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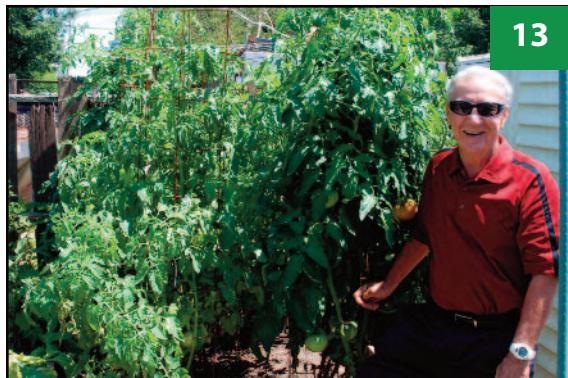
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OV LADY BOWLERS INVITE NEW MEMBERS

By Gerry Cucarro

During the summer months, the OV Lady Bowlers continue to gather, Wednesday mornings, pursuing their passion. Bowlero Lanes in Milford provides entertaining hours of challenging fun.

Player support is nonstop! Each and every bowler's accomplished "strike" and "spare" is echoed by inspiring cheers and applause.

Recently, Mary Haynes celebrated her "highest scored" three-consecutive-game play ... 125, 132 and 139! Mary and her fellow bowlers were elated.

The 2018-19 OV Ladies Bowling Club resumed with weekly seasonal play on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Participants meet at 9:30 a.m. at Bowlero Lanes. The club invites all interested area women to discover the joys of bowling, as either a team member or substitute player.

For additional information, contact Dee at 203-375-3724 or Joanna at 203-381-9664.

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Left to right: Lyda Julian, Joanna D'Onofrio, Carol Walker, Irene Sanzone, Gery Cuccaro, Mary Haynes, Dot Stoeppel and Cindy Torregiani at Bowlero Lanes in Milford

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2018-2019 DISTRICT ELECTIONS MEETINGS*

District 1 meeting is Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at SCB.

District 2 meeting is Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at SCB.

District 3 meeting is Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. at SCB.

District 4 meeting is Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. at SCB.

District 5 meeting is Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at SCB.

District 6 meeting is Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at SCB.

District 7 meeting is Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. at NCB.

District 8 meeting is Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at NCB.

District 9 meeting is Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. at NCB.

District 10 meeting is Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at NCB.

District 11 meeting is Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at NCB.

*All residents in every district will receive complete details about their district meetings via flyers distributed in the black boxes.

YOU MEET SUCH INTERESTING PEOPLE

MEET KARIN DOUGLAS

By Elisabeth Breslav ~ Photo by Marcia Klein

When Karin Douglas and her late husband moved to Oronoque in 1973, her street was still unpaved and she had to pick up their mail at the sales office. But Spartan conditions did not faze this proud recipient of the recent Marquis Who's Who Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

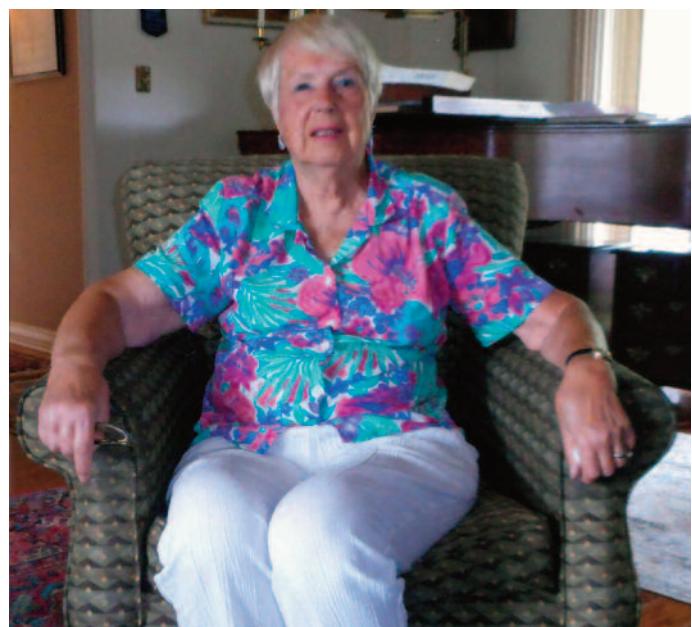
Karin, the daughter of an engineer, was born in Berlin, Germany, where she graduated from a science-oriented high school. Prevented from enrolling as an engineering student at a technical university because women were not admitted in those days, she moved to Switzerland. Here she continued her education and spent two years as an apprentice in technical drafting and design with Hasler AG in Bern.

She came to America in 1963, where she first served for 15 years as an electrical designer for UOP Air Correction Division in Norwalk and later worked for a number of years as a consultant for several engineering corporations in Fairfield County. She enrolled at Sacred Heart University, earning an associate of science degree in legal administration, magna cum laude, in 1984, and spent 18 years as a regulatory agency compliance coordinator with ITT Flygt Corporation in Trumbull until 2005.

Along the way, this busy woman had also found time to become a licensed pilot and, during the sixties, she volunteered her services to the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the U.S. Airforce in Bridgeport, flying rescue missions. And, of course, she has served on a number of boards of directors, including close to a decade on Sacred Heart University's College Council and, from 1985 to 2015, as secretary with the Friends of Boothe Park, to name just a few. In Oronoque, she designed the deck of the Wolcott unit, which was adopted throughout the Village, and was secretary of her district for three years.

Karin Douglas will tell you that she is a two-time breast cancer survivor. She has been serving as a participant in a medical research project at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute at Yale School of Medicine since 2016, and as a member of the patient advisory committee at Yale School of Public Health since 2014. She especially likes to work with breast cancer patients and survivors over the age of 65 and help them to make informed treatment decisions.

Her personal experience with the illness also led Karin to design the lymphedema alert bracelet, the pink wristband for hospitals which alerts medical personnel not to use the arm for blood pressure, blood tests and other procedures that are counter indicated. The bracelet



is used nationally, as is the lymphedema awareness pin with turquoise ribbon, also designed by her.

Karin chose a career in a male-dominated field and had to break many barriers along the way. She richly deserves the recognition she has received, including the Harold S. Geneen Community Service Award from ITT Industries and a Distinguished Alumni Award from Sacred Heart University, where she has established two scholarships to help future generations of students fulfill their dreams of education. She also was named a Woman of Substance by the Connecticut Post in 1997 and was the recipient of a D-Day Award from the National Lymphedema Network in 1996. But the current Marquis Who's Who Award says it all, and it is her crowning glory.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POETRY & PROSE SET FOR OCT. 14

The OV Writers Group will present a first-ever "Poetry & Prose" event at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, in the NCB Library. All residents are invited to attend this event to present readings of their original works of poetry, essays, short stories, etc.

Admission is \$2, collected at the door. Refreshments will be served.

This is a BYOB event and, because of limited space, reservations are required. For details, please call Mary at 203-767-9760.

OV ARTS GUILD PRESENTS POETRY OF DR. BARRY ZARET



Dr. Barry Zaret returns to Oronoque Village at 7 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the South Clubhouse. He will read from his latest volume of poetry, "When You Can Do No More."

This is Dr. Zaret's second visit to the Village. His poems ring with warmth, pathos and universality. A beloved cardiologist at Yale for decades, he now has the time to reflect on the road he traveled, the people he met and the joys and sorrows he encountered along the way.

Please join us in welcoming him back. Refreshments will be served after the presentation and you will have an opportunity to speak with Dr. Zaret. Admission is \$5 at the door. Art Guilds members, no charge.

MARTHA TALBURT OFFERS TWO 10-WEEK DRAWING CLASSES

Beginning Friday, Oct. 5, in the back card room at SCB, Martha Talbur will teach two 10-week drawing classes.

Basic Drawing Class: No "talent" for drawing? This is the class for you! Martha believes that everyone can learn to draw and she will show you how in this 10-week drawing class. Each class comes with a lesson plan and handout to take home. You will be encouraged by her upbeat teaching methods which include snippets of quotations and her own poetry about life. This is a class for the true beginner or for the artist who never formally learned to draw. Improve your eye for composition, perspective and learn to "see" in a new way. Everyone will leave this class with an enhanced appreciation of the world around them and new skills for expressing themselves on paper.

This class is held on Fridays from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$150 plus minimal supplies.

Colored Pencil Class: This class is open to both students who are new to the medium and students who are interested in advancing their skills in the use of colored pencils. A pre-

requisite for this class is Martha Talbur's Basic Drawing Class or equivalent drawing experience.

New students will learn specific ways to handle the medium as well as basic color theory, varied strokes and color mixing methods. Martha recommends a box of 72 Prismacolor Premier Soft Core colored pencils available on Amazon or in art stores.

Students who have already taken the Beginning Colored Pencil Class will be given exercises each week designed to help them render their compositions more proficiently and advance their abilities. Further work at home is often required. Classes take place 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The cost is \$150.

To Enroll: Place your checks made out to Martha Talbur in the Arts Guild mailbox at SCB. Questions? Call Martha Talbur at 203-218-3831.

MEN'S CLUB ADDS WEEKLY EVENTS

The Men's Club announces two new weekly offerings. On Tuesdays, from 2-4 p.m., the card room near the kitchen at SCB is open for card playing for Men's Club members.

On Wednesdays, the Billiard Room at NCB will be open to Men's Club members between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

If not a member, you can become one for just \$5 per year. For information, call Sandy Lunt at 203-377-5833 or Paul Maglione at 203-339-1111. Male residents throughout the community are invited to join fellow members for afternoons of fun and camaraderie.

DROP-IN SCULPTURE CLASS

The Drop-in Sculpture Class resumes on Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Arts and Crafts Room at SCB. Beginners are welcome. Bring a photo or idea of what you might like to create and mentor/guide Wendy Swain will help you achieve your goal. The cost is \$10 per session.

The weekly classes will be offered on Wednesdays for the next few months. All materials provided.

For information, contact Wendy at wendysw10s@gmail.com or 203-386-9125.

CONSCIOUS AGING CLASS

People may enroll in the Conscious Aging Class through Sept. 24. (Please see the Aug. 15 and Sept. 4 Villagers for full details on the course.) For information, email peterulisse@yahoo.com or call 475-422-9630.

NOTICE OF TOWN HALL MEETING

The Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19 at Stratford Town Hall to discuss a proposal to build six condominiums within the wetland area at 170 Oronoque Lane. The public is encouraged to attend.

ACTIVITIES

EDITOR'S NOTE: To ensure accuracy, information must be submitted, via email, to Carol King at coking@oronoquevillage.com. (Submissions must be typed, in upper and lower case.) The deadline to be included in the next issue of The Villager, on Oct. 1, 2018, is Sept. 18 at noon.

BOCCE

- Bocce is played on Thursdays, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. at NCB. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Sue or Ralph Trapasso at 203-916-7156.

CURRENT EVENTS

- The Current Events Discussion Group meets in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28. Please bring a news article to the meeting.

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 library. All ladies are welcome. The next meeting will take place Sept. 28. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke. Questions? Call Angie McKelvey (227-3222) or Tina Vermette (375-0291).

LINE DANCING

- Classes take place weekly at NCB. A beginner class is held at 9:30 a.m. followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m.

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

- Healthy Lifestyle Discussion Group will meet in the SCB Back Card Room at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays Sept. 25, Oct. 30

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and Nov. 27. Please bring information and be prepared to participate in discussions.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

- Weather permitting, round robins are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Times are subject to change. Please visit us at <https://holdmycourt.com/reserve2/ovpickleball> for changes to schedule. For more information, contact game coordinator Gery at cleeker@optonline.net or club president Regina at rarchazki@hotmail.com.

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

- Tea, Talk, and Craft will resume weekly meetings on Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the room next to the kitchen at SCB. Membership is \$10 year for tea, sugar, etc. We take turns bringing a snack. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Cynthia Harms at 203-402-9083.

WALKING GROUP

- The Walking Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 9 a.m. in the NCB parking lot. The walks last about 30 minutes to 45 minutes. This is a relaxed, informal group and everyone travels at their own pace.

OV WRITERS GROUP

- The OV Writers Group meets alternate Thursdays at 2 p.m. in the card room at NCB. All are welcome. The group encourages its members to write, to expand their writing and publishing horizons and to find support in a trusting, respectful and professional environment. For information, contact Mary at MvonZ@optonline.net/203-767-9760.



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FEATURES

ELLIS ISLAND: A GEM FOR THE AGES

Story by Sanford Lunt ~ Photos by May Ann Weaver

On Monday, Aug. 20, a group of 38 hearty souls left Oronoque Village at 8 a.m. for New York to take the ferry to Ellis Island, the National Museum of Immigration.

It was the idea of Paul Maglione, who organized the event for the Oronoque Village Men's Club and made sure that everything ran as planned.

Ellis Island was the main port of entry for legal immigration to America from 1892 through 1954. The journey for today's visitors begins as it did for the 12 million immigrants who entered here in the early 20th century. The island's brick and limestone main building is an impressive sight. It houses the Baggage Room, which contains a collection of baskets, trunks and suitcases brought by immigrants.

There are three floors in the building where visitors can guide themselves through the massive Registry Room, meticulously restored to its 1918-1924 splendor. Also, we saw the Bob Hope Library and traced Ellis Island's history



David and Linda Schoennagel with Annrose and Paul Maglione at Ellis Island.

and the complexity of American immigration.

All in all, it was a fabulous day of enlightenment and reflection. A great time was had by all.

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KEEPING UP WITH THE FUNSEEKERS

Story by Marie Orlowe ~ Photo Bob Krakovich

Mr. Joey Vincent appeared at the August 2018 Funseekers meeting. Joey was born in "South" Philadelphia, the birthplace of many talented artists - Patti LaBelle, Chubby Checker and Frankie Avalon.

He began his career in Lancaster, Pa., where he was erroneously introduced as Joey Bishop, quite an ego bummer.

Initially, he appeared on stage wearing a snazzy red jacket, then constantly changed his attire, which included switching hats for various skits. He exhibited his expertise as a trumpet player, playing a Herb Albert tune, though he stated that his favorite trumpet player was Harry James (married to Betty Grable). His rendition of "You Made Me Love You" had many audience members singing along. He also gave imitable impressions of Louis Prima and played "Hello Dolly" sounding like Louis Armstrong.

Joey's personal interjections of his life stories, especially regarding his Italian heritage, had everyone delightfully entertained and laughing uproariously. Mr. Vincent is a very talented man and captivated his audience. Everyone was enthralled with his performance and are looking forward to his encore event.



Entertainer Joey Vincent and OV resident Ted Baldyga as The Blues Brothers.

On July 29, a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon, Anne Gallo escorted an estimated 40 appreciative theater buffs to view "Godspell."

Students from Sacred Heart University - Edgerton Performing Arts Center presented a riveting, exciting performance of this widely acclaimed show. Anne intends to pursue this new venue at Sacred Heart for The Funseekers' and friends' pleasure.

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REMINDER: VILLAGE-APPROVED MOTION-SENSOR LIGHT FIXTURE

The Architectural Committee has approved a "motion-sensing" light fixture to either replace an existing "switched" exterior light fixture (normally found in the garage area or entry door locations) or for a new installation.



Purchase price, less installation, is about \$60 at Home Depot as well as other lighting fixture retailers.

The light must be installed by a Connecticut-licensed electrician to meet state building/electrical code standards. An architectural "Application for Change" is required for new location installations.

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WINE CLUB'S GREEK 'ODYSSEY'



Story and photos by Bill Tanski

I dreamed I was sailing on the Aegean Sea while the god Poseidon granted me favorable wind and weather. The ghosts of the ancient Greek philosophers hovered around me, whispering their words of wisdom about life, love and wine.

Those combinations bring about what the Greeks called "enteos," which means the God within. The happiest people on earth are filled with this enthusiasm. I disembarked from my dream and set upon dry land at the North Clubhouse on the night of Friday, Aug. 24. Forty individuals were about to share an "odyssey" of sampling Greek wines from the country of Helen.

The leader of our Homeric adventure was, again, the indomitable Len Gulino, "The Wine Tutor." To fortify ourselves for this journey, all were greeted with a crisp white entrance wine from the Mediterranean. Our Wine Club volunteers, temporarily renamed Calypso, Athena and Aphrodite, served our guests spanakopita to whet their appetites for our adventure.

Athena then collaborated with Zeus and rounded up a ship for us to embark on our voyage. Where we needed to proceed inland, we disembarked and traveled overland under the protection of Hermes, the Greek god of transitions and trade.

First stop was Peloponnese. We were fortunate enough to visit during a cease-fire between the Spartans and Athenians. So all was peaceful. Here we sipped a chilled white Skouras Moscofilero. This wine had a pungent taste, perhaps a bit of acidity to it. No doubt it was due to the soil which became more zesty as the Peloponnesian War swirled above it. After a sip or two, it was time to escape to safer areas.

With the aid of Hermes, we hopped on a ship and sailed into the Aegean. As we approached the island of Santorini, sirens beckoned us to visit their island and taste their wine. We easily succumbed to their calls. They greeted us with a Domaine Sigalas Assyrtiko. While sirens sound sweet, they are not gentle, nor was their wine. It was robust, with a 14 percent volume of alcohol. It would be a great complement

to a dinner of shrimp Santorini while watching the setting sun over the cliffs of the island.

But sirens can be evil as they lure their prey into danger zones. Not taking any chances, we quietly left Santorini and headed north. The muses suggested we travel to the Macedonia area, near the birthplace of Alexander the Great. We arrived in the area of Amyndeon. Here we sampled A Kir-Yianni "Akakies." It was a rose with a fruity flavor along with a pleasant aftertaste. It was a complement to the assortment of food laid out before our guests at each table which included fresh pita with tzatziki and hummus, chicken and pork souvlaki and assorted cheeses and grapes.

Following a trail south, Hermes led us to the very foot of the gods, near Mount Olympus in the Rapasani area. Here the nearby gods blessed us with a Red Ramnista. This was a firm and solid wine, and would be perfect with a steak or roast. Its heartiness would appeal to Ares, the Greek god of war, as it was not gentle.

Taking advantage of another cease-fire, we returned safely to the Peloponnese area. This time we tasted a wine from the aghiorghitiko grape. It had the pious name of Skouras "Saint George." But mild it was not and hearty it was. It had a look of crimson and the aroma of blackberries. Match it with a sharp cheese and your palate will offer a sacrifice to Zeus for his benevolence during our journey.

For our final wine of the evening, we flew on the wings of the Greek god Zephyrus, master of the eastern wind. We found ourselves in Corinth, not far from Athens. Our final wine was a Domaine Gioulis "Sofos." It was a blend of the aghiorghitiko and cabernet grapes. It was a dependable wine and could not disappoint the most demanding pallet. It would make you shout "Opa!" the Greek drinking toast.

Like Odysseus finally arriving at his home in Ithaca, at the end of our journey we found ourselves in a familiar place. We thanked our guests and made a feast out of Dorothy Tanski's cookies, which included the Greek specialty of baklava. As is our custom, we mingled and shared a final glass of wine before saying our goodbyes. As Euripides said, "Where there is no wine, there is no love."

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FEATURE



Left, the SAC Committee; first row from left, Janice Dulberg, Liz Moretti, Jeanette Caron, Mary Ann Weaver, Linda Schoennagel, Barbara Minoff and Pat Spodick. Back row, Joanne Arlia, Linda Eastwood, Janet O'Leary, Sonya DeBaise and Dorothy Tanski. Right, enjoying the party are, from left, Barbara Minoff, DJ David Gallo, Bob Ruff, Dina Glantz and Michael Minoff.

SAC'S SUMMER SUNSET 'UNPOOL' PARTY...AUG. 18

Story by Barbara Minoff ~ Photos by Peter Feick

The SAC "Summer Sunset" pool party is over, but the beautiful memories will live on! Although we never got to see the summer sunset and it rained on our parade, we still had a very successful SAC event.

SAC worked together to make it all happen! Delicious food, great DJ ... happy people! In spite of the nasty weather outside, the night was enjoyed indoors by all.

The 180 guests who attended this annual SAC party had a lovely evening.

Thanks to our awesome SAC team: Janet O'Leary, Janice Dulberg, Joanne Arlia, Pat Spodick, Pat Krause, Dorothy Tanski, Raquel Wright, Linda Eastwood, Linda Schoennagel, Jeanette Caron, Sonya DeBiase, Stephanie Fians, Celeste Jardim, Mary Ann Weaver, Edie Briner and Liz Moretti, chaired by Barbara Minoff, for their dedicated work on this event. We always appreciate our roving photographer, Peter Feick. An extra "thank you" to our helpful Maintenance team!

Until SAC tries again next year with hope for better weather, we will enjoy the memories of a fun time! **OV**

OV SNAPSHOTS



Thanks to Bonnie Drexler for sharing the photo of a recent rainbow and to Virginia Brown for submitting the view of a southside garden in bloom.

A MINI-FARMER'S LAMENT

THE DEATH OF A GIANT (ALMOST A GIANT)

By Fred Orrell

The world record for a giant Atlantic pumpkin is 2,323 pounds, grown in Denmark (about the size of a small Volkswagen).

A giant Atlantic pumpkin should not be grown in a plot of land less than 30- by 30-feet (900 square feet); that's what all the experts say. Well, I was going to prove them wrong.

Two adjoining mini-farms in Oronoque Village, 5- by 10-feet (100 square feet) was my agricultural experimental laboratory (pumpkin patch).

Let me start from the beginning. In early March I purchased three giant Atlantic pumpkin seeds from the P&P Seed Company for \$59. In mid-April, I planted the three seeds in pots in my living room and within 10 days I was sprouting seedlings. At the same time, I started digging a deep trench in one of the mini-farms and buried six 40-pound bags of compost with fertilizer, mixed in two huge bags of vermiculite (Styrofoam pellets) and a ton of potting soil.

In early May, I planted two of the seedlings side by side, about two feet apart, in one of the mini-farms. I was able to train the pumpkin vines to grow parallel to each other the length of the mini-farm. The vines were very healthy and the leaves were gigantic. In the second mini-farm, I dug up the soil and added wheelbarrows full of new loam combined with bags of sand. By June 1, the entire two mini-farms were engulfed in pumpkin foliage.

The two pumpkin plants began to blossom; there are

40 male blossoms to 1 female blossom (see photo at left). My plan was to have only one pumpkin on each plant -- killing off all other pumpkins in order to supply all the nourishment to those two pumpkins I selected.

Each morning at about 6 a.m. I would cut off one of the male blossoms, rub its stamen into the female blossom's stigma, tie the petals together so it would

not be contaminated by the bees or insects and make sure that no incest took place. (Pretty sexy stuff!)

I named the first pumpkin "Little Debbie" after our illustrious mini-farm coordinator, Debbie Grosso. Both pumpkins grew to about 40 pounds each and then died.

"Enough already" with this boring tale! Let me just summarize a few things.

1. I brought the picked mushy pumpkin to the State of



Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture research lab in New Haven to be analyzed, (see photo at left).

The pumpkins died due to phytophthora blight and not because of the weather or insects.

2. In 2002, I was able to grow a 250-pound giant Atlantic pumpkin in Oronoque Village at my condo on the water's edge of North Lake. It won third place at the Orange Country Fair.

3. On the remaining mini-farm I was able to grow six tomato plants that grew over seven feet tall (see photo below).

I'm sorry I let down the other mini-farmers, who were watching and rooting for Little Debbie and her sidekick. It just goes to prove the old adage: "One two-legged pumpkin head does not make a giant pumpkin."

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CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Paper Mache Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Conscious Aging, NCB, C/R (O)
- 11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 1:30 p.m. – House & Garden Mtg, SCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Planning Committee, NCB, B/R (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:45 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Beginner Bridge Group, NCB, Library (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA Annual Meeting & Election, NCB (O)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 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)
- 10:30 a.m. – Watercolor Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Cards, SCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Meditation, NCB, C/R (O)



CARD PLAYERS WANTED FOR MEN'S POKER GAMES

All men in Oronoque Village are invited to play a variety of poker games on Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m., in Card Room 2 at SCB. Questions? Call Sandy at 203-377-5833.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 9:30 a.m. – Beginner Line Dancing, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Blood Pressure Screening, NCB, C/R (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Billiards, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (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, SEPTEMBER 20

- 9:00 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Oil Painting Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilters, NCB, C/R (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Mahjong & Cards, NCB, C/R (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, Aud (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 5:30 p.m. – District 10 Mtg, NCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Club Bingo, SCB (O)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Farmers' Market, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Book Club*, SCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Karaoke, SCB (O)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 9:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Party, NCB (O)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 3:00 p.m. – SAC Cocktail Party, NCB (O)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Paper Mache Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Conscious Aging, NCB, C/R (C)
- 11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)

- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 2 Mtg, SCB (C)
- 6:45 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Beginner Bridge Group, NCB, Library (O)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 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)
- 10:00 a.m. – Healthy Lifestyle Discussion, SCB, C/R (O)
- 10:30 a.m. – Watercolor Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men’s Club Cards, SCB, C/R (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 5 Mtg, SCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 11 Mtg, NCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Meditation, NCB, C/R (O)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 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)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB, C/R (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men’s Club Billiards, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (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)
- 7:00 p.m. – District 6 Mtg, SCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – District 8 Mtg, NCB (C)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 9:00 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Oil Painting Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, Aud (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Writers Group, NCB, C/R (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry’s Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 4 Mtg, SCB (C)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Farmers’ Market, SCB (O)
- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB, C/R O (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 9 Meeting, NCB (C)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 9:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: No events scheduled

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Paper Mache Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Conscious Aging, NCB, C/R (C)
- 11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 3:30 p.m. – Arts Guild Planning Committee, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:45 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Fall Mtg & Election, NCB, B/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Beginner Bridge Group, NCB, Library (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – SAC Meeting, NCB, B/R (O)

SAVE THE DATES



Hadassah Movie & Dinner

Night: Sunday Oct. 21, 4:30 p.m. at NCB. \$12 per person. "Our Souls at Night" -- starring Robert Redford and Jane Fonda -- honors the quiet strength of a widow and widower who combat loneliness much to the chagrin of the community. RSVP By Oct. 16. Call Carol Tepper: 203-375-2101.

SAC New Year's Eve Party at Oronoque Country Club

Monday, Dec. 31. \$75.

WRITERS GROUP ESSAYS

CIVILITY

By Jeanette Caron

Great word. Great concept. A great achievement in today's society, Tea, anyone? Tennis, anyone? It's all superficial, you know.

Now, I am not opposed to high tea with pinky extended, manicured nails, perfectly arranged coiffure and the latest in fashionable attire.

Didn't the most advanced civilizations invade their neighboring countries? Didn't fine gentlemen keep slaves and, even now, educated people all over the world treat so-called lower class with scorn and disdain.

The British created an entire empire based on civility.

It's been perfectly acceptable to trap, kill a wild animal for a trophy, have an indigenous porter haul your white tie and tails through the steaming jungle so you can be properly dressed for dinner. Back at home, make sure your laundry is done properly, "no starch in my pajamas please".

All very sporting and most civil.

How did Peter the Great get so ... you know ... by slaying the opposition?

Well, I could go on through the ages, you get the idea.

But, we should really focus on the present. At the moment, our lovely Village is in the throes of an old tradition ... an election.

Let's all be civilized, ladies and gentlemen.

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WHAT IF? ... A MYSTERY

By Pearl B. Spodick

Maude awoke under the strangest of circumstances... not knowing where she was or how she got there. To make matters worse, as she slowly opened her eyes, not quite awake, she quickly realized the enormity of the strange situation, finding herself alone, lying flat on her

back atop what felt like a surface of smoothly finished cold metal.

Her head and body appeared to be loosely covered by a large body sheet; abandoned to the experience of awakening to find herself the brunt of what proved to be an almost unbelievable, nightmarish, unconventional experience, to say the least.

The body sheet was of little comfort to her extremely cold, weak and aching body. Unnerved, seemingly in a state of shock, she nevertheless realized -- but, had trouble comprehending -- that her elderly body lay face up, stretched out along what appeared to be the top surface of a stainless-steel medical table.

She was naked as a recently plucked chicken, her skin covered with goose bumps, seemingly as high, hard and sharp as the machine-honed edges of any kitchen-tested, handheld, multi-holed vegetable shredder!

Yes, that's how her shivering body felt, compromised as it was by the extreme cold. Frightened, confused and extremely unnerved, she realized something dreadful must have happened to her. But, what? Why had she been left here, seemingly perceived as having died, stripped of clothing, stripped of dignity, carted away and coldly abandoned?

What's next? Embalming or a quick slide into the oven behind closed doors? She had no memory to call upon, felt no bruises, found no major wounds, and she most assuredly was not dead!

Exhausted from the magnitude of this ordeal, she huddled her limbs, tucking the body sheet around her ball-like frame as best she could.

Her last thoughts were, "This is most disgracefully inhumane!"

Then, off she went, sound asleep.

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OV SNAPSHOT



Thank you to Barbara (BB) Brown for submitting this shot of Russell Cingari's garden located on Cherokee Lane.

RESIDENT ESSAY

CHEESECAKE OR LIFE

By Robert Charnin

"**E**at to live, not live to eat," Socrates said, and I often gave mental assent to his advice, without looking too closely at my daily eating patterns.

Until last October, that is, when I got an unexpected phone call from my endocrinologist. Out of the proverbial blue, my historically only slightly elevated liver numbers skyrocketed, and I found myself face to face with a liver specialist who confirmed the diagnosis of stage 4 liver failure (non-alcoholic fatty liver disease). Hearing that I could conceivably have only one "good" year to live, with the possibility of any additional years stretching into health decline and an eventual call for hospice, was jarring, to say the least.

Fortunately, I have wonderful friends -- including friends in Oronoque -- and my family who pray for me. A beloved niece and grandson both offered to be liver donors, even though liver transplants are not routinely offered to people over 70.

In a serendipitous meeting, a young friend told me about his ketogenic diet and gave me the gift of a cell phone with a walking app. Another friend sent me a book on fasting written by a medical doctor. Now all I had to do was to wrestle with a few facts of my life.

I have been a bread-aholic all my life. There was no problem that a good slice of crusty bread and real butter couldn't solve. And then there's the Cheesecake Factory, where my sister and I have a tradition of ordering dessert first (really!) because, "...what if you eat too much dinner and don't have room for dessert?!"

So the first thing that crossed my mind is, "I wonder if I can really eat differently for the remainder of my life?" The question was pressing, because my doctors believed that losing 40 – 50 pounds and exercising vigorously might create space for my liver to heal.

When I started, exercising, I was able to walk almost ½ a mile. Those were very hard days. I learned to listen to my own motivators, which included the insight that I was able

to be more faithful walking outside than when walking in the gym.

Fall colors turned winter white. My tears froze when we visited family and I walked outside in Minnesota. Still, I walked on. Eventually I got up to 2 miles a day. Then 5 miles. Then 250,000 steps in a month's time. Without any sugar or refined grains in my diet, and with intermittent fasting, I began to lose weight. My back hurt less. And I walked on. Then this spring I ran. It was a 5-K race and the first race of my life.

This spring my sister and I visited a health "guru" in Florida, where we learned that traditional Eastern thought attributes liver disorders partly to unresolved issues of the past. So I spent time reviewing past incidents, and worked to transform them in my understanding. I discovered that there were significant events that I had not completely prayed through, or "let go" of. I spent time doing that. I also went on a news "fast" from the 24/7-news cycle. If I heard about an issue that was disturbing to my peace, I either wrote a letter or prayed about it. Otherwise, I steered clear of the news.

I recently had 53 blood tests for liver functioning. Fifty of them came back normal, and three were just slightly out of the normal range. My liver and spleen have returned to normal size. My doctors are cautiously optimistic. One allowed that I might, "...die with this disease instead of because of it."

According to my physicians, I have really been living on borrowed time. But in this time, I have learned to eat differently. I have lost 50 pounds. I have learned to exercise differently. I have become more peaceful. I pray for the sick, and I give glory to God.

I hope my story encourages you. The things that I was led to do, and the changes I was led to make were not easy. Most of the time they were not fun. I still miss bread and cheesecake from time to time. But I'm not on a deathwatch because of my liver issues. It may be that we can all do more to help our health than we have believed. Along this journey, the prayers of others, the encouragement of friends, my spiritual walk with God and the blessings of my wife encouraged me on. I'm so very grateful!

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FALL 2018 VENDOR LIST
INSERTED IN THIS ISSUE**

BEYOND THE VILLAGE

Eastbound Theatre, a division of the Milford Arts Council, is presents the opening show of its 25th season, "Prelude to A Kiss by" Craig Lucas, directed by Ann Baker.

This is a romantic comedy about Peter and Rita. It's their wedding day and their love and joy are evident to everyone. But Rita's sweet gesture of giving a kiss to an elderly stranger turns their world upside down when her soul is exchanged with his. Peter is at first confused by Rita's dramatic personality change, but once he realizes what has happened he searches frantically for the old man and to find a way to restore his wife to her original body. Yet even as he struggles with this overwhelming and increasingly alarming situation, he comes to realize that his love for Rita truly transcends any physical form.

Performances will run on weekends at the MAC, 40 Railroad Ave. S. in Milford, Sept. 21 through Oct. 7. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. Cabaret seating and BYOEEE (bring your own everything except the entertainment). Concessions also available in the Speakeasy Lounge. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. with theater row seating.

For tickets, visit www.milfordarts.org.

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The Klein Memorial Auditorium in Bridgeport presents an evening with Anne Frank's stepsister, Mrs. Eva Schloss.

"Learning from the Past, Living the Present, Looking to the Future" takes place on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m.

Enter the world of Anne Frank as told by her stepsister and childhood friend, Eva Schloss. Playing hopscotch and drinking lemonade together, both girls would never have imagined where life would lead them.

Eva survived the horrors of the Holocaust and the horrific conditions in Auschwitz, while Anne, sadly, perished. Of the remaining survivors, Eva is the last witness to Anne Frank's incredibly short yet powerful life.

This event is made possible by Chabad of Fairfield and Chabad of Westport. For tickets, call (800) 424-0160, ext. 2 or visit www.theklein.org.

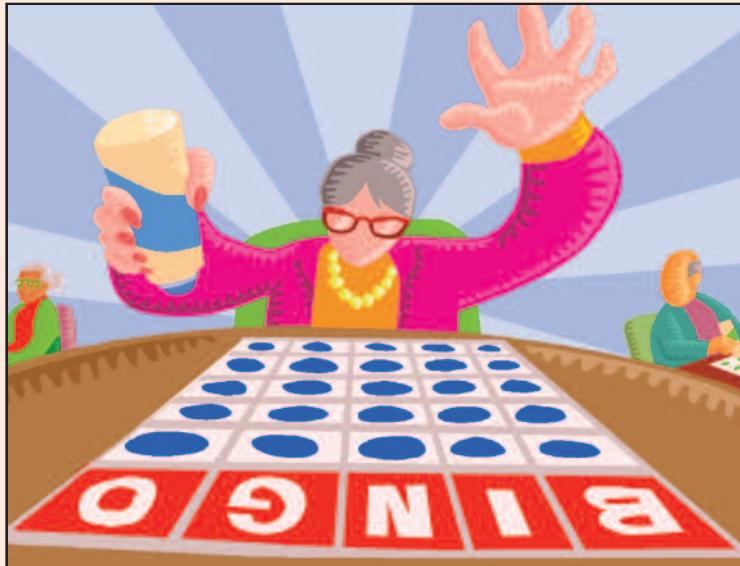
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Westport Country Playhouse presents "Man of La Mancha" Sept. 25-Oct. 13. "The Impossible Dream" comes to life in this beloved American musical. Take an imaginative journey with Don Quixote as he tilts at windmills and battles for good and the love his fair maiden, Aldonza. Rediscover the magic with songs like "Dulcinea" and be transported by the power of this sweeping tale based on Cervantes' masterpiece. To purchase tickets, call 203-227-4177, visit www.westportplayhouse.org or visit the theater at 25 Powers Court.

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Refreshments
will be served

Open to all



Questions?
Call Sandy Lunt
203-377-5833.

Bingo: Presented by the Men's Club
Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 pm at SCB
Come and bring your friends. Cost: \$2.50/card

Fall Cocktail Reception Presented by SAC

Sunday, September 23, 3 to 5 p.m., at NCB

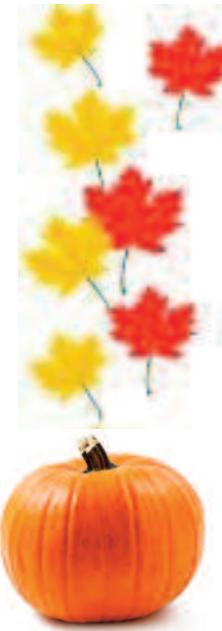
*Please come to mingle with your neighbors
and meet our newest residents*

*Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served
with wine and soft beverages*

\$10 per person.

??? Call: Pat: 203 375-1788 or
Celeste: 203 520-4569

Please drop your check
in the SAC box at NCB
by September 18



FLU SHOTS WILL BE GIVEN AT ORONOQUE THIS YEAR ON
OCTOBER 10, BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4 PM, AT NCB



(There is no cost if covered by Medicare Part B)
*Sponsored by OV Men's Club and
the Stratford Health Department*

Please Fill Out Form Below and Drop in the Men's Club Box at NCB

??? Call Nurse Bernice @ (203) 385-4090

Yes, I would like to get a Flu Shot

NAME (s): _____

PHONE # _____

(Insurance also accepted: Aetna, Anthem, Signa and ConnectiCare)

United Healthcare and Humana NOT accepted



THE MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS "THE ORONOQUE STAKES"

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2018

Where/When: North Clubhouse at 7 p.m.

Who: All Residents of Oronoque Village

Cost: \$5.00 per person



Hobby Horse Racing Will Take Place at the Oronoqe Village Track in the NCB.

Six Races will be held and you can bet on the winners.

Test your luck. Come and bring your friends. It is great FUN and a wonderful evening of comradery!

???? Call Sandy Lunt (203) 377-5833 or Jerry Brown (203) 378-7781

Light refreshments will be served

ORONOQUE VILLAGE MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Where/When: South Clubhouse at 6 p.m.

Who: All Resident Men of Oronoqe Village

Why: Annual Meeting and Renowned Guest Speaker

Cost: \$10 per person (\$5 for dinner - \$5 for 2019 membership dues)

Guest Speaker: Bob Wirz

Director of Public Relations for the Kansas City Royals

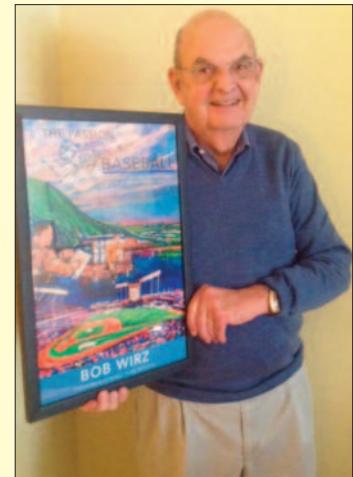
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Commissioners Office

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A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED WITH DESSERT AND COFFEE.

RESERVATIONS A MUST!

Your check for \$10 made out to OVMC and placed in the Men's Club Box in the NCB will be your reservation.

???? Call Sandy Lunt (203) 377-5833

Oronoque
Village

House and Garden Club

Fall Luncheon & Card Party

Mill River Country Club

Thursday, October 25th

Doors open 11:30 a.m. Lunch served 12:15 p.m.

Cheese and Crackers, Cash Bar, Raffles

- Chicken Piccata with Noodles
- Pan-Seared Salmon with Salsa and Red Potatoes
- Pork Tenderloin with Gravy, Baked Apple and Red Potatoes

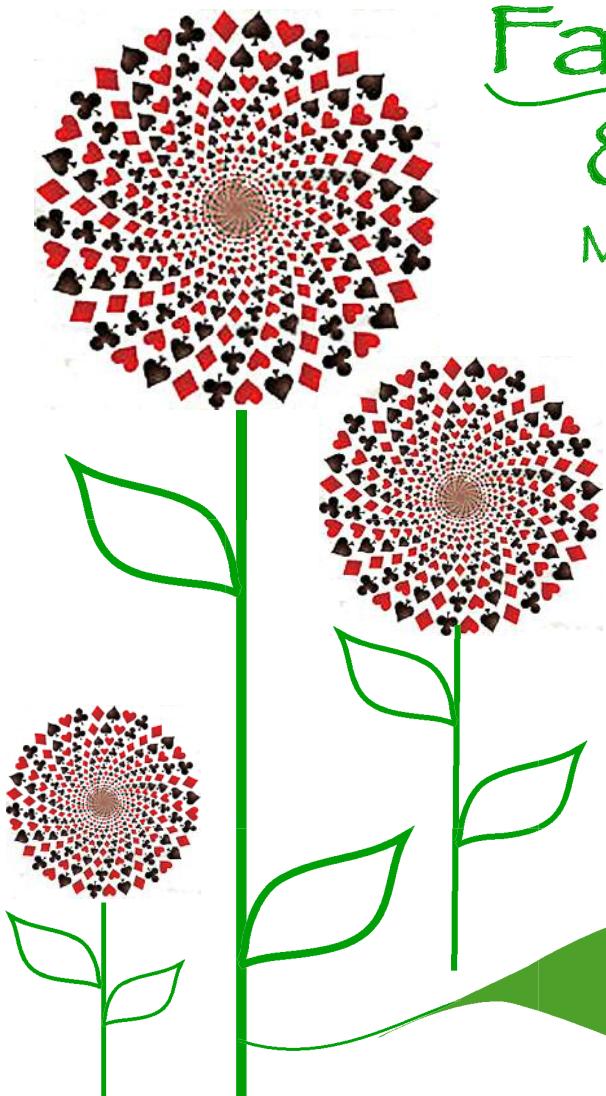
Garden Salad

Fruit Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream

Please Indicate Choice Of Entrée On Your Check:
Checks payable to H&G Club

\$25 per person.

Please fill out form below and return
payment no later than Friday,
October 19th



Questions?

Call
Irene
Keating
203.
377-
3980

Your name: _____

and phone number: _____

Names:



This form must accompany ALL checks for your table

The Movie Club Presents Book Club

**September 21 at 2 p.m. at SCB
(please note schedule change)
\$1 admission includes popcorn**



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

Diane (Diane Keaton) is recently widowed after 40 years of marriage. Vivian (Jane Fonda) enjoys her men with no strings attached. Sharon (Candice Bergen) is still working through a decades-old divorce. Carol's (Mary Steenburgen) marriage is in a slump after 35 years.

Four lifelong friends' lives are turned upside down to hilarious ends when their book club tackles the infamous *Fifty Shades of Grey*. From discovering new romance to rekindling old flames, they inspire each other to make their next chapter the best chapter.

FUNSEEKERS PRESENTS AN EVENING OF "HOPE AND GROWTH" WITH SOPRANO BECKY CRAIG



You are cordially invited to attend our Funseekers event on Tuesday October 9th, 7 PM at the NCB (**please note venue change**) as Soprano Becky Craig will charm us with songs expressing hope and growth. Accompanied by Dr. John Michniewicz on piano, Becky's songs will inspire, as well as entertain.

If you missed the performance when they were last here in May 2016, you won't want to miss out on this show. Becky's songs will be from different eras of time, with an emphasis on living each day to its fullest. Her outlook on life can be summed up in a line from William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* ... "If Music Be the Food of Love, Play On."

Admission for the event is \$2 members, \$5 guests. BYOB/food if you wish, snack mix provided, along with beverages and desserts following the performance. No reservations required. If you have any questions, call Bob Krakovich 203-752-6105

PHOTO EXHIBIT: CALL FOR ART: FRIDAY, SEPT. 28, 10AM AT SCB



The OV Arts Guild will present "The Way We Were," a members-only exhibit about our pasts with a time frame starting around 1900 up to the 1970s.

Please bring one or two photos to SCB at 10 a.m. on Sept. 28. Here are the specs for the show:

What Determines Acceptance: Something in the shot that is iconic of the era, such as clothing, hairstyles, auto make/model, decor, events ... something that indicates the time and place of the period of your photo.

Photos: Can be black and white, sepia or color from the later periods.

Size: Minimum image size is 8 by 10 inches. (Photos can be larger.)

Frame: Photos must be framed, wired and ready to hang. (No alligator hooks, please. They don't work with our hanging system.)

You can scan, enlarge and print your photos at home or take them to Milford Photo or Staples where they will do it for you for a reasonable price.

BECOMING AN ARTS GUILD MEMBER IS EASY!

Renewing members: place a check for \$15 made out to OV Arts Guild in the Arts Guild box at SCB.

New members: Please fill out a membership form (located on the voting table in the SCB lobby) and include it with your check. You don't have to be an artist to join the Arts Guild. We welcome anyone who appreciates visual, auditory or performing arts. Members attend Guild events free of charge (excluding classes).

The OV ARTS GUILD INVITES YOU to the Opening Reception for the fall Galerie OV show

"The Way We Were"

A photographic exhibit of life from 1900 to 1970s

Date: Sunday, October 7

Time: 4 PM

Place: South Clubhouse



Please join us as we open this unique new show, and honor the People's Choice Award winners of the summer show. Meet the participants, and enjoy refreshments with your friends and neighbors.

This event is free to all OV residents.



Watercolor Workshop with Jill Nichols

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / SCB Arts and Crafts Room
Ten Weeks starting September 11th

Enjoy exploring different ways of painting with watercolor.
Demos, still-life set-ups and work from your own photo.

Cost for the class is \$100. Please make your check out to Jill Nichols
and place in the Arts Guild Box in the SCB Lobby.
Questions? Call Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373

Jill Harrington Nichols' painting career emerged from a commercial art background at the crest of the millennium. Initially jumpstarted under the tutelage of several prominent artists she went on to earn an MFA in painting at Western Connecticut State University. Imbuing paints with color and light, Nichols captures her profound reverence of nature and unveils the wonders found in daily encounters. Her distinctive brush strokes add a directness and freshness over the broad range of her subject matter. Her work is exhibited nationally in museums and galleries. Her paintings are in many notable collections, including the permanent collection of Yale New Haven Health and former Director of the FBI, James Comey. For more information, please visit www.jillnichols.com

OV Karaoke Club



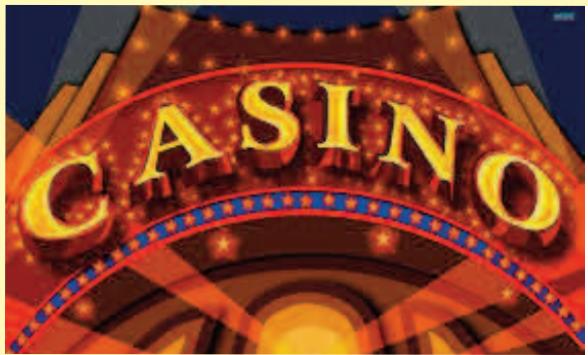
No fees or dues
No commitments
Just fun!

Join us for our September event on
Friday, September 21, in the
South Clubhouse Auditorium from 7-9pm.

Open to all Oronoque residents. Sorry we had to skip August,
but you should be rested and ready to go for September!

No need to RSVP...just come on over, grab a seat, and either
watch or join the fun by putting in a song or two!

BYOB and refreshments



**MEN'S CLUB TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
DEPARTING REAR OF SCB AT 1 P.M.
LEAVING CASINO AT 8:30 P.M.
COST PER PERSON: \$25**

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

The House and Garden Club invites you to our Meeting on October 8 at 1:30 p.m. at SCB.

Join with us to "Romp Through the South of France and the South of Spain!" Come along for the ride and visit the charming areas of the French Riviera and Provence and the famous destinations near Sevilla.



Through photos and explanations, Wendy Swain will share what she learned during her two months there. Maybe you'll be inspired to take a trip of your own.

Wendy's programs are well-known to the Village with presentations throughout the organizations and she teaches art classes here. Always an engaging speaker, we are pleased to have her again.



Dessert and coffee or tea are served after the program. Guests are always welcome for a small fee.

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All are Invited to Join Us

Wednesday October 17, 2018 On a Bus Trip to:

Lunch at the Griswold Inn at 11:30 AM followed by a trip
Through the Connecticut country side on the Essex Steam
Train & River Boat.



Menu: Choice of Salmon or Sliced Sirloin includes: Salad, Dessert,
Coffee/Tea.

\$85.00 Per person Check payable to "Hadassah" (Include choice of entree) Place check in Hadassah box at North Community Building no later than October 5.



Bus will leave South Parking Lot at 9:45 AM.

Questions call Arlene: 203-345-1196,
Gladys: 203-380-8866, Barbara: 203-378-7781

**The Oronoque Village Book Club meets at 7 p.m.
on the first Wednesday of the month at NCB.**

All Villagers are welcome.

Need a ride or information? Call Hinda at 203-385-3855.



The book for October 3 is *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes.

Inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant writing is a touching and tender story about discovering the past to bring peace to the present. The novel sheds light on a dark period of Seattle history that will interest those who are seeking unusual historical details long hidden from history books

As with the best of historical romance, the author gives us not only a love story, but lots of history, this time the history of Seattle. The interconnection of two women a century apart is the center of this tragic and yet uplifting novel.

The book for the November 7 meeting is *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout.



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(a Village resident)

Call-In Program Is Available To Oronoque Residents



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 (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!

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please call Dave Schoennagel at 203-870-6354.