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On the cover: Maintenance crews were on-site and in action during OV Cleanup Day on May 20. With staff assistance, residents were able to make use of dumpsters at SCB, paper shredding at NCB and the onboarding of keyless access devices in the South Clubhouse lobby.



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE OVCA PRESIDENT

**MAY 16, 2023**



Bob Grosso

My warmest wishes to you, your families and friends as we celebrate our nation's military all of whom are heroes on this Memorial Day weekend. We are eternally grateful for their grit, determination and sacrifice for our beloved country. We pray for peace and say "thank you" to our veterans while we pay

somber tribute to our fallen heroes.

**2023/24 Budget Approval/Process:** Effective communication is so important on so many levels. In preparation of this year's budget process, we wanted to provide residents opportunities to understand, learn, and ask questions regarding the budgeting process.

The critical milestones in this process started back in the fall of 2022.

*Oct. 27, 2022:* A Town Hall Meeting with the OVCA Treasurer Ken Colman. Ken walked through the monthly financial document explaining each line while answering both interpretation inquiries as well as specific inquiries related to the data.

*Feb. 21, 2023:* We had a preliminary budget discussion for the 2023/2024 budget led by Mark Rhatigan and Diane Roche, who provided "The 9 Key Elements" in preparing the OVCA budget, along with some details and a projected percent increase. The meeting concluded with many resident questions and answers from Mark and Diane. Residents' post-feedback was excellent.

*April 18, 2023:* The OVCA 2023/2024 budget was approved at last month's board meeting.

The budget process concluded last week with:

*May 9, 2023:* General Meeting of Owners Budget was successfully held.

*May 11, 2023,* Budget Meeting Rejection Vote was also successfully held.

Last, a huge shout-out to Mark, Diane and his team for preparing the budget and guiding us through this very im-

portant and tedious process. The Finance Committee, the OVCA Board and the residents thank them for their hard work preparing and reviewing the financial material.

I feel strongly that it is always better to over-communicate. Under-communication breeds frustrations and rumors from a lack of understanding. Toward this end residents can now access our financial statement on the OV website for both OVCA and OVTD.

One of the major changes that we have been discussing and budgeting for is contracting with a third-party service that will provide both payroll processing and HR solutions. Mark and his team have been vetting companies and we are very close to deciding and executing a contract and being operational by August 2023.

**HR Committee Update:** Tom Ward is replacing Diane Pivrotto. We thank Diane for her service.

Tom and his wife, Amy Plapp, moved to Oronoque in January 2022 from Colorado Springs. He joined the Central Intelligence Agency and worked there for 35 years, retiring in 2001. His work experience has required a high degree of sensitivity to confidentiality. Tom has been a lifelong amateur musician. He currently plays in the Milford Concert Band and sings in the choir at the Unitarian Society of New Haven. Most importantly for Oronoque Village, Tom and Amy assumed the stewardship of Oronoque's Pletman Concerts this past December.

**Meeting with Mayor Laura Hoydick:** On May 3, Mark and I met with the mayor and her chief administrative officer, Chris Tymniak. The topics ranged from the flood zone, Blackhawk Country Club, future energy plans, the Oronoque Lane four-way stop sign, business development, Town budget, taxes, Memorial Day and the re-institution of a Town Hall Meeting with the mayor and some of her team. The event will be scheduled sometime in the mid-June time frame and will include Town updates and a resident Q&A forum.

**Summer 2023 New Resident Orientation Meeting:** We are currently planning the next new resident meeting. Stay tuned.

**May 23, 2023 - OVTD Upcoming Annual Meeting,**

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**Elections and Budget Approval, be an informed, educated voter:** My concluding comments tonight are about a budget issue I feel compelled to explain more fully to residents. The Tax District budget for the next fiscal year has an increase of 7.33 percent. Eblasts and other communications from the Tax District stated that if not for \$50,000 transferred from OVCA to the Tax District, this increase would have been 5.01 percent (2.32 percent impact), while OVCA's would have increased from 3.22 percent to 4.14 percent.

The transfer of these funds from OVCA to OVTD was not done at the request of OVCA, rather it was initiated by the former Executive Director with the concurrence of the OVTD and OVCA to find savings by eliminating the payment of sales tax.

The \$50,000 amount has two pieces. The first is an amount of about \$19,000 for labor for which there are no sales-tax savings and the second is an amount of \$31,000 for expenses associated with the outdoor recreational facilities, such as pool chemicals. According to our accounting office, the sales tax savings on that amount is estimated to be about \$1,969.

When it became evident that the Tax District was having a problem completing the road project with the funds it had borrowed and had no clear plan for how this will be resolved, I offered, after consulting with Mark Rhatigan, to take the \$50,000 back into the OVCA budget to allow the Tax District to use that amount of money to fund the road reserve account, which will be fully depleted by the end of the year and which is currently budgeted to have only \$40,000 contributed for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The Tax District Budget increase would have remained at 7.33 percent, caused by relieving the TD for the outdoor facilities expenses and allowing them to use that \$50,000 to bolster the road reserve account. The response I received from the Tax District to this request was, "Thank you, but we are not interested." Facts and truth matter!

I am mentioning this tonight because I think this was a lost opportunity for the two boards to work together to mitigate a difficult problem, namely the roads. The \$1,969 tax savings is attractive, but the costs of completing the roads and driveways at a future date, given that costs are unlikely

**FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE:  
PLEASE DO NOT THROW GREASE OR FOOD  
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Grease and food are clogging our sink pipes in the NCB and SCB kitchens. We have had to obtain plumbing services multiple times.

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Thank you.

to be less will very likely erase those savings. For this reason, I continue to feel that this change would benefit residents in the long run, and I am disappointed that it was refused.

This is our Village. Please take the time to vote. OVTD Directors are elected for three-year terms. Every year three of the nine Director positions become available. For the first time in a very long time, there are alternative candidates on the ballot. Regardless of who wins the OVTD election, we need to communicate openly and effectively with the residents of the Village. It is very important to learn about the candidates, ask questions, attend Candidates' Night on May 18 prior to casting your ballot Tuesday May 23.

Finally, a belated very happy Mother's Day who are also heroes!

**Motions Made:** The Board unanimously approved the temporary rules and hours of operation established by the House Committee and Executive Director for the clubhouses after implementing the access control system. These temporary rules will be revisited to validate their efficacy and review unit owner feedback no later than the October OVCA Board meeting.

The Board also agreed to send notice to unit owners for their feedback on the proposed changes to Communications Committee rules that would allow the use of robocalls and eblasts by District Representatives for their respective Districts. A vote to approve those rules changes will be on the June OVCA Board meeting agenda.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OVRTD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE RESULTS

The results of the 589 ballots cast during the May 23 OVRTD Election & Budget vote are as follows, per our auditor Glenn Nanavaty of Nanavaty, Davenport, Studley & White, LLP.

### President:

Tom Aubin, 229 votes  
**Sabine Curry 342 votes**

### Vice President

**Ronald Ciecko, 362 votes**  
Linda Libertino, 215 votes

**Treasurer: Thomas Becker, 451 votes**

### Clerk:

**Janice Nachbar, 362 votes**  
Jonathan Towle, 206 votes

**\* Jonathan Towle fills the vacant the Director position**

**Director:** Frank Spodnick, 404 votes

**Approve Recommended 2023-24 Budget and Mill Rate**  
**Yes, 304 votes**  
No, 190 votes

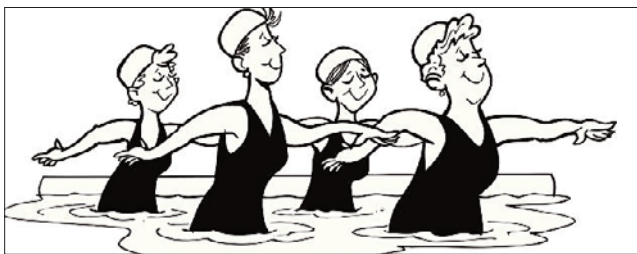
## THE COMMISSION ON AGING TO PRESENT FINDINGS ON JUNE 22

The Commission on Aging will present findings from the Needs Assessment study completed by the Town's focus groups. OV took part in this process with six residents forming a focus group.

This meeting will be on June 22 at 4 p.m. in the North Clubhouse. Light refreshments will be served.

Questions? Call Stephanie Fians at 203-258-7445.

## WATER AEROBICS BEGINS JUNE 26: YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE



Come join us and splash. Bring your fobs and pool pass! On Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays -- June 26-Sept. 1 -- water aerobics classes will take place at the South heated pool from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10. Classes are open to OV residents only. Questions? Call Merrilees 203-378-8753.

Sign up begins at 9 a.m. on June 26 at the heated pool.

## AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASSES

AARP Safe Driving classes have resumed at Oronoque Village. Please sign up with the Business office at 600 North Trail. Class dates are June 7, Aug. 9 and Oct 11. The fee for AARP members is \$20, nonmembers pay \$25.

## SPRING/SUMMER 2023 VENDOR LIST IS IN THIS ISSUE

A new Vendor List has been inserted in this edition of The Villager. The publication features business card-size advertisements from an array of vendors, ranging from air conditioning specialists to carpenters, plumbers and personal service providers.

Please be mindful that the companies included on this new list are paid advertisers. While we are providing this list to you as a convenience, we are not endorsing any of the products or services that are advertised.

We update this list on a semi-annual basis and recommend that you retain the current list for your records.

Before hiring a contractor or any service personnel, it is imperative that residents review the following guidelines:

1. Always get references.
2. Always get written estimates and specifications.
3. Establish a payment schedule. Never pay it all up front. Always watch out for deals that are "too good to be true."
4. Get more than one bid for your project.
5. Check with the Connecticut Dept. of Consumer Protection (860-713-6100) to see if there are any negative reports regarding a vendor.

# THE MEN'S CLUB STARTS POST-COVID RECOVERY WITH A NAME CHANGE!

Story by Nick Harding ~ Art designed by Arline Walton

During a general membership meeting on April 13, the Oronoque Village Men's Club membership elected a new board and slate of officers and adopted a new playful name: Guys and Dolls. The Bingo session on April 20 kicked off the 2023 membership drive by recruiting 56 new members!

The Board's goal is to renovate this fine social and service organization by forming committees devoted to each of its historic popular activities. Our start was a little late to organize a Derby Party and adequately advertise it for 2023, but we will get committees organized to get the following activities scheduled: pancake breakfast, attendance at sporting events, casino trips (if the casinos get back to giving perks), service to the community (supporting events such as the Tax District election), guest speakers, start of the World Series party, the Super Bowl Party, etc.

We will ask members to lead or join some of these committees. Many members have already shown willingness to participate to get this organization back to its pre-pandemic effectiveness.

Other activities will be added after we are up and running and have worked our way through the expected growing pains. In the meantime, a special thanks to our Bingo team for keeping the club running through the pandemic: Barry and Kathy Wells, Tom Becker, Dennis Brunelle, Richard



Botta, Joseph Matthews, John Fratarcangeli and Arline Walton.

The new board consists of Nick Harding, president; John Fratarcangeli, vice president; Kathy Grogan, secretary and Lucy Andrade, treasurer. The board has held a series of meetings devoted to planning and we are planning a general membership meeting to get the committees up and running.

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## FUNSEEKERS' RECAP: DUELING PIANOS

By Marie Orlowe

The South Clubhouse walls were vibrating as Mark Weiser and Sean Rainey entertained Funseekers during the May 9 gathering. The walls of the building were “shake, rattle and rolling” as the two pianists displayed their dueling piano talents. It certainly was a “special event.” An exciting party atmosphere was present throughout the evening as the two gentlemen “tickled those ivories.”

We heard a variety of piano renditions, commencing with Van Morrison’s, “Brown Eyed Girl.” Requests were encouraged; the first was a Ray Charles number. Frank Sinatra joined with the popular “New York, New York.” The gentlemen entertained us playing songs by Meatloaf and Elvis and Motown classics. “Bad Bad Leroy Brown,” “American Pie” and “She Loves You” by the Beatles were among the favorites. A “Piano Man” duet was impressive as Sean played the harmonica in true Billy Joel-style. The “Dancing Queen” number brought attendees to the floor.



Mark Weiser, left, and Sean Rainey

A special early anniversary song was played for Janice and Leonard Nachbar while they danced.

There was a capacity crowd that night as Funseekers really welcomed the Dueling Piano entertainers. Look for their return engagement, as I am sure there will be one.

Following the program, dessert was served. Sabine Curry offered three different choices: a bread pudding, rice pudding and chocolate pudding. All enjoyed socializing during dessert.

The Funseekers know how to have fun! Join us on the second Tuesday of the month.



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# ACTIVITIES

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## BOCCE

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

## DOLLCRAFTERS

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

## CURRENT EVENTS

- The Current Events Discussion Group meets in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

## 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. There are no fees to join. Purchasing study materials is optional. Meetings are on the second and fourth Fridays in the NCB Card Room from 10:30 a.m. to noon (excluding July and August). Questions? Call Angie McKelvey (203-227-3222) or Tina Vermette (203-375-0291).

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## TABLE TENNIS GROUP

- Table Tennis is played at SCB on Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m., and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. For information, contact Dina Glantz: [dinabob7@comcast.net](mailto:dinabob7@comcast.net) / 203-231-4753 or Maddy Lapidés: [mslapid@gmail.com](mailto:mslapid@gmail.com) / 203-927-8577. Play is scheduled via the TeamReach app.

## 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 Oronoque Village Writer's Group (OVWG) is a group 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 about joining, contact Mary von Ziegesar at [MvonZ@optonline.net](mailto:MvonZ@optonline.net) or call 203-767-9760. Proof of vaccination required.

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## ARTIST OF THE MONTH: JUDITH LESSLER

Residents of the community will have the pleasure of experiencing the artistic ability of Judith Lessler this month, as she presents her second art show as the Artist of the Month. Among the varied works on display in the NCB foyer, viewers will find themselves captivated by her exquisite figure drawings.

Throughout her life, Judith has tapped into her artistic abilities, finding deep gratification in seeing her work showcased. "Drawing has always been a source of enjoyment for me," she says. "It's an activity that can be pursued at any time, in any place. It's a way of perceiving the world."

As a child, Judith delighted in attending basic art classes at the Worcester Museum of Art in Massachusetts. Later, as a young mother, she utilized her talents to create a vibrant parade of cartoon characters adorning her children's bedroom walls, which brought them endless joy. However, it wasn't until several years later that she ventured into more formal artistic pursuits.

The opportunity to spend a year in Florence, Italy, alongside her family in the early '70s proved to be a remarkable experience for Judith. Walking through the city's living museum, encompassing both classical and Renaissance art on her daily trips to the local shops provided her with a heightened awareness of art and its ability to be observed and appreciated.

Seeking to refine her skills, she attended classes conducted by talented instructors, focusing on figure drawing, anatomy and foreshortening. These classes took place at



Sacred Heart University, local senior centers and even within the artistic community of Oronoque Village, where she learned under the guidance of Martha Talburt and Wendy Swain. Embracing the challenge of watercolor painting further broadened her artistic horizons.

Judith's son-in-law, Claudio Fiorani, a professional photographer, has played an instrumental role in expanding her artistic perspective. Through his expertise in capturing moments and evoking emotions through the camera lens, he has introduced Judith to a new medium, enriching her perception of the world as a boundless artistic canvas. **OV**

## HUMOR

### Submitted by Ray Drake

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

How do you make holy water? You take some regular water and boil the hell out of it.

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday but couldn't find any.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

A cross-eyed teacher couldn't control his pupils.

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is starting to improve.

The guy who invented the door knocker got a no-bell prize.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"

I used to be indecisive; now I'm not so sure.

Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed.

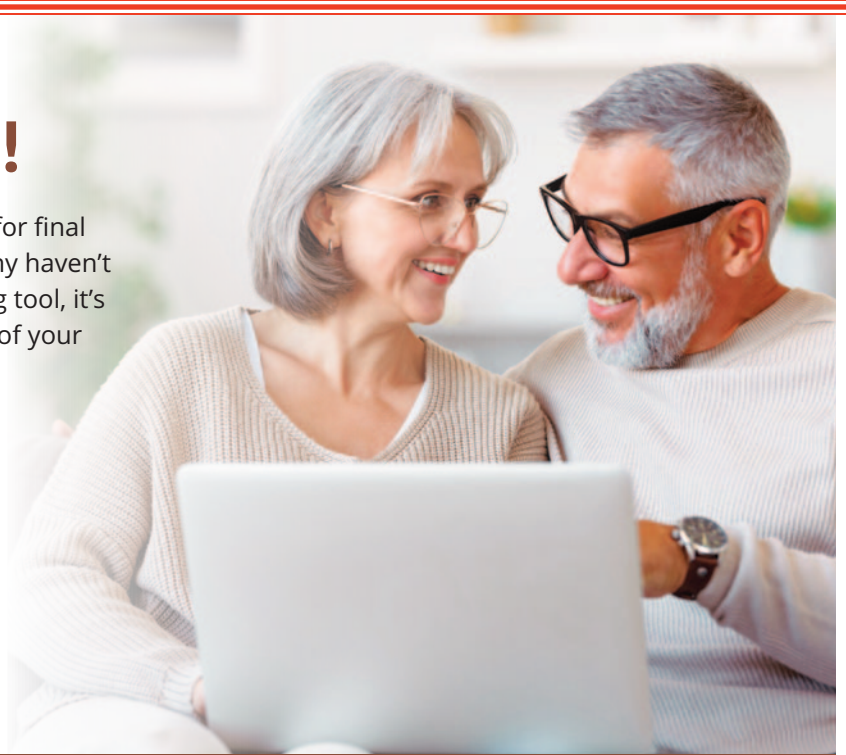
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# CALENDAR

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**Bold-faced listings = OVCA/OVTD events / C=Closed event**

## THURSDAY, JUNE 1

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Village Quilters, NCB, C/R
- **10:00 a.m. – House Committee, NCB, B/R**
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB

## FRIDAY, JUNE 2

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 3

- 9:00 a.m. – Alzheimer Walk Registration, SCB front lot
- 10:00 a.m. – Alzheimer Walk, SCB front lot

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4

- 4:00 p.m. – Hadassh Dinner & A Movie

## MONDAY, JUNE 5

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Planning Meeting, NCB, B/R (C)
- **6:00 p.m. – SAC Committee Meeting, NCB**
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-In Bridge, NCB

- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Mtg, SCB C/R (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB

## TUESDAY, JUNE 6

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- **11:00 a.m. – Communications Committee, NCB, B/R**
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Cards, Dombrowsky, SCB

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

- 9:00 a.m. – AARP Safe Driving Class, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Hadassah Board Mtg, NCB, B/R (C)
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB, C/R
- 5:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Event, NCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB Library

## THURSDAY, JUNE 8

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Mahjong & Cards, NCB, C/R (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Friday Night Pool, NCB Billiards Rm (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie: *Maybe I Do*, NCB
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## 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.

## UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT 2 MEETING WITH GUEST SPEAKER ON JUNE 22

District 2 meeting takes place June 22 at 6 p.m. at SCB. The guest speaker, Lindsey Miller, is an expert on physical energy and brain health. She will tell us how to prepare nutritional meals in minutes. Surprise snacks will be available. Bring your own drink.

We will also talk about open positions for District 2 for September elections.

There is no charge to attend for those who paid dues January 2023 or after. Dues are \$15 dollars. You may bring a check for your dues, made to District 2, to the meeting.

To check your dues status, contact Minna Barette at 516-428-6092 or minmommy@icloud.com.

RSVP is required by June 10. Email minmommy@icloud.com with your name and address to reserve a space.

### PICNIC MEETING FOR DISTRICT 3

A District 3 meeting and picnic is scheduled for June 21 at SCB. The start time is 4:30 p.m. with a meal following at 5 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and salads will begin the affair with ice cream and watermelon for dessert. The

cost is \$12 per person. An RSVP is required by June 9.

Watch your black box for the flyer details. Questions? Call Stephanie at 203-258-7445.

### DISTRICT 4 SUMMER GATHERING

On Tuesday, June 27, 6 p.m. at SCB, District 4 will hold its Summer Neighborhood Gathering. District Rep Bob Krakovich will welcome attendees, followed by summary reports from Board members.

Guest speaker will be Oronoque resident Bob McDonald, a former agent with the Secret Service. Reporting to the Department of Homeland Security, the Secret Service is tasked with ensuring the safety of the President of the United States, along with other political leaders, in addition to conducting criminal investigations.

Following his talk, a "Top Security Clearance" meal will be served, along with beverages/dessert. BYOB if you wish.

All Villagers are welcome to attend. The cost for District 4 residents is \$5 per person (if dues are current), \$10 per person for all others. Place payments, with names attending, in the District 4 mailbox located in the SCB lobby by Saturday, June 24. Call Bob Krakovich 203-752-6105 with questions.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

- Rain date for Alzheimer Walk (Registration at 9 a.m., Walk at 10 a.m., SCB front lot)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- 12:00 p.m. – Private Party, NCB (C)

### MONDAY, JUNE 12

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- **3:30 p.m. – Bylaws Committee, SCB**
- **4:00 p.m. – Maintenance Committee, NCB**
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-In Bridge, NCB

### TUESDAY, JUNE 13

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- **9:30 a.m. – Architectural Committee Mtg, NCB**
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers event, SCB

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Maybe I Do* SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB, C/R
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB

### THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Village Quilters, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Veterans Resources Fair, NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB

## OV ARTS GUILD PRESENTS AN EVENING OF THEATER ON THE SCB STAGE

By **Barbara Stewart**

The OV Arts Guild (OVAG) is excited to welcome Square One Reader's Theatre back to our Village on Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. at SCB. This year's presentation will be a series of one-act plays under the umbrella title, "A Teachable Moment." Returning is Lucy Babbitt, who gave an outstanding performance last year in the play reading of "Chappati."

Square One Theatre Company, founded in 1990, is Stratford's own nonprofit theater company. During the win-



ter season, the company performs in an intimate black box theater at Stratford Academy, an arts magnet school.

Each summer, the Reader's Theatre performs several play readings at the Stratford Library, using minimal sets and scripts in-hand.

We are fortunate to have them come to Oronoque Village for a special presentation each year. Tom Holehan, artistic director of Square One, will stage the reading.

Refreshments will be served after the performance. Members of OVAG attend free of charge. Guests pay \$8 at the door.

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## HOW TO SPOT A SCAM

Scammers are getting really good at ways to take your money. I consider myself tech savvy, but a recent one had me thinking. I received a call from someone who claimed to be a fraud monitor from Bank of America. He said someone had opened a credit card account in my name and had just charged transactions for \$500 and \$1,450.

Now, having your bank or credit card company call you if they suspect fraud is not unusual. But there were some red flags on this one.

The caller did have my name and phone number, and asked me if the two addresses he gave were legitimate. And they were ... even though one was 25 years old. But I don't have a card with Bank of America. He said they had used Zelle to open the account. Zelle is a United States-based digital payments network run by a private financial services company. I don't have a Zelle account, either. But he had a twist. He did not ask for personal information and assured me the bank would monitor my account. He gave me transaction numbers and a toll-free number to contact Zelle as only they could remove the charge. This was very sophisticated as it was a two-step scam. I suspect the second call would have asked me for more detailed information.

I did not call Zelle, but googled "Bank of America Zelle Scam." Sure enough, it was a definite scam.

Scams can come from anyone via email, phone, or text message. A link on the AARP website (<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/>) will take you to a list of 83 (yes, 83) different types of scams. They range

from the usual "free trial" to "social security" to "smishing" scams.

Smishing is a type of text message scam that tries to get your personal information.

Here are some tips from the Federal Trade Commission to handle scams:

- Block unwanted calls and text messages.
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect or from an or-

ganization where you don't have an account.

- Resist the pressure to act immediately.
- Know how scammers tell you to pay.
- Stop and talk to someone you trust.

You can find more information on the FTC website (<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam>). Another resource is the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360.

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*Submitted by Bob Sabo on behalf of the Oronoque Geek Group*





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## OV ART GUILD PRESENTS THE SUTTON PLACE TRIO

Story by Lee Schlafer ~ Photo by Kathy Wells

It was a "wow" evening! On Thursday, April 27, the sophistication and ambiance of a New York City jazz club was brought to our doorstep or, more literally, to the stage and event space of the North Clubhouse. A sold-out audience of 150 residents and guests had the immense pleasure of being entertained by the Sutton Place Trio, an ensemble that has impressive backgrounds and accomplished careers.

The trio — Alex Leonard on piano, Jay Leonhart on bass and our own Al Gafa on guitar — has a "Who's Who" list of associations with singers the likes of Peggy Lee, Sarah Vaughn, Sammy Davis Jr. and musicians that include Dizzy Gillespie to name just a few. The trio's musical repertoire included standards such as Nat King Cole's "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" and "Autumn Leaves," but the audience was also treated to renditions of original material composed by both Jay Leonhart and Al Gafa, songs these performers have professionally recorded. The music was mellow, elegantly presented with both style and humor. The true testimony to the power of these performers was the complete attentiveness of the audience, no murmuring, no whispering, simply rapt attention to what was happening on stage. It was clear that



this was an occasion where talent and professionalism were appreciated and respected.

As always at an Art Guild event, the evening concluded with refreshments, an astonishing array of desserts including panna cotta contributed by Al Gafa's daughter, Joanna Coleman.

The Art Guild Board is very honored to have brought this event to the Village and is grateful to Al, Alex and Jay, and to the audience members, who clearly embraced the performance.

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## CALL FOR ART FOR OV SUMMER SHOW, THEMED 'WINTER IN JULY'

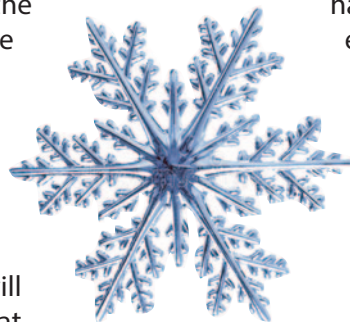
By Barbara Stewart

The OV Arts Guild will install a new Galerie OV show on Friday, June 30. The theme is "Winter in July," which we hope will help to keep us cooled off during the hot summer months. Any winter topic will be acceptable: scenery, sports, holidays...you decide! Please bring one or two pieces of your artwork to the SCB front card room between 10 and 11 a.m.

All mediums are accepted for this show. Hanging art must be securely wired across the back of the artwork. Three-dimensional art will be displayed on a pedestal. We suggest that large pieces of hanging artwork be no wider than 33 inches and 36- to 40-inches long. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373 or email barbsmt@yahoo.com.

The opening reception for this show is on Sunday, July 16, at 4 p.m.

Please Note: We are trying out a new system to stream-



line the sign-in process and the pick-up of art from a previous show.

Artists are asked to fill out two information forms for their artwork; one to be placed on the art, the other to hand in to the committee. These forms will be emailed to artists ahead of time to download and print. We will also have forms available at SCB on the sign-in day for those who need them.

2. The Artist Waiver Form will also be emailed to artists ahead of time for signing and handing in to the committee when art is dropped off. These forms will be available on the sign-in day as well.

3. Exhibiting artists will collect their art from the previous show on the same day as they bring in art for the new show.

We hope these changes will expedite the sign-in and pickup process for the artists and for the Arts Guild committee.

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## OVTV DAILY PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE (AS OF MAY 24, 2023)

9:30 a.m. - OV Arts Guild's "Reflections" Exhibit at SCB	7 p.m. - Pickleball Tips
12:30 p.m. - Beginning Mindfulness	7:30 p.m. - OV Arts Guild's "Reflections" Exhibit at SCB
1:30 p.m. - OV Arts Guild's "Reflections" Exhibit at SCB	8 p.m. - Tribute to Classic Cars
1:45 p.m. Interview William Kent Krueger: Featured Author for June Book Club	9 p.m. - Beginning Tai Chi
4 p.m. - Karaoke Recaps From Chris Albino	10 p.m. - Donna Martire Miller: The Science of Happiness
5 p.m. - Interview with Jason Fagone: Featured Author for July Book Club	11 p.m. - House Concert with Dina Glantz & Bob Ruff
6 p.m. - Lee Glantz, Funseekers entertainer for June 13	Midnight to 6:10 a.m. - Relaxing Music

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*Submitted by the Communications Committee*

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# FITNESS & OLDER ADULTS

## 13 SIMPLE AEROBIC TIPS

By Ed Genga, M.A., CSCS



Regular aerobic exercise is vital for cardiovascular health, weight management, and is even an effective therapy for mild to moderate depression. Too many people quit, become injured or simply find the process less enjoyable than they should. Here is some basic advice for making aerobic exercise an ongoing, safe and rewarding part of your life:

1. Any aerobic exercise is better than no aerobic exercise. It would be to your advantage if you were doing even a few minutes of it on a regular basis. If you want to experience all the benefits, then try to do some continuous aerobic activity for 30 minutes a day, on average, five days a week.
2. Remember to work up to this level gradually and at your own pace, especially if you have not been exercising on a regular basis.
3. Remember, also, that I am recommending an average amount of activity over a length of time. It is not the end of the world if you miss a day or two here and there. You can make it up later. Feeling guilty about missing exercise probably does you more harm than missing it.

4. In addition to these workouts, find other ways to increase your daily activity, such as using stairs more often, parking farther from your destinations to walk more and doing more physical work yourself instead of delegating it to others.

5. If you exercise with others, try not to do so competitively. Competitive thoughts negate some of the benefits of exercise, especially on your cardiovascular and immune systems and emotions. If you cannot avoid competitive thinking, exercise by yourself.

6. Competitive sports like racquetball, pickleball and tennis are not substitutes for aerobic activities such as walking, running and cycling. In competitive sports, aerobic work is of a stop-and-go nature rather than continuous. It is regular, continuous effort that trains your cardiovascular system best.

7. Always warm up before you get into the full swing of aerobic activity. The best warmup is a slowed-down version of the activity you are about to perform. For example, walk, run or cycle in slow motion. You will see many people stretching as a warmup, but this does not prepare muscles for aerobic exercise as well as slow movement through a full range of motion does.

8. Give yourself a few minutes of cooldown at the end of the activity. Repeat the same movements in slow motion as your cool down activity.

9. If you have never exercised, get a medical checkup before you start an exercise program. If you have a history of heart trouble or high blood pressure or a strong family history of such problems, a cardiac stress test may be in order.

10. Pay attention to your body! Discontinue exercise if you develop unusual aches or pains.

11. Stop exercising immediately if you develop dizziness, lightheadedness, fainting, chest pains or difficulty in breathing. Get a medical checkup promptly.

12. Your heart rate and breathing should return to normal within five to ten minutes after the end of aerobic exercise. If they do not, get a medical checkup.

13. Do not exercise if you are sick. Wait until you feel better, then resume gradually. Do not worry about losing fitness; it will come back quickly enough. Strenuous exercise at the onset of illness can cause you to be sicker longer. **OV**

*Ed Genga is an OV resident and a fitness professional with more than 35 years of experience in a wide variety of industry disciplines including club management, corporate wellness, group fitness, college-level athletic coaching, personal training, phase 3 cardiac rehabilitation and exercise for cancer patients. You may submit questions about exercise to Ed at [egenga@gmail.com](mailto:egenga@gmail.com).*

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Representatives from various nonprofits, local and state agencies will be present at this **FREE** event to give OV Veterans the opportunity to make direct connections and obtain information about a variety of programs and benefits for U.S. military veterans. For more information, contact [nrgenga@gmail.com](mailto:nrgenga@gmail.com).

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*“It’s 5 O’clock Somewhere” is presented by SAC on the first Friday of every month at NCB.*

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The next event takes place June 2.*



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

The book for June 7 is *This Tender Land* by William Krueger. A powerful novel about a life-changing adventure traveling down America's great rivers during the Great Depression.

The book for July 5 is *The Woman Who Smashed the Codes* by Jason Fagone. The incredible true story of the greatest code-breaking duo who ever lived, an American woman and her husband who invented the modern science of cryptology together and used it to confront the evils of their time, solving puzzles that unmasked Nazi spies and helped win World War II.

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**Saturday, June 3, 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 3**

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.

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Lee Glantz will thrill us with songs such as "Rocket Man", "Crocodile Rock" and "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" among many others from the catalog of this British Rock'n'Roll Icon. Lee has performed in venues such as the St. Regis Hotel and the Rainbow Room in NYC among many others. With his elegant, swinging and sophisticated style, Lee has been entertaining audiences for over 25 years.



*"Listening to Lee is pure joy. He plays and sings with freshness, musicality and impeccable technique. He's a charming entertainer and I was transported by his music. It is clear he loves what he does and you will too." Five Time Grammy Nominated Entertainer - Michael Feinstein*

*Advance reservations required and payments will be accepted from May 16th through June 9th unless maximum capacity is reached. Open to resident Funseekers' members and one non-resident guest per single resident until May 25th. Starting on May 26th, if there is space availability, member residents may sign up any number of non-resident guests. Please put \$4.00 check per person into FUNSEEKERS mailbox, NCB (\$7.00 non-resident guest).*

*Not a 2023 member? Join for \$15 per person. Questions? Call Lynn Collins 203-360-4644*

COFFEE, SOFT DRINKS & DESSERT TO BE SERVED

BYOB AND MUNCHIES!



**OV Karaoke Club: No fees or dues \* No commitments \* Just fun!**

Please join us for our next Karaoke/Dance Party on June 23 at SCB at 6:30pm.

All you need is your wine and dancing shoes. A good time is guaranteed for all! No need to RSVP...just come on over, grab a seat, and either watch or join the fun by putting in a song or two!

Hope to see you all then. Oh... and tell a friend!

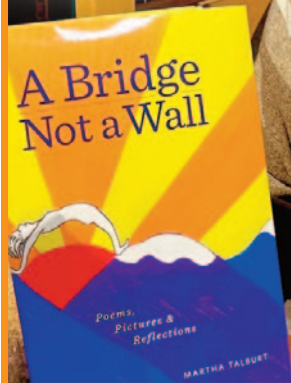




# Presents A Book Reading & Signing With:

## MARTHA TALBURT

*"a face is a  
poem the  
soul writes"*



Martha shares reflections and poetry from her book  
—“A Bridge Not A Wall” —

Martha is a well-known artist and teacher. In addition to visual art, *poems are her passion*, and she has been writing them for as long as she can remember.

**Thursday June 8, 3pm** *SCB Lounge*

Reception to follow

Members Free-Guests Pay \$8

Questions? Call Barbara Stewart  
203-612-1373



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Could you benefit from a helping hand in finding services?

Would you like a sounding board in solving problems?

Could you use help with light shopping and other errands?



2023

# Spring Luncheon & Card Party

## Thursday June 15, 2023

Blackhawk Country Club

**BUFFET LUNCH \$35 per person.**

Cheese and  
Crackers,

Coffee & Tea  
Soft Drinks  
Included

Cash Bar,  
House  
Wine \$8

- Served Spinach Salad  
With Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Rolls & Butter
- Salmon/Mango Salsa
- Balsamic Beef Tenderloin
- Chicken Francise
- Pasta Primavera
- Roasted Spring Vegetables
- Assorted Cookie/Brownie Platter  
A La Mode

Doors open

11:30 a.m

Lunch served

12:30 p.m.

*Great  
Raffle  
Prizes*

*Along with this form deposit all checks in the H & G box.  
Deposit all checks together if you want to reserve a table of 8.*



Your name \_\_\_\_\_

and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Card Tables needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Game \_\_\_\_\_

*Names  
Of  
Players*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Questions: Call Irene Keating 203.377.3980

Checks payable to OV H&G Club by June 7, 2023

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