5 and Oct. 19. All are welcome. Please bring a news article to the meeting.

DOLLCRAFTERS

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

- All resident women are welcome to attend a Bible study group on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 9 a.m. in the auditorium at SCB. Questions? Contact Helen Harper at 203-355-0007 or Carolyn Charnin at 203-683-7235.

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

- Tea, Talk and Crafts resumes meetings on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 1:30 p.m. in Card Room 2 at SCB. Bring your own projects or mending, etc., and enjoy talking, laughing and refreshments. Dues are \$6. Each member is required to supply a dessert twice. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Alice Gruninger at 203-375-5277.



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RSF = Racquet Sports Facility / (O) = Open / (C) = Closed

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB (O(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)

SAVE THE DATES:

Tuesday, Sept. 6 ... North Pool closes.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 ... OVCA Candidates Night at 7 p.m. at NCB.

Tuesday, Sept. 20 ... OVCA Annual Meeting and Election at 7 p.m. at NCB.

Thursday, Sept. 29 ... Resident artists should deliver submissions for the Galerie OV fall show, titled "Still Life." More details will be published in the Sept. 15 *Villager*.

Friday, Oct. 14 ... The Movie Club will show *Carol* at NCB at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5 ... The 2016 BRAVO Variety Show takes place at 7 p.m. at SCB.

Friday, Nov. 11 ... The Movie Club will show *Joy* at NCB at 7 p.m.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 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, SEPTEMBER 3

- 9:30 a.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: No events scheduled

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: *Labor Day*
Business and Maintenance Offices Are Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 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)
- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Brd Mtg, NCB, B/R (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – BRAVO Rehearsal, SCB, Aud (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Meeting, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 7:30 p.m. – SAC Committee Mtg, NCB, B/R (O)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 10:00 a.m. – Hadassah Board Mtg, NCB, C/R (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Art Club Meeting, SCB, Lounge (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Meeting, NCB, B/R (C)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB, Library (O)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – BRAVO Rehearsal, SCB, Aud (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)

CALENDAR

- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Farmers Market, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie: *Race*, NCB (O)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 7:30 a.m. – Tennis Tournament & Brunch, RSF (C)
- 9:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, SCB (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Pickleball, RSF (O)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 3:00 p.m. – Pletman Concert, NCB (O)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Architectural Committee Mtg, NCB, B/R (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 4:30 p.m. – Maintenance Committee Mtg, NCB, B/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Body Sculpting, SCB, Aud (O)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 10:00 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)
- 2:00 p.m. – BRAVO Rehearsal, SCB, Aud (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Mtg, SCB (O)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 9:30 a.m. – Beginner Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Communications Committee, NCB, B/R (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Race*, SCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, 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. – OVCA Candidates Night, NCB, Aud (O)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – BRAVO Rehearsal, SCB, Aud (O)
- 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, SEPTEMBER 16

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



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JULY'S JAUNT TO ITALY WITH GRANDCHILDREN

By Wendy Swain

As for so many of us, figuring out how to make a real impact on the lives of our grandchildren is an ongoing question. So, it was with that in mind that I invited my 19- and 13-year-old grandchildren to accompany me on a nine-day trip to Italy. I had given them the choice of several grand European cities, but as Catie, the youngest, said, "I would like to go to Rome, Grammy, because I love history!" Music to my "teacherly" ears, I must say!

These days, my traveling is done only with a tour company; "Just tell me where to stand and at what time" is my motto! For years, I took students to France, Spain, Mexico and Quebec and had taken on the planning aspects of those trips. Traveling on my own, with my husband and with women friends required a lot of preparation and caused angst on my part.

So off Catie, David and I went on July 20, leaving the details to a tour company. Flights to Italy routinely are at night from Kennedy Airport and, after trying to sleep on the plane, we arrived in Rome the next morning, rather exhausted, but exhilarated to be there! But, with all the planning beforehand, we hadn't counted on the weather being 95 degrees every day, making the touring somewhat exhausting by mid-afternoons.

There were only 11 people in our tour group and our terrific guide, Claudia, met us for an evening meal of ... pizza! Surprise, surprise – it was delicious, light and savory. The touring started with an overview of Rome (the Eternal City) and included the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain (Yes, we tossed coins in backwards), the Piazza Navona, the flower market and a tour of the Vatican. (Catie had to tie scarves around her shoulders and legs so that they would let her in!) There was breathtaking art in every inch of the tour. The Sistine Chapel's ceiling and the Pietà capped off the amazing sights.

Rome has clean water spouts everywhere, which allowed us to fill water bottles to keep cool and hydrated. We were grateful for that. The Coliseum was on our list for the following day along with Trylussa, a beautiful area for shopping.

The trip to Florence included a stop in Siena, where the famous horserace, Il Palio, is run. (Yes, the restaurant in Shelton is named after the race and there's a wonderful horse sculpture outside as a reminder.) Wine tasting in Chianti ... ah, life is good! On we went to Florence and an ultra-modern hotel with a blue-lighted shower — we loved that! Catie said she thought it was haunted!



A winery in Chianti was among the sights taken in by Wendy Swain and her grandchildren during a trip to Italy.

The tour of Florence included the market of San Lorenzo ... bargains galore, if you are a wise shopper! Then, the Duomo, the Ponte Vecchio and other delightful stops. Especially lovely was visiting the Statue of David. My grandson, David, is 6 feet tall. The Michelangelo version is 16 feet tall. I was so glad to photograph them together.

A train ride on our own to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa was among the highlights of the following day. A second train ride, to see my sculpture teacher who is working on a commission in the little Tuscan town of Pietrasanta—known for its sculptures, foundries and workshops—was on our list. The name Pietrasanta is so fitting for the town, which translates into "holy stone." Sergey was glad to see us!

I was glad that Venice was last! It is one of my favorite places on earth; the kids were awed. We hit Murano to watch glass being blown, the Doges' Palace, Bridge of Sighs, Rialto Bridge, the Old Ghetto and took a gondola ride through the canals. (The kids finally understand what a water taxi is!)

David was enthralled and wished we could have stayed another week. Catie was more than ready to come home. We loved our time together, seeing the sights and bonding in special ways. I was so happy to have made it home, safe and sound. *Viva Italia!*

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Editor's Note: *If you would like to contribute an article about your travels, please email cking@oronoquevillage.com*

FEATURE

ZUMBA GOLD IN ORONOQUE VILLAGE

By Judy Waldeyer ~ Photo by Carol King

Stop in the NCB any Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and you will hear some serious music, including the merengue, salsa, cha cha, cumbia and belly dancing. More importantly, you will see some serious Oronoque Village residents who want to focus on muscle conditioning and light weight activity.

The class on Tuesday is Zumba Gold Toning, which is tailored for active older adults. Zumba Gold-Toning blends traditional Zumba, at a slower pace, with a re-defining total body workout using Zumba Toning Sticks to shake up those muscles! The benefits are low- to moderate-intensity strength- training exercises, which are essential to preventing a dramatic reduction in muscle mass, muscle strength, atrophy and sarcopenia (loss of skeletal muscle mass). Walk in ready to have a blast and tone up, leave exhilarated and empowered!

Thursday's class is Zumba Gold, which also is designed for active older adults. This class focuses on all elements of fitness: cardiovascular, muscular conditioning, flexibility and balance. The design of the class introduces easy-to-follow choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. Come ready to sweat. Prepare to leave feeling strong.

Zumba Gold uses the same concept of original Zumba by incorporating Latin and international dance rhythms, but the exercises are modified for success and safety. A lot of the moves may even be done at half tempo so that everyone is able to follow.

The benefits of these classes include improvements in muscular strength, endurance, cardiovascular system, range of motion and posture, Additional benefits may include a reduction in stress and an enhanced quality of life.

Also, I hear over and over again from the participants that it doesn't even feel like they are exercising because they enjoy the music so well and they just start grooving.

The next Zumba sessions begin Tuesday, Sept. 6, and Thursday, Sept. 8. The first class is free. The cost is \$50 for one day per week for an 8-week session, or \$90 to attend both weekly classes.

Our instructor, Sarah Muir, has been teaching Zumba



Zumba Toning Sticks are part of the exercise program offered on Tuesdays at NCB.

for more than seven years. She teaches 11 classes per week in various locations including fitness clubs and corporate gyms.

If you have questions regarding Zumba, please call Sarah at 203-339-2278.



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12TH ANNUAL OV GOLF TOURNAMENT IS A SUCCESS



The 12th annual Oronoque Village Golf Tournament took place on Aug. 16. Participants enjoyed a day of play that included breakfast, a putting contest, happy hour and dinner. Money raised will go toward beautification projects as well as SWIM Across the Sound and Sterling House Community Center.

A full report on the event will be published in the next issue of *The Villager*, which will be distributed to residents on Sept. 15. Thanks to Peter Feick (left) and Dick Steele (right) for the photo contributions.



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BEYOND THE VILLAGE

ROBERT SEAN LEONARD IN LERNER & LOEWE'S *CAMELOT* AT WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE



Tony Award-winning actor Robert Sean Leonard will portray King Arthur in Lerner and Loewe's *Camelot*, an inventive take on the classic musical, at Westport Country Playhouse, Oct. 4–30.

The love triangle of King Arthur, Queen Guinevere and Sir Lancelot will be a reimagined version, with book adapted by David Lee, and helmed by Mark Lamos, Playhouse

artistic director.

Leonard recently appeared on stage as Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird* in London. He has performed in the Broadway productions of *The Invention of Love* (Tony Award), *Long Day's Journey into Night* (Tony nomination), *Born Yesterday*, *The Violet Hour*, *The Music Man*, *The Iceman Cometh*, *Arcadia*, *Candida* (Tony nomination); *Philadelphia*, *Here I Come!*, *The Speed of Darkness*, *Breaking the Code* and *Brighton Beach Memoirs*.

Born in New Jersey, he began acting at age 14 at The Public Theater in New York. At 19, he made his film debut in the acclaimed *Dead Poet's Society*. Additional film credits include *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Age of Innocence*, *Mr. & Mrs. Bridge*, *Swing Kids*, *Tape*, *Chelsea Walls* and *Whit Stillman's The Last Days of Disco*. He appeared for eight seasons on the Fox medical drama *House*.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit www.westportplayhouse.org or call the box office at 203-227-4177 or toll-free at 1-888-927-7529. 

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE ARTIST AT THE SCB GALLERY

The Summer Oronoque Art Show, which has the theme of "Abstract Art," is now on view at SCB.

The exhibit will run through the end of September.

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FROM THE KITCHEN

SUMMER'S BOUNTY: ZUCCHINI

(FROM THE FARMERS' MARKET OR PYO – PICK YOUR OWN!)

By Judy Waldeyer

I was once reading through a *Farmer's Almanac* and came across an interesting tidbit. It seems that during the month of August in a town in Maine, the residents always keep their cars locked in their driveways because generous neighbors,

eager to share the wealth, will fill the front seats with zucchini!

My thought was "Bring it on!" Zucchini can be a vegetable served raw as an appetizer or in a salad, and even in a cake.

Here are two of my favorite tried-and-true zucchini recipes.



Zucchini Fritters

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| 4 cups shredded zucchini | $\frac{2}{3}$ cup flour |
| 2 large eggs, lightly beaten | $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon kosher salt |
| $\frac{1}{3}$ cup green onion, sliced, both green & white parts | $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon black pepper |
| | 1 to 2 tablespoons vegetable oil |
| | Sour cream |

1. Place the shredded zucchini in a strainer, set over a bowl, and sprinkle lightly with salt. Let sit for about 10 minutes. Using your hands, squeeze as much liquid as possible from the zucchini, then transfer to a large bowl.
2. Add the flour, eggs, green onions, salt and pepper to the bowl. Stir until just combined.
3. Line a plate with paper towels.
4. In a large sauté pan over medium-high heat, add vegetable oil. Once hot, scoop 2 to 3 tablespoons of the zucchini mixture into the pan. Press lightly into rounds and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until browned. Flip the fritters and cook for another 2 minutes, until golden brown and cooked-through.
5. Remove the fritters to the paper-towel-lined plate and sprinkle with salt.
6. Repeat until all of the zucchini mixture has been used.
7. Serve topped with sour cream and sliced green onions.

Yield: 12 to 14 fritters

My Mom's Zucchini Bread

This is a moist and delicious zucchini bread flavored with walnuts and cinnamon. It is easy to bake and freeze. This recipe makes two loaves.

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| 3 cups all-purpose flour | 3 eggs |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1 cup vegetable oil |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | $2\frac{1}{4}$ cups white sugar |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | 3 teaspoons vanilla extract |
| 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon | 2 cups grated zucchini |
| | 1 cup chopped walnuts |

1. Grease and flour two 8 x 4 inch pans. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
2. Sift flour, salt, baking powder, soda, and cinnamon together in a bowl.
3. Beat eggs, oil, vanilla, and sugar together in a large bowl. Add sifted ingredients to the creamed mixture, and beat well. Stir in zucchini and nuts until well combined. Pour batter into prepared pans.
4. Bake for 40 to 60 minutes (or until tester inserted in the center comes out clean). Cool in pan on rack for 20 minutes. Remove bread from pan and completely cool.

Serves 24

One last thought: "There's no such thing as too much zucchini!"



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PLETMAN FALL CONCERT SERIES BEGINS SEPT. 11

By Elisabeth Breslav

Special Sunday afternoon musical treats are in store for residents, their visiting relatives and friends during three Pletman Concerts to be presented this season.

The programs are as follows:

Sept. 11: Darwin Shen, violin, and Alexis Zingale, piano, will present their third performance in Oronoque Village, featuring a program of light classical favorites including suites from *Porgy and Bess*, *West Side Story* and *Sarasate Carmen Fantasy*. (See page 19 for more details on this performance.)

Oct. 30: The Half Mile Common Piano Trio will present a program of Israeli music and Jewish folklore, including the traditional *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Nov. 20: This concert will be the third appearance by the Messiah Baptist Church Choir from Bridgeport in a program of African-American traditional spirituals.

All programs start at 3.p.m., last about one hour and are followed by a reception with refreshments. Admission is \$5, payable at the door. No reservations are required

Pletman Concert History

The Pletman Concerts program is one of the oldest community activities offered in the Village. Started in 1975 as the "Music Appreciation Group," it was led by Rose Pletman who, with her husband, Dr. Max Pletman, spent the next 18 years providing residents with the opportunity to



The Half Mile Piano Trio will perform during a Pletman Concert on Oct. 30.

enjoy top-quality concerts. In 1986, Charlotte Putnam Repert, then associate editor of *The Villager*, published her annual "Letter to Santa." Among the list of things she felt were missing and needed in Oronoque was a new piano for the Music Appreciation Group.

The Pletmans used their contacts in the musical world to obtain a practically new Baldwin concert grand piano with donations from *The Villager*, the Social Activities Committee and the Men's Club, supplemented by generous gifts from residents. No public funds were used for the purchase.

By the early 1990s, when diminishing health forced the Pletmans to leave Oronoque, the Music Appreciation Group changed its name to The Pletman Concerts. OV

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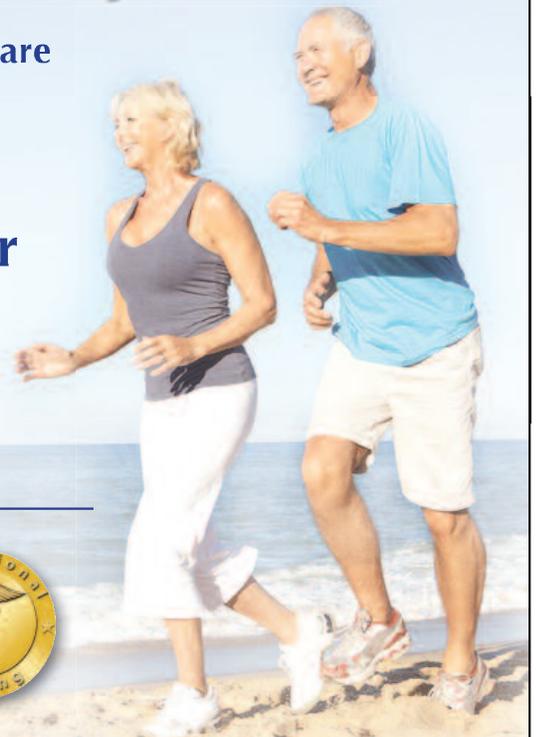
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FUNSEEKERS RECAP

By Marie Orlowe ~ Photo by Bob Krakovich

Have you attended a Funseekers event recently? The entertainment just keeps getting better and the monthly attendance proves it. Remember the adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

The August program featured the Sedgewick Sisters and their "ugly stepsister," Jeff. The Sedgewicks are residents of Stratford.

Their program was lively. The opening number was *When the Saints Go Marching In*. Jeff roamed about the audience while crooning *Come Rain or Come Shine*. The trio did a great rendition of *Hit the Road, Jack* (a song about a fed-up woman and a good-for-nothing man). There were duets with Jeff singing *The Lady Is a Tramp* as well as *Hello Dolly*, during which he performing a realistic imitation of Louis Armstrong.

Jerry Brown and **Ed Nobile** assisted Jeff with wording as he sang *Alright, OK, You Win*, a song made famous by Peggy Lee. The show's finale was the trio singing Irving Berlin's hit, *Alexander's Ragtime Band*.

Anne Gallo does an exemplary job planning the Downtown Bridgeport Cabaret nights. This month she is escort-



The Sedgewick Sisters and "their ugly stepsister," Jeff, entertained the Funseekers last month.

ing Funseekers and friends to *Tribute to Carole King*, the legendary singer and songwriter. Anne is currently accepting reservations to *Chorus Line*, booked for Nov. 18. If you are interested in attending, call her at 203-380-1022.

The evening ended with refreshments that included a variety of cakes and cookies, along with coffee or tea. **OV**



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Wednesday, Sept. 7, 4 p.m. at SCB
(Please note date correction)
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**WEEKENDERS PRESENTS...
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\$17 ADMISSION INCLUDES DINNER & SHOW**

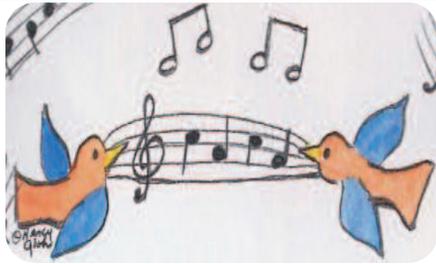
Weekenders is reliving last year's spectacular performance of "Yesteryear," an a cappella group specializing in oldies and doo-wop music from the 1950s through the 1970s.

Formed in 1960 and originally known as the Utations, this group has performed at many events in and around the greater Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford areas.



This show was an immediate sell-out last year ... so please be sure to get your reservations in ASAP. If there is a seating preference, be sure to put all the names of your group (eight or ten to a table) in one envelope with the checks attached. Make checks payable to Weekenders and deposit them into the box at the North Clubhouse.

????? Call Carol at 375-2101



PLETMAN CONCERT
FEATURING VIOLINIST DARWIN SHEN AND
PIANIST ALEXIS ZINGALE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11, 3 P.M. AT NCB

\$5 ADMISSION INCLUDES POST-SHOW REFRESHMENTS

Violinist Darwin Shen can sometimes be seen playing jazz as well as performing with tango groups. Darwin is a chamber coach for the Norwalk Youth Orchestra, was a consultant for the violin and viola syllabus for the Schubert Club and writes and arranges music. He has performed with such groups as the Amor Artis Orchestra, The Fairfield County Chorale, Mendelssohn Choir, and Southern Connecticut Camerata. Darwin has taught privately and for Fairfield University as part of its adjunct faculty, Zera Musicland of Fairfield, Lessons in Schools of Norwalk and Project Music in Stamford. He recently released his first CD, *Darwin Shen In Performance*



Pianist Alexis Zingale has performed throughout the U.S. and Canada as soloist and collaborator, and is among the most actively sought-after collaborators in New England. Her collaborative repertoire includes hundreds of sonatas, concert pieces, art songs, arias and orchestral transcriptions.

HOUSE & GARDEN
CLUB MEETING

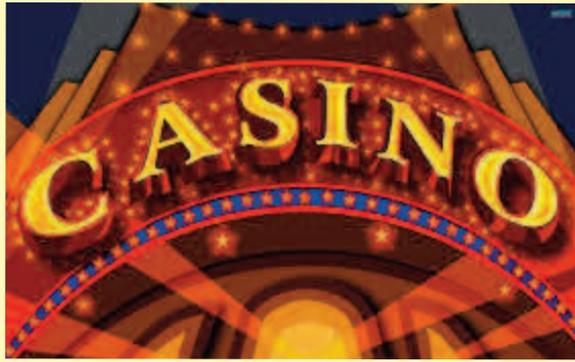


The House & Garden Club will open the fall season on Monday, September 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the South Clubhouse. There will be a presentation by Marianne O'Keefe, a docent from the Barnum Museum in Bridgeport. The museum was established in 1893 and contains many artifacts from the life of P.T. Barnum, Tom Thumb and Jenny Lind.

Ms. O'Keefe's talk will be focused on the life of this remarkable man, who was once mayor of Bridgeport, and the museum's history.

The House & Garden Club is a social group that provides entertaining and educational programs, along with several fundraisers throughout the year. Funds raised are donated to Oronoque Village to beautify the grounds.

Membership dues for the coming year are \$20 and may be dropped in the House & Garden box in the North Clubhouse or paid at the first meeting. Guests are welcome for a small fee. Thelma Strickler and Jo Mennenga will serve as co-chairmen of the membership committee.



**MEN'S CLUB TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
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FUNSEEKERS HAS A TREAT FOR YOU IN SEPTEMBER

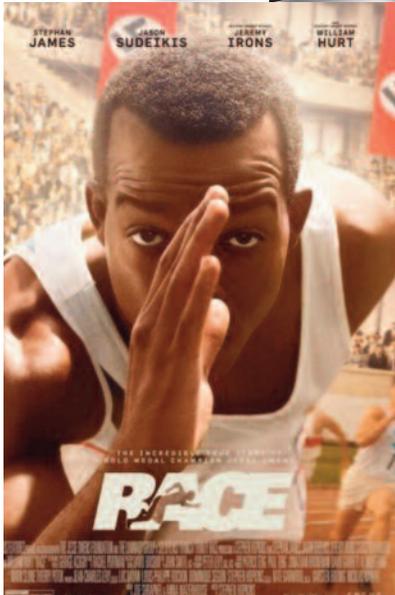


At its September 13th meeting in the SCB, Funseekers will present ShoreGrass, a lively bluegrass band that has performed all around the Northeast since 1996. Their combination of banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass and fiddle will set your feet a-tappin' to traditional bluegrass, country, gospel and contemporary music. Several members of the band will add their vocal talents and harmonies for your pleasure. We promise a fun-filled evening with memorable songs and catchy melodies.

The very first time they called themselves ShoreGrass was in January 1996 at a "Soup for All" benefit at the 1st Congregational Church in Branford, CT, with the Shaws, Dave Dietrick and Dick Hall. Through many seasons and many band changes, the music goes on based on family-oriented values, love of making music and the support of people who enjoy their music.

**Admission is \$2 for members, \$5 for guests.
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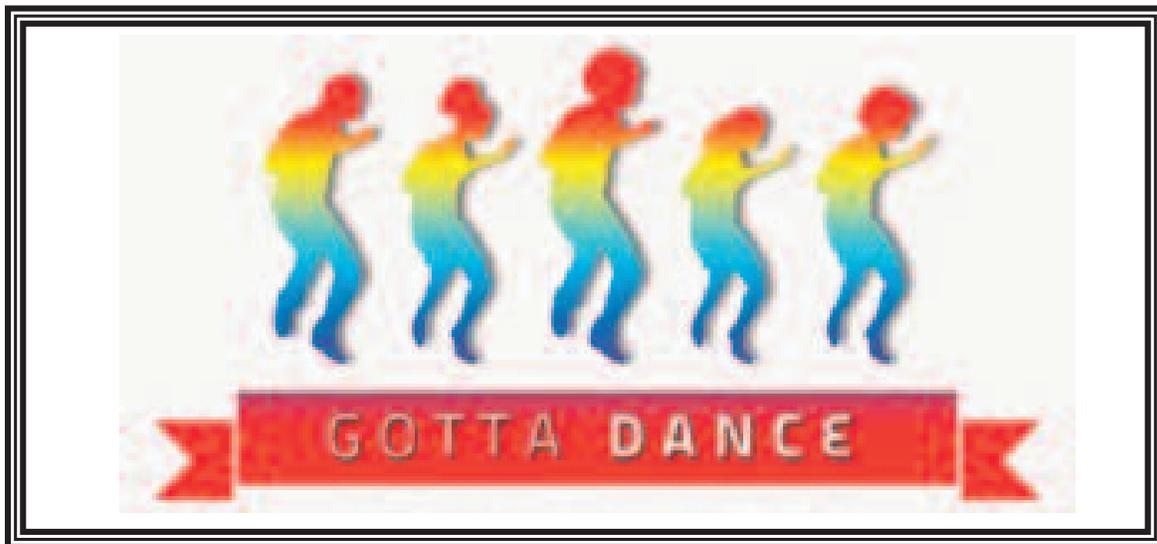
The Movie Club Presents *Race* in September



Friday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. at NCB
Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m. at SCE
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The Movie Club is sponsored by Len Learner, Dee Tuozzoli, Marcia Klein, Joan Schmitt and innumerable volunteers.



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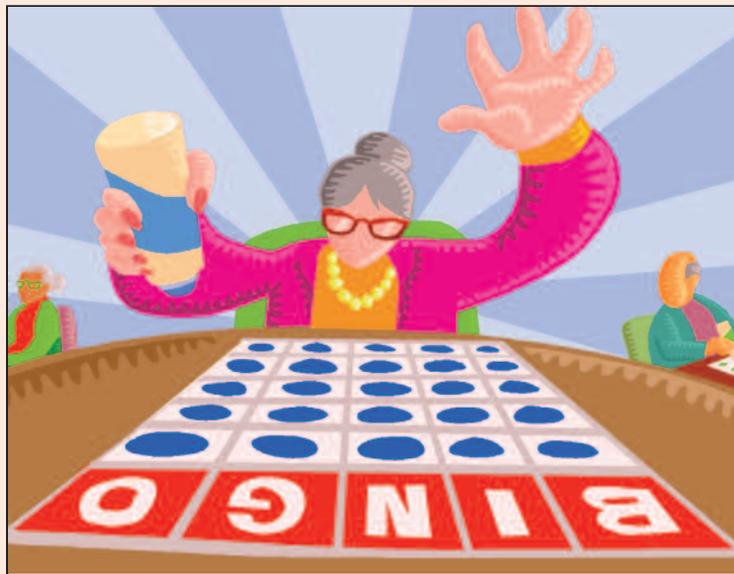
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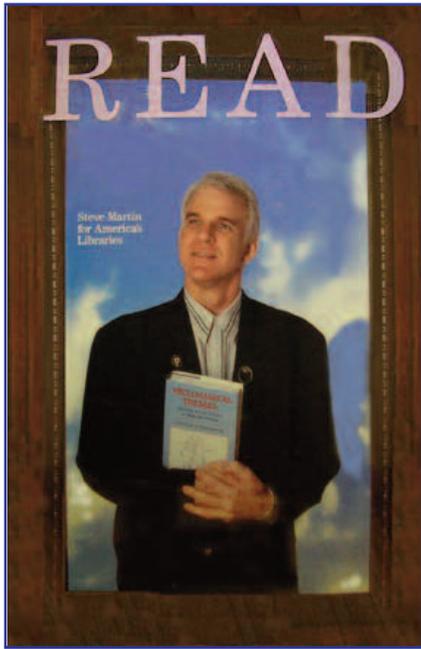
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Bingo: Presented by the Men's Club
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The Oronoque Village Book Club meets
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All Villagers are welcome.

Need a ride or information? Call Barbara at 203-612-1373

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6 P.M.

The book for **Sept. 7** is: *Greater Journey: Americans in Paris* by David McCullough. “David McCullough has stressed France’s pre-eminent role in American history for years. We would not, he has argued, have a country without the French, who have permanently and profoundly shaped us. “With *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*, he explores the intellectual legacy that France settled on its 19th-century visitors,” Stacy Schiff, *New York Times Book Review*.

THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 7 P.M.

The book for **Oct. 5** is *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante, who is the global literary sensation nobody knows. She shuns publicity and her identity is a mystery. Yet, her reputation is soaring. *My Brilliant Friend* is a rich, intense and generous-hearted story about two friends, Elena and Lila, growing up in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples in the 1950s. This meticulous portrait of these two women is also the story of a neighborhood, a city and a country as it is transformed in ways that also transforms the relationship between the protagonists.



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