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PLETMAN CONCERTS 2018 FALL SERIES IS OFF TO A GREAT START

Story by Elisabeth Breslav ~ Photo by Marcia Klein

The outside temperature of 86 degrees lured a number of residents to the pool for a last swim on Sept. 16. But over 70 people chose to gather at NCB that afternoon to hear Chelsea Guo's third performance in Oronoque and were richly rewarded with a full-scale concert performance delivered with great passion and superb technical skill.

Of Mozart's "Sonata No. 14 in C Minor," the opening number, critics have said that "Without question this is the most important of all Mozart's pianoforte sonatas. Surpassing all the others by reason of the fire and passion which, to its last note, breathe through it, it foreshadows the pianoforte sonata, as it was destined to become in the hands of Beethoven."

Seventeen-year-old Chelsea's interpretation did more than justice to this challenging composition.

Schubert's "Impromptu Op. 90," the second piece, consists of four typical Romantic-era pieces, each with distinct



elements. The first impromptu, in C minor, is a set of variations on two themes: one march theme and one lyrical theme.

The third one, in G flat major, is a classic example of Schubert's outstanding lyrical facility, as well as his penchant for long melodic lines. Chelsea's transition through the various themes was seamless and full of grace.

The last number, the Chopin "Sonata No. 2 in B Flat Minor Op. 35," has four movements. Chopin completed the work while living in George Sand's manor a year before it was published in 1840.

The first of the composer's three mature sonatas, the work is considered to be one of the greatest sonatas of the piano literature. Its third movement is Chopin's famous "Funeral March (Marche Funèbre), which was composed at least two years before the remainder of the work and has remained, by itself, one of Chopin's most popular compositions. It exists in countless arrangements and is performed at funerals all over the world (including Chopin's own funeral), having become an archetypal evocation of death.

Continued well-deserved applause at the end of the concert brought Chelsea back for three bows and left the audience full of praise for her musical growth since her previous appearances in 2014 and 2016.

Note: For details on the next Pletman Concert, which is scheduled for Oct. 28, please see the flyer on page 19.



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CORRECTION TO OCTOBER 1 VILLAGER: OVCA ELECTION RESULTS

The October 1 issue of The Villager had an error in the reporting of the OVCA presidential election results. Judy Waldeyer received 26.80 percent of the votes cast ... not 6.80 percent as was mistakenly published on page 4.

The corrected results are as follows.

The total amount of ballots cast was 656.

	% of total votes cast
President	
Robert Grosso	68.39%
Ernest Park	4.51%
Judith Waldeyer	26.80%



AN OV TENNIS CLUB 'EVENING WITH FRIENDS'

Story by Ben Snaider –
Photos by Peter Feick and Dina Glantz

On the night of Saturday, Sept. 22, the Oronoque Village Tennis Club held a gala, themed "Evening With Friends."

The occasion was intended to be a fun-filled dining and dancing evening for Tennis Club members and their invited guests. The event turned out to be all of that ... and more. Ben and Marsha Snaider, Peter and Edie Feick and Sherry Bearse did the work and presented the members and guests with a memorable event.

A wonderful buffet -- provided by the caterer, Twist of Taste -- included sole Florentine, grilled chicken breast and a sumptuous prime rib, which was personally hand-carved by the chef.

Joe Combino of R J Entertainment provided music for

dining and dancing. Dancing went on until the late hours.

Tennis Club President Tom Torpey appeared as Andy Kaufman's character Tony Clifton and presented a Power-Point presentation of the club's history through the years.

All in all, it was great fun.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCB IS CLOSED FOR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ON OCT. 25

Due to a Community Associations Institute (CAI) All-Day Legal Symposium at NCB on Thursday, Oct. 25, no meetings or activities will take place at the North Clubhouse.

OV ARTS GUILD PRESENTS 'FRIDA'

The OV Arts Guild presents "Frida" on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at SCB. The admission fee is \$1.

Nominated for six Academy Awards, including Salma Hayek for Best Actress, "Frida" is a triumphant motion picture about an exceptional woman who lived an unforgettable life. Frida Kahlo earned fame as a talented artist with a unique vision.

Her enduring friendship with her mentor and husband, Diego Rivera, and her uncompromising personality inspired her greatest creations. The film also stars Antonio Banderas, Edward Norton and Geoffrey Rush.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR OV MONITOR PROGRAM

The OV Monitor Program is seeking a volunteer to contact its call-in residents on Sundays. This operation is part of the Call In Program and needs to be performed after 10 a.m. The program helps those residents who have asked to be checked on to assure that they are safe and sound. The list is short and the task takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

A list will be provided for the volunteer to check off those you called. Volunteers also will receive family contact numbers should they get no answer to their calls.

For more information, contact Dave Schoennagel at 203-814-8351 (cell) or 203-870-6354 (home).

STRATFORD PD TO SPEAK AT SECURITY PRESENTATION



Detective Glynn McGlynn

Detective Glynn McGlynn of the Stratford Police Department will speak to residents on the topic of "Telephone and Other Scams" on Thursday, Oct. 18, at NCB.

The program, which will take place from 2-3 p.m., is the first in a series of presentations organized by the OV Tax District and the Stratford Police Department. The series is a part of a community outreach program by the Stratford Police Dept. The goal is to ensure that residents feel safe in their homes.

Presentations will be tailored specifically for our community and residents are welcome to ask questions at the conclusion of the event.

Upcoming programs will address "Targeted Theft" and "Home Protection."

Questions? Call Bill Tanski 609-876-3520.

REMINDER: FEEDING SQUIRRELS IS NOT ALLOWED IN OUR VILLAGE!

Squirrels may be cute to look at, but they pose dangers to humans and human settlements because of their ability to act as carriers for rabies and other diseases. When you attract squirrels by feeding them, the chances of parasites jumping onto you and your pets and setting up shop inside your house shoot up dramatically.

With squirrels roaming your yard, your home (as well as your neighbors' homes) can turn into a rent-free pad for the animals. Squirrels can either sneak their way right into your attic or eat their way in, ultimately causing plenty of damage. Squirrels especially love enclosed areas in winter for the warmth. If their food source is also right outside, that's even more reason to move on in. The problem is compounded when the population of squirrels in your area grows out of control because that food has attracted so many.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

Oronoque residents Jim and Mary Ann Weaver are seeking donations of new or gently used blankets, coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, sweaters, socks (white) and any other heavy warm garments. Donations will be distributed to the homeless in New Haven.

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BOCCE / CORNHOLE

• Bocce is played on Thursdays, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. at NCB through Oct. 25. Starting Nov. 1, play will go indoors for cornhole at SCB. 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 Oct. 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 Oct. 26. 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 Oct. 30 and Nov. 27. Please bring information and be prepared to participate in discussions.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

• Weather permitting, round robins are held on Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 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.

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 meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons next to the kitchen at SCB. Annual dues are \$10. 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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FEATURE: FIRE SAFETY PRODUCTS

Keeping your home safe and your family protected are major priorities ... therefore, it's no wonder fire prevention and fire safety are prevalent concerns.

Most likely, you've already taken the standard precautions: you have smoke detectors installed throughout your home and you have a fire extinguisher.

But what else can you do to keep safe? How can you prevent fires from happening in the first place? And how can you prepare for the possibility of a home fire?

Here are a few fire safety products that may be of interest to you:



Extension Cord with Fire Shield:

You likely have extension cords threaded throughout your house, but did you know they may not be perfectly fireproof? Extension cords with built-in fire shields take prevention to the next level with automatic sensors that detect overload, overheating, pinching or other factors that can cause electrical fires.



Heat-Resistant Gloves: Kitchen accidents are an unfortunate but all-too-common cause of home fires around the country. Reduce your risk of dropping hot pots, plates and dishes full of hot oil and flammable ingredients with heat-resistant gloves. You'll be happily surprised to know they work as well, if not better than oven mitts!



Outlet Tester: Outlet testers are a very inexpensive, very useful tool for checking your home's electrical system on a regular basis. Just plug it into the wall, and you'll know immediately whether any of your outlets could cause potential problems.



Safe Portable Space Heater:

Portable space heaters are incredibly cozy during the coldest months, but they can also be dangerous around pets and young ones, especially when tipped over. Take precautions with the newest technology in space heaters, which feature auto-

shut off when tipped and when the pilot light goes out, and can even detect low oxygen levels in the room.



Fire-Safe Wastebasket: We're not implying that you should burn refuse in your wastebasket, but you should still consider a fire-resistant wastebasket. They're the same price as standard trash can, but with the added benefit of being resistant to kitchen calamities like hot oil, as well as not-quite-stubbed-out cigarettes or even an electrical fire fed by office papers.



Fire-Resistant Hearth Rug:

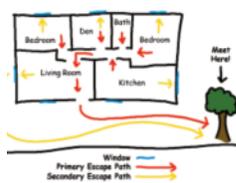
A cozy, on-purpose fire -- the kind you keep in the fireplace -- can benefit with the addition of a of flame-resistant hearth rug, which helps to prevent popping sparks, embers and other fireplace collateral from turning into something much more dangerous.



Fireproof Safe: Certain documents and possessions are irreplaceable: original birth certificates, family heirlooms, jewelry, sentimental items, updated wills -- your list is your own. But no matter what it is you hold dear, a fireproof safe will protect these items from fire damage.



Flame-retardant curtains: Outfitting your entire home with flame-retardant curtains may be a bit much -- not to mention, a bit constricting to your style -- but consider hanging them in the kitchen. They'll afford you a few extra minutes to get out of the house, in case of fire. Bonus: They're blackout, too.



Evacuation Plan: This isn't a product, but it is a necessity: when everyone is calm and paying attention, sit down for a family meeting and devise an effective plan for evacuation during an emergency.



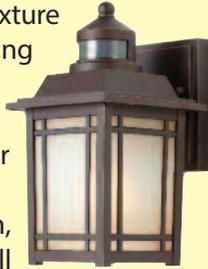
REMINDER: VILLAGE-APPROVED MOTION-SENSOR LIGHT FIXTURE

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.

Approved fixtures include the Home Decorators Collection 22211 Port Oxford 1-Light Oil-Rubbed Chestnut Outdoor Motion Sensor Wall Lantern (pictured).



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The "nightclub" style evenings of live music are presented in a cabaret-style listening room.

All Nite Spot Nights are BYOEEE -- Bring Your Own Everything Except the Entertainment. Wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks are also available in the Speakeasy Lounge.

For tickets, visit www.milfordarts.org or call 203-878-6647 (Tuesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.) Admission is \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door. MAC is located at 40 Railroad Ave. S.

"Journey With Jellies, A Bigger Even-More-Hypnotic Jellyfish Exhibit" is on view at the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk through Jan. 2, 2019.

Get close to some of the most strangely beautiful – but painfully dangerous – animals in the sea as The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk offers a newly expanded exhibit of jellyfish.

Jellies – as they should be called, because they're not fish – have been among the most popular animals in The Maritime Aquarium for more than 20 years.

This bigger new space builds around the tall centerpiece display of moon jellies, and offers large new displays with such non-native species as brown sea nettles, flower hat jellies, crystal jellies and more.

Jellies, of course, also have stinging cells, and aquarium guests can learn about how jellies sting and about their unique life cycles.

In addition to jellies, this new exhibit space also includes a big new natural habitat for the aquarium's giant Pacific octopus, as well as a new display featuring lionfish, a species with a large splay of venomous spines that are a troubling invasive presence on the Atlantic coast.

For information, visit www.maritimeaquarium.org or call 203-852-0700. The aquarium is located at 10 North Water St.

Music Historian Harvey Sachs will speak on "Toscanini: Musician Of Conscience" at the Westport Woman's

Club (WWC) on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. Arturo Toscanini is widely recognized as the most famed conductor of the 20th century and was once one of the most famous people in the world. But his legacy reaches far past his musical contributions.

In author and musical historian Harvey Sachs's acclaimed biography, "Toscanini: Musician of Conscience," Toscanini is revealed as a man who was incapable of separating his spectacular career from the call of his conscience. In this talk, Sachs will show us not only the Toscanini who brought audiences to their feet, but also the man who opposed totalitarianism with a personal bravery that would make him a model for artists of conscience.

WWC is located at 44 Imperial Ave. For information, call 203-291-4800 or visit www.westportlibrary.org.

The Holiday Pop-Up Market 2018 takes place at Fairfield Museum & History Center Nov. 16, noon to 4 p.m., and Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5.

The Fairfield Museum and the Fairfield Chapter of the National Charity League present this 4th annual holiday event, which has become a great opportunity for local business owners and a fruitful fundraiser for the two organizations.

For information, visit www.fairfieldhistory.org or call 203-259-1598. The museum is located at 44 Beach Road.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas," based upon the Peanuts comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, will be presented at Wilton Playshop Dec. 7-9.

Jeffrey Spector will direct and Christine Titus will choreograph this stage adaptation of the classic animated television special in which Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the other Peanuts grapple with the real meaning of Christmas. When Charlie Brown complains about the overwhelming materialism he sees during the Christmas season, Lucy suggests that he become director of the school Christmas pageant. Charlie Brown accepts, but this proves to be a frustrating endeavor. When his attempt to restore the proper holiday spirit with a forlorn little Christmas tree fails, Linus helps him learn the true meaning of Christmas.

Wilton Playshop is located at 15 Lovers Lane. For information, visit www.wiltonplayshop.org or call 203-762-7629.

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FEATURE: SAC COCKTAIL RECEPTION OVERVIEW



Story by Barbara Minoff ~ Photos by Peter Feick

It was 3:00 on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23. The North Clubhouse was bubbling with preparation for a casual SAC event. While new and current active Oronoque Village residents were checking in for the annual SAC Cocktail Reception, the SAC team was busy in the kitchen with final food details!

The theme of the afternoon was to meet and mingle. Everyone seemed to enjoy good conversation along with the sampling of tasty hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

As part of the program, SAC Chairperson Barbara Minoff thanked everyone for coming. Then Pat Spodick welcomed our newcomers, who were then invited to introduce themselves to our OV family.

Once again, the SAC team worked together for a successful afternoon: Bob Charnin, Jeanette Caron, Lucy Clifford, Sonya DeBiase, Janice Dulberg, Linda Eastwood, Deb Jackson, Pat Krause, Liz Moretti, Pat Spodick, Maria Szalontay, Dorothy Tanski, Joanne Sutphen, Mary Ann Weaver and our roving photographer, Peter Feick.

We look forward to fall 2019 when, again, SAC will host a cocktail reception to welcome newcomers to our Village!

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THINGS TO DO IN STRATFORD

Boothe Memorial Park & Museum, 5800 Main St.

Lordship Seawall, Beach Drive

Short Beach, 1 Dorne Drive

Roosevelt Forest, 700 Peters Lane

Perry House, 1128 W. Broad St.

Stratford Historical Society / Capt David Judson House, 967 Academy Hill

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 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)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA Board Mtg, NCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Meditation, NCB, C/R (O)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:00 a.m. – AARP Driving Class, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Blood Pressure Screening, NCB, C/R (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Drop-in Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Billiards, NCB (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie Club: *Ocean's Eight*, SCB (O)
- 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, OCTOBER 18

- 9:00 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilters, NCB, C/R (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (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)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Stratford PD/OVTD Presentation on Telephone & Other Scams, " NCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Club Bingo, SCB (O)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Canasta Tournament, SCB, C/R (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Karaoke, SCB (O)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 4:30 p.m. – Hadassah Movie & Dinner, NCB (O)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 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, C/R (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVTD Meeting, NCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Meditation, NCB, C/R (O)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 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)
- 12:30 p.m. – Jewelry Making Class, SCB (C)
- 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. – Men's Club Annual Dinner, NCB, Aud (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – Men's Poker, SCB, C/R (O)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

NCB Closed for Meetings and Activities

- 8:00 a.m. – Community Associations Institute (CAI)
All-Day Legal Symposium, NCB (C)
- 9:00 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 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)
- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB, Library (O)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 9:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – SAC Sock Hop, NCB (O)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 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 Lifestyles, 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 (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Meditation, NCB, C/R (O)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 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)
- 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)
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 10:00 a.m. – Quilters, NCB, C/R (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 10:30 a.m. – House Committee, NCB (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)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Movie: *Frida*, SCB Lounge (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.

WRITERS GROUP ESSAYS: AUTUMNAL THOUGHTS

“Do not go gentle into that good night. Rage, rage against the dying of the light.”

Dylan Thomas

I believe that nature shows us the way to heed the poet's admonition as the year and the light fades into fall. The season begins with that first breath of cool, crisp, dry air -- a hint of wood smoke, perhaps -- and the first glimpse of a crimson leaf atop a green tree. The senses stir, the spirit is energized after the hot, humid exhaustion of summer's long, lingering end.

The symphony of color begins: the glorious shades of autumn. The trees gradually -- or overnight -- shed their quiet, cool green elegance and flare into loud extravagant shades of a van Gogh palette: scarlet and gold, purple and persimmon, a fiery flamenco, a passionate, joyful display of nature's farewell to the year -- despite the fading of the light. Going gentle into the dark of winter? I should say not.

So whether it's the autumn of the season, or of life, why not rejoice, dance, sing -- if only in spirit? Light the fragrant candle, read the book, bake the bread, nurture friendship and love, and plant the bulbs for springtime blooms.

Do not go gentle.

-- Anne Anderson

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Fall, autumn, summer's end is approaching. I am not ready. I never am. I am sad. With the chill in the air comes a cloud over my heart.

I am a New Englander. I love the changes of the seasons, and even the extremes of highly humid, breathless August afternoons and frigid, sparkling below-zero February nights. I am happy I live here. But fall is my least favorite

time of the year. As I've gotten older, I enjoy more warmth than cold, more sun than clouds, and fall is the precursor to colder, cloudier days. Fall is also the beginning of the end of the growing cycle. Cheery mums, as much as they smile and as long as they last among dying flowers, will soon die, too. It is time to put away sandals and short-sleeves and to put on coats, to end days sooner as the sun sets earlier. It is time to hide nuts, to prepare to hibernate, to grow hair and fur.

It is this ending of things that somehow saddens me. Unlike spring, when daffodils and lilacs and irises begin their amazing burst of colors, fall's leaves turn brown and blend into dirt. And now, the smells of decomposing are starting to fill the air. Was fall named for the falling of colors, of leaves, of pine cones and needles? The end of the growing cycle? The start of quiet?

Perhaps I need to be more positive! Perhaps I need to understand that every living thing needs a time of rest. And, with this rest comes energy for the next phase.

This year, I will try to view fall differently. I will try to see the browns, reds, golds, rusts, yellows, and the fading greens of grass and leaves as nurturing and necessary. The sun is already setting differently in the sky. I will try to let my sad heart accept the change and welcome the time for renewal. I will try to acclimate with a sunnier attitude and not let my heart fall, too. But it won't be easy, I know.

Goodbye summer, it is your turn now, fall. I welcome you, reluctantly. But, I am here, alive, to welcome you. I am watching, smelling, feeling your chill. I am sensing all of the aspects of your arrival.

And, fall, no matter what I think about you, I am alive, and that is what is most important of all.

-- Mary W. von Ziegesar



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HALLOWEEN: REMEMBERING THOSE DEAR OLD GOLDEN SCHOOL DAYS

By Bob Macaluso

I'm driving extra carefully to avoid the armies of ghosts, Jedi warriors, Darth Vaders and superheroes that are clogging the neighborhood in their quests for Halloween treats. I chuckle to myself as I pass a tree festooned with toilet paper garlands as the limp loops sag over a sidewalk and are being brushed away like cobwebs from an escorting mother's hairdo. So much has changed about the celebration of this holiday but toilet paper garlands were one of my favorite pranks.

It has been over two months since the department stores replaced their school supplies displays with masks, costumes, fake skeletons and other monstrous things and now, even as the actual holiday is occurring, they are discounting whatever is left and restocking with plastic Christmas trees, ornaments and related decorations. Halloween is in full swing, Thanksgiving is a month away, and our retail attention is turned to Santa, menorahs and Kwanzaa.

I couldn't help but remember that, as a kid, for at least a week after Halloween, our focus would be on recalling and savoring all of our treats and pranks and we didn't even think of Christmas until it was close to Thanksgiving. And, then, many of our costumes were handmade from old clothing, bedsheets, army and athletic uniforms, and our faces were disguised with blackened cork, white shoe polish and, possibly, mother's rouge.

Woe to those miserable neighbors who didn't light the front porch or answer the doorbells! The tricks and pranks were legends to be shared for weeks! And the treats were real full-sized bars of Hershey and Oh Henry! chocolates, Tootsie Pops, gooey and chewy Turkish Taffy and caramels; we never saw the skimpy miniatures passed out today and not one label contained nutritional information! And our neighborhood had a real genuine witch: an old Italian



crone fearfully known as "La Strega" – "The witch."

If you are not frightened or superstitious, I'll tell you that story someday.

That was then and now I am driving to my daughter's to help sift through my grandson's goody bag. The local police had issued an alert to look for "boobytrapped" treats that were being passed out to kids by some malicious neighborhood psycho. We would sift through pounds of candy and discard anything that seemed suspicious regardless of nutritional information. What a crazy time to be a kid.

© Robert D Macaluso 2018. Bob has resided and contributed to OV since 2000. As a member of the OV Writers Group, he writes articles of topical interest to be enjoyed by our residents. You may contact him at marmacaluso@snet.net

CLUBHOUSE ROOM USE POLICIES

Use of Card Rooms: Oronoque Village residents are encouraged to make use of the card rooms in the two clubhouses. However, please note that card groups (such as card, bridge and Scrabble players) can reserve table space, but not the entire room. All other tables are available to be used by other groups.

However, since mahjongg can be a bit noisy, the House Committee suggests that a tablecloth be used to mute the sound of the tiles when other groups are in the room.

Use of Lounges: The South and North Clubhouse lounges are for everyone's pleasure. No card games can be reserved in the lounges. However, groups are welcome to play cards or games in the lounges with the understanding that multiple activities (including social gatherings) may be taking place at the same time.

Special activities or meetings may require the use of specific space. All requests must be handled through the Business Office.

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OV ARTS GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Story by Ray Vermette ~ Photos by Tina Vermette

The Arts Guild held its annual meeting in the SCB on Sept. 6 with over 60 members and guests in attendance. Following a period of socializing with wine, cheese and appetizers, President Ray Vermette welcomed everyone as they gathered in the main hall to participate in a short business meeting and enjoy the afternoon's guest speaker, Bruce Blanchard.

During the business portion of the meeting, the variety of activities, exhibits, events and learning opportunities the Arts Guild sponsored this past year were highlighted. Ray expressed the Board of Directors' appreciation to all the people who took time and made the effort to provide several different opportunities for all Village residents to enjoy.

The goal of the Arts Guild is to provide choices and activities for residents who are interested in various arts and crafts to come together and share their passion, grow in their knowledge and skills, and recognize the unique and individual talents of all who reside in the Village and make it a special place in which to live.

Ray specifically thanked Barbara Stewart for her leadership, spirit and dedication to the Guild's activities and for her coordination of the Planning Committee. This committee generates many of the ideas that result in events the Guild offers to residents, planning and providing the appropriate resources to make the events enjoyable for all participants. The committee members were recognized individually; they are Angela Alvisi, Claire Carew, Mary Haynes, Claudia Holzemer, Anita Karasu, Judith Lessler, Betty Mulholland, Nancy-Gloh Rosenthal, Wallace Sloves, Pearl Spodick and Bonnie Usinger.

Barbara discussed new programs, activities and ongoing events that are in the planning stages and may be presented in the coming year for our enjoyment. We look forward to another interesting year. The business meeting concluded with the election of officers and directors for this new year. The five directors on the board were re-elected to their positions. They are: director, Sharon Sells; secretary, Maria Szalontay; treasurer, Barry Wilensky; vice president, Barbara Stewart; and president, Ray Vermette.

Bruce Blanchard then took center stage dressed as the "Old Vermonter" and shared his rural humor and life experiences while growing up in Vermont too many years ago. He entertained us with new anecdotes of what Vermonters do and say back on the farm, around the general store or while thinking about living life outside the state, as a "flatlander". He also read a few stories from his book published in 1998 entitled "Please Listen While I Think... I'm a Vermonter."

It was a delightful afternoon of reflections, bringing the listener back in time to the days when life was a lot simpler and people lived by a down-home philosophy. After the meeting, Bruce autographed copies of his book that were sold, and the proceeds donated to the Arts Guild. Thank you, Bruce, for sharing with us your time, generosity and special humor. It made our annual Arts Guild meeting even more memorable.

We invite any resident, artist and non-artist, interested in joining to do so by filling out a short information form found on the voting table in the SCB lobby and placing it in the Arts Guild mailbox along with a \$15 check made out to OV Arts Guild for the yearly dues.

If you have a question, please call Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373.



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SOCK HOP – PRESENTED BY SAC - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th – 7:00 PM NCB



**COME JOIN US & BRING BACK MEMORIES....
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**ADMISSION IS \$10.00 – POPCORN, TWINKIES,
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RSVP BY 10/21 – QUESTIONS? CALL MARY ANN WEAVER – 203-530-9962

Include all names with checks made out to SAC. Drop your check & this form in SAC mailbox at NCB before Oct. 21

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed _____



The Pletman Spring Concert Series Presents Thomas & Carol Woodman On Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m. at NCB Admission is \$5. Refreshments will follow the program



Soprano Carol Woodman and her baritone husband, Thomas, accompanied on the piano by Heather Hamilton, will make their sixth appearance in the Village. presenting an entirely new program of art songs by Schumann, Shubert, Mahler, Strauss, Vaughan Williams and Quilter.

Thomas Woodman's career includes performances with numerous opera companies and symphonies, including the Metropolitan Opera, the Bayerische Staatsoper in Germany, the San Francisco Opera, the New York City Opera, Opera St. Etienne and Opera Nice in France.

Carol began her career at the age of 8 with the Misawa Air Force Base Chapel Choir in Misawa, Japan, and ever since has been active in opera, oratorio and concert work in churches and on stages throughout the United States and in Germany.

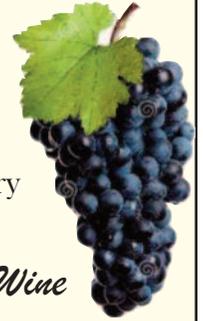
Heather Hamilton, Ed. D., a native of Fairfield, has performed as pianist, accompanist, organist, percussionist and conductor throughout the United States and Europe.



OV Wine Club: Grape Expectations!



Join us for a Holiday wine tasting journey across the USA; “from Atlantic to Pacific, the wine is terrific.” Once again Len Gulino “The Wine Tutor” will be our tour guide. While California’s Napa Valley and Sonoma still reign supreme as the top wine regions in the USA, there are many wine regions across the country that are rapidly growing in prominence.



Wine

So hop aboard the OV wine train as we sample wines from California, Washington, Oregon, New Mexico, New York, and Connecticut. We invite you to kick off the holiday season tasting these fine wines coupled with festive holiday snacks and treats.

The event will include:

- Entrance wine
- Informative commentary by Len
- Tasting 6 wines (both red & white)
- Holiday snacks
- Dessert wine
- Post-tasting holiday treats by Dorothy Tanski

When: Friday Nov. 16, 7-9 PM. @ NCB. Attendees limited to first 40 respondents. **Cost:** \$25pp

Your check to OV Wine Club is your reservation. Deposit checks in OV Wine Club

“Grape Expectations” mailbox @NCB. RSVP no later than Nov. 11.

Contacts: *Charlie DiGiovanni 203-375-0054 or Bill Tanski 203-540-5389.*

OV Karaoke Club

No fees or dues * No commitments * Just fun!



Join us for our October event on Friday, October 19, in the South Clubhouse Auditorium from 7-9pm.

You guys really brought the house down at the last show! Great energy and great singers. Let's do it all again on the 19th.

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! Hope to see you all then. Oh... and tell a friend who has never been to check us out.

BYOB and refreshments

Note: *Based on attendee feedback, there won't be a Facebook Livestream for our karaoke events. You can, of course, have a friend video your performance and you are certainly free to post it on Facebook if you wish. As a courtesy, anything posted to Facebook should have the permission of the folks being recorded.*

- Chris and Myrna



**Oronoque Village Men's Club Presents:
Medicare Seminar by One Source for Senior Living
(a registered nonprofit):**

Medicare open enrollment (October 15- December 7) is the time to see if you need to make any changes in your Medicare plans. Learn and decide what is best for you.

Find out the answers to these questions:

- What is covered by Medicare?
- Should I keep my group health coverage?
- Will my pre-existing conditions be covered?
 - What is Part C and Part D?
- How do I know which Medicare plans are right for me?

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Place: South Clubhouse

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

??? *Call Sandy Lunt: 203-377-5833.*

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

The Fall Oronoque Art Show, a photographic exhibit, titled "The Way We Were," is now on view at SCB.

Please stop by and vote for your favorite piece of artwork.

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



The Movie Club Presents OCEAN'S EIGHT

Wednesday, October 17, at 2 p.m. at SCB
\$1 admission includes popcorn



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

Five years, eight months, 12 days and counting -- that's how long Debbie Ocean (Sandra Bullock) has been devising the biggest heist of her life. She knows what it's going to take -- a team of the best people in the field, starting with her partner-in-crime Lou Miller. Together, they recruit a crew of specialists, including jeweler Amita, street con Constance, suburban mom Tammy, hacker Nine Ball, and fashion designer Rose. Their target -- a necklace that's worth more than \$150 million.

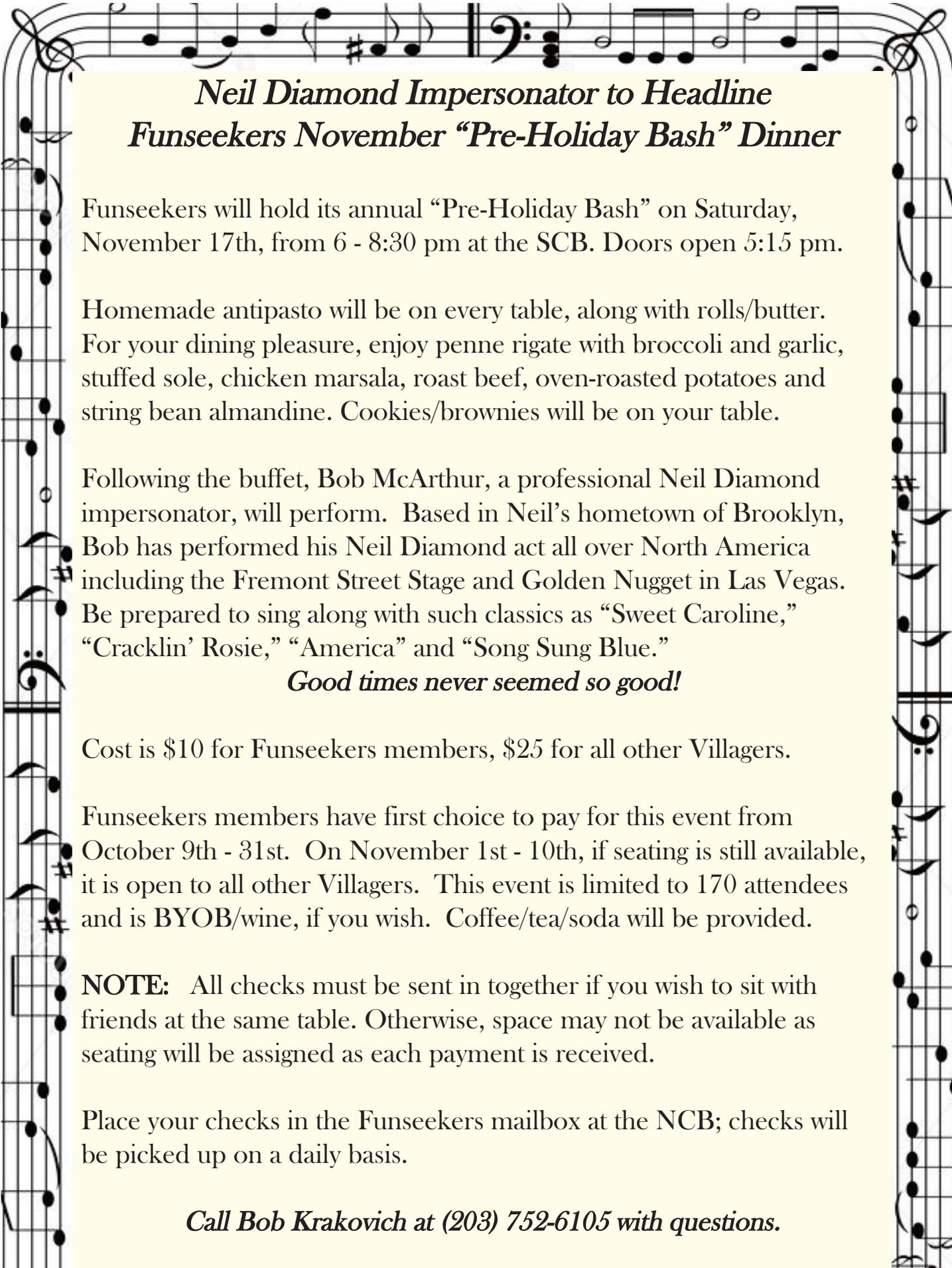
The cast includes Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway, Mindy Kaling, Sarah Paulson, Rihanna and Helena Bonham Carter.

House and Garden Club Welcomes Back Leona Lane from City Line Florist On Monday, Nov. 12, at 1:30 P.M. AT SCB.

City Line Florist is celebrating 100 years as a family business. Leona has been with them for 36 years of them! Now the store manager, she helps us to celebrate every occasion and every emotion a joy, and everything in-between. Her message is home and family togetherness, especially at this time of year.

Always a talented and knowledgeable speaker, Leona will show us how to make Fall and Winter flower arrangements. Two Fall arrangements and one Winter Holiday arrangement will be raffled. The raffle tickets will be sold before the meeting for these arrangements: 1 for \$1 or 3 for \$2.

**Dessert and coffee or tea will be served after the meeting.
Guests are always welcome for a small fee.**



*Neil Diamond Impersonator to Headline
Funseekers November "Pre-Holiday Bash" Dinner*

Funseekers will hold its annual "Pre-Holiday Bash" on Saturday, November 17th, from 6 - 8:30 pm at the SCB. Doors open 5:15 pm.

Homemade antipasto will be on every table, along with rolls/butter. For your dining pleasure, enjoy penne rigate with broccoli and garlic, stuffed sole, chicken marsala, roast beef, oven-roasted potatoes and string bean almandine. Cookies/brownies will be on your table.

Following the buffet, Bob McArthur, a professional Neil Diamond impersonator, will perform. Based in Neil's hometown of Brooklyn, Bob has performed his Neil Diamond act all over North America including the Fremont Street Stage and Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. Be prepared to sing along with such classics as "Sweet Caroline," "Cracklin' Rosie," "America" and "Song Sung Blue."

Good times never seemed so good!

Cost is \$10 for Funseekers members, \$25 for all other Villagers.

Funseekers members have first choice to pay for this event from October 9th - 31st. On November 1st - 10th, if seating is still available, it is open to all other Villagers. This event is limited to 170 attendees and is BYOB/wine, if you wish. Coffee/tea/soda will be provided.

NOTE: All checks must be sent in together if you wish to sit with friends at the same table. Otherwise, space may not be available as seating will be assigned as each payment is received.

Place your checks in the Funseekers mailbox at the NCB; checks will be picked up on a daily basis.

Call Bob Krakovich at (203) 752-6105 with questions.

The Movie Club Presents Mama Mia! 2

Friday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m. at NCB
Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. at SCB
\$1 admission includes popcorn



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

This is a follow-up to the 2008 film *Mamma Mia!* The film features an ensemble cast, including Lily James, Amanda Seyfried, Christine Baranski, Julie Walters, Pierce Brosnan, Andy García, Dominic Cooper, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgård, Jessica Keenan Wynn, Alexa Davies, Jeremy Irvine, Josh Dylan, Hugh Skinner, Cher and Meryl Streep.

Both a prequel and a sequel, the plot is set after the events of the first film, and also features flashbacks to 1979, telling the story of Donna Sheridan's arrival on the island of Kalokairi and her first meetings with her daughter Sophie's three possible fathers.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! **JEWELRY BEAD AND SIP WORKSHOP** **WITH DONNA PINSINCE** **Wednesday, October 24, Back Card Room, SCB**

A 2-hour beginner beading jewelry workshop is being offered to residents on Wednesday October 24, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The session is limited to 5 students only.

Instruction will include an introduction to basic tools, as well as assistance in jewelry design. Each participant will make an 18" necklace and 1 pair of earrings using base metals, natural stone and crystal beads. Beverages and snacks are provided during the workshop.

Cost for the class is \$25 - To sign up, Call Bonnie Usinger at 203-380-2181. Once you are accepted into the workshop, place your check made out to Donna Pinsince in the Guild box in the SCB Lobby.

HADASSAH MOVIE & DINNER NIGHT
Sunday October 21st, at 4:30pm NCB * \$12 per person



***Our Souls at Night* had its world premier at the Venice Film Festival in September 2017 and was then released to Netflix. The film received critical acclaim for its direction, novel adaptation and performances.**

The movie -- 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.

Grinders, salad and dessert will be served.

***Please make checks out to Hadassah (\$12 pp) & drop off at box at NCB
RSVP By October 16 - Call Carol Tepper: 203-375-2101***



**MEN'S CLUB TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19
DEPARTING REAR OF SCB AT 1 P.M.
LEAVING CASINO AT 8:30 P.M.
COST PER PERSON: \$25**

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

Refreshments
will be served

Open to all



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203-377-5833.

Bingo: Presented by the Men's Club
Thursday, October 18, at 7:00 pm at SCB
Come and bring your friends. Cost: \$2.50/card

**The Oronoque Village Book Club meets at 7 p.m.
on the first Wednesday of the month at NCB.
All Villagers are welcome.
Need a ride or information? Call Hinda at 203-385-3855.**



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

An unforgettable cast of small-town characters copes with love and loss in this new work of fiction by #1 bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout.

Anything Is Possible keenly draws a portrait of a small town where options are few, where everyone's business is everyone's business, full of searing insight into the darkest corners of the human spirit. The author renders quiet portraits of the indignities and disappointments of normal life, and the moments of grace and kindness we are gifted in response.

The book for December 5 is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.

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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.