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Thank you to Gery Cuccaro for providing the cover photo, which was taken during the Pickleball Club's summer barbecue. Pictured are, back row from left: John Staley, Laurie Salvati and Jeanne Hartley. Front row, from left: Carole Guglielmino, Jerry Reece and Patty Kelly. An article about the event and additional photos appear on page 10. The Villager welcomes photo submissions, which must be emailed as high-resolution jpeg images to cking@oronoquevillage.com

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OV TAX DISTRICT PRESIDENT



Linda Libertino

I want to thank the residents who participated in the annual election on May 24. I greatly appreciate your vote of confidence for my third year as the Tax District president. I look forward to serving with my same team, along with two new directors. You also elected Tom Aubin as vice president, Tom Becker as treasurer and Jonathan Towle as clerk. I welcome Dan Kanner

and Barbara Davis to their first meeting serving on the Tax District and we thank you for volunteering your time to help the Village.

I wish to compliment Executive Director Fred Rodriguez and Director of Maintenance Operations Mark Rhatigan for their ongoing professionalism and knowledge in working with the Tax District directors. In addition, I thank the office staffs and the maintenance teams for their ongoing excellent work. The committees under the Tax District do not manage the projects. That is the role for Fred and Mark to fulfill together with any related issues that might arise. The committees are involved with projects by making policy decisions. Fred and Mark then have the responsibility of accomplishing the project goals within policies established by the OVTD Board.

As you know from reading the July 15 Villager article written by Bill Tanski, an Access Control System will be installed in the community during the current fiscal year. As Tax District president, I would not be fulfilling my duties if I did not have Village security as a top-priority. Making an investment of \$29,000 to improve safety for the Villagers is the responsible thing to do. It is a small investment for the security of residents.

We live in a wonderful community where neighbors and friends look after each other, but we must be realistic and understand that we live in a different world today. One of my duties as your OVTD president is to keep our condominium community safe for years to come. As we know, labor shortages -- as well as costs -- prevent us from staffing and monitoring the clubhouses and pools during all hours of operation as we have done in the past. Having controlled access will give peace of mind to those residents using the facilities that anyone entering is a current resident and/or staff member.

Jonathan Towle, Roads Committee chairperson, will give a report on the status of the road project. Mark Rhatigan has sent the road specifications to multiple contractors who we hope will bid on the project. We will have pre-bid meetings during the coming weeks to discuss the scope of work and the project's entirety with the selected contrac-


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tors. We will then be able to announce the roads that Falcon recommends for fall paving.

Mighty Oak Tree and Lawn Care has completed the systemic pesticide injection treatments for the white birch trees. This annual preventive maintenance procedure takes place every June. In addition, our maintenance staff, under the direction of Mark Rhatigan, is continuing to remove diseased trees that are on our property.

Under new business, Ray Vermette made a motion in response to a vote passed by the majority of the OVCA Board members at its meeting on July 19, 2022. Ray's motion read: "I move that the OVTD Board votes its approval to assume the expenses and oversight responsibilities to maintain, care and improve OVCA's outdoor recreational facilities; i.e., pools, racquet and bocce courts, and — for the remainder of this fiscal year — OVCA will reimburse OVTD monthly from its revenues all expenses incurred by OVTD for such services, after which time the expenses for servicing the recreational facilities will be included in OVTD's fiscal budget." Tom Becker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

I made four separate motions to approve the commit-

tees for this year, and Bill Tanski seconded them. All directors voted in favor of the four committees, which are as follows:

Roads Chairperson Jonathan Towle and members Bill Tanski, Tom Aubin, Pete Penny and Barbara Davis

Finance Committee Tom Becker and members Jonathan Towle, Dan Kanner and Ray Vermette

Security and Safety Chairperson Bill Tanski and member Elaine Pivrotto

Trees Chairperson Dennis Caffrey

The mission statement for the Tax District was developed during Ray Vermette's presidency in 2018 and it reads: "Support Oronoque Village residents' property values and lifestyles by maintaining and improving the Village's roads, underground utilities, trees, pest control, safety, street lighting and security with prudent planning and management, and acquire all vehicles and related equipment while providing residents with tax-savings and other benefits available to a Tax District municipal government."

We will continue to plan in all areas of our responsibility and protect your tax dollars carefully with all our recommended projects.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE: RESERVING SPACE IN THE CLUBHOUSES FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

There has been ongoing confusion regarding when reserving clubhouse space takes place. Please note, per OVCA Rules and Regulations, scheduling the use of the clubhouses with the Business Office is as follows:

A.) OVCA/OVTD Boards, Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and Districts have first priority to schedule meetings for the 2023 year, starting with the third Tuesday of September through Oct. 31. Starting Nov. 1, this group no longer has priority booking unless an emergency meeting needs to be called. Please schedule district meetings and SAC events for the entire year.

B.) Clubs, classes and activities may be scheduled for the 2023 year starting Nov. 1 through Nov. 30.

Please note:

- Priority will be given to those clubs that, historically, have a specific monthly date and time for their events in the lounge/ballrooms, i.e., SAC's Five O'clock Somewhere (first Friday of the month, NCB), Bingo (third Thursday evening of the month, SCB), House and Garden (Monday afternoon after first Tuesday of each month, March-May and September-December, SCB), Funseekers (second Tuesday evening of the month, SCB), Karaoke/Dance Party (fourth Friday evening of the month, SCB).
- No two events may take place in the NCB and SCB lounges/ballrooms at the same time.

C.) Card games, private parties, etc., may be scheduled for the 2023 year starting Dec. 1 forward. Games having 12 players or more may reserve a room; games with fewer than 12 players may reserve tables, not a room. Lounges may not be reserved for games but may only be used if no other activity is scheduled. Private parties can only be scheduled on weekends (Saturday/Sunday). Each resident household may book private party space (if available) in the lounge/ballroom with a limit of two bookings per calendar year. The exception to this policy is booking the clubhouse for a bereavement event for an immediate family member. No private party rentals are permitted for the purpose of fundraising, recurring meetings or political affiliation.

An up-to-date calendar can be viewed on the Frontsteps portal, which can be accessed via the Oronoque Village website (www.oronoquevillage.com). To schedule an activity, event, etc., please fill out the Activity Request Form or Private Party Form in the Business Office.

If you have any questions, please contact, Cheryl Dwyer, House Committee chair, at 203-375-4961.



Above: The Yale Slavic Chorus. Below left: Eden Chen, pianist. Below right: Margarita Nuller, pianist, and Adam Grabois, cellist.



PLETMAN CONCERTS RETURN WITH FALL 2022 PROGRAM

By Elisabeth Breslav

Lovers of classical music will be thrilled to know that Pletman Concerts is back with a complete series of Carnegie Hall-level concerts this fall.

September 18: Return performance by piano virtuoso Eden Chen. With a Master’s degree in music from the Juilliard School, Eden’s solo performances have taken him to Italy, Austria, Poland, England and China. Among many others in the U.S., he has given five performances in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, as well as two performances in Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park, Chicago.

Eden’s first recital in Oronoque Village was in October last year when his powerful interpretation of “Rachmaninoff’s Sonata No. 2” led many audience members to beg him to come back soon.

October 16: The Yale Slavic Chorus, a student-run-and-directed vocal ensemble that brings together singers from a variety of cultural and academic backgrounds who share a common passion for Slavic music. Founded in 1969, the

first year of undergraduate co-education at Yale, the Chorus was the college’s first undergraduate women’s performing group. It now welcomes soprano and alto singers of all genders. Performers wear colorful native costumes and present a diverse repertoire that spans the traditions of Bulgaria, Ukraine, Georgia and many other places in Eastern Europe.

November 13: Back by popular demand, Adam Grabois, cellist, and Margarita Nuller, pianist, will once again delight the audience with a program of chamber music.

Adam has a varied career as chamber musician, soloist, teacher and recording artist. He is the cellist of the New York Chamber Soloists Kravis Center. Margarita graduated from the St. Petersburg Conservatory, Russia. Since her arrival in the United States in 1990, she has performed extensively as a soloist and chamber musician in Brazil, Russia, Spain, Portugal and the U.S.

All concerts start at 3 p.m. at the North Clubhouse. Admission is \$5 at the door. Proof of Covid vaccination is required; mask wearing is optional.



ANNOUNCEMENT

DISTRICT 5 TO MEET AUG. 25

The next District 5 meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. at SCB. A supper will be served before the meeting.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2022, please put your checks into the District 5 box at SCB.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING PICKUP WILL BE DELAYED NEXT MONTH

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 5, garbage and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day. Pickup will occur on Thursday, Sept. 8.

FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION OFFERED THROUGH SEPT. 5

Connecticut children age 18 and under, plus one accompanying Connecticut resident adult, can visit participating museums free of charge through the Connecticut Summer at the Museum Program. The program concludes Sept. 5.

Participating museums in Fairfield County include Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield; Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens, Stamford; Boothe Memorial Park and Museum, Stratford; Bruce Museum, Greenwich; cARTie, Shelton; Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport; Danbury Museum; Danbury Railway Museum; Earthplace, Westport; EverWonder Children's Museum, Newtown; Fairfield Museum and History Center; Greenwich Historical Society, Cos Cob; Keeler Tavern Museum, Ridgefield; Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, Norwalk; Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk; Mather Homestead, Darien; MoCA Westport; Museum of Darien; Norwalk Historical Society; Norwalk Seaport Association; Sacred Heart University's Discovery Science Center and Planetarium, Bridgeport; Shelton History Center; Stamford Historical Society; Stepping Stones Museum for Children, Norwalk; Stratford Historical Society; Stratford Veterans Museum and Westport Museum for History & Culture.

For information, visit the Connecticut Tourism Office at <https://www.ctvisit.com/articles/connecticut-summer-museum-2022-free-admission-kids#section-1> or call 888-CTvisit (888-288-4748).

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STANDING OVATION FOR SQUARE ONE READER'S THEATRE

Story by Barbara Stewart ~ Photo by Arline Walton

On June 30, the OV Arts Guild hosted Square One Reader's Theatre at our summer meeting and it was a wonderful experience for everyone.

After a short business meeting, Barbara Stewart introduced Tom Holehan, artistic director of Square One Theatre. Tom told us about the theater company and then introduced the play, explaining the minimal set on stage.

The actors were thrilled with the responsive Oronoque audience and the audience was captivated by the 90-minute play the troupe presented.

After the performance, the actors joined us for the delicious dessert refreshments prepared by the Arts Guild board members.



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 September 1, 2022, is August 19 at noon.*

BOCCE

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

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.

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 Ziege-sar at MvonZ@optonline.net or call 203-767-9760.

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OV PICKLEBALL CLUB ANNUAL SUMMER BARBECUE

Story by Bill Tanski ~ Photos by Gery Cuccaro

On Sunday, July 24, the OV Pickleball Club held its annual summer barbecue in and around NCB. It was reflective of the growth of our club in that it was the largest social gathering in the club's history in OV. We had approximately 95 attendees, up from 60 at our 2021 summer barbecue.

Like all our social events, we lean more to the side of informality, which adds to the fun and friendships among our membership. We drink (beverages of choice!), mingle, talk, mingle some more and then sit among ourselves to enjoy our meal. But, at this barbecue, we added to the fun by making our own ice cream sundaes, too!

Putting together these events is not possible without a lot of hard work from our volunteers. Much thanks goes to our president, Regina Archazki, and vice president, Joanne

Sutphen. Their ceaseless hours of planning, preparation and shopping are invaluable to our success. All of the volunteers draw inspiration from their dedication to our club. We all try, but they succeed. A hot day working over a hot grill is well worth the time and effort on behalf of the OV Pickleball Club.

The photos above (and on the cover of this magazine) show our comradeship and enthusiasm for our sport and club. One of the great attributes of pickleball is the mixing of athleticism with sociality. This was certainly on display at our barbecue. We play hard (or try to) and then have fun together. We're friends, neighbors and competitors, woven together by our love of our sport. Because of all that, in its mere 8 years at OV, pickleball has made its mark as one of the fastest-growing clubs in the Village.

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CALENDAR

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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).

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-In Bridge, NCB

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *The Lost City*, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker. SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilting Group, NCB
- 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. – Gerry's Poker, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 3:30 p.m. – BRAVO rehearsal, SCB

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

- 6:00 p.m. – SAC Pool Party, SCB

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21: No events scheduled

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 2 Meeting, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 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, AUGUST 24

- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South pool



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man who lost his left side?**

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SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER 2 HADASSAH EVENT

Hadassah invites the community to attend a showing of the movie, "Come From Away," on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. in the South Clubhouse.

"Come From Away" is the filmed version of the award-winning Broadway musical that tells the story of 7,000 people stranded in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, after all flights into the U.S. are grounded on Sept. 11, 2001.

As the people of Newfoundland graciously welcome the "come from aways" into their community in the aftermath, the passengers and locals alike process what's happened while finding love, laughter and new hope in the unlikely and lasting bonds that they forge.

Reservations are required. Details to follow in the Sept. 1 Villager.



- 3:30 p.m. – BRAVO rehearsal, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB
- 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 5 Meeting, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Gerry's Poker, SCB

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Karaoke & Dance Party, SCB

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27: No events scheduled

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28: No events scheduled

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilting Group, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – House Committee, NCB
- 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. – Gerry's Poker, SCB

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – It's 5 O'clock Somewhere

OV WINE CLUB SUMMER SAMPLING

Story by Bill Tanski ~ Photo by Dorothy Tanski

OV's Wine Club's summer "meeting" occurred at NCB on Thursday evening, July 28. Just like many of our previous gatherings, we had another "sold-out" event.

Our July event had a few "firsts." It was the first without our usual "wine tutor," Len Gulino. Len has been our teacher and mentor since the beginning of the OV Wine Club six years ago. He's earned a well-deserved retirement and we all wished him well. But it was the "first" with our new wine steward, Michelle DeWyngaert.

With a last name that translates literally to "of the vineyard" and with Len's legacy, Michelle had a lot on her shoulders. But she came through in flying colors and impressed us all with her knowledge and presentation. We look forward to building a relationship with her as we did with Len.

We had another first in that we've never sampled German and Austrian wines. Now, I'd be the first to admit that when I think of wines of those areas, I think of Riesling ... and ... beer! That's it! I had a lot to learn.

Our evening started with a dry cool Austrian rose, called Weingut Bründlmayer Zweigelt. It was followed by a cool refreshing Austrian white, called Schloss Gobelsburg Kamptal Gruner Veltiner. (I suggest you write down these names before you walk into a wine store!)

I commented that these wines were light enough for breakfast, which raised some eyebrows. But, I reminded everyone that Winston Churchill had a glass of light wine with breakfast. He didn't do too bad, having helped win World War II.

I did learn that pairing a dry riesling with spicy Thai food is a great combination. The subtle sweetness of the wine creates a marriage with the exotic spices of Asia. Merged together, the offspring is a meal of blended perfection.

And, who knew? We may think of pinot noir as primarily



from Burgundy, France or the Russian River Valley of California. But a German Koehler Ruprecht Pinot Noir Kabinett Trocken has the quality to enhance any Thanksgiving dinner or special meal. It'd rival any pinot anywhere at any time.

Now, if you're having dinner with "Don Draper" ("Mad Men"), you may want a robust full-bodied wine to accompany your steak or roast. The Austrian Weingut Prieler Johanneshöhe Blaufränkisch fits the bill. It's a bit stronger versus the other wines, and hearty as a roast on a spit.

Like I said, best to write down these wines when going to your store!

As all our events have ended during all these years, we brought out Dorothy Tanski's homemade cookies when sampling was done. But the mingling continued with a bit more wine sampling and a lot of warm conversations with neighbors and friends. And, until we meet again in November, remember there's a riesling for everything. OV

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FACEBOOK REMINDER & POSTING TIPS

Reminder to Residents: OV Connections, the community Facebook page, is supported, regulated and administered by Oronoque Village.

Please note that Oronoque has full content control over the postings on this page and will remove any/all postings that do not conform to the regulatory social media guidelines that were established by the community. The purpose of this medium is to assist in the lifestyle enhancement of residents of Oronoque Village.


Please review the Oronoque Village Social Media Guidelines, as follows:

The site is not designed for Oronoque Official Business information, but rather is a social media site of Oronoque Village. It is an inter-Village social site.

The site is private and only available to residents. Residency must be verified by an administrator prior to allowing membership in the site.

The purpose of the site is to enhance and accelerate communication among our residents. The site is a vehicle to enhance social interaction among residents, encourage and promote organizations, events and social groups within Oronoque Village. Importantly it will aim to help new residents with their orientation to Oronoque Village and the surrounding area.

The site does not allow any Oronoque Village, local, state or national political and/or religious views, comments or opinions to be posted. It will also not allow critical comments directed towards any individual, representative, group, office, club or organization within Oronoque Village. If comments are posted, they will be removed as soon as possible by the site administrator.

Postings containing any offensive material or commentary will also be removed as soon as possible by the site administrator. Restaurant reviews are allowable. 

FACEBOOK POSTING SUGGESTIONS

By Jo Bryant



The convenience and immediacy of social networking can easily allow us to forget our manners. Follow these 10 essential steps to good Facebook etiquette to ensure you socialize without offending others or regretting your actions.

1. Think before you post: Every post should be considered carefully. A status update that is inappropriate, rude, embarrassing or offensive may haunt you forever.

2. Protect your online persona: Privacy settings should be watertight. A potential new boss may think twice if photos of your Saturday-night antics are just a Google-search away.

3. Respect other people: Think before you post or tag others in embarrassing photographs; they may be uncomfortable with it. Never gossip about other people on your timeline.

4. Unfriend with caution: Your timeline may be clogged with updates from little-known "friends," but it's best to cleanse by muting rather than risk offending by unfriending.

5. Socialize when sober: Drunken rants, impulsive messaging, heartbroken outpourings -- social networking after a glass too many is prone to both ridicule and regret.

6. Cover your tracks: Be cautious of check-ins if you have fibbed to friends or colleagues about your plans; similarly be careful of tagging others and revealing their whereabouts.

7. Status-change with certainty: Only update your relationship status when you are 100 percent sure of the union/split/reunion. Changing it back would cause even more gossip.

8. Save the bad stuff: The public nature of Facebook makes it unsuitable for conveying sensitive or bad news. If it's important, take the time to telephone or meet face-to-face instead.

9. Keep it private: When contacting people directly, avoid posting onto someone's wall. Keep the conversation between the two of you and send a private message instead.

10. Do I even know you? Remember, you don't know all your Facebook friends that well, so avoid over-sharing or posting intimate information. And never friend strangers: it's always weird.

Source: www.huffpost.com

About the author: Jo Bryant is a British etiquette consultant. She spent a decade at Debrett's (a British professional coaching company, publisher and authority on etiquette and behavior) as an etiquette tutor, and is the author of more than 15 books on etiquette.

WORK FROM THE OV WRITER'S GROUP

SONGS IN MY LIFE

By Peter Geltner

Listening to songs has been a big part of my life. When I was six years old and lying in a bed in a hospital, a nurse placed a nice one on a record player. I heard "Twinkle-Twinkle-Little-Star" for the first time. I was so excited. When my mother came to visit, I told her about this. She did not seem impressed. That is one reason why I never danced with the stars.

Years later, when I was in school, a teacher asked me what my favorite song was. I answered, "Tritsch Tratsch Polka," of course. Everyone looked at me with bewilderment. They said that I wasn't anything like a hound dog, that I would never catch a rabbit, and that they were not friends of mine. I told them not to be cruel. They were uttering a lot of hocus pocus, and their comments would always be on my mind.

Other songs have strange lyrics. Why would anyone have a pocket full of rye? If twenty-four blackbirds were baked in a pie, it must be an enormous pie, so why was it a dainty dish? And how could baked blackbirds sing when

the pie was opened? The king must have been totally amazed.

Some songs gave me information of which I was unaware. I now know that mares eat oats and does eat oats and little lambs and kids eat ivy. I am surprised that lambs and kids do not eat oats. Why would they eat ivy instead? I like oats, but I really consider myself to be a muffin man. Thus, I would not mind having breakfast at Tiffany's.

Many songwriters were forced to change their lyrics by their managers. One of these was sitting in her living room and wearing a dressing gown. She was staring out a window when a flock of birds landed on her roof. She immediately started writing the lyrics "Don't let the poop come down, my roof has a hole in it, they'll soil my gown." Her manager said this was inappropriate. This temporarily drained her mind. She was afraid that someone would be coming to take her away.

I am very happy that I am not a walrus or a horse with no name or in love with a muskrat. How bizarre is that? I would never poison a pigeon in a park or anywhere else. I try to respect myself.

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RESIDENT POETRY

WALK WITH ME

By Patricia A. Rowe

Autumn moon I miss your nighttime splendor
Cool evening breezes gently forcing me
to pluck
my sweater from its hook
Leaves
magnificent colors and shapes
crunching under my feet

As I walk toward you
a feeling of calm
pours over me each harvest time
Fruit trees are bare from picking
Flowers that blossomed with pride
now wait to fall onto a peaceful earth
Autumn you bring a welcome end
to steamy summer months
You show me the way
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**BINGO IS AT SCB AT 7 P.M.
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**Bingo — presented by the
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on the third Thursday of each month
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Games 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 book for Sept. 7 is *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf. *Mrs. Dalloway* takes place over the course of a single day in a woman's life in 1920s London.

Virginia Woolf's supple and mesmerizing account of an ordinary day draws the reader into the minds, perceptions, and emotions of an astonishingly varied and vivid cast of characters. Woolf reminds us that each day, hour, and even minute of our lives harbors the potential to transform us and those around us.

The novel ranks among those rare, timeless books that speak to us anew with each reading.



Annual Meeting & Entertainment *Michael Coppola and Maria Tiscia* **Thursday, September 8, 2022 7pm NCB** Doors open at 6:30

A true virtuoso, Michael Coppola has recorded seven CDs and played at major music venues, including The Classic American Guitar show, The Philly Guitar Show, The Montreal Jazz Festival and The Chet Atkins Festival in Nashville.

Michael will perform with vocalist Maria Tiscia, who worked in TV and radio doing commercials with the late jazz musician Don Elliot. Through her association with Elliot, she worked on movie scores and projects for Quincy Jones.



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1:00 pm SCB

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 September 9, 7 p.m., NCB
 September 14, 2 p.m., SCB**

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