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Thank you to Irene Sanzone for contributing the cover photo, which was taken during the House & Garden Club annual fall luncheon and card party. *The Villager* welcomes submissions for cover consideration. Submissions must be emailed as high-resolution jpeg images to *cking@oronoquevillage.com*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OVCA PRESIDENT

This column originally was distributed to residents as an Eblast on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017.

BOB GROSSO, OVCA PRESIDENT

Giving Fund: The Annual Giving Fund is in full swing. Please consider making a contribution to benefit our employees during the holiday season. Throughout the year, residents are not permitted to tip an employee nor are employees permitted to accept gratuities. The primary reason being that not all employees have direct access to residents and the opportunity to be individually recognized, yet perform their respective roles contributing to the team's success. Whether the effort was related to excellent service regarding a maintenance work order, supporting a private party, club or district function, we ask that you consider a contribution accordingly and submit the contribution to the business office.

Racquet Sports Committee: Bill Tanski has decided to step down as chair. Thanks to Bill for his past year's service as committee chair. Joanne Sutphen has been appointed as the new chairperson.

By-Laws Committee: Joanne Sutphen has stepped down from this committee. We thank her for the tireless hours she contributed on this committee. Cathy Koritko has been appointed to this committee.

House Committee: Two new hand-held microphones are being purchased, one for each clubhouse. New round tables are on order to replace the wobbly ones in the SCB. The art subcommittee is working on a design for a sculpture over the fireplace in the SCB. This concept was part of the original design for that space.

Communications Committee: The Villager will be adding occasional tribute articles featuring residents who significantly contributed to our community life. The first tribute in the December issue will be about the contributions of the late Len Learner. Videos on a variety of topics will be featured on the Oronoque Village website soon. The first video, produced by Lane Talburt, will feature resident Patsy DiTullio and his amazing train collection.

Rules and Regulations Ad-Hoc Committee: The proposed rules will be sent to all residents later in December. Residents will have through February to review them and send comments back to the Executive Director. They will also be posted on the website, particularly for residents who are away in the winter to review. Next spring, the OVCA board will review the comments, make any changes and then vote on the final proposal.

Holiday Wishes: As 2017 is winding down, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the OVCA Board, the OVTD Board and all of the committees, volunteers and residents who have contributed to make OV the "Community" that it is today. We are also so grateful to our dedicated and loyal

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COME ONE, COME ALL … TO SAC'S NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA AT OCC

SAC is sponsoring a New Year's Eve party at the Oronoque Country Club on Dec. 31.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. (Meal choices are filet mignon, chicken piccata, lemon-dill salmon or eggplant roulade.)

Additional inclusions: two complimentary drinks per person, champagne toast at midnight, dancing and more. A cash bar will be available.

The cost is $75 per person. Make checks payable to SAC and deposit in the SAC box in the North Clubhouse. Please indicate your meal choices on your checks. Reservations are a must.

For more information, contact Sonya at 203-377-1515. We look forward to having fun while ringing in 2018 together.

Note to New Residents: We will add you to a very friendly table or you can make up your own table with friends. Singles are welcome!

staff for all of their efforts throughout the year. I wish you a joyous, loving and festive holiday season. May the New Year bring blessings and prosperity to all.

FRED RODRIGUEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Maintenance Updates: The recent storms and three water main breaks have delayed the leaf removal process and we are attempting to get back on schedule still targeting to have the project completed by mid-December.

Additional Safety Training with our insurance carrier was conducted with the entire facilities management team in October. The topic covered related to OSHA regulations and understanding of Personal Protective Equipment that are mandatory requirements for team members to use in the workplace.

Paving Update: The paving project on the south side has been completed with regard to driveways and drive areas. The Cape Cod curbing is being installed with the goal of completing this project no later than Dec. 20, weather permitting.

Senior Sensitivity Training will be conducted with the Maintenance staff. We are coordinating the effort with the team at People's Bank, which will provide this service at no cost to the community.

Landscape Architect– Architectural Committee: The Landscape Architect Dennis La Ferriere met with the Architectural Committee and we have arrived on a design that appears acceptable to all parties involved. The goal for this next phase will address the drainage issues in the area, performing some additional grading and site preparation for the coming planting season in spring. We anticipate the installation of the selected plant materials to occur after the final frost.

Compliance Committee – Status – Update: We have continued our discussion with our attorney firm, Cohen & Wolf, in addition to gathering valuable information at the recent Community Association Institute Legal Symposium, which we hosted earlier this month. I'm continuing to discuss the protocols with counsel promulgated on Florida statutes and have had legal advisers review the statutes as an operational process that outlines the schedule of fines and escalation procedures. We are investigating whether these statutes can be adapted to Connecticut.

FEMA – LOMA (Letter of Amendments) Status – Follow-Up: Our Civil Engineer Barry Hammons has completed the "West Reach" elevation process and has filed the final elevation amendments with FEMA. Unfortunately FEMA has now required the refiling of the appropriate form in order to complete the process. This has been executed and we are awaiting the confirmation from FEMA so that we can file for FHA recertification. We anticipate finalizing this process by the end of this year or immediately at the start of 2018.

Wi-Fi Update: Our IT service provider, Axiom has performed a Wi-Fi survey in both the NCB and SCB and provided us with a proposal on providing exclusive Wi-Fi service for both buildings. The existing Optimum gateways were courtesy installations (i.e. free) that serve as hotspots for the Stratford area and are not exclusive to Oronoque. We will continue our dialogue with Optimum to address our hotspot requirements.

Sound System Update: Our group has been working with Jim Ruddy and other outside contractors in diagnosing the issues related to the inconsistencies in the sound system for both the NCB and SCB. New York Audio met with the team earlier this month and will provide recommendations and pricing on the requirements to insure that the systems consistently work properly. In addition, they have recommended an independent organization, Sweetwater Engineers, which will work in conjunction with New York Audio in determining and addressing our needs. OV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTIES

Districts 1, 4, and 6 will hold a combined holiday party at the Oronoque Country Club on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Districts 2, 3, and 5 will hold a combined holiday party at the Oronoque Country Club on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Districts 7 and 11 will hold a combined dinner party on Thursday, Dec. 7, at NCB at 6 p.m.

District 8 will host a full dinner at Oronoque Country Club on Dec. 12 beginning at 6 p.m. All are welcome. The cost is $30 per person. Questions? Call Judy at 203-380-0580.

District 9 will hold a holiday party on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. at NCB.

District 10 holiday party is Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at NCB.

'CONSCIOUS AGING' COURSE BEGINS NEXT MONTH

Beginning Monday, Jan. 8, a weekly class, "Conscious Aging," will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon in the NCB card room. The eight-week course is priced $80 with an additional $20 fee for the workbook.

According to the U.S. Administration on Aging, by 2030 there will be approximately 72 million people aged 65 years and older, more than double the number in 2000. But in our youth-obsessed culture there is fear and anxiety for those making the journey. The future is often filled with uncertainty: boredom, personal and financial losses, onslaught of pain, and fear of death are only some of the concerns.

In spite of this, aging also can be time for renewal, purpose and meaning – a tremendous opportunity for intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth. With this in mind, the Institute of Noetic Sciences four years ago created conscious aging programs for seniors looking to address these challenges and opportunities through dialogue, connection and community.

The goals of the course are to:

- Explore self-limiting beliefs and stereotypes to make more "conscious" choices on aging
- Develop self-compassion to help deal more effectively with change, worry and stress
- Discover and reflect on what has given meaning to our lives and how that can be used to affect our intentions for our aging process and our involvement with community
- Enhance connection and reduce isolation by understanding our shared humanity
- Reduce fear and increase acceptance in the presence of death and dying for ourselves and our loved ones

Topics to be covered during the course are:

- Introduction to Conscious Aging
- Self-Compassion
- Forgiveness
- Transformative Practices
- Death Makes Life Possible
- Surrender - Letting Go
- Creating a New Vision of Aging

The class will be led by OV resident Peter Ulisse, who is nationally certified to teach Conscious Aging. Peter is a retired English professor and chair of humanities at Housatonic Community College.

Registration is limited to 12 people. To sign up or for more details, call 475-422-9630 or email pedro2@sbcglobal.net

COAT DRIVE COLLECTION BOXES AT NORTH AND SOUTH CLUBHOUSES

Oronoque Village is partnering with Halstead Property's Helping Hands to present a coat drive benefitting Inspirica of Stamford. Collection boxes, located at the North and South Clubhouses, will be available for donations through Dec. 31. Please bring new or gently used adult and children's winter coats as well as hats, gloves and scarves.

For additional information or support in getting coats to the clubhouses, please contact OV resident Pamela Schwanke at 203-856-4194.

Inspirica is a large provider of services to the homeless in Connecticut and operates 12 facilities in lower Fairfield County, offering an extensive array of support services, including vocational training, workforce education, job placement and housing placement.

EMAILS WANTED FOR MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

If you have an email address, please be sure to include it with your Service Requests so that the Maintenance Department can update its records. By having your email address, the staff can be sure to keep you informed regarding your Service Request status.

Also, please add the Maintenance Department email address (ovmd@oronoquemaintenance.com) to your email contact list. This will help prevent Maintenance emails from going into your spam folder.

HOLIDAY PARTY FOR LADY BOWLERS

The OV Ladies Bowling League will host a holiday luncheon at noon on Dec. 14 at Old Towne Restaurant in Trumbull. Current and past league members are invited to attend.

Reservations are required. The cost is $20. For information or to RSVP, please call Irene at 203-378-2010.

TOY DRIVE TO CONCLUDE DEC. 14

The Toy Drive on behalf of Sterling House in Stratford will conclude on Dec. 14. This program provides toys for Stratford residents who are in the low- to moderate-income bracket and are in need of assistance during the holiday season. The collection box is located in the front hallway of NCB. Suggested contributions include monetary donations and gift cards as well as the toys listed below.

Star Wars toys	Vtech Go Go Wheels
Board Games (all ages)	Furreal Friends
Arts & Crafts (all ages)	Ninja Turtles
Books and Puzzles	Minions
Sports Equipment (all ages)	Skylanders
"Frozen" Elsa Dolls	Disney Infinity
Doc McStuffins	Anything Lego (all ages)
Disney Descendants	Interactive Educational Toys

LABELS AVAILABLE TO UPDATE RESIDENT PHONE DIRECTORY

Labels to be placed over incorrectly published information in the recently distributed OV Phone Directory are available for pick up in the Business Office from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

NOTICE FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Oronoque Village has received a donation of 120 white dinner plates and assorted tablecloths from Cherie Malona, a former Oronoque resident. These items, which are stored at NCB, are available for resident/club use in the clubhouses at no charge.

Items borrowed must be cleaned and returned in original condition. To arrange for pick up, contact Maria Szalontay at 732-261-5408 or Barbara Minoff at 203-386-0533.

The tablecloth sizes and colors are as follows:

12 cream/light yellow, 102 by 60 inches	1 cream/yellow, 120 inches, round
5 cream/light yellow, 90 inches, round	1 off-white, 90 by 132 inches
3 sea foam, 120 inches, round	1 cream/yellow, 68 by 38 inches
1 green, 120 inches, round	

ARTS GUILD announcements appear on page 20

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 Dec. 15, is Dec. 4 at noon.***

CORN HOLE

• Corn hole, a bean bag toss game, is played on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at SCB. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Sue or Ralph Trapasso at 916-7156.

DOLLCRAFTERS

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

• The Ladies Bible study group meets at 10:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in the NCB card room. The next meeting will take place Jan. 12. The group will begin a study of the Book of James in the New Testament. Call Tina (375-0291) or Helen (475-227-2324) for information.

LINE DANCING

• Line dancing classes take place at NCB on Wednesdays. A beginner class is held at 9:30 a.m. followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m.

POOL SOCIAL GROUP

• Anyone who enjoys socializing in and around the pools during the summer is invited to attend a get-together from 4-6 p.m. at SCB on the second Thursday of each month. Come with your favorite appetizer and or beverage (or nothing) for reunions and conversations. Call Sonya at 203-375-1515 for more information.

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

• Tea, Talk and Crafts meets on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in card room 2 at SCB. Bring your own projects or mending, etc. Refreshments will be served. Dues are $6. Each member is required to supply a dessert twice. For information, call Cynthia Harms at 203-402-9083.

CALENDAR

For the latest on OV news and events, go to www.oronoquevillage.com or OVTV. OVTV is Channel 591 for those with a cable box and Channel 121-591 for those without a box. O=Open / C=Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Basic Drawing, SCB (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 12:30 p.m. – Portrait Drawing, SCB (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Writers Group, NCB, C/R (O)
- 4:30 p.m. – It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, NCB (O)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2: No events scheduled

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3: No events scheduled

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)

CORRECTION

Apologies to Cheryl Comen who did not receive proper credit for her Halloween handiwork in the Nov. 15 Villager. Cheryl hand-carved the pumpkin as well as took the photos that were published on the inside back cover of the magazine. Each year, Cheryl hand carves an intriguing pumpkin and places it near her mailbox on South Trail for passersby to enjoy.

- 3:30 p.m. – Arts Guild Planning Committee, NCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Beginner Bridge Group, NCB, Library (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB (C)
- 7:30 p.m. – SAC Meeting, NCB, B/R (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – Carp Card Game, SCB, C/R (C)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Brd Mtg, NCB, C/R (C)
- 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)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Meeting, SCB (O)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, Beginners, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Communications Committee, NCB, B/R (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Drop-In Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Hadassah Brd Mtg, NCB (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 9 Meeting, NCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – Men's Poker, SCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB, Library (O)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba,NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Corn Hole, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Oil Painting, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilters, NCB, C/R (O)
- 11:30 a.m. – House Committee Mtg, NCB, B/R (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, Aud (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Districts 7 &11 Meeting, NCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Basic Drawing, SCB (C)
- 12:30 p.m. – Portrait Drawing, SCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie: *Wonder Woman*, NCB (O)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9: No events scheduled

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 2:00 p.m. – Stratford Community Concert Band, SCB (O)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Architectural Committee Mtg, NCB (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 1:30 p.m. – House & Garden General Mtg, SCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Maintenance Committee Mtg, NCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Beginner Bridge Group, NCB, Library (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – Carp Card Game, SCB, C/R (C)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 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)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 9:30 a.m. – Beginner Line Dancing, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Drop-In Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 12:30 p.m. – Hadassah Hanukkah Party, NCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Wonder Woman,* SCB (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – Men's Poker, SCB, C/R (O)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 10:00 a.m. – Corn Hole, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Oil Painting, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba,NCB (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, Aud (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pool Social Group, SCB (O)
- 5:30 p.m. – District 10 Meeting, NCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Writers Group, NCB, C/R (O)

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, Feb. 13 ... Funseekers will present Oronoque Village resident Roberta DeCore at its first meeting of the new year. The event will be titled "The Concert Which Never Happened - Songs of Love" as she sings a selection of songs that she was unable to perform during the club's November Holiday Bash due to technical difficulties.

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IN APPRECIATION

On Oct. 15, Oronoque Village lost a good friend and a diligent supporter when Leonard (Doc) Learner passed away at the age of 89.

Len, who was born in New York, spent much of his adult life in Connecticut where he worked as an industrial psychologist, associated with Pitney Bowes among other major corporations. Also, he operated a marketing company, Learner Research Associates.

He arrived at Oronoque Village about 22 years ago and became an active member of this community. From 1999 to 2001 he was a director on the OVTD Board, serving as the liaison between the board and the Oronoque Country Club. He also sat on a variety of committees.

From 2010 to 2013, he was the secretary of OVTD. During this period the board was actively involved in the Renaissance Project, which resulted in the upgrading of our two community buildings and the exercise facility at SCB.

"Len was a caring individual who made his mark on this community," notes Steve Brieger, OVTD president.

Len was an avid contributor to The Villager magazine. His love of interacting with others was apparent in his bimonthly Village Forum column, which was fashioned after the "Man of the Street" interviews. Interviewer Len, and photographer Dick Steele, would roam the Village, posing questions to residents, such as "What issues do you think should take top priority in Congress?" or "Do you have a regular exercise routine?" Residents' answers, with their photos, were published in the magazine.

Len had a love of words and games. His Sudoku puzzles were Villager staples for many years. Also, he invented a word game, called "Linguistics," in which a series of letters and vowels were published. Residents were challenged to make words from the letters and form sentences using the words created.

"Len was a man who liked to test and challenge our brains," states Judy Waldeyer, former editor of The Villager. "He took much pleasure in making us think. He will be missed."

In 2011, Len created the Movie Club, which continues to benefit the community today. As the founder of the club, Len purchased DVDs of popular films for twice-monthly public viewings at a cost of $1 per showing (with popcorn included). He then made the films available to residents via a Home Loan Program that is based in the SCB monitor's office.

"When Len started the club, he paid for the movies himself; it was his idea to put the DVDs we had shown in the monitor station for residents to borrow," says Marcia Klein, who now runs the Movie Club. She estimates that there are approximately 50 titles available in the Home Loan Program, ranging from comedies, dramas and foreign films to Oscar winners and musicals.

In fact, to improve the residents' viewing pleasure, Len donated a state-of-the-art DVD player to Oronoque Village for use in the North Clubhouse, recalls former OV Executive Director John Staley.

During recent months, Len founded and oversaw The OV Writers Group, which launched in April 2017. His enthusiasm for this club was palpable and, because it was so well-received, The Writers Group became filled to maximum capacity within one month.

Len was very passionate about leading this group and inspiring members to wax poetic on variety of topics. In describing this club in a letter to his son, Steven, Len mused, "Take a former tennis champion from Portugal, a sweet white-haired lady from Britain, a Holocaust emigre from The Netherlands, a city kid from the streets of New York … and have them led by a retired business executive/research scientist, synergizing cognitive behavioral and motivation techniques, who becries 'You have no limitations,' and you have a group of octogenarians who have new energies, new ideas and who re-entered a disinterested society that now gives that large, newfound doses of recognition, self-respect and event cockiness; that's The Writers Group!"

In tribute to Len Learner, his most recent, and final, Linguistics puzzle appears below.

LINGUISTICS

By Len Learner

I started with seven randomly selected letters, let my mind run free. I then tried to determine how some of these words could be combined to create meaningful sentences.

So, dear reader, if you would like to attempt this brain game, here's how you can give it a shot:

Here are the seven letters: **A, E, O, R, S, N, D.**

Please study them and brainstorm as many words as you can. Then select several of the words and create one or more meaningful sentences.

The following are sentences that use the words created from the seven letters. The underlined words come from the original seven letters. The rest are fillers I created to make meaningful sentences.

Dan, you're a dear except when you're near, and when I hear your snore in my ear.

Dan, Rose and Ron rode the roan to the rear end of the road.

A rose is red, a drone is not, and a man can earn his turn for arson, or not.

RESIDENT'S TRAIN COLLECTION A MARVEL IN OV WEBSITE VIDEO

"Patsy's Trains" is the title of a new video now availabe for viewing exclusively by residents on the OV website. This is the first in a series of planned videos on unique activities to share interesting stories with residents and to promote Oronoque Village as an all-seasons-for-all-reasons condo community for people 55 years and older.

Some features, like the inaugural video highlighting OV resident Patsy DiTullio and his large collection of operating, scale model trains in his unit on Quinnipiac Lane, are aimed at residents.

Other videos will promote the advantages of living in Oronoque Village. These will be aimed at both nonresident and resident viewers, says Dima Thompson, chairman of the OV Communications Committee. The Villager will continue its traditional coverage of OVCA events and people and will let Villagers know when a new video has been added to the website.

Lane Talburt, who has lived at Oronoque with his wife, Martha, for the past 11 years, will oversee the project. A new member of the Communications Committee, Lane is a retired journalist, corporate public relations manager and video producer.

"Every video segment, ranging from one to four minutes, will focus on the lifestyles of our residents," says Talburt. "Look for a few surprises in this initial video on Patsy's extensive collection, including the reaction of his wife, Angela, to his ever-expanding hobby."

The DiTullios have been OV residents for the past 17 years. Patsy admits that "I purposely bought a condo that would be able to take care of this" -- pointing to the layout of multiple tracks and models of Connecticut landmarks.

Patsy DiTullio and his model train collection are featured in a video on the OV website.

Underneath are seven miles of wiring that power the trains and the model train landscape, plus a number of glass cases containing an array of train engines and cars that have never seen use. Patsy added that he's searching for a museum or youth organization to which he can donate his collection.

Residents may view the inaugural video by typing this code in the website "search" box: http://www.oronoquevillage.com/residents-videos/

Talburt is seeking residents' ideas for future video features. His email address is talburtcom1@sbcglobal.net. OV

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MONITOR PROGRAM REPORT

By David Schoennagel ~ Photos by Marcia Klein

Once a year, the Monitor Progam recognizes its volunteers. These volunteers provide a service to all of us who are residents of Oronoque Village. As the coordinator of the Monitor Program, I am proud of the team we have in place.

The weekday monitor volunteer spend two-hour shifts once a week at the South Clubhouse, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also, there are volunteer monitors who handle the Call-In Program on weekends. (If you live alone, you might want to consider signing up for the Call-In Program. To participate, you need to call the South Clubhouse at 203-375-5435 every morning between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. A volunteer monitor on duty will check on you. That's all there is to it!)

During ceremonies this year, **Fred Rodriguez, Bob Grosso, Dee Tuozzoli** and I presented **Irma Wigder** with a special appreciation award to recognize her amazing support for volunteering. She has spent more than 20 years as a monitor.

Many of the volunteers are just like Irma: they are concerned residents who give their time to help us control the cost of monitoring and save the Village the expense of hiring additional employees.

We also recognized the volunteers who assist with the OV Library at NCB.

When you see a volunteer, please thank him or her for being there for you.

Help Wanted

Presently, we ar looking for two more volunteers. It's a fun task, only two hours a week, and we have many substitute volunteers if you need to take a day off.

If you are interested in volunteering or know of someone who would like to join our team, please call me at 203-814-8351. OV

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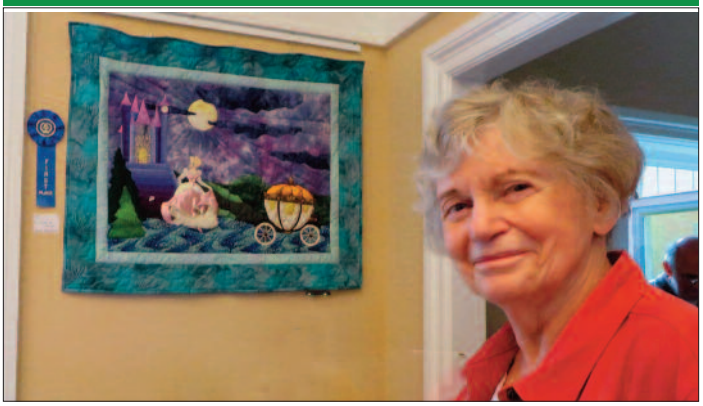

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER: MARGE RAGOZZINO

Congratulations to Marge Ragozzino, who is the People's Choice Award winner for the summer gallery show at SCB, which featured quilting projects.

Marge, who has been quilting for more than 25 years, was recognized for her whimsical Disney-themed creation, which focuses on Cinderella. The tapestry is on view at SCB through Dec. 27.

"This piece originally was created for my granddaughter," Marge explains. "I designed the image of Cinderella myself because, in the original pattern, Cinderella is shown from the back, walking toward the castle. I pictured her running away at midnight, with the slipper on the steps behind her.

"I had a wonderful time finding all the fancy fabric and other embellishments this piece required," she adds. "My original title for this piece was 'Keep on Running, Cindy!'"

Marge's foray into quilting was unexpected, yet serendipitous. "I signed up for an adult education class to learn about making stained glass projects," she says. "But, the class was cancelled so I signed up for a quilting course instead. It was a knack that I took to and have been working at it -- and teaching quilting classes -- since."

Marge is a member of the Connecticut Piecemakers Quilt Guild and served as its president for two years. She has taken home prizes from the Piecemakers Biannual Quilt Shows for her larger-scale projects, which include bed quilts and wall hangings.

She notes that she has yet to try her hand in the stained glass arena, "but I keep looking for a class that will fit into my schedule!"

Marge has additional creative talents. A prolific writer, she has published eight children's novels and a picture book with Simon and Schuster. Also, she is an accomplished painter whose works have been shown at past Galerie OV shows. She was an OV Artist of the Month in 2014.

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MAINTENANCE MATTERS: NEW PILOT PROGRAM

The OV Maintenance Department is pleased to offer additional services to the residents of Oronoque Village effective Dec. 1.

The following schedule outlines some of the initial services that the team will offer at the inception of this pilot program.

Based on the level of participation and homeowner feedback, the Maintenance Department will augment the services provided once they have been vetted by the Village insurance underwriting group.

Winterizing Residences
(As outlined in the Maintenance Standards of Oronoque Village)

Winterization Only: $40
***Winterization + Bi-Monthly Checkups:** $150 (3 months)
***Winterization + Bi-Monthly Checkups:** $265 (6 months)

***Note:** *Individuals requiring Bi-Monthly Checkups will be required to provide access to their respective residences by leaving keys with the Business Office and executing a release providing entry for the specified period.*

Window Screen Repair
(Screening material, spline, rollers-if required)

Sliding Glass Door: $140 each
Standard Sized Window: $65 each

After-hours work will be charged at the overtime rate of $55 per man hour for carpentry, painting, handyman service, landscaping installations and removals.

Homeowners have the option of requesting a written turnkey estimate on any after-hour service provided.

These services should be scheduled through the Maintenance Coordinator at (203) 375-8853 during business hours, and, if there are preferences for a specific Facility Team member(s), they will be scheduled based on availability. OV

WRITERS GROUP ESSAYS

A NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN

By Elisabeth Breslav

What to do when you are young and want to get away from a country ravaged by five years of Nazi occupation, when you'd like to travel but don't have a penny to your name? You scan the newspapers for ideas and discover au pair agencies.

That's what I did, and I arranged to hire myself out as a mother's helper with a family in a London suburb. My passage was to be paid for and, in addition to room and board, I would receive a 10-shilling (then roughly $2) weekly allowance for personal expenses, plus a paid return trip if I stayed for a year.

I was met at Waterloo Station by my employer, Mr. C., who appeared to be the age of my father. My familiarity with Shakespeare notwithstanding, my halting high school English did not permit much conversation. Besides, my stomach felt queasy after the rough ferry Channel crossing, so we drove mostly in silence. As I looked out of the car window, London appeared somber and gray.

The family home was an imposing three-story townhouse high on a hill in a prosperous South East district, and I met Mrs. C. She seemed, if anything, even older than her husband. I saw no children, and I began to wonder what kind of help this mother needed.

Mr. C., a jovial Londoner, turned out to be a self-made man, owner of a moving company. Business had been excellent during the London Blitz, when several new lorries (moving vans) needed to be acquired to keep up with carting away people's belongings after each V1 rocket attack.

Mrs. C. was of Scottish descent, and often referred to her old aristocratic background and the fact that she had married beneath her station. I remember her as a silver-haired, plump woman who was more than well-fed and appeared in excellent health, yet wore an expression of undefined, long suffering.

In spite of their distance in social class, Mr. and Mrs. C. had managed to produce four sons, ranging in ages between 16 and 25.

I soon discovered my employer's concept of a mother's helper. My day started at 6:30 a.m. in the kitchen, where I poked and fed coal into the Swedish "cooker" (stove) and made tea. At 7 a.m. sharp I served tea in bed to the family, and while they awakened and dressed, I had one hour until breakfast to dust the furniture and sweep the carpet in the family room. Mrs. C. collected brass tankards, some 50 of which, in all shapes and sizes, were displayed on a huge sideboard.

My dusting instructions had been very precise. Each morning I was to remove all the brass objects first, then dust the sideboard, and after that wipe and replace each tankard. By the end of my first week I had streamlined the process. I

would put my head, cheek down, on one side of the sideboard and blow my lungs out; I would do the same at the opposite end, and finish the job by interchanging two or three pieces, which never failed to elicit Mrs. C's comment that it was probably too much to expect that I would remember the proper place of each of her treasures, but at least she could tell that I was dusting correctly. And I always did!

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JACK'S RETIREMENT

By Mary W. von Ziegesar

I had been patiently sitting by the front door for about a half an hour. No sign of Jack or even of Laura. I had overheard them talking about this thing called "retirement." I had no idea what that meant. No more walks at 6 a.m.? Jack in a suit, always a bit rushed so I couldn't hover in the grass by the boxwoods at the house next door? It was 7 a.m. now and I was antsy. What was going on?

Ah, finally, the smell of coffee – a clue. I heard Jack coming down the stairs. He was wearing his wingtips; it was a workday for him.

"Hey Sport," said Jack. "Sorry to be so late, but you'd better get used to it. This is my last day at the office and, from here on in, you and I will be walking later and longer! What do you think of that, boy?" He fastened my leash, gave my black Labrador retriever head a familiar pat, and we headed for the boxwoods.

Our days passed wonderfully that summer. This, apparently, was retirement. Jack initially slept later and I adjusted to waiting by the door as patiently as possible until 7 a.m., but Jack reverted to his old work schedule soon enough and we were up and out at 6 a.m. again. Our walks did last longer. We walked into town where he tied me to a parking meter outside of Allie's Coffee Shop and he picked up a latte and a muffin. If I raised my paw, which of course I always did as soon as he left the shop, I got a bite of that muffin. I know I would have gotten a bite anyway. A blueberry scone was my favorite.

We walked passed the Children's Learning Center, down across the Sassafrass River Bridge, then back up along Front Street. Jack picked up The New York Times at The Corner Store while I sat outside, untethered and trustworthy. Then we walked to Soldier's Park and to Jack's favorite bench where he scanned the paper, sipped his coffee and I got to run, well, it was walk these days, with my dog friends. I used to be able to outrun them all. I was slowing down. Sometimes I had to growl to get my ball back from one of the young pups who intercepted Jack's throw to me. Jack's throws were shorter these days, too. We were a pair: both of us graying; both of us slowing our steps; both of us breathing harder and sitting heavily when we reached the front porch.

It was a Friday morning in September. Jack and I were almost home from our daily morning round when I felt his hand on my leash was unsteady, shaking. I tried not to pull him. I tried to keep the leash slack. When we got back home, Laura asked Jack if he felt all right.

"Just fine, love," he said. "Just a wee tired. I didn't sleep well last night. I'm going for a little layback before lunch. OK?"

"Of course, sweetheart" replied Laura, "I'll see you in an hour or so. Do you need anything?"

"Nothing except your love, my love," said Jack as he had said to her for 48 years. "Come on, Sport. After chasing that grungy tennis ball, I think you could use a nap, too. Right, boy?"

I could sense with all of my senses that something was wrong. I could hear the silence in the room. I could feel the stillness. I could smell it. I could see Jack's relaxed face. I touched his hand. His fingers didn't respond to rub my nose. I snuggled into his hand. It was cold, lifeless. I found Laura in the kitchen. I startled her with a bark, then led her into the bedroom. I lay down beside the bed and licked Jack's hand.

We'd had what I guess was retirement, Jack and I. I moved closer to the bed and to his hand, the hand that had touched me every day for 12 years, every day since I was 6 weeks old.

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FITNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS

WALKING TO IMPROVE FITNESS

By Ed Genga, MA, CSCS

Fitness walking can build endurance, strengthen your bones, improve your health profile and help you manage your weight. However, by the time many of us get to be seniors we may have developed some postural quirks and bad habits, especially if you have a sedentary lifestyle, which can make walking a source of aches and pains.

Here are some walking basics that will help keep your walking workouts safe and effective by building your walking technique from the ground up.

Think Heel to Toe: Comfortable and efficient walking begins with a good foot strike that allows your ankle to move through a complete range of motion. Here is how to do it properly:

1. Step forward landing squarely on the heel of your foot.
2. Roll forward onto the ball of the foot.
3. Raise the heel and push off with your big toe.

Find Your Stride: Everyone has a natural stride length that they find comfortable, and it may be shorter or longer than someone else's. One of the most common mistakes with fitness walking is to increase the length of your strides to walk faster. Overstriding can strain your muscles and joints, causing pain in the arches of your feet, knees, hips and heels.

How fast should you walk? It depends on your fitness level, stride length, and turnover rate. Here are some general guidelines:

- Slow to moderate walking is a 3 to 3.5 mph pace or about 115-120 steps per minute.
- Brisk walking is about a 4 mph pace, about 135 steps per minute.
- Fast walking (starts at a 5 mph pace, which is about 160 steps per minute.) Most cannot walk at this pace.

Walk the (Straight) Line: Be aware of your posture: Stand as tall as possible, feet pointing forward, abs engaged, back straight, neck in line with your shoulders, head up and eyes gazing about 10 feet ahead of you. When walking, your center of gravity should move forward, not side-to-side. Your pelvis will rotate forward with each step, but should not turn from side to side. Try to keep your legs in line with your hips and toes pointing forward.

Pumping Your Arms: Serious fitness walkers pump their arms vigorously to increase their speed because this is the most efficient way to walk at higher speeds. If your hands swell during exercise, keeping your elbows bent can help avoid or minimize the swelling.

Keep your arms bent at a right angle while you walk. When pumping your arms, the movement should come from your shoulders, and your hands should not rise higher than chest level. Finally, avoid clenching your hands. You can only walk as fast as your arms pump.

Walking the Hills: There is a natural tendency to lean forward when walking uphill and lean backward when walking downhill. Avoid leaning because this can put some strain on your back. Maintain your posture as upright as possible, especially on mild and moderate hills.

The Eight Keys to Proper Fitness Walking: There are many things to keep in mind. This quick list summarizes the info above so you can get out there and walk for fitness!

1. Stand tall, with your shoulders back, head and neck aligned with your spine, and abs pulled in.
2. Push off with the toes of your rear foot, and land squarely on the heel of your lead foot.
3. Roll through the entire foot, from heel strike to the ball of your foot to the push off with your toes, allowing your ankle to move through its full range of motion.
4. Avoid overstriding. Increase the number of steps per minute to increase speed.
5. Bend elbows at a right angle, and swing your arms from the shoulder, keeping elbows close to your sides.
6. Avoid clenching hands or overswinging your arms.
7. Minimize leaning on hills.
8. Do not neglect stretching and strength training, especially if you experience burning or tightness in shins or calve muscles. OV

Ed Genga is an Oronoque Village resident and a fitness professional with more than 35 years of experience in a wide variety of industry disciplines including club management, corporate wellness, group fitness, college-level athletic coaching, personal training, phase 3 cardiac rehabilitation and exercise for cancer patients. You may submit questions about exercise to Ed at eegenga@gmail.com

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CONNECTICUT HAS ISSUED A NEW RECYCLING LIST

What goes in your recycling bin can be confusing. Now, the state is trying to clear up some confusion by putting out a new universal list as part of a campaign called "What's In. What's Out."

Plastic bottle caps are out -- unless they're connected to the bottle. Plastic potting containers for plants? They're in -- if you can fit them in the bin.

Then, there are pizza boxes. "They're good to recycle, even if greasy," said Sherill Baldwin with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

"Do they want your crust? Definitely not. Do they want food in it? No," Baldwin said. "They are asking that we pull out the liner -- whether it is cardboard or paper -- but it doesn't matter how much grease is in it, just throw it in your recycling bin."

What you do not want to throw in are plastic shopping bags. "Plastic bags, plastic wrap are a huge problem," Baldwin says, "They take so much time and effort for the staff to pull out and it often causes safety concerns. Instead, recycle those bags back at the retailer where you got them."

Baldwin said shredded paper should not be recycled. "Good rule of thumb is only shred what you need to shred. Everything else -- in terms of junk mail or other types of correspondence -- if it doesn't need to be shredded, recycle it."

And what about all those confusing numbers on your plastics? Baldwin says to ignore them. They're for recyclers -- not residents. Instead, she says ask yourself, "Is it a bottle, a jug or a carton?"

"All of those plastic containers can be put in the recycling bin," she said.

The new program is voluntary and it's up to the towns and cities to implement the new guide. Confused residents can check what's in and out on using the search tool on the state's website at http://www.recyclect.com/

Baldwin said residents should start using the new universal list now because cleaner recycling streams help both customers and haulers. OV

This article, written by Patrick Skahill, is reprinted from a posting on wnpr.org

ARTS GUILD EVENTS

MARTHA TALBURT DRAWING CLASSES

Wondering what to do during the long winter months in Oronoque? Why not try an art class taught by Martha Talburt?

Basic Drawing Class

Martha's 10-week "Basic Drawing Class" starts Friday, Jan. 12, in the SCB back card room. This is truly a beginner class with step-by-step lessons that will teach you drawing skills and will show you how to really "see." No experience necessary! Classes are from 10 a.m. to noon each Friday. The cost is $120 plus minimal supplies. Class size is limited to 12 students.

Portrait Class

"Drawing Portraits for Beginners" will take place weekly, starting Jan. 12, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the SCB back card room. Pre-requisites for this class are Martha's basic drawing class or equivalent basic drawing experience.

In this class, Martha builds a bridge from basic drawing skills to the more specific art of drawing portraits. This 10-week class costs $120 plus minimal supplies. Class size is limited to12 students.

Martha is an Oronoque resident who studied at the Art Students League in New York and presently teaches in Ridgefield and Wilton. Her artwork hangs throughout the United States.

To reserve a spot, make checks out to Martha Talburt and place in the Arts Guild mailbox in the SCB lobby.

Questions? Call Barb Stewart at 203-612-1373 or Martha Talburt at 203-218-3831.

CALL FOR ART: "STILL LIFE" WINTER SHOW BEGINS DEC. 28

Oronoque artists using any medium are invited to bring one or two pieces to SCB at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Artwork must be wired, ready to hang and fit the theme of the show, which is titled "Still Life." This show will hang from January through March 2018. The opening reception is Sunday, Jan. 7.

Artists participating in the current show can pick up their artwork on Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 3:30-5 p.m.

For information or help transporting artwork, call Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE SUMMER GALERIE OV SHOW

The theme for The Summer Galerie OV show is "Life in Oronoque Village."

Artists working in any medium are encouraged to create art that reflects our life here in this community. A beautiful sunset, the Farmers' Market, card players, flowers in bloom, pool activity or whatever piques your interest … turn it into a beautiful work of art for the show.

Photographic prints must be a minimum size of 9 by 12 inches and must be framed and wired, ready to hang.

The show will begin in July 2018.

BEYOND THE VILLAGE

"The Color Purple" will be performed at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford Dec. 5 to Dec. 10. The show, a 2016 Tony Award winner for best musical revival, is hailed by The Hollywood Reporter as "a direct hit to the heart." The production includes a musical score of jazz, gospel, ragtime and blues. For information or to purchase tickets, visit https://bushnell.org or call 860-987-5900.

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Goodspeed Opera House presents "A Connecticut Christmas Carol" at the Terris Theatre in Chester. During this production, some of the most beloved storytellers in Connecticut history come alive for a yuletide gathering.

Famed actor and local legend William Gillette leaves his castle on the Connecticut River to adapt Dickens' holiday classic in the 1920s. Local heroes Mark Twain, Harriet Beecher Stowe and P.T. Barnum make spirited appearances opposite Gillette's Scrooge in a highly theatrical twist on a family favorite.

Custom-made for Goodspeed with all-original music, this tuneful production will run through Dec. 24. For information, call 860-873-8668 or visit www.goodspeed.org

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The Downtown Cabaret Children's Company presents "The Christmas Elf" through Dec. 28.

Every Christmas, Santa employs countless helper elves to keep watch over the world's kids to see who's being naughty and who's being nice, but not everyone wants Christmas this year.

Find out what happens when one clever elf meets some concerned toys who are worried about being replaced in this brand new musical where fun and imagination come to life.

During each performance of "The Christmas Elf," audience members will have the opportunity to name the elf.

In the lobby before the show, there will be a holiday mailbox with name cards next to it. Patrons are urged to write down the craziest festive and fun names they can think of and put the cards in the mailbox. The winning name will be announced from the stage. The theater is located at 263 Golden Hill St. in Bridgeport. For tickets and information, visit www.MyCabaret.org or call, 203-576-1636, ext. 0. OV

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For More Information: Sonya DeBiase 203-377-1515

The House and Garden Club is happy to welcome the holiday season with the return of "Smile Awhile" at 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 11, at SCB.

"Smile Awhile" is a volunteer group of seniors whose mission is to bring entertainment to residents in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities throughout Southern Connecticut.The group, which has performed for nine years, uses a variety-show format, singing songs, dancing and comedic skits. Under the direction of Joy Koch, they perform over fifteen shows a year from August to December.

We are indeed fortunate to have this group. You are guaranteed to smile!

Our meetings are open to all. Under the direction of Jackie Freeman and her team, there will be coffee or tea and desert after the presentation and a raffle.Guests are always welcome for a small fee.

This is the last meeting before the winter break. See you in March!

Trot on Down to Funseekers

You are invited to take "A Lighthearted Look At Romance" as the musical group, Hot to Trot Trio, will perform at Funseekers last event of 2017. These talented performers, featuring a soprano, bass-baritone and pianist, will delight you with songs from the Broadway productions of *Call Me Madam*, *Pal Joey*, *High Society*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *South Pacific*, *Sound of Music* and others.

This event will be held on Tuesday December 5th (note date change) in the SCB at 7 PM.

Admission is $2 members and $5 guests. BYOB/food/snacks. Desserts and beverages follow the event. Call Bob Krakovich (203-752-6105) with questions.
No advance reservations required.

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

The Fall Oronoque Art Show, which has the theme of "Art Inspired by Travel," 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 on December 27.

The Movie Club Presents
Wonder Woman

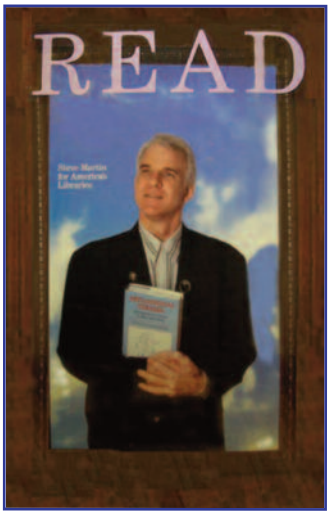
The Movie Club was founded by Len Learner and is sponsored by Marcia Klein, Dee Tuozzoli and innumerable volunteers.

Friday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. at NCB

Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. at SCB

$1 admission includes popcorn

An Amazon princess (Gal Gadot) finds her idyllic life on an island occupied only by female warriors interrupted when a pilot (Chris Pine) crash-lands nearby. After rescuing him, she learns that World War I is engulfing the planet, and vows to use her superpowers to restore peace.



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 Hinda Wolf at 203-385-3855

The book selection for **Dec. 6** is *It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis. It is a cautionary tale about the fragility of democracy, an alarming look at how fascism could take hold in America when America was largely oblivious to Hitler's aggression.

The book selection for **Jan. 3, 2018** is *When Books Went to War* by Molly Guptill Manning. *When Books Went to War* is a thoroughly engaging, enlightening and often uplifting account of America's counterattack against Nazi Germany's wholesale burning of books. During World War II, the U.S. government, along with librarians and publishers, dispatched millions of books to American GIs, sailors and fliers, using the written word itself as a powerful reply to tyranny, thought control, absolutism and perverse ideology.

The Book Club will not meet during the month of February.

VILLAGER DEADLINE DATES FOR 2018

The Villager is published twice monthly, on the 1st and 15th when possible. Below is a tentative schedule for upcoming magazines. These dates are subject to change.

Jan. 2 issue has a deadline of Dec. 14

Jan. 15 issue has a deadline of Jan. 2

Feb. 1 issue has a deadline of Jan. 19

Feb. 15 issue has a deadline of Feb. 2

March 1 issue has a deadline of Feb. 15

March 15 issue has a deadline of March 2

April 2 issue has a deadline of March 20

April 16 issue has a deadline of April 3

May 1 issue has a deadline of April 18

May 15 issue has a deadline of May 2

June 1 issue has a deadline of May 18

June 15 issue has a deadline of June 4

July 2 issue has a deadline of June 19

July 16 issue has a deadline of July 3

Aug. 1 issue has a deadline of July 19

Aug. 15 issue has a deadline of Aug. 2

Sept. 4 issue has a deadline of Aug. 21

Sept. 18 issue has a deadline of Sept. 5

Oct. 1 issue has a deadline of Sept. 18

Oct. 15 issue has a deadline of Oct. 2

Nov. 1 issue has a deadline of Oct. 19

Nov. 15 issue has a deadline of Nov. 2

Dec. 3 issue has a deadline of Nov. 20

Dec. 17 issue has a deadline of Dec. 4

2018 TRASH & RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Below is a list of the holidays observed by Winter Brothers Waste Systems and details on how these holidays will impact trash & recycling pick up during 2018.

New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 2 - will delay pick up till Thursday, Jan. 4.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 - will delay pick up till Thursday, May 31.

Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4 - will delay pick up till Thursday, July 5.

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3 - will delay pick up to Thursday, Sept. 6.

Thanksgiving: Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23 - No change in pickup schedule.

Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 25 - will delay pick up till Thursday, Dec. 27.

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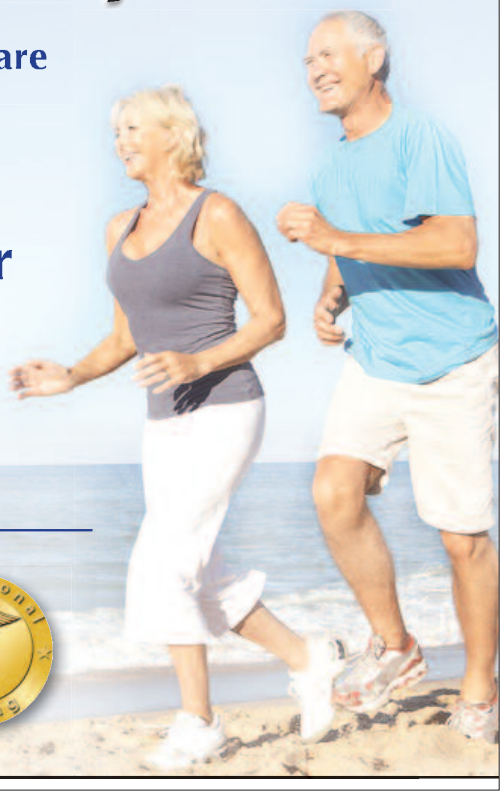

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FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Screenings take place on the third Wednesday of each month in the NCB Card Room at 10 a.m.