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

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

Additional inclusions: two complimentary drinks per person, champagne toast at midnight, dancing to the music of Rich DiPalma-DJ/vocalist and raffle prizes (tickets included at no charge). A cash bar will be available.

The cost is \$76 per person. Make checks payable to OVCA New Year's and deliver to the Business Office in the North Clubhouse by Dec. 26.

Please indicate your meal choices on your checks or



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flyer form and your seating preference. Reservations are a must. For information, contact Sonya at 203-377-1515.

We look forward to having fun while ringing in 2020 together.

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



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

OCT. 24 CANDIDATES' MEETING, ELECTION INFORMATION

By Janet Clayman

Nov. 6 is Election Day. This is a local election for Town Council members for District 8 (South) and District 9 (North), Board of Education members and other offices, depending on the district. A sample ballot is or will be available on the Town of Stratford website page (www.townofstratford.org).

The League of Women Voters and the OV Men's Club will present a Candidates' Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. in the North Clubhouse so that residents can meet the Board of Education candidates and ask questions of the council candidates. There will be an informal coffee time after the meeting. Please plan to attend and be informed.

The last issue of The Villager included information about registering to vote and about absentee voting. Other facts that may be helpful to new residents are that South Trail voters cast their votes at the Chapel Street Elementary School, 380 Chapel St., while those who live on or near North Trail vote at Bunnell High School at 1 Bulldog Blvd. off Huntington Road. Voting hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If there are residents who have ongoing difficulty in getting to the polls, it is possible to arrange for a permanent absentee ballot. This requires a doctor's letter. Information is available in the Business Office in the North Clubhouse.




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CAROL FARRELL SCHOOL OF DANCING TO PERFORM NOV. 17

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 at SCB, The OV Arts Guild (OVAG) will kick off the holiday season with a program of dance presented by The Carol Farrell School of Dancing. Students ranging in age from 8 to 18 will perform three styles of dance: tap, ballet and jazz.

The Carol Farrell School of Dancing was founded by Carol and Charles Farrell, and is now run by Carol and her daughter, who live by the motto "to live is to dance." In the past decade, students have performed annually at Lake Quassapaug, the Milford Oyster Festival, Milford Fair on the Green, and many other venues across Connecticut.

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of dance, followed by wine, appetizers and good cheer. OVAG members attend this event at no cost, guests will be charged \$5 at the door.

HOLIDAY MUSICAL PLAY COMING TO FUNSEEKERS

Funseekers final event for 2019 will bring a new type of entertainment to the Village on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at SCB. Trumbull-based Steppin' Out Productions will showcase their 34th annual holiday musical comedy play here in Oronoque, taking a one-day break from their hectic December performance schedule.

Titled "The Art of Christmas", Villagers and guests will embrace the holiday spirit through comedic character interactions and original holiday songs. This Funseekers event will surely lift your spirits before the holiday stress, along with all those bills, turn you into a Grinch.

OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP

Weekly oil painting workshops will resume on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Arts and Crafts Room at the South Clubhouse. All are welcome.

Students need to bring their own supplies and canvas. Please call Anita Karasu at 203-345-0258 or email her at akarasu@mac.com with questions or concerns. Anita will provide a list of needed supplies.

The cost of a five-week workshop is \$50. Beginners with no experience are encouraged to attend. Individuals can, and often do, sign up for additional five-week sessions and, over time, progress from beginners to intermediate and even advanced painters. Everyone takes home a finished work of art to hang in their home.

REMINDER:

Clubs and groups that present an open social event in the North or South Clubhouse are reminded that OV residents who want to attend that event have first priority (over outside guests) when making an RSVP. However, there is an exception to this rule: single residents who wish to bring a nonresident as a "plus one" are able to make an RSVP for themselves as well as one guest.

When open seating is available following the resident-only reservation cut-off date, additional outsiders are welcome to attend as guests of OV residents.

MINI FARMS UPDATES

All mini farms should be cleaned up and turned over by Nov. 1. Mini farmers may pay dues for 2020 now for a cost of \$18. After Jan. 1, the fee increases to \$20. Make checks payable to OV Mini Farm and include the plot number on your check. Please deliver payments to the Business Office. (You can use the outside drop box when the office is not open.)

If you are not receiving emails, and would like to, please also include your email address. Questions? Call Debbie Grosso at 203-380-2468.

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR HOUSE & GARDEN TAG SALE

Residents who plan to travel during the winter months are asked to check their closets for items to donate to the House & Garden Tag Sale, which will take place in April 2020.

If you have questions or items to donate, please call Irene at 203-377-3980 or Merrilees at 203-378-8753.

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR WANTED FOR FUNSEEKERS BOARD

Funseekers will have an open position on its Board of Directors as of Jan. 1, 2020. The hospitality coordinator is responsible for planning and providing refreshments at each Funseekers event; attending monthly board meetings to report on refreshments to be served at the next event; maintaining a set of keys to the club's cabinets in the kitchen and restocking cabinets as needed.

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OVTC PRESENTS 'A PARTY IN DISGUISE'

Story by Mary W. von Ziegesar ~ Photos by Peter Feick

Dancing in high heels is one thing, but in old wooden clogs? There were several of us with sore feet the next day.

If an event here could get a star-rating, the OV Tennis Club's "Dine, DJ and Disguise Party" on Saturday, Sept. 21, would get 100 stars! Everyone attending was also a star, in costume or as themselves! Masks, glitz and glitter were everywhere.

The feast included shrimp, fish, chicken, eggplant and penne alla vodka, topped off with a man in lederhosen bearing amazing Swiss chocolates! The DJ, Pam of Party on Wheels, offered dance music, a photo booth and karaoke; she even joined some dancers around the room. Everyone left, if not with sore feet, with a smile.

The costumes garnered appreciative applause. Imagine: Charlie Chaplin, Bobby Riggs and Billie Jean King, Superwoman, Caesar, a rabbi, two cats, the devil, the Blues Broth-

ers, a most handsome Man in Black, Rosie the Riveter – the young and the older, Jimmy Buffett, a bloody-faced Tippi Heddren of Hitchcock's thriller, "The Birds," a modern Mr. and Mrs. Swiss Family Robinson at the beach, Little Red Riding Hood, Hannibal Lecter, Chrissy Evert and Jimmy Connors, Hemingway, several gorgeous flappers and Doctor John.

The costume contest winners were: Bonnie Usinger, complete with a curtain-rod dress, as Carol Burnett/Scarlett O'Hara; she was accompanied by Emil as Harvey Korman/Rhett Butler. Kees Adema won for his portrayal of Hans Brinker, complete with his clogs and silver skates. Finally, the most elegant couple, Paul and Ann Rose Maglione, appeared as The Phantom of the Opera and Christine.

Cheers to those who attended and cheers to the OV Tennis Club for hosting an outright raucous, giggling, good time. It is the fun shared, like on that recent Saturday night, that makes Oronoque Village the enriching place we call home.

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SECOND PLETMAN CONCERT TO FEATURE 'ALL THAT JAZZ'

By Elisabeth Breslav

On Sunday, Oct. 27, 4 p.m. at NCB, jazz pianist Roger Young will make his fourth appearance in Oronoque. Referred to as "Connecticut's best-kept secret" by jazz singer Giacomo Gates, Young is a swinging pianist capable of many styles of music including stride, boogie woogie, ragtime, blues, swing, funk and classical.

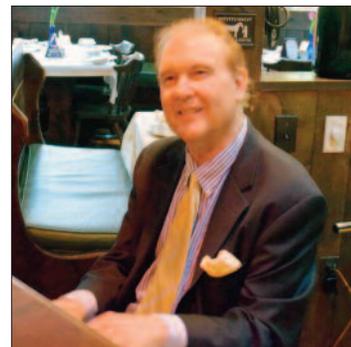
According to a Greenwich Times newspaper article, "A proponent of stride piano, Young has mastered the physical and technical demands of this jazz style made famous by Fats Waller." And, in reference to Roger's rendition of "Rhapsody in Blue," pianist Victor Borge said, "The Gershwin was impeccable."

Young has performed at the WBGO/Newark Arts Summer Parks Festival, the Hartford Jazz Society cruise, the Westport Arts Council Jazz Series and the Blue Note Café in New York. Also in New York, he has played the Rainbow Room and Waldorf Astoria, as well as appeared on NBC's Today show.

His recording credits include albums with blues legend Eddie King for Roesch Records, Blues Brother Matt "Guitar" Murphy and "The Way It Was Now" – three pianos playing Gershwin, Porter and Kern.

In addition to performing, Roger has composed music for "A Little of This and That" (a twin piano album with jazz great, Lou Stein); "Safari" (a children's album for Clarus Music) and various musical scores for industrial films produced by the Sony, Perkin-Elmer and Union Carbide corporations.

These days, Roger has become a fixture at the Fife and Drum in Kent, a Connecticut landmark renowned for its fine piano music. He also performs weekly at Rosy Tomorrow's in Danbury.



FIRST PLETMAN FALL CONCERT: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Story by Elisabeth Breslav ~ Photo by Arline Walton

The lure of the summer temperature and the bright umbrellas at the South Pool notwithstanding, some 70 Villagers gathered on Sunday, Sept. 22, and enjoyed the unique experience of a solo piano and a solo voice performance by multitalented Chelsea Guo.

No longer the "wunderkind" that charmed us in 2013 with her enthusiastic and, for one so young, technically amazing piano skills, this beautiful, now 18-year-old young woman has grown into a very talented and very promising performer who will go far in the world of music.

Chelsea presented an all-Chopin concert, starting with the Polish/French composer's first published waltz composition for solo piano, the "Grande Valse Brillante," Opus 18. From this romantic work she effortlessly switched to two of the "Etudes," Op.10 No.12 and OP.25 No. 6, compositions that "formed the foundation for what was a revolutionary playing style for the piano." They are considered to be some of the most challenging and evocative pieces of all the works in concert piano repertoire, and Chelsea's interpretation showed great sensitivity.

For her third composition, the pianist chose Chopin's Opus 28, a set of 24 short pieces for the piano, one in each of the 24 keys, originally published in 1839. Ranging from softly



melodic to fortissimo passages and masterly interpreting every mood and tempo in between, Chelsea kept her audience spellbound.

While Chopin is best known for his works for piano solo, among his extant output are 19 songs for voice and piano, set to Polish text. Chelsea selected two of them, "Melodia" (Melody) and "Moja Pieszczotka" (My Darling), proving to us that this talented pianist also has a lovely soprano voice. Even without understanding Polish, we knew we were hearing love songs and thoroughly enjoyed Chelsea's moving rendition of them.

ACTIVITIES

EDITOR'S NOTE: *To ensure accuracy, information must be submitted, via email, to Carol King at cking@oronoquevillage.com. (Submissions must be typed, in upper and lower case.) The deadline to be included in the next issue of The Villager, on Nov. 1, 2019, is Oct. 21 at noon.*

BOCCE

• Bocce is played on Thursdays through Oct. 31, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. at NCB. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Sue or Ralph Trapasso at 203-916-7156.

CORNHOLE

• Beginning Nov. 7, cornhole is played at 10 a.m. at SCB. All are 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 Wednesday Oct. 16, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20. No meetings take place in December.

DOLLCRAFTERS

• Dollcrafters meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays in the NCB Library.

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 meetings will take place Oct. 25 and Nov. 8. We will be studying the Book of Genesis. Questions? Call Angie McKelvey (227-3222) or Tina Vermette (375-0291).

LINE DANCING

• Classes take place Wednesdays at NCB. A beginner class is held at 9:30 a.m., followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m. Call Sonya at 203-377-1515 for more information.

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MEN'S BOWLING CLUB

• Games are played at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Nutmeg Bowling Center in Fairfield. Questions? Call Paul at 203-339-1111.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

• Round robins are held (weather permitting) daily. See calendar pages for listings. Times are subject to change. Visit <https://holdmycourt.com/reserve2/ovpickleball> for changes to the schedule. For more information, contact Gery at cleeker@optonline.net or 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 203-377-1515 for more information.

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

• Tea, Talk, and Craft meets Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. next to the kitchen at SCB. Questions? Call Cynthia Harms at 203-402-9083.

TENNIS CLUB ROUND ROBINS

• The Tennis Club holds weekly round robins on Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m. All residents are invited to play.

WALKING GROUP

• The Walking Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the NCB parking lot. The walks last about 30 to 45 minutes. This is a relaxed, informal group and everyone travels at their own pace. For information, call Belle at 914-220-2472.

WRITERS GROUP

• The OV Writers Group meets on 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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Featured performers include Dan Brownell, Alice Caldwell, Cidalia Kettles, Frank Martignetti, Frank Zilinyi Jr. and the University of Bridgeport's University Singers.

The performance takes place on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 2301 Main St., Stratford. Costumes optional, prizes given. Tickets: \$15/adults,

\$10/seniors, \$5/students (ages 12-17)/free for children ages 11 and under. Free refreshments and free adjacent parking.

For information, call 203-378-2644 or visit greaterbridgeportago.org. Money raised will support scholarship funds for young organ students.

On Nov. 2, the 1942 classic film, "Casablanca," will be screened at the historic Palace Theater in Waterbury with the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra (WSO) performing the score live.

A post-show reception, for \$55 (in addition to the show ticket), will include a meet and greet with WSO conductor, Leif Bjaland, who is celebrating his 25th anniversary season.

For tickets, visit <https://www.palacetheaterct.org> or call 203-346-2000.

OCC UPDATES

By Nancy Blagys
OV Representative on the OCC Board

The leaves are slowing turning to brilliant colors and it is difficult to find our golf balls due to the leaves. It is fall at its best.

There is a new general manager, Tommy Miller, who has just started with OCC. I welcomed him on behalf of OV and hope he is the answer to improving services and the golf course. CBIGG, the owners, are committed to raising the bar at OCC.

There is talk of opening a fine steak house restaurant upstairs in the bar/dining area of the clubhouse. Look for further announcements in the future.

The Grille Room will be serving lunch and dinner through December. Breakfast is available on the weekends. Remember to support OCC as they are important neighbors.

This will be my last update on OCC for this year. Please don't use the cart paths when you see golfers/maintenance people on the course. OV doesn't own the golf course. We are only permitted to use it before 7 a.m. or after 8 p.m. Otherwise, you are trespassing. Walk on it at your own risk.

A couple's champion tournament was held in September and the following OV residents were winners: Karen Kiely and Jim Schlenk, first gross: Mary and Jarett Crooks, first net. Congratulations. 

The Shelton Art League (formerly Bridgeport Art League), a diverse group of artists, will meet on Monday, Oct. 21, at noon at the Shelton Community Center, 41 Church St., Room 2. At 1 p.m. Jay Babina, a graphic designer, illustrator and painter with 50 years of experience, will demonstrate the use of acrylics in landscapes. He graduated from the Silvermine College of Art in New Canaan and continued his art education at the University of Bridgeport, graduating from the School of Graphic Design. He paints both plein air and inside his studio. Visit <http://www.sheltonartleague.org> for additional information. Guests are always welcome.

Yale Repertory Theatre will present Manual Cinema's "Frankenstein" as part of its annual No Boundaries performance series on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 7-8, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. at the University Theatre, 222 York St. in New Haven. Hailed as "endlessly imaginative and exquisitely beautiful" by The New Yorker, the production stitches together Mary Shelley's classic novel and the author's own biography to create a thrilling new gothic tale about the beauty -- and horror -- of creation.

Tickets are \$40-50 and available at www.yalerep.org, by phone at 203-432-1234 and in person at the box office (1120 Chapel Street). 

SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 4 ... Hadassah's Hanukkah celebration at 12:30 p.m. in the North Clubhouse will feature a talk about the opioid outbreak given by Rabbi Richard Eisenberg, author of "Judaism Addiction & Recovery." Potato pancakes (latkes) sour cream, applesauce, salad and dessert will be served. \$5 per person. All are welcome.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: ALBERTO VELOSA

Congratulations to carpenter Alberto Velosa who was named Employee of the Month for October.

With 41 years at OV, Al has made history by being the Maintenance staff member with the longest tenure. In fact, Al has been an OV employee since he arrived in the U.S. from Portugal in 1978 at the age of 22. He came to Stratford with his wife, Leonor, and his baby daughter, Robina. His daughter, Michelle, joined the family in 1987.

"We came to the United States to pursue a better life," he explains. "My brother-in-law worked as a groundskeeper at Oronoque Village and he got me a job here as a carpenter. I've been on staff ever since."

Alberto got his training in carpentry as a young man in Portugal. "I went to school for it," he says. "My father made sure that I learned a trade. Carpentry was a hobby of mine. Now it is my job."

A craftsman, Alberto specializes in doing windows, doors, and other finished work.

After four decades, he still looks forward to coming to work each day. "I love what I do here and I am happy to be here," he says. "I've been lucky to have such great bosses as Mark Rhatigan, Fred Rodriguez, John Staley, Frank Forte and Tony Carbone."

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CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Cards, SCB, C/R (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball beginner, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Kundalini Yoga, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA meeting, NCB (O)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 9:00 a.m. – AARP Driver's Class SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Blood Pressure Screening, NCB, C/R (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, A/C Rm, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Rocketman*, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Billiards, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Movie Club Rehearsal, NCB (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. – Tennis Club Fall Meeting & Election, NCB (C)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:30 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB Parking Lot (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Drawing Class, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Beginner Oil Painting, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilting Group, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Tai Chi with Jonathan, NCB (C)
- 12:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball beginner, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Tennis Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB (O)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 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)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball beginners, followed by RR, RSF (O)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 3:00 p.m. – Private Party, NCB (C)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:45 p.m. – Open Bridge, NCB, Lounge (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge Lessons, NCB, Library (O)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Cards, SCB, C/R (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Flu Clinic, NCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball - Beginner followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Kundalini Yoga, NCB, Library (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVTD Meeting, NCB (O)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – 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)
- 4:00 p.m. – Movie Club Rehearsal, NCB (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 24

- 9:30 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB Parking Lot (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Beginner Oil Painting, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Drawing Class, SCB (O)
- 12:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm (O)

- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Writers Group, NCB, C/R (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball beginner, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Tennis Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry’s Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Candidates’ Meeting, NCB (O)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 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)
- 6:30 p.m. – Karaoke, SCB (O)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball beginners, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – SAC Sock Hop, NCB (O)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pletman Concert, NCB (O)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:45 p.m. – Open Bridge, NCB, Lounge (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Poetry & Prose - Reading & Reception, SCB (O)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men’s Club Cards, SCB, C/R (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball beginner, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Kundalini Yoga, NCB, C/R (O)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Men’s Club Medicare Seminar, SCB, Aud (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, OCTOBER 31

- 9:30 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB Parking Lot (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Beginner Oil Painting, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Drawing Class, SCB (O)
- 12:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball beginner, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Tennis Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry’s Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 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)
- 5:00 p.m. – It’s 5 O’Clock Somewhere, NCB (O)



FEATURE

HADASSAH FALL 2019 LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

Story by Arlene Wilensky ~ Photo by Nan Schwartz

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, Hadassah held its Fall Luncheon & Card Party at the Mill River Country Club. We started the afternoon with a moment of silence for 9/11. The proceedings were opened with our president, Carol Tepper, giving the welcoming comments.

She spoke of the Hadassah Medical Organization being a diverse community corner of the healthcare global partnership working together to carry out the best medical research that impacts people everywhere. Hadassah Hospital treats over 1 million patients a year without regard to race, religion or nationality. No one is ever turned away.

The festivities continued with a fabulous luncheon which consisted of apple slaw salad, warm rolls, salmon almondine, chicken Marsala, stuffed shells, vegetable frittata, steak wraps and grilled veggie wraps. Dessert was a warm apple pie with whipped cream.

As the afternoon continued, guests won beautiful raffle prizes and enjoyed an afternoon of mahjonn, canasta, bridge and dominos.

A big thank you to Barbara Brown, Gladys Galvez and Arlene Wilensky for making this event so special.



From left, Barbara Brown, Arlene Wilensky, Gladys Galvez and Carol Tepper.

Thank you, as well, to Carol Tepper, Sharon Levinson, Nan Schwartz and Loretta Sills for all their help in making this luncheon so successful. Last, but not least, we want to thank all of you for your support of this wonderful organization, Hadassah, that does this lifesaving work. Without your generous support, this wouldn't be possible. 

RECIPES

COPPER PENNY CARROTS

| | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 2 lbs. carrots, peeled and sliced | 1 tsp. mustard |
| 3/4 cup cider vinegar | 1 cup finely chopped onion |
| 1 tsp. salt | 1/2 cup salad oil |
| 1/4 tsp. pepper | 1 cup finely chopped green pepper |
| 10 - 3/4 oz. can condensed tomato soup (undiluted) | 3/4 cup sugar |

Bring carrots to boil. Boil five minutes. Drain and cool. In medium bowl, combine salt, pepper and mustard. Beat in a little of the oil to blend with mustard. Add remaining oil and sugar, vinegar and soup. Beat again to blend. Stir in the onion, carrots and green pepper. Cover tightly and chill overnight. Enjoy!

--Submitted by Marie Orlowe

PECAN CRESCENT COOKIES

Mix together-well: 1 cup sweet butter (1/2 lb.= 2 sticks) softened; not melted; 2 cups flour; 1/3 cup powdered sugar

Add: 1 cup pecans, chopped fine; 2 tsp. vanilla extract

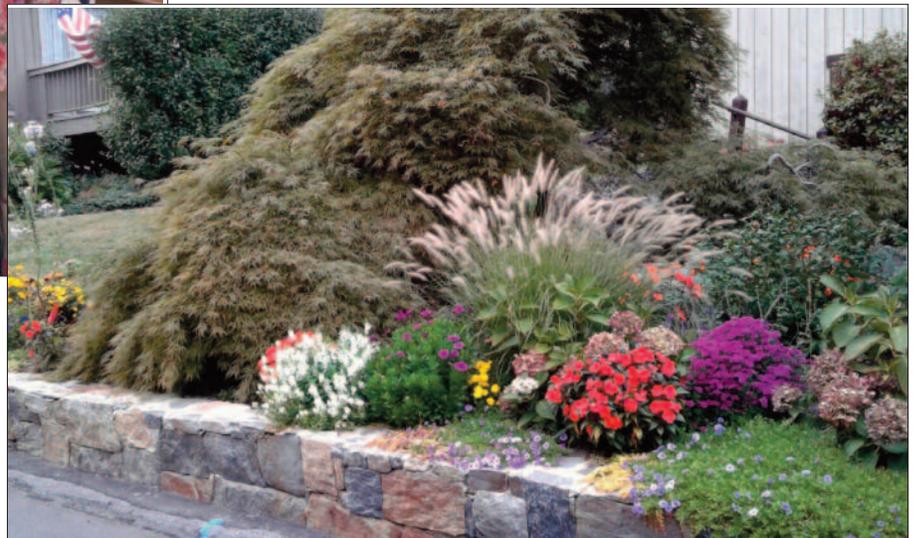
Mixture should be creamy, not sticky (add a slight bit more flour if necessary).

Roll out by hand into a long thin roll. Cut into 3/4-inch lengths

Bake for 5 minutes in a 325 degree pre-heated oven (or until slightly browned).

Shake in bag of powdered sugar, while still hot. Cool cookies on waxed paper. Serve in paper cupcake holders.

--Submitted by Pearl B. Spodick



Above, Kathy Flynn (left) and Dima Thompson with the awards presented by the Town of Stratford Beautification Committee. Above right, Kathy's garden at 573A North Trail. Right, Dima's garden at 529A Narraganset Lane.

TOWN OF STRATFORD APPLAUDS TWO RESIDENTS' GARDENING SKILLS

Two Oronoque Village gardens were recognized for their curb appeal by the Town of Stratford Beautification Committee during its 21st annual award ceremony last month.

During the event, Kathy Flynn of 573A North Trail and Dima Thompson of 529A Narraganset Lane were presented with awards by Mayor Laura Hoydick and Christine Griffin and Donna Caserta, co-chairpersons of Stratford's Beautification Committee.

The committee's mission is "to improve and maintain Stratford's physical appearance, preserve the unique com-

munity character and enhance the overall quality of life."

The focus of this year's competition was on front yards and the curb appeal of local properties. The committee took interest in homes and businesses with attractive landscaping, flower beds or gardens or properties that feature unique fences, walkways, lighting fixtures or door treatments.

Out of 45 nominations, 18 award winners were selected. Kathy and Dima were nominated for the awards by Monica Dalton, who also lives in the Village. **OV**

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WORK BY THE OV WRITERS GROUP

OPERA

By Kees Adema

After World War II in Holland my parents were able to return to their great love for opera. Both sang in the choir, she a very capable soprano, he an enthusiastic tenor. And sure enough, when a seven- or eight-year-old boy was needed to admire the soldiers in "Cavalleria Rusticana" or add color to a market scene in "Martha," there was yours truly in his costumed magnificence. Although everyone was still suffering economically and mentally, opera was the vehicle to appreciate beauty after five brutal years of Nazi occupation. *Ars enim vitae, art is life.*

To me, even more interesting than the opera itself was the dressing room where members of the choir, dentists, accountants and carpenters would be magically transformed into Spanish aficionados attending a bullfight, Bohemians drinking in a bar or uniformed cavalry. Banter filled the air. I remember my father jokingly telling his fellow choir members to "turn around because my son is changing into his costume."

At home, opera music always filled the air. Neighbors would assemble in front of our house as my parents sang through open windows for all to hear. They had a large repertoire, but the one constant was "Au Fond du Temple Saint," the magical duet from "The Pearl Fishers." It was their signature piece.

And then the music died. My father had suffered greatly during the war and lack of resistance contributed to his sudden death in 1949. He was 33, same as my mother, while I was 8, my brother Peter 4. When I say that the music died, I mean that literally. My mother disconnected the radio and the record player. Distraught. De-

stroyed. She was unable to listen to music for seven years. It was a bleak time.

In the early years after the war social safety nets were lacking and many Dutch widows had no choice but find a road to survival. In our case my mother took in boarders and in 1956 one of them became our stepfather. Although they both loved opera there would be no more parental duets. My mother's heart was no longer in it.

Yet, even so many years later, I remember the happy times in our house and my continued love affair with opera is undoubtedly gene-infused. Ulla and I used to visit the Metropolitan Opera House on 40th Street and Broadway whenever we could and, later, Lincoln Center. We attended memorable performances including one from Joan Sutherland and an unknown tenor, Luciano Pavarotti, in "La Fille du Régiment." Yet we avoided Bizet's "Les Pêcheurs des Perles," "The Pearl Fishers" I was afraid I would not be able to keep a check on my emotions. Listening to the duet always reduced me to pieces.

My mother had requested that the duet follow my eulogy at her funeral. And so it happened. I managed to stay frozen in place although tears were flowing. Then a serene feeling took hold of me as I could almost hear her voice: "It's okay now, I will take it from here." OV



1948: "Cavalleria Rusticana."
Kees Adema with his parents

OV SNAPSHOT



Thank you to Jeanine McCann for contributing this photo of Jackie Freeman, Sonya DeBise, Barbara Mayer and Bob Krakovich enjoying the South pool during the final evening of the season.

**The Movie Club Presents:
ROCKETMAN**

Wednesday, October 16,

2 p.m. at SCB

\$1 admission includes popcorn



This one-of-a-kind musical biopic embarks on the spectacular journey of Sir Elton John in his rise to fame. With incredible performances of Elton's most beloved songs, discover how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in rock & roll.

**DEADLINE DATES
FOR UPCOMING
VILLAGER MAGAZINES**

**Nov. 1 issue has a deadline of
Oct. 21 at noon.**

**Nov. 15 issue has a deadline of
Nov. 4 at noon.**

**Dec. 2 issue has a deadline of
Nov. 15 at noon.**

**Dec. 16 issue has a deadline of
Dec. 3 at noon.**

**Jan. 2, 2020 issue has a deadline of
Dec. 13, 2019 at noon.**

(Please note the early deadline date!)



Bingo:

Presented by the Men's Club

Thursday, October 17

at 7:00 pm at SCB

Come and bring your friends.

Cost: \$2.50/card

Refreshments will be served

Open to all



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

The Fall Oronoque Art Show, titled "Such Stuff As Dreams Are Made Of," 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.



**FLU SHOTS WILL BE GIVEN AT ORONOQUE THIS YEAR ON
OCTOBER 22, 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 and Signa.)

United Healthcare and Humana NOT accepted



**SAC presents...AN HOUR with JOYCE SALTMAN,
professor and humorist**

The topic is "Dealing With Difficult People"

**Tuesday afternoon, November 12th,
at 4:00 at NCB**

**We are delighted to have Joyce as an OV resident. Her dynamic seminars
and articles are always peppered with humor. Her goal is to enlighten,
educate, and entertain while the audience laughs.**

For Questions, please call Barbara 203 386-0533

Fee: \$3.00 at the door



The Movie Club Presents:



Living In Oronoque
a musical comedy,
written by Harriet Borack.

**Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 7.00 pm at NCB.
Reservations: \$5.**

**Please make checks payable to Marcia Klein.
Drop checks off in the Movie Club box at NCB
by Oct 28th.**

**Please call Dee Tuozzoli with questions
or if you'd like to participate in the show: 203 375 3724**

SOCK HOP – PRESENTED BY SAC - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th – 6:30 PM NCB

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN! BRING BACK MEMORIES!
REMINISCE WITH FRIENDS!**



**DJs – JIM & EARL CRUTCHFIELD WILL PROVIDE THE
MUSIC AND DEDICATIONS**

**ADMISSION IS \$10.00 – POPCORN, SODA,
ICE CREAM & CANDY**

**CABARET STYLE – BYOB - '50S COSTUMES OPTIONAL
RSVP BY 10/20 –**

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. 20

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Fall

Winter

HOUSE & GARDEN

Welcome Back

LEONA LANE FROM CITY LINE FLORIST

Monday, November 11, at 1:30 P.M. at SCB

Leona has been with City Line for 37 years. Leona is now the store manager. Always a talented and knowledgable speaker, Leona will show us how to make Fall and Winter arrangements to be raffled.

The raffle tickets will be sold before the meeting: 1 for \$1 or 3 for \$2

Dessert and coffee or tea will be served after the meeting. Guests are always welcome for a \$3 fee



SAC presents:
"It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere"
on the first Friday of every month at 5 p.m. at NCB

BYOB *
Relax and Mingle

Drop by with an
Appetizer to Share!

We hope to see you
at our next event on
Friday, November 1!

OV Wine Club: 2019 Holiday Event

Come join us as we kick off the holiday season. This year we'll step it up a notch, sampling "Exceptional Wines for the Holidays." Once again, Len Gulino -- The Wine Tutor -- will be our guide selecting "fine wines" from wine regions around the world.



The term "fine wines," when used by wine experts, implies wines of exceptional quality. Typically, these wines are made from top-quality grapes grown under excellent conditions in top-rated vineyards from regions known for producing top-quality wine. It also implies that the wine-makers are top rated in their field and that the winery consistently produces excellent wine. As a result these wines cost considerably more than typical table wines or mass-market wines.



We'll start the evening with a special entry Sparkling Wine from California: Roederer Estate Brut. This is a wine in the French Champagne tradition that "Wine Spectator" rated #27 in the top 100 for 2018. Come celebrate as we sample "fine wines" along with delicious holiday treats.

The event will include:

- Entrance sparkling wine
- Informative Commentary by Len
- Tasting 6 wines (3 red & 3 white)
- Holiday snacks (antipasto, etc.)
- Post wine-tasting cookies by Dorothy Tanski

When: Friday Nov. 15th, 7-9 PM @ NCB • **Cost:** \$25/person

Attendance limited to first 40 respondents. Your check made out to OV Wine Club is your reservation. Deposit checks in the OV Wine Club "Grape Expectations" mailbox in the NCB. RSVP no later than Nov. 9th

Questions? Call 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 next event on **Friday, October 25**, in the South Clubhouse

Auditorium from **6:30-9pm**. We usually go a bit longer than 9pm for your singing and dancing pleasure.

Come sing or just listen to your friends and neighbors showing off their talents. 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, food, and refreshments!

The OV Arts Guild and The OV Writers Group

*cordially invite you to an evening of readings
of creative writings by our residents!*



POETRY & PROSE – READING & RECEPTION

Monday, October 28th – 7-9 p.m. – SCB

*Enjoy memoirs, poetry, neighborhood stories,
fun anecdotes, essays, tales, dreams ...*

*Come, celebrate your neighbors' creativity and
enjoy coffee, tea and sweets!*

Donations appreciated

**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: Wednesday, October 30

Place: South Clubhouse

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

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



***It's time to sign up for Funseekers
November "Pre-Holiday Bash" Dinner/Dance***



Funseekers will hold its annual "Pre-Holiday Bash" on Saturday, November 23rd, from 6 - 9 pm at the SCB. Doors open at 5:15 pm.

Upon arrival, enjoy a variety of cheeses/crackers and soft drinks. Dinner begins at 6 pm with a table-served tossed salad, rolls & butter. Then dine on a buffet of Cavatelli with Broccoli, Chicken Marsala, Crabmeat Stuffed Sole and Prime Rib, along with roasted potatoes and a seasonal vegetable. Dessert will be cookies and brownies. This event is BYOB/wine/beer. Coffee/tea/soda will be provided.

From 7:30 - 9 pm, get ready to twist, disco, boogie, hip-hop, electric slide, line dance and lindy the night away as Oronoque Village resident "DJ Chris" Albino will provide the tunes to get you up and dancing.

Cost is \$15 for Funseekers members, \$25 for all other attendees.

From October 15th - November 9th, Funseekers members will have first choice to sign-up for this event. This also includes single Funseekers members who may invite one guest. If seating is still available after that, all other Villagers and guests may then sign-up from November 10th - 17th. This event is limited to 170 attendees. A waiting list will be maintained.

NOTE: All checks MUST be sent in together to assure that you will sit with your friends at the same table. Otherwise, space at your table may not be available. Seating will be assigned as payments are received.

**Place your checks in the Funseekers mailbox at the SCB.
Call John Fratarcangeli at (203) 503-4364 with questions.**



ARTS GUILD OFFERS DRAWING CLASSES WITH JILL NICHOLS

The OV Arts Guild will offer drawing classes with instructor Jill Nicholson Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the SCB back card room, beginning on Oct. 17 and ending on Nov. 21. This class is suitable for all skill sets ... participants can learn to draw or hone your drawing skills over a six-week period.



Lessons will explore the elements of drawing such as line, value, texture, form and space. Students will work with pencil and sketchpad. Lessons will include demonstrations, photographs, still-life setups and a live model. Class size is limited to 10 students and each student will receive individualized attention.

If you are interested, contact Barbara Stewart at barbsmt@yahoo.com or 203-612-1373. If space available, you can secure your spot by depositing your check, made out to Jill Nichols, in the Arts Guild Box at NCB. The cost is \$110.

Jill is a seasoned instructor for students of all ages. She teaches art at the University of New Haven and at the Derby Senior Center.

**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 Nov. 6 is *Educated* by Tara Westover. A stunning new memoir about family, loss and the struggle for a better future. Tara Westover was 17 when she first set foot in a classroom. She had to teach herself algebra and trigonometry and self-studied for the ACT, which she did well enough on to gain admission to Brigham Young University. Eventually, she earned her doctorate in intellectual history from Cambridge University.

To: OV Residents

Re: Employee Giving Fund



Dear Residents:

Before the change of season becomes too hectic (or before you head to warmer climates for the winter months), please consider recognizing our dedicated staff members with a contribution to the Employee Giving Fund.

The contributions reflect how much we appreciate the hard work and the commitment of our staff. Each day, the employees tend to the multiple needs of a vast and diverse community.

Whether it is landscaping in the summer, plowing in the winter, leaf collection in the fall or planting in the spring, the staff works year-round to make Oronoque Village a pristine place to live. Please, let's show them their hard work is appreciated!

In past years, the fund has benefitted from contributions by 50% of our residents ... We are hopeful that, this year, we will have 100% participation. (Please remember, there is a "no tipping" policy at Oronoque Village.)

The Employee Giving Fund is a once-a-year opportunity to provide our staff members with financial rewards for their excellent service.

Money accrued by the fund is dispensed during the annual employee holiday party in December. Let's wish them "Season's Greetings" and say, "We thank you for jobs well done!"

To make a contribution, please make checks out to OVCA Employee Giving Fund and drop off at the Business Office, 600 North Trail.

Thank you for your consideration!

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 (203-377-5435) 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 Kathy Lykens at 203-612-6685.



Exclusive Offer for Oronoque Village Residents

\$150 off any NEW Stairlift Purchase*

Call 833-202-4710 (toll free) to redeem this offer.



*Includes lifetime warranty on motor and drive train. Offer expires December 31, 2019.

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