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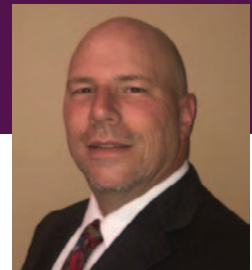


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A MESSAGE FROM THE OVTD PRESIDENT

TD ANNUAL MEETING WITH ELECTION AND VOTING ON BUDGET, MAY 24



Linda Libertino

Good evening everyone. On behalf of the Tax District, I welcome you to the 2022 Annual Meeting in which our main purpose is to elect three directors and four officers to the Board and vote on funding the operating budget for the next fiscal year.

Before we vote on these considerations, I would like to briefly review with you a few of the activities that challenged us this past year.

During the early months of the fiscal year, the Roads Committee, chaired by Director Jonathan Towle and including Directors Tom Aubin and Bill Tanski, worked closely with Fred Rodriguez and Mark Rhatigan to develop a plan to accelerate the repaving of the remaining roads on the North Side and many of the roads on the South Side that need attention. The goal was to establish a project timetable and related cost for repaving these roads in two to three years rather than in the expected six to eight years under historical budget considerations.

We also wanted to take advantage of the relatively low interest rates that were available from banks for this type of project. The repaving plan was then reviewed and analyzed by the Finance Committee for its merits and to establish appropriate loan parameters.

The taxpayers approved the line of credit for the accelerated road project at a Special Meeting of the Tax District on Feb. 1. The line of credit for up to \$1.25 million at 3.5 percent interest was obtained from the Milford Bank. It is to be used during the first three years of the project, and the principal and interest are to be paid off within five years after the line of credit is used up. This important decision emphasizes the Tax District's Board of Directors' team approach and cohesiveness.

This year, also, had its share of uncertainties given that the golf course was for sale. We did not know what to expect, if or when a sale would take place, how the Village would be involved or how the Tax District would be impacted. We were able to monitor the process with Fred Rodriguez keeping us constantly updated. We also had to deal with rising inflation in certain expense areas and several unexpected costly repairs to our water and sewer lines in parts of the Village, particularly Dakota and Iroquois Lanes, which impacted negatively on our working reserves.

I want to thank all the members of the Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the Village in addressing the challenges this year. We are fortunate

that several directors have held important financial positions in private business, and some also have served in different municipal capacities. Their backgrounds and experiences are an asset to Oronoque Village. It is paramount that the residents of Oronoque know that we try to, always, make the best appropriate business decisions that will benefit the community, its property and its residents.

Many thanks to Fred Rodriguez, our executive director, and to Mark Rhatigan, our director of maintenance operations, and their support staffs. With their guidance and professional recommendations, we accomplished our main goal of accelerated road paving and monitored the infrastructure failings that continued to occur over the last year.

I thank Tom Aubin, TD vice president, for his ongoing support and assistance.

Tom Becker was extremely helpful as our finance chairperson and treasurer. Tom Becker was instrumental in working with Fred to secure the Milford Bank line of credit for the road project.

I want to specifically thank Director Ray Vermette. His wisdom and sound advice in Connecticut municipality law and applicable business practices greatly assisted us to have a successful year. I personally thank Ray for always being there for me and the residents of the Tax District.

Tonight, you will be electing three candidates, screened by the Nominating Committee, to three director positions with terms of three years each.

First: Jonathan Towle, who has served as a director for the past three years and also served as chair of the Roads Committee and clerk of the Tax District.

The second candidate, Barbara Davis, is relatively new to the Village, having moved here from Madison, Conn. She has a graduate degree in business and an extensive resume working for many years in international investment banking on Wall Street. After her retirement, she served on various municipal boards and community activities in Madison.

The third candidate, Dan Kanner, is a certified public accountant, self-employed, having many years of accounting and auditing experience for small businesses and individual clients. Dan also has been active on various municipal committees in Westport and has served as a member of OVCA's Finance Committee.

All three directors were elected unanimously by the 59 residents who were in attendance.

The four current officers of the Tax District and Board of Directors have been screened by the Nominating Com-

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO OVCA BOARD MEETING FORMAT

OVCA President Jim Rapaport has announced the following changes will be made to upcoming OVCA Board meetings:

- During the June 21 OVCA Board meeting, committee reports will be summarized into presentations that last no longer than 3 minutes.
- Beginning with the July 19 OVCA Board meeting, all committee reports will be submitted to the Business Office before the agenda is sent out to Board members. The reports will be distributed to residents along

with the agenda that goes out via eblast. The agenda and board reports also will be posted on the website, www.oroquevillage.com.

Important:

- OVCA Board meetings will be held at the South Clubhouse, beginning with the June 21 OVCA Board meeting, which begins at 7 p.m.
- The format of the meetings will not change. Open Forums will be followed by a roll call and discussions of old and new business. The meetings will conclude with a Closing Forum.

mittee and are seeking re-election to their current positions for another one-year term. These officers are Jonathan Towle for position of clerk, Tom Becker for position of treasurer, Tom Aubin for position of vice president and Linda Libertino for the position of president. These candidates for leadership positions provide the Tax District with a great deal of experience and stability in dealing with the issues facing us in the next fiscal year.

All four officers were elected unanimously by the 59 residents who were in attendance.

Tom Becker made a motion to fund the 2022-2023 budget and that \$2,148,623 in revenues be raised

through a mill rate of \$15.17 on the assessed value of OV Units determined by the Town of Stratford.

The motion was accepted unanimously by the 59 residents who were in attendance.

Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little, together so much." To me, that sums up the Tax District ... working together for the benefit of our Village.

I would like to thank all of our veterans for their service especially those who reside at Oronoque Village.

Please continue to be safe and let's enjoy the summer season with all our wonderful amenities in our beautiful Village.





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NOTICE: PLEASE OBSERVE THE GOLF COURSE WALKING HOURS

For safety's sake, residents may walk on the Oronoque Country Club golf cart path before 7 a.m. and after 8 p.m. Otherwise, walkers risk being hit by a high-velocity golf ball as people use the course for play.

SCULPTURE SHOW ON SIOUX LANE

The 3rd Annual Summer Outdoor Sculpture Show will take place on Saturday, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sioux Lane. (Rain date, Sunday, July 3.)

Residents are invited to take a stroll and enjoy the works of the sculpture class at Oronoque Village. The art is varied, original and beautiful!

The artists will be on-site and will enjoy participating in discussions about their ideas and work. At noon, there will be a short demonstration of the patinas — colors — that are possible with sculpture.

This is a no-charge event. Come and enjoy! Questions? Contact Wendy Swain at wendysw10s@gmail.com or 203-386-9125.

CALL FOR ART: 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT'



The theme for the OV Arts Guild's summer art show is "Food for Thought," which can be all about food (such as a still life or a scene that has to do with food) or a food sculpture. But, also, consider the broader meaning of "food for thought" as something that warrants serious consideration or is worthy of contemplation. What is meaningful to you, what do you care about, what makes you joyful?

All mediums are welcome. The opening reception for this show is on Sunday, July 10, at 4 p.m. in the SCB Lounge.

The artwork will be collected on July 1 from 10 to 11 a.m. at SCB. Hanging artwork must be wired across the back of the piece; three-dimensional work can be displayed on a pedestal.

If you need assistance or special arrangements, contact Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373 or email barbsmt@yahoo.com.

Note: If your art depicting food, please do not submit snapshots of the latest amazing meal at your favorite restaurant!

WATER AEROBICS BEGINS JUNE 27



Water aerobics sessions will take place in the heated South pool beginning June 27.

Classes will take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10-11 a.m., through Sept 2.

Sign up for the season begins June 27 at 9 a.m. (session to follow). There is a \$10 gratuity.

Questions? Call Merrilees at 203-378-8753 or Loretta at 203-387-9994.

TAI CHI BEGINS ON JUNE 20

The second session of Tai Chi begins on Monday, June 20, and ends on July 25. There will be no class on July 4. Classes will take place 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the SCB auditorium. Jonathan Davis will emphasize work on increasing strength and energy with focus on the heart and mind. Cost is \$60 for six sessions.

To join, call Lucy Clifford at 203-644-7710 or email lmclifford@yahoo.com

TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP IS DELAYED BY JULY 4 HOLIDAY

Trash and recycling pickup is delayed by a day when holidays fall on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

The Independence Day holiday on Monday, July 4, will delay trash & recycling pickup until Thursday, July 7.

The following is a list of holidays observed by our trash collector, Oak Ridge, and how the holidays will impact trash and recycling collection in this community:

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 (Pickup will occur on Thursday, Sept. 8).

Thanksgiving, Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24 and 25 (No change in pickup schedule)

Christmas, Monday, Dec. 26 (Pickup will occur on Thursday, Dec. 29).

New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 (Pickup will occur on Thursday, Jan. 5.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

COMMISSION ON AGING WILL REACT TO SUGGESTIONS ...

THE PROCESS CONTINUES FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD

By **Stephaine Fians**
Member, Commission on Aging Focus Group

Now that the interviews are complete for the Town of Stratford's focus groups on aging, the Commission on Aging is moving forward and working with volunteers to create a master list of recommendations for a strategic plan.

The data collected during the focus groups is the input for the Town to consider for the 55+ community. Short-, intermediate- and long-term goals will make for a solid model, which will include action steps in an outlined form along with the dates for accomplishment clearly stated. A major component of this process is the consideration of the needs and resources available to the Town. It should be noted, once again, that the Mission Statement of the Commission on Aging will be the driving force behind the assessment findings and how they will be implemented.



The Mission Statement is as follows: "To study the conditions and needs of the elderly persons in the community in relations to housing, economic, employment, health, recreation and other matters. It shall analyze the services for the aged provided by the community, both by public and private agencies, and shall make recommendations to the Town Council regarding the development and integration of public and private agencies, in cooperation with state and other services to the extent possible.

The recommendations include communication methods, Baldwin Center activities, housing supports, financial assistance, transportation and caregiver respite. Community members were asked to review the summary, prepared by Chanana Consulting, LLC and submit questions or comments to Nina Chanana for evaluation.

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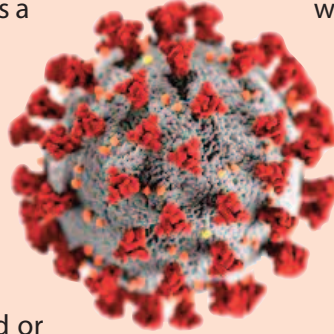
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS 'COVID 19 SHARING SESSION'


The Stratford Health Department presents a "Covid 19 Sharing Session" on Wednesday, June 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South End Community Center, 19 Bates St.

The Health Department is looking for residents to participate in a nonjudgmental, open conversation about COVID 19 and vaccination to understand why individuals may choose or not choose to be vaccinated or



up-to-date with COVID 19 boosters. All points of view are welcome.

To register, visit the South End Community Center in-person, email health@townofstratford.com or call 203-385-4090.

A free lunch and gift cards will be offered to participants. 

ACTIVITIES

EDITOR'S NOTE: *To ensure accuracy, information submitted to The Villager must be sent 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 July 1, 2022, is June 20 at noon.*

BOCCE

- Bocce is played on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon, at NCB.

CURRENT EVENTS

- The Current Events Discussion Group meets in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on June 22, July 6 and July 20.

DOLLCRAFTERS

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

DROP-IN BRIDGE

- Drop-in Bridge takes place on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the NCB Lounge. All levels of bridge players are encouraged to attend; no need to bring a partner. There is no fee to participate. For information, please contact Wendy Swain at 203-386-9125. Proof of vaccination required.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

- The Ladies Bible Study welcomes all resident women. Proof of vaccination is not required, but nonvaccinated ladies must wear masks. There are no fees to join. Purchasing study materials is optional. Meetings are on the second and fourth Fridays in the NCB Board Room from 10:30 to noon (excluding July and August.) Questions? Call Angie McKelvey (203-227-3222) or Tina Vermette (203-375-0291).

LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS

- Low-impact exercise classes, taught by Renee Zinn, are held at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays at NCB. Bring weights and water. Proof of vaccination and masks are required. Those without proof of booster shots must wear masks.

QUILTING GROUP

- Village quilters meet at the NCB Card Room on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

- Tea, Talk, and Crafts meets at 1 p.m. on Thursdays next to the kitchen at SCB Annual dues are \$10. Questions? Call Irene Sanzone at 203-378-2010. Vaccinated members only. Please show proof.

WRITER'S GROUP

- The OV Writer's Group is comprised of writers who enjoy the challenges of writing and of sharing their work in a trusted environment. Members commit to attending workshops twice a month in a respectful, supportive and professional environment with hopes of expanding their writing and publishing horizons. Our members include published authors and hobbyists. Our works include essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, treatises, humorous tales, heart-wrenching histories. The group meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the Card Room at SCB. For information, contact Mary von Ziegesar at MvonZ@optonline.net or call 203-767-9760.

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OPENING OF POOL SEASON CELEBRATED AT THE SOUTH CLUBHOUSE

Story by Sonya DeBiase ~ Photo by Mary Scully

The weather, once again, was not conducive for this year's pool opening.

Although the air temperature was warm on May 28, the threat of hazardous thunderstorms prevented entry into the pool. Still, at least 20 brave souls showed up at the South Clubhouse to celebrate the opening of the pools.

There was, however, a silver lining when the sun came out at 4 p.m. and six of us went out for the initial dip into the comfortable heated pool before returning to the card-room for more drinks and appetizers.

All had a fun time, not letting the weather dampen our spirits.

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CORRECTION TO JUNE 1 VILLAGER PHOTO CAPTION



In the June 1 Villager article about the 50th Anniversary Galas, an omission occurred in the photo caption that identified the Gala Committee members, pictured above. The correct caption is as follows:

From left, Arline Walton, Debbie Grosso, Barbara Minoff, Linda Eastwood, Committee Chair Cheryl Dwyer, Dee Varholak, Cheryl Comen, Bonnie Usinger and Betty Mulholland.



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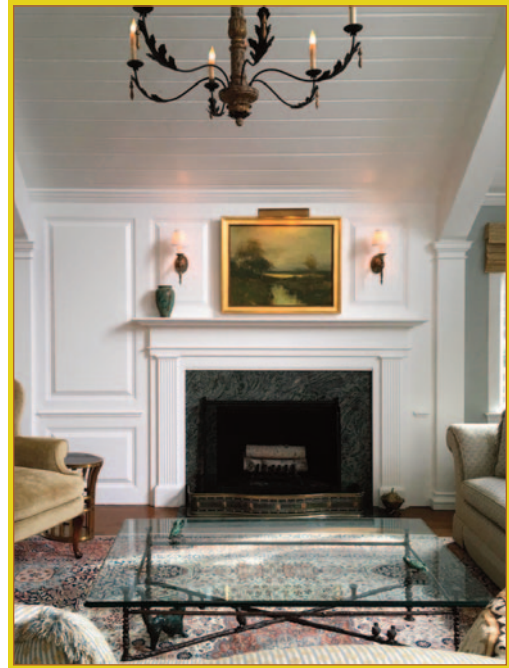
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For the latest on OV news & events, go to www.oronoquevillage.com or OVTV (Channel 591 for those with a cable box and Channel 121-591 for those without a box).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Marry Me*, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 8 Meeting, NCB

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilting Group, NCB, C/R
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 5:30 p.m. – District 10 Meeting, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – BRAVO Meeting, SCB

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- 6:00 p.m. – Weekenders event, NCB

SUNDAY, JUNE 19: No events scheduled

MONDAY, JUNE 20

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 5:30 p.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

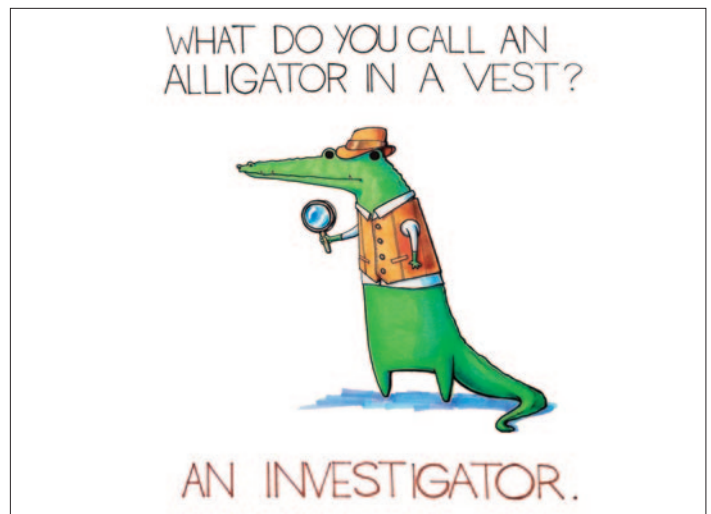
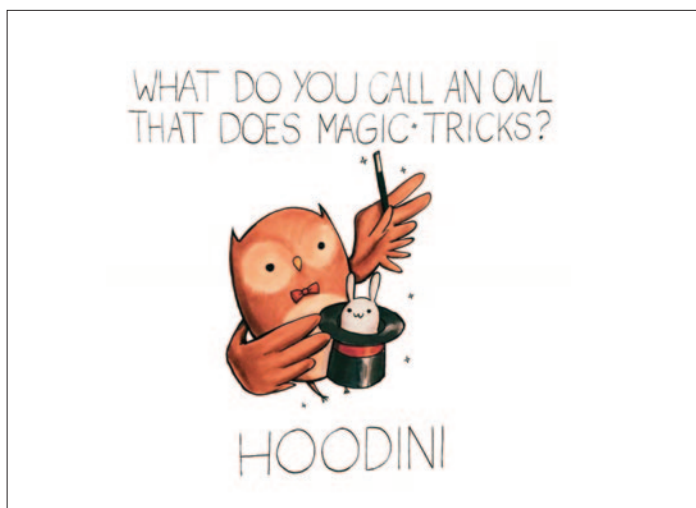
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA Board Meeting, SCB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 7 Meeting, NCB

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 3 Meeting, SCB



UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 3 PLANS A JUNE PICNIC

District 3 will meet on Thursday, June 23, at 6 p.m. at the grill area in back of the SCB to enjoy appetizers with our neighbors. (This part of the gathering is BYOB). Mike Hill will do the honors at the grill and cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Seating for the meal will be outdoors or, if preferred, attendees are welcome to sit inside at the tables. Watch for the flyer in your black box.

DISTRICT 4 NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING

All Villagers are invited to attend the District 4 Summer Neighborhood Gathering on Wednesday, June 29, 6 p.m. at SCB. District Rep Bob Krakovich will open the meeting, followed by summary reports from District Executive Board members.

Guest speaker Bill O'Brien will provide insights from the recently opened Stratford Veteran's Museum. The mission statement is to recognize Stratford's veterans who have served our country honorably and to act as a repository for their stories. Bill also represents Oronoque North on the Stratford Town Council.

Fresh croissants filled with egg, tuna or ham salads, in addition to a tossed salad and beverages, will be served. Lastly, you will also be tempted with homemade desserts. BYOB if you wish.

Cost: \$5 per person if District 4 dues are current, all others \$10 per person. Submit your cash/check payable to District 4, listing attendees name(s) and place it in the District 4 mailbox located in the SCB lobby across from the OV gallery. Deadline is Sunday, June 26. Call Bob Krakovich at 203-752-6105 with questions.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Business & Maintenance Offices Close at 3 p.m.

- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB, B/R
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Karaoke & Dance Party, SCB

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- 9:00 a.m. – Alzheimer Walk registration, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Alzheimer Walk, SCB

SUNDAY, JUNE 26: No events scheduled

MONDAY, JUNE 27

- 9:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics registration, South Pool
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 5:30 p.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Healthy Lifestyle Discussion, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Card Game, Brosowsky, SCB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South pool
- 1:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 4 Meeting, SCB

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Event, SCB

FRIDAY, JULY 1

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool
- 10:00 a.m. – Arts Guild, collection for summer show, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – SAC's "It's 5 O'clock Somewhere," NCB

TOMORROW'S CHILD

By Robert Katz

Watch the world thru a child's eyes
And tell me what you see
Do you see love and kindness—
Or hatred and misery.

Listen to life thru a child's ears
And tell me what you hear
Do you hear joy and laughter—
Or sounds of anger and fear.

I still remember my childhood
Though many a year has passed
My youth was spent in innocence
Which made the pleasure last.

The past is a path we all travel
In search of a better tomorrow
It's often rugged and narrow—
With lessons for us to follow.

Let's show our children the virtue
of loving over hate
So then maybe, just maybe, tomorrow
More children won't find it's too late.

WINTER

Anonymous

Our love—like two trees in winter
Bare, leafless branches beating against each other
In the sharp January wind.
Our love—like two trees under
The chill bleak winter skies
With weak sun rays feebly shining down
Incapable of warming the cold frosted trees.
And when spring comes.

Will the cycle of birth and renewal begin once again?
Or will the two trees, ravaged by years
Of drought and disease,
Weakened by the arduous months of winter
Be unable to bud and flower?
Unable to sway their leafy branches together in the spring
wind?
Is it possible that our love will never again
Bloom in the warmth of the spring softness,
But will remain as bare branches of two lifeless trees,
Beating against each other in the March winds?

WANTON WINTER

By Patricia A. Rowe

Powdered sugar Winter
Waiting for your storms
We are not prepared
Yet we accept your harsh reality
Cruel winds whip around our bodies
As we shiver to find shelter

A mere reminder of how exceptional
Your cold can be
Rays of sunshine are usually defeated
in their attempts to melt
the icy "gifts" you send
As we recall snowball fights and holidays past
Those frozen memories still warm
Our Arctic winter hearts

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GOOD MORNING, AMERICA

By Elisabeth Breslav

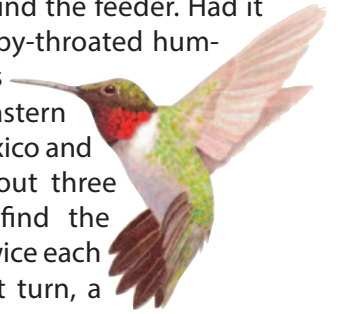
It begins like any other day. A solitary breakfast with coffee, juice, a muffin and the morning paper. I scan the page titled Nation/World. In fat headlines, three articles catch my eye. "Justice to Review Response to Texas School Shooting," "Ukraine: Battles in the East as Zelenskyy Visits Front," "Thousands of Israeli Nationalists Chanting 'Death to Arabs' in Jerusalem." Smaller news items tell me that the Westport Memorial Day Parade will be led by a 105-year-old woman on her birthday, and forecasters predict Connecticut summers are likely going to be hotter than average.

I pour myself a second cup of coffee and tackle the crossword puzzle. I am told that it is important for people living alone to engage in mental gymnastics. An active mind in an active body is supposed to lead us gently into and through our golden years. The puzzle is a cinch the first half of the week, getting harder towards the end, and by Saturday and Sunday can turn into a daunting exercise. In addition, it has the potential of becoming extremely frustrating any day of the week, when the answer to a clue may be perfectly familiar but remains stuck in that area of the brain that sometimes simply refuses to perform on command. When that occurs, one is said to suffer one of those dread senior moments.

But today I seem to be sailing before the wind, until a shadow outside the sliding glass door breaks my concentration. Something flits by, and stops at the little yellow-and-red feeder on the deck. The first hummingbird of the season is honoring me with a visit. I forget all about the puzzle as I watch it doing the rounds of the four nectar stations of the feeder. Sometimes it lands on a little perch to rest, while dipping its pointed beak into the sugary solution. Other times it hovers in flight while feeding, its wings beating so fast that they appear as a blur to the human eye, and sound like a small whirring engine. Like a helicopter, it moves up, down and backs away, all at the same speed.

My tiny visitor appears to be hungry, as it stays for quite

a while, going around and around the feeder. Had it just arrived in the area? The ruby-throated hummingbird, which is the species that is found along the eastern seaboard, winters in Florida, Mexico and Central America. It is only about three inches long. Where does it find the strength for that long journey twice each year? Suddenly there is a swift turn, a swoop up into the air and it is gone.



I do not return to my puzzle, but open the slider and step out onto the deck. I look around me. The feeder is still swaying slightly from its recent encounter with the bird. Down below I discover that the hostas and ferns have grown new fronds and leaves, and I remind myself that it is time to plant the red annuals that will provide added attraction to hummingbirds. I notice that the flowering bulbs are already well beyond their peak performance, but the azalea blossoms are on proud display.

I reflect how marvelously predictable nature is, even when the weather is not. Whether we have an early spring or none at all, cheery daffodils and forsythia show up in April to chase our winter blahs. Summer birds arrive in May as their winter counterparts go north. Trees and shrubs leaf out and bloom, and bees and butterflies turn up for duty as pollinators to make sure the cycle will repeat itself.

In all creation, only humans have gained the power to interrupt and alter what at one time was a hunting and gathering existence with clubs and spears as our only weapons. While birth and death are still immutable milestones, the time in between allows for adaptation to a variety of habitats, behavior patterns and functions. Free will allows us to choose between different options and select our own value system. To an extent far greater than among any other plant and animal species, we are master of our destiny. Homo Sapiens, wise and intelligent man!

I go back inside and gather the newspaper pages. I put them in the recycling bin so they can be collected and used to make pulp for more papers. Papers that will carry a puzzle to keep my mind active, and bring me important news from all around the world under scary headlines. **OV**



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Wednesday, 9-11 a.m.

Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Monitors maintain a presence at the South Clubhouse, spending 2 hours a week in the office. Responsibilities include checking visitors in and out, participating in the Call-In Program and assisting with the Movie Club Home Loan Program.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Katly Lukens at wkluken@comcast.net / 203-612-6685.



Presents

Our new Summer Art Show

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Opening Reception
Sunday, July 10
4pm SCB



**The Pickleball Club Presents the OV Alzheimer's Mini Walk at SCB
Saturday, June 25, Registration - 9:00AM * Walk -10:00AM around South Trail**



Suggested donation of \$10 per walker. Additional donations are welcome!

There are 3 Ways to Donate:

- ***Put your donation check (made out to Alzheimer's Association CT) in the Pickleball Club mailbox at NCB***
- ***Use this OV Team link to donate online: <http://act.alz.org/goto/OronoqueVillage>***
- ***Bring your check to SCB on June 25***

Please bring friends & family and help us raise funds to fight this disease and/or ask friends and family to sponsor you by donating to help us raise funds.

The funds we raise will be used within Fairfield County to provide research and services for people with Alzheimer's disease, which affects more than 6 million people, with 800,000 people in Connecticut.

The end of Alzheimer's starts with YOU!

For further information, please contact Barbara: 203-386-0533 or Pat: 203-375-1788



Members attend this event at no charge, *guests pay \$8 at the door.* Proof of vaccination is required to attend. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

Vaccination cards required

**OV Arts Guild presents:
Square One Theatre
Thursday June 30th, 7pm. SCB**

Join us for an exciting *Play Reading*

**"Chapatti", A Lovely Comic
Drama By Christian O'reilly.**



The actors perform a play using minimal sets and holding the script in hand.

Welcome Back Square One!

**BINGO IS AT SCB AT 7 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16**



**Bingo — presented by the
OV Men's Club — is held at SCB
on the third Thursday of each month
(excluding December).**

**Note new start time:
Games now begin at 7 p.m.**

The cost is \$2.50 per card.

**Questions?
Call Sandy Lunt at 203-377-5833**



**The OV Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of
each month at 7 p.m. in the NCB Library.**

The title of the book for the July 6 meeting is *Chances Are* by Richard Russo. This is the story of three old college friends, reunited in their 60s at a beach house where they reflect on their youth and what happened to a woman they all knew and loved.

None of them seem to know what happened to her, which is the mystery that drives the novel. The chapters alternate between the members of the group, each telling a bit of their past and present story, and how they knew The woman and slowly the truth is revealed.

Chances Are introduces a new level of suspense and menace that will quicken the listener's heartbeat throughout this absorbing saga.

A vibrant tropical-themed background featuring large green palm leaves against a blue sky and a blue ocean. In the foreground, a glass of a tropical drink with a red straw and a lime wedge is visible.

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"IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE"
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NEXT EVENT IS JULY 1



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PRESENTS

Summer Cook Out with Fabulous Entertainer **Joey Vincent**

Saturday July 16, 2022 SCB

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SCB Doors open at 5:00 pm, Dinner served at 5:30 pm.

Yummy menu...

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Kettle Chips with Homemade Basil Scallion Dip,
Chicken, Hummel Hot Dogs
& Organic Hamburgers
Red Potato Salad, Speciality Cole Slaw,
Soft Drinks, Coffee/tea
Watermelon &
Orange Coconut Cupcakes



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Reservations required. Tables up to 10 guests. Place names of all guests sitting together with checks in one envelope. Don't have a table? We invite singles, couples and small groups to attend; everyone will be placed at reserved tables. Please note: Funseekers members will have first opportunity to sign up including one non-resident guest per single resident.

Reservations will only be open to members and one guest per single resident from June 16th through June 30th. Starting on July 1st, if there is space availability, member residents may sign up non-resident guests.

Enclose all full names and phone numbers of guests at your table in one envelope. (Checks made out to Funseekers must be enclosed for each reservation) Drop off at NCB Funseekers' mailbox starting on June 16th.



ALL RESERVATIONS WILL CLOSE ON JULY 9TH.

Proof of vaccination and one booster required. However, if you have vaccinations but do not have booster, you may present at the door, a formal Covid test report taken at an official testing site. Test must have been taken within 48 hours of the event.

Questions?
Call Lucy
Clifford
203-644-7710

KARAOKE DANCE PARTY

JUNE 24, 6:30 p.m. at SCB

The theme for June is the 1970s!

Come join D.J. Chris Albino for Karaoke and Dancing. Hear and dance to your favorite songs from the 1970s! Find your leisure suits, club dresses, disco shoes and come out to dance the night away! Karaoke selections should be from the 1970s as well.

**Never a charge or dues to pay.
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Join your neighbors and spread the word.
You don't want to miss this one!**

***Proof of vaccination is required to attend.
BYOB, food and snacks.
Upcoming events are scheduled for
July 29, August 26 & September 23.***



**The Movie Club Presents
Dog
Fri., July 8, 7 pm - NCB
Wed., July 13, 2 pm - SCB**

Two former Army Rangers are paired against their will on the road trip of a lifetime. Army Ranger Briggs (Channing Tatum) and Lulu (a Belgian Malinois dog) buckle into a 1984 Ford Bronco and race down the Pacific Coast in hopes of making it to a fellow soldier's funeral on time.

***\$1 admission includes popcorn -
proof of vaccine required***

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