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Thank you to Arline Walton, who composed the cover of this issue. Photos were taken by Arline during the Guys & Dolls Club Super Bowl Party, held on Feb. 11. An article about the event appears on page 16.

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Oronoque Village Condominium Association President's Message



Hello Residents: Traditionally there has not been a February OVCA Board meeting. However, I feel it is important to provide the community with updates on the following topics.

Tax Appeal: There is a two-pronged approach to this appeal, the first being the legality of taxing the clubhouses and the second being the assessment of the

clubhouses.

The following — a chronology from June 20, 2023, through January 2024 — is related to the legality of taxing our clubhouses. February 2024 comments refer to the appeal to the Town of the assessed value of the clubhouses.

June 20, 2023 - Opportunity to Appeal the Clubhouses Property Taxes: When Oronoque Village was built, the clubhouses (formerly known as community buildings) were owned by the developer and leased back to the Village. During the years that followed, efforts were made to acquire the buildings, but they were not pursued due to the legal costs involved. The developer collected rent, payment for utilities and property taxes until 2013. At that time, the two boards of the Village, working together and with the Executive Director, were able to take advantage of a change in the law regarding developer's ownership of condominium facilities and with the assistance of our law firm, Cohen and Wolf, the buildings were acquired on Aug. 13, 2014.

Having acquired the buildings, our attorneys were asked to investigate the possibility of obtaining relief from property taxes on the clubhouses. The Town of Stratford attorney and Tax Assessor's office were not open to considering this request. Given the costs the Village had incurred for the Renaissance Project (the updating of the clubhouses), there was not an appetite to incur what could have been significant legal costs to pursue this issue with the Town.

In early May of last year, I asked Ray Vermette, who has significant experience and knowledge in municipal governance as well as the intestinal fortitude to research and read the "fine print" on documents, to present his findings and perspective to Dick Steinfeld, Mark Rhatigan and me. A review of Ray's work presented us with a compelling set of facts that led us to conclude that this issue was worthy of being pursued to remove the burden of the clubhouse taxes, an expense that is currently \$94,500 a year.

A meeting was held with Cohen and Wolf on May 19, 2023, attended by Mark Rhatigan, Dick Steinfeld, Ray Vermette and me. There was an excellent discussion on the topic

and a healthy exchange of possibilities and ideas. The meeting concluded with a request to Cohen and Wolf that they provide OV with a written proposal that included the activities, milestones and cost to pursue this issue with the Town of Stratford.

The estimated cost of \$66,675 covered four phases: Phase I Initial Appeal & Discussions, (this step was completed), Phase II: Second Appeal re Value to Pretrial (in process), Phase III: Summary Judgment, and Phase IV: Discovery, culminating in September 2024, of the legal steps that may be needed to achieve the tax relief we seek. It is important to understand that this does not include the cost of a full trial. These are expenses to, hopefully, resolve this matter without having to go to trial. We are, of course, hopeful that this effort will be successful and that the savings we will realize, approximately \$1 million in 10 years, will make this investment of \$66,675 a very worthwhile expenditure.

Given the possibility of these significant savings, the OVCA Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to proceed with the effort to appeal the clubhouse property taxes with the Town of Stratford. (Motion passed 13 – 1.)

Oversight of this expenditure will be the responsibility of the OVCA Treasurer and Finance Committee, and monthly updates will be provided to the board by the Treasurer, Executive Director or the OVCA President. Cost in the fiscal 2023/2024 year will be approximately \$15,000 (estimated cost for Phases I & II). Cost in future years will be approved as part of the annual budget cycle.

July 18, 2023 - Tax Appeal: Cohen and Wolf was not granted a waiver by the Town of Stratford to represent Oronoque Village. Cohen and Wolf highly recommended Murtha-Cullina as possessing extensive related experience providing tax advice, appeals and land use. We executed an engagement letter to proceed with that firm. A legal Complaint based on Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 12-119 — which essentially claimed that the Town assessment is illegal — was reviewed and a letter was drafted to be sent to the Town of Stratford attorneys.

Aug. 15, 2023 - Tax Appeal: Murtha-Cullina prepared a Summons and Complaint that was delivered to the Town of Stratford in August.

Oct. 17, 2023: The Clubhouses Tax Appeal Phase I Summons and Complaint was delivered to the Town of Stratford in late August 2023 and was responded to by the Town in late September 2023. There are three types of possible responses that the Town could have taken:

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FOSTERING CIVILITY IN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS



Mark Rhatigan

During my time as Executive Director, an OVTD election has occurred, the Declaration was amended, a Reserve Study was conducted and its findings have been reported to the community.

These activities can bring out strong feelings from residents, which is to be expected. However, it is important to be mindful of how feelings are expressed.

When the Strategic Planning Initiative first began, a list of core values was identified. The value at the top of the list was "Civility" and I could not agree more.

This is why I think the following message is important for all residents to consider.

An article suggesting ways a community might be more effective when pursuing changes in strategy or operations, written by Marcy Kravit of Hotwire Communications, was published in the January/February 2023 issue of Common Ground magazine. Common Ground is published by the Community Association Institute (CAI).

According to the article, The American Psychological Association deems aggressive behavior — in which someone intentionally and repeatedly causes others discomfort — as harmful. This behavior can include physical contact, words or more subtle actions.

Harassment is all too common in community associations, according to the author. Board members, managers, other residents and employees are often exposed to this behavior. Disgruntled homeowners who challenge the board's decisions, harass board members, chastise the manager, criticize staff members and fight with residents have their own agenda and can be considered bullies.

Verbal abuse, the most common form of bullying, is demeaning and degrading. These actions are disruptive, divisive and can cause anxiety, depression and psychological harm. Cyberbullying often occurs over email, social media and digital platforms.

Residents are welcome to voice differing views and/or opposition to proposed policies, but it must be done civilly and respectfully.

The article suggests that resident bullies need to understand how their behavior affects an entire association. They need to realize that their behavior adversely affects employees, fellow residents and board members and can negatively impact association operation.

Furthermore, when employees are harassed or treated contentiously, it can adversely affect the morale of the workforce. Increases in the use of sick leave, medical cost and resignations are often the consequences.

The article acknowledges that while homeowners have the right to complain, they should never disrespect the manager, staff or the board. One of the best ways for bullies to address their outrage is for them to have the courage to talk face-to-face, one-on-one about their complaints.

Strong community associations adopt a code of ethics and a board code of conduct. Disgruntled homeowners need to recognize that the board, residents, management and staff are working toward a common goal. Residents should remember that we are all each other's neighbors. Community associations, such as ours, need to continuously practice civility for the good of the community.

I urge those residents who have questions or comments pertaining to the decisions and actions of OV management and/or our governing boards to attend board meetings.

OVCA meets on the third Tuesday of each month (excluding December and February). OVTD meetings are held quarterly. Upcoming OVTD meetings are scheduled for April 23, July 23 and Oct. 22. Agendas for the meetings are sent electronically to residents on the Friday before the meetings occur.

OVCA and OVTD Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the North Clubhouse. Open and Closing Forums occur at all board meetings and residents are more than welcome to take advantage of these platforms to make inquiries or voice opinions.

An opportunity to get acquainted with the Tax District Board and its committees will take place during a Town Hall Meeting scheduled for March 7 at 7 p.m. at NCB. OV

Note: CAI — based in Falls Church, Va. — is an international membership organization dedicated to building better communities. The organization has more than 45,000 members and 63 chapters worldwide.

CAI provides information, education and resources to the homeowner volunteers who govern communities and the professionals who support them. CAI members include association board members and other homeowner leaders, community managers, association management firms and other professionals who provide products and services to associations.

For more information, visit www.caionline.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OVTD PRESENTS TOWN HALL MEETING ON MARCH 7

The Oronoque Village Tax District invites residents to attend its second Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at the North Clubhouse.

The meeting will be in a roundtable format with individual tables highlighting the following committees: Roads, Finance, Energy Solutions, Security/Safety, Trees and Elections.

Two members from each committee will be on-site to meet with residents.



Attendees are encouraged to find a table of interest, spend 20-25 minutes in a small, informal setting to ask questions and, then, move to a new table!

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact OVTD President Sabine Curry at scurrybean@gmail.com.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CT STUDY GROUP ON MARCH 21

The League of Women Voters of CT (LWVCT) Oronoque Study Group's next meeting is Thursday, March 21, at 4 p.m. at NCB. We will welcome Sabine Curry who will speak about Oronoque Village Tax District's mission and its relationship to both the Oronoque Village Condominium Association and the Town of Stratford's tax structure.

All residents and their guests are invited to attend.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization (of women and men) that encourages active participation in government.

Questions? Contact Marge Heffel, Oronoque resident and treasurer, LWVCT, at 203-913-5695 or mcheffel@gmail.com.

CALL FOR ART AT SCB ON APRIL 2

The OV Arts Guild will install the Galerie OV spring show on April 2 from 10-11 a.m. The theme for this show is "Things I Love To Do" (Or, perhaps, it's something you used to love to do!) As always, have fun with this theme.

All medium will be accepted and each artist can submit one or two pieces of art. Hanging artwork must be securely wired across the back of the piece (no alligator hooks, loops etc.) Three-dimensional art will be displayed on pedestals. Entries must be your own original work.

Each piece of art requires two information forms. For hanging art, place one on the back and one on the front of your artwork. For three-dimensional art, put one on the artwork and hand the other one to the OV Arts Guild committee member who is assisting you. Each exhibitor must also

fill out a waiver form.

If you wish to have these forms ahead of time, contact Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373 or barbsmt@yahoo.com. They will also be available on April 2.

The opening reception for this show is Sunday, April 14, 4 p.m. at SCB. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served after the program.

ELISABETH BRESLAV TO SPEAK AT SEVERAL AREA LIBRARIES

Oronoque Village resident Elisabeth Breslav, who recently published her memoir, titled "Five Years Under Nazi Occupation — A World War II Memoir of Resilience and Survival in The Netherlands," has commitments to speak at several area libraries.

She will discuss the gripping story of her life from ages 12 to 17 during the 1940-1945 Nazi occupation on the following dates.

March 3 at 2 p.m. at the Stratford Library.

April 6 at 2 p.m. at the Milford Library.

On April 27, she will be among 10 to 15 authors who speak at the Hagan Memorial Library in East Haven in a program that begins at 11 a.m.

On March 15, she will speak at Oronoque Village. Please see page 23 for more information.

TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP IS NOT AFFECTED BY MONDAY HOLIDAYS

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH: PATRICIA HADDEN

Story and photo by Carol King

Patricia Hadden has had a lifelong passion for art. During her formative years in Fairfield, her talents shone in her artistic undertakings and, every Saturday, she faithfully turned on the TV set to watch “Jon Gnagy Learn to Draw.” (Gnagy pioneered drawing on television in the United States from the early 1950s throughout the 1960s on his program.)

Though she had aspirations of attending art school and pursuing a career in the art world, her plans were waylaid, temporarily.

“When I was 13, my father had me speak with a friend who worked as a commercial artist,” she recalls. “His friend was very discouraging and told me that it was not easy for women to make it in the art world. He suggested that I become a nurse, a secretary or a teacher.”

Taking this advice to heed, she ultimately enrolled in Western Connecticut State College with the intent of earning a teaching degree. “However, while taking classes, I realized that I did not want to teach in a public school, so I decided to switch schools and changed majors.”

Upon graduating from the Tobe-Coburn School of Fashion in New York City, she worked in the New York fashion industry.

She continued to dabble in art, taking art classes at Fairfield University and attending workshops offered by Silvermine School of Art. “Also, I was a longtime member of Connecticut Classic Arts Association, where I was the recipient of several awards for my paintings,” Patricia notes.

In 1987, she decided to merge her teaching skills with her artistic talents and established the Patricia Hadden School of Art in Stratford, where she taught technique to students ages 7-13. With this endeavor, Patricia was able to fulfill her desired career as a working artist while providing an encouraging environment for boys and girls to take art classes.

“I also gave demonstrations in the Trumbull schools as well as tutored teens to create portfolios for entrance into art schools,” she says. “One of those teens was my daughter, Melissa, who graduated from Savannah College Of Art. I am so pleased that she was able to live out my dream of going to art school!”

She adds, “Among my great satisfactions is seeing how my students loved creating, not to mention the joy of knowing that some went into art-related careers. One mom proudly told me her son is now a successful tattoo artist!”

In 2006, after running the school for 27 years, Patricia retired and she and her late husband, Gavin, moved to Kennebunk, Maine. “Kennebunk has a strong artistic culture and boasts great beauty with its dramatic coastline,” she says. “I became a member of the Maine Women in the Arts



and the juried Art Guild of The Kennebunks. I won awards in those guilds. While in Maine I also sold several painted coastal scenes and was hired for commissioned works.”

In 2017, Gavin passed away. In 2020, Patricia decided to leave Maine and moved into OV to be closer to her children and grandchildren. “I enjoy living in OV, especially when I learned there is an arts guild filled with lovely people who appreciate art. I also joined the Book Club and Bible Study, which are delightful,” she says.

She continues to create in her downstairs studio, focusing on landscapes, seascapes, still lifes and portraits. Recent additions to her portfolio include three paintings of OV’s scenic grounds.

“My approach to art is very simple: I validate what I see by painting people, places and things that are important to me,” she states. “So, my art is really my autobiography.”

“I continue to struggle with the artistic process because creating a painting does not come easily to me,” she continues. “I wish I could produce art more quickly.”

She works in oils, pastels, color pencils and ink. “However, now most of my work is in acrylics because an art historian inspired me by saying ‘If the French Impressionists had acrylics, they would have used them.’”

Patricia says she is looking forward to joining more OV activities in the near future.

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DISTRICT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 3 TO MEET ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23

District 3 will have its March Meeting on Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m. at SCB. This day will hopefully bring out those who work during the week and often shy away from night meetings.

A continental breakfast at the 10 a.m. start will give residents an opportunity to catch up on what is happening in the district. A speaker presentation will follow our short business meeting. Leah Natter, RN from the Stratford Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) Inc., will address the group with timely facts and strategies for taking medications at home. Compliance with what and how medicine is taken

can be an issue for the 55-plus set. Joining Leah is Elizabeth Stea, who is with the Care Connections Program, a part of the VNA, Inc. services. She will share her part in the Connections Program and highlight the services listed in its brochure.

Residents should watch their black box for a flyer with the specifics, which will be delivered soon. Questions can be directed to Stephanie Fians at 203-258-7445 or Tricia Baglio at 978-884-0400.

An RSVP is needed for this meeting.

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DISTRICT 4 GATHERING SET FOR MARCH 27

On Wednesday, March 27, 6 p.m. at SCB, District 4 will hold its Spring Neighborhood Gathering. District Rep Bob Krakovich will welcome attendees, followed by summary reports from District Board members. Guest speakers and a meal will end the evening.

Oronoque resident Bill Romanello, a member of The Geronimo Foundation, will be the guest speaker. The Geronimo Foundation is a Wallingford-based nonprofit historical society dedicated to the preservation of American military history. Bomber-crew high-altitude flight gear — along with items from the “home front” such as wartime posters from WWII, cameras, rationing cards and an Air Raid instruction sheet from Trumbull — will be on display.

His co-speaker, who is a weaponry specialist, will bring items from the 501st Airborne Infantry Regiment,

along with a Modell 1911 issued sidearm and an M1 Garande rifle. Their collections have been displayed locally for many years.



Corned beef, turkey or veggie sandwiches — along with various salads, beverages/desserts — are on the menu. BYOB if you wish. All Villagers and their guests are welcome to attend.

Cost for District 4 residents is \$8 per person (if dues have been paid) and \$18 per person for all others. Payments, with names of those attending, should be placed in the District 4 mailbox by Friday, March 22.

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

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DISTRICT 7 AND DISTRICT 10 ANNOUNCE APRIL MEETING DATES

District 7 will hold a spring meeting on April 17 at NCB at 6 p.m.

Dinner will be served. More details to follow as the date nears.

District 10 will hold its first meeting of 2024 on April 11 at NCB at 6 p.m. Please save the date and look for further details coming to your black box soon.

Questions? Please call Regina Archazki, District 10 rep, at 203-915-0781.

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ACTIVITIES

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CORNHOLE

- Cornhole is played on Thursdays, 10 a.m., at SCB.

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.

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).

LINE DANCING

- Line Dance classes are held on Wednesdays at the NCB weekly. Beginner classes start at 9:30 a.m., followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Call Sonya DeBiase at 203-377-1515 for information.

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.

POOL SOCIAL GROUP

- Anyone who enjoys socializing in and around the pools during the summer is invited to attend a get-together from 4-6 p.m. at SCB on the first Wednesday of each month while the pools are closed. Come with your favorite appetizer and/or beverage (or nothing) for reunions and conversations. Call Sonya at 203-377-1515 for more information.

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.

RACQUET SPORTS

- OV's Racquet Sports Facility is comprised of three tennis courts and five pickleball courts. Both sports have clubs that offer court play times as well as social memberships for off-court gatherings. For information on joining, contact Peter Feick for tennis at 203-856-0246 or Bill Tanski for pickleball at 609-876-3520.

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 / 203-231-4753 or Maddy Lapidès: mslapid@gmail.com / 203-927-8577. Play is scheduled via the TeamReach app.

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 sharing their work in a trusted environment. Members commit to twice-monthly workshops held on alternate Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the SCB Card Room. Members include published authors and hobbyists. Works include essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, humorous tales, heart-wrenching histories. Contact Mary von Ziegesar at MvonZ@optonline.net or call 203-767-9760 with questions.

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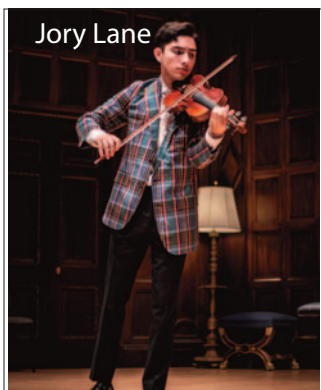
Story by Amy Plapp and Tom Ward

Classical music returns to the Village on Sunday, March 17, with a performance by Juilliard violinists Jory Lane and Annie Chen at 3 p.m. at the North Clubhouse.

We're excited to host these emerging artists as part of our Pletman series and we look forward to hearing them perform works by Stravinsky, Bach, Paganini, Glière and Leclair.

Originally from Colorado Springs, Jory is an exciting and charismatic player who has studied the violin for 20 years and won numerous performance competitions and awards, including the Yamaha Young Performing Artists Competition and Eastman Violin Concerto Competition, as well as the fourth prize in the Walnut Valley Festival National Mandolin Championship.

He has served as concertmaster for orchestras across the country, with tours to Japan, Germany, England, Amsterdam, Scotland, Prague, Australia and New Zealand.



Jory Lane

Jory holds a bachelor's degree and Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music where he studied under Renée Jolles. He is currently working towards his master's degree in music at Juilliard, studying with Laurie Smukler.

Annie Chen was born and raised in Iowa City where she grew up playing both piano and violin, eventually concentrating on violin at the Eastman School of Music and the Juilliard School. A versatile musician who plays in a range of styles, she has established herself as a musician and educator across Canada and the United States.



Annie Chen

Annie has performed at the Smithsonian Institution as a featured Haydn Fellow, utilizing Smithsonian-owned instruments by makers such as Antonio Stradivari.

Deeply committed to music education, Annie has guided her students to success in many performances and competitions. She also volunteers as a piano and violin instructor at Covenant House in New York City.

The concert will be followed by a reception and an opportunity to meet the musicians. There is a suggested donation of \$8.

Our spring concert series will continue with performances by guitarist John Lehmann-Haupt on April 21 and Anyi Cai on May 19, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



2024 EARLY VOTING IN STRATFORD

In November 2022, Connecticut approved the use of Early Voting (EV) in elections. The first election to have EV available — the Connecticut presidential preference primary on April 2, 2024 — is about eight weeks away.

In Stratford, where and when will I be able to vote early?

You have the option to go to the Baldwin Center (1000 West Broad St.) on Tuesday, March 26; Wednesday, March 27; Thursday, March 28; and Saturday March 30 to take part in early voting from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Other options are to vote via Absentee Ballot if you meet criteria such as being sick or away on business (<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting>) or to vote at your usual polling location on April 2.

To vote in a Democratic or Republican primary, you

must be registered with the party. If you are unaffiliated, you can join the party beforehand to cast a ballot.

To register to vote; change your name, address and/or party affiliation; or enroll in a political party, visit <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR>

To check on your registration or voting location, visit <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>

For additional information, visit Stratford's Registrar of Voters website: <http://www.townofstratford.com/content/39832/39846/39935/default.aspx>



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

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)
- 5:00 p.m. – 5 O'clock Somewhere, NCB

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- 12:00 p.m. – Private Party, SCB (C)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- 3:00 p.m. – OVAG Film Fest, SCB (Sold-out)

MONDAY, MARCH 4

- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Board Meeting, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- **11:00 a.m. – Communications Committee, NCB**
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Meeting, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Mtg, SCB (C)
- **4:00 p.m. – Racquet Sports Facility Committee, NCB**
- 6:00 p.m. – Drop-In Bridge, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – SAC Meeting, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Sketching Class, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:30 a.m. – Hadassah Board Mtg, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pool Social Group, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB, C/R
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB Library

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Village Quilters, NCB
- **10:00 a.m. – House Committee, SCB**
- 10:00 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB (C)
- 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. – OVTD Town Hall Meeting NCB**

NOTICE: THE OV STAFF HAS NEW EXTENSION NUMBERS

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- Harris Bonfiglio, Maintenance Operations Coordinator
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- Liza Disisto, Office Manager
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FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB (C)
- 3:00 p.m. – Speaker Series, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Friday Night Billiards, NCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie: *My Big, Fat Greek Wedding 3*, NCB

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- 12:00 p.m. – Private Party, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – SAC Trivia Night, NCB

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- 10:00 a.m. – Private Party, NCB (C)
- 3:00 p.m. – OVAG Film Fest, SCB (Sold-out)

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Mahjong, SCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – House & Garden meeting, SCB
- **3:30 p.m. – Bylaws Committee, SCB**
- **4:00 p.m. – Maintenance Committee, NCB**
- 6:00 p.m. – Drop-In Bridge, NCB
- 6:30 p.m. – BRAVO, SCB

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- **9:30 a.m. – Architectural Committee, NCB**
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – OVCA Agenda Meeting, NCG
- 2:00 p.m. – Sketching Class, SCB
- 6:15 p.m. – Funseekers event, SCB

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – *My Big, Fat Greek Wedding 3*, SCB

A REQUEST FOR TAG SALE ITEMS FROM THE HOUSE & GARDEN CLUB

Last year, the House & Garden Club donated \$5,000 to the Village for the beautification of designated landscape project areas. This was largely due to the success of our annual estate/tag sale, which is held every April, and all of the donations that were made by our residents.

If you have donations of household items, framed pictures, small appliances or small furniture, and women's accessories, etc., we will gladly accept them.

It's not too early to start cleaning cabinets, closets and other parts of your homes. This is the perfect time of the year to tackle these projects.

If you need help packing up or picking up, please call Debbie Grosso at 203-380-2468 or Wendy Steinfeld at 203-610-3395.

Thanks for your continued support.

- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB, C/R
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB (C)
- 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. – Dance Lessons, NCB

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Event, SCB

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 12:00 p.m. – Private Party, SCB (C)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 3:00 p.m. – Pletman Concert, NCB

FEATURES

GUYS & DOLLS CLUB SUPER BOWL PARTY SCORES BIG!

Story by Lucy Andrade – Photo by Arline Walton

No matter who your favorite team is ... on Feb. 11 at SCB ... 108 people got together to celebrate the Super Bowl, cheering on the 49ers or the Chiefs! We had a great time. The event — presented by the Guys & Dolls Club — included food, games, a photo booth and an opportunity to spend time with friends. Congratulations to the winners of the football pools, 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

As with any event here, it takes a village of volunteers to make it a success. A big shoutout to Andy Vena (head of the kitchen) with his staff, Andrea and Tom Ippolito, John Fratarcangeli, and Kim and Jack Sheehan. I think we all can agree that they did an outstanding job with all the food ... it was delicious.

Thank you, also, to the following committee members: Bo Piro, Robert Hanson, Barry and Kathy Wells, Kathy Grogan, Mary Kelleher, Arline Walton, Joseph and Bridget Matthews and Tish Laberee. I would also like to thank Carole Plotnick for obtaining a donation of a beautiful bracelet from M.J. Thomas as a door prize.

Shoutouts to our building monitors, Christian Davin



Super Bowl party volunteers, from left, Bridget and Joseph Matthews, Kathy and Barry Wells, Lucy Andrade, Tom and Andrea Ippolito and Kathy Grogan.

and Brian Roach, for the setup, take down and assistance in getting us ready and for always being there when we need them.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Super Bowl party as much as we did and we look forward to next year's event.

Congratulations to the Chiefs and prayers to Kansas City.

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OV SNAPSHOT: DANCE CLASS



Thanks to Susan Sapia for contributing this photo taken during a recent resident-organized dance class. From left to right, top row: Bob Sabo, Abby Kanner, Todd Sasso, Dina Glantz, Fred Orrell, Dal Lowenbein, Tom Castiliano and Kenny Bonetti. Bottom row: Sue Sapia, Lynn Shafer, Reenie Demkiw, Instructors Alex Scott and Irene Romaniello, Karen Zimmerman and Lenny Bonetti.



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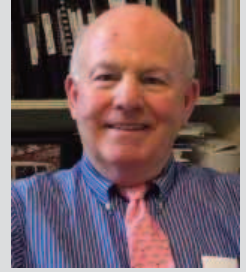
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3. Request to revise. Provide more complete, clearer information on an allegation in the Complaint. This was the response that the Town of Stratford chose. Murtha-Cullina is preparing a response to be delivered shortly.

Nov. 21, 2023 - The Clubhouses Tax Appeal Phase I Summons: Murtha-Cullina prepared a response that was delivered in October. In November, the Court issued an Order in which it sustained our Objection to the Town's Request to Revise. In short, this means that we are not required to revise our Complaint at this point, which is a good result. That said, the Town now will have to either file an Answer or a Motion to Dismiss/Motion to Strike. The Town will have to file something by no later than 30 days from the date of the Order, which means its deadline was Dec. 6, 2023.

Jan. 17, 2024 - The Clubhouses Tax Appeal Phase I Summons: On Dec. 2, 2023, the Town did not file a motion to dismiss or a motion to strike, but rather "an answer and special defenses," which is good. We were then obligated to respond within 30 days by (January 2, 2024). We complied and responded on December 29, 2023. The Court requires us now to confer with the Town counsel to have a pretrial conference and availability dates are currently being worked out.

February 6, 2024 - The Clubhouses Tax Appeal Phase I Summons: Mark, Ray Vermette and I met with our attorneys and discussed the Stratford Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA) due no later than Feb. 20, 2024, which was submitted to the Town on Feb. 14. Additionally, we reviewed the Town's Interrogatories and prepared and submitted responses to our attorneys, which are due by March 2. Both are on schedule.

Next steps: The Town's attorneys have requested an inspection of the property scheduled for later this month.

An April pretrial date has been tentatively set. This is a key milestone to determine if a settlement can be reached between both parties avoiding a trial and associated protracted schedule and costs.

Committee Updates: SAC Chairperson Elaine Ficarra has stepped down due to additional work responsibilities. George Zamary has agreed to act as Chair at the upcoming March 4 meeting during which time the SAC representatives will conduct the election for a new Chairperson.

By-Laws Chairperson Myrna Mills has resigned to focus her full attention on coordinating the implementation and monitoring phase of strategic planning. Lee Schlafer will assume the role of the By-Laws Chairperson.

I want to thank Elaine and Myrna for their energy, contributions and leadership as Chairpersons of their respective committees.

The Buyer's Fee Declaration Change Update: Thank you to all the unit owners who participated in the proxy voting for the Proposed Declaration Community Contribution Fee. The Declaration has been signed and recorded with the Town of Stratford Land records as of Feb. 5 with an effective date of Feb. 9, 2024. Collection of the fee will begin for any units that go under contract after Feb. 19, 2024. The OVCA monthly financial reserve report will have a separate line item indicating fees collected for the month as well as cumulative to date.

It is understood that residents, including those who are board members and past presidents of OVCA and OVTD, have a right to freedom of speech. When that freedom, however, is exercised using official-looking emails, when it becomes a campaign with nine separate messages sent out communitywide and when those messages are inconsistent, and at times inaccurate, the use of that freedom is not serving the community well.

It is also disturbing that the authors of these messages have an intimate knowledge of the Code of Ethics, which they have all signed at various times when they were or are involved in the governance of this Village. The most surprising, and unexplained, aspect of the emails that were sent was their failure to explain why the authors had such adamant opposition to the CCF, when one of the authors voted to adopt this same fee when she was a member of the OVCA Board in 2003.

The fee was collected for four years (2003-2007) and was not put into any specific reserve account. The money paid by the buyers sat in a fund over that period and the planned use of the funds was for such things as a landscape plan or burst-proof hoses. The funds were never spent because it was learned that the fee was collected illegally; all of the money was returned to the unit owners.

Knowing that great effort was made by the current By-Laws Committee to ensure that this fee is now legal, and knowing that it was being adopted properly through the arduous task of amending the Declaration, it is understandable that many in the community are left scratching their collective heads and asking why this group did not embrace the fee and celebrate that it could now be collected legally as was desired in 2003 and help strengthen our finances, rather than choosing to be obstructionists to its passage.

Flooding Issue Update: At the Dec. 15, 2023, Town of Stratford Inland Wetlands meeting Mark and Barry Hammonds presented and received unanimous approval of the Oronoque Village application from the Wetlands Board. Our proposed plan of implementation includes staff participation and budget approval. The plan of execution will more than likely straddle the 2023/2024 and the 2024/2025 budgets.

By-Laws: The By-Laws Committee has been addressing By-Law requests from residents and board members as well

as any statutory changes. Additionally, they have made a considerable effort to improve the language of the By-Laws, correct inconsistencies and ensure completeness. After a legal review, there will be a series of Special Board of Director By-Law Meetings to review the document before scheduling a unit owner meeting.

Strategic Planning Initiative: A formal presentation was made to the unit owners on Feb. 6, 2023. The next step is to develop a plan of execution.

2024/2025 Budget Planning: Several line items challenge us annually in preparation for the OVCA budget. Examples are Insurance, Optimum, Payroll, Program Building Maintenance, Leaf Removal and addressing a flooding issue in the Algonquin Lane area, just to name some of the larger cost drivers.

The Strategic Planning Initiative may also result in some financial requests in the interest of our Village. Annual increases are a concern that many residents have.

However, while our reserves over the past several years have been "adequate" to address some year-over-year issues, as the Betch Engineering Reserve Study has pointed out, we are certainly challenged in our roof reserve and on the OVTD side of the ledger our roads and sidewalk replacements.

Thank you,
Bob Grosso, OVCA President
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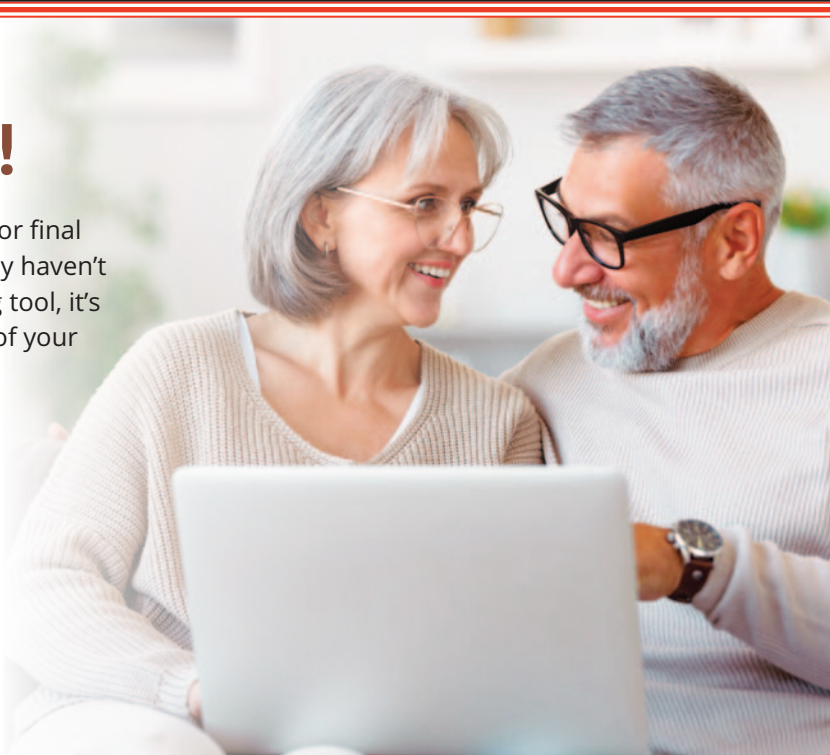
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'ADVENTURES IN NEPAL' PRESENTATION BY LETITIA LABEREE

Story by Jerry Reece ~ Photo by Arline Walton

On Friday, Feb. 16, the OV Arts Guild (OVAG) hosted a captivating presentation by resident Letitia Laberee. Letitia transported an audience of nearly 100 people on an enlightening and visually enchanting journey to Nepal, recounting her adventures exploring the South Asian country in 2023.

Nepal became a beacon on Letitia's travel map, serendipitously. During a prior trip to New Zealand, she forged a friendship with a representative of the Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal Trust, igniting her desire to visit the country. Motivated by this chance encounter, she embarked on a mission to deliver medical supplies, rallying support from organizations like Afya, a nonprofit based in Westchester County, N.Y., which donated generously.

With the backing of the Himalayan Trust and the Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal Trust, Letitia traversed Nepal, sharing her journey through a captivating slideshow with the audience. From long, sometimes precarious, road trips to witnessing the juxtaposition of poverty and the joyful spirit of the Nepalese people ... Letitia's poignant observations left a lasting impact. She visited schools where students trekked miles for education, encountering minimal resources and shelter, stirring emotions among the audience.

Reflecting on her most memorable moment, Letitia recounted her ascent of Pikey Point, a staggering 4,067 meters high, with humor, admitting, "While going up there, I thought I was going to die."

Now, her mission is to support schools in Nepal in any way possible. A raffle and sale that took place during the event — featuring Nepalese scarves, clothing, jewelry and embroidered handbags — surpassed fundraising goals, (raising almost \$900) thanks to the generosity of Oronoque resi-



Resident Letitia Laberee recently presented a talk about her travels in Nepal. During the event, which was presented by the OV Arts Guild, a fundraising raffle and sale took place. Featured items included Nepalese scarves, clothing, jewelry and embroidered handbags. Proceeds were donated to The Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal through The Himalayan Trust.

dents. All proceeds will directly benefit The Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal through The Himalayan Trust. (As of Feb. 22, the total amount was nearing \$1,200.)

Letitia's presentation serves as a poignant reminder to cherish our blessings and appreciate the diverse cultures around the world, many living with less but embracing life with bliss.

The OVAG extends heartfelt gratitude to Letitia for sharing her profound experience with us.

In turn, Letitia is appreciative of those who attended the event and took interest in her cause. "I am absolutely overwhelmed by the support I received at the presentation and the donations made during the following days," she says. "A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible."

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STRATFORD LIBRARY SEEKS BOOK DONATIONS FOR ANNUAL SALE

The Stratford Library Board is seeking donations for its annual book sale. Contributors are urged to recycle their good books to share with others and help the Stratford Library at the same time.

Donations of good hardcover books and paperbacks, fiction or nonfiction as well as sound and video recordings, can be brought to the library. A special book collection bin is onsite in the main lobby.

Donations of biographies, cookbooks, poetry, plays, travel, mystery, science fiction, children's books are encouraged.



Premium condition books and children's materials are especially appreciated this year.

No VHS tapes of any kind can be accepted. Patrons requiring help to unload cars must call 203-385-4166 prior to their delivery in order for the library to arrange assistance. Donations will be accepted through May 22. Library hours are Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday- Saturday: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

For further information, call 203-385-4161 or visit the library website at www.stratfordlibrary.org.

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WEBSITE INSIGHTS

FIND IT ON THE WEB: If you want the most updated calendar, the latest events notices and information to inform you about what the OVCA and OVTD Boards and our Executive Director are doing, the best source is via www.oronoquevillage.com.

For the calendar and for upcoming events, check under the heading CALENDAR & EVENTS. For reports by the Executive Director and the Presidents or Boards of OVCA and OVTD, visit the CONDO NEWS & NOTIFICATIONS, located on the home page. There are several recently posted documents that you may find provide good information: "A Message From the OVCA President," "A Strategic Planning Update," "Voting Results From the Proposed Declaration Amendments" and "A Message From the OVTD President."

VILLAGER ONLINE TEST – All of the Villager issues (going back for years) are posted online on www.oronoquevillage.com under the COMMUNICATIONS heading. Scroll to VILLAGER/ VILLAGER ISSUES.

As of this March 1, 2024, issue, we have completed the two tests — which took place on Jan. 15 and Feb. 15 — printing a small quantity of the Villager and having the printed issues available at the North and South Clubhouses.

We will report to you the feedback we received shortly. At the time of this writing (Feb. 16) we don't have the data, but please stay tuned.

NEW RESIDENTS: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! We value your experience. We need your input and your help! We invite you to join a focus group for one to two meetings to offer your suggestions and opinions and to learn about the following projects.

1) The OVTV station – Channel 591: Come discuss content, airing times, lengths of loops...

2) Marketing OV to the public - We invite Realtors and others interested in updating promotional materials

3) Frederico Fellini? Stephen Spielberg? Our video equipment is up and running. We need volunteers to learn how to use it so we can film OV events. Come to one brief, hands-on tutorial.

To volunteer, or if you have questions or suggestions, please call/email: Mary W. von Ziegesar (203-767-9760/ MvonZ@optonline.net) or Tom Fuchs (203-500-6646 / Tofu28469@gmail.com).

Thank you!

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

The book for March 6 is "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks: A thrilling story about humanity in all its ugliness and beauty.

The book for April 3 is "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. Remarkable . . . An unflinching yet life-affirming drama about the power of art and love to push back to, in dangerous times.

"Our Missing Hearts" is an old story, made new, of the ways supposedly civilized communities can ignore the most searing injustice. It's about the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children, and the power of art to create change.

The author shows how we are so willing to blame a crisis on an enemy ... in this case, the Chinese. A Chinese family has to deal with injustice and cruelty.

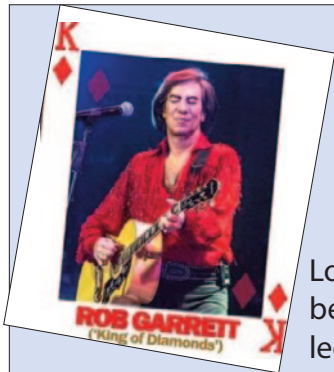
The book is very thought-provoking and, in light of past and present happenings, it makes you think that this could happen, and in some cases ... it has.

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"SWEET TREATS"

MARCH 21, 7 P.M.
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GOOD TIMES CLUB PRESENTS

Neil Diamond ... The Tribute From Las Vegas

AQUA TURF CLUB * PLANTSVILLE, CT * TUESDAY, MAY 14

Longtime Las Vegas entertainer and Legends in Concert alumni Rob Garrett has become the #1 Neil Diamond tribute artist with his unparalleled portrayal of the legendary performer.

The show features all of your favorite hits: "Cherry, Cherry," "Coming to America," "Girl, You'll Be a Woman Soon," "I'm a Believer" and, of course, "Sweet Caroline."

Bus Departs SCB: 10:15 a.m. (Coffee & Donuts on Arrival) / Estimated Return: 4:30 p.m.

Family-Style Menu: Garden salad, pizza, pasta, chicken ala Kathryn and broiled scrod with crumb topping, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert and coffee.

Cost: \$128 per person, based on 35-50. Motorcoach and gratuities included.

Drop off checks (made out to Good Times) at Good Times mailbox at NCB by April 10 deadline. Questions? Call Mary Ann Weaver at 203-530-9962.

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Whether you have an interest in the arts, literature, music, current events, history, science, film, creative

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Two of the most popular lecturers from the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) will present information about available year-round courses. They will lead mini-presentations on

their American History and Contemporary Literature topics

So, join us for our first event. Following the program, you're invited to a meet and greet reception with wine and treats. This is a free event, but donations are appreciated.



Friday, March 8, 2024 at 3 p.m.
in the South Clubhouse.

For information, contact
Chris Orrell at 781.879.4723 or
Mary von Ziegesar at 203.767.9760



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You are invited to a reading by and a celebration of the author and Oronoque Village resident, Elisabeth Breslav. Elisabeth's recently published book, **FIVE YEARS UNDER NAZI OCCUPATION, a WORLD WAR II MEMOIR of RESILIENCE and SURVIVAL in THE NETHERLANDS** is the gripping story of her life from 12 – 17 years old during the 1940 - 1945 Nazi occupation.

Fellow OV resident, author, and also from the Netherlands, Kees Adema will follow the reading with a discussion of the relevance of Elisabeth's book today.

The book will be available for purchase by credit card at this meeting, with all net proceeds from the sale of the book going to the International Red Cross.

Co-sponsored by the Oronoque Village Writer's Group and the Oronoque Village Arts Guild, all residents are welcome to this event

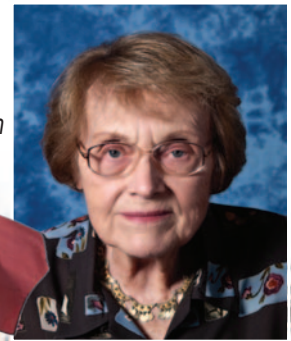
**Friday, March 15
4pm SCB**

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Member of the Arts Guild and the Writer's Group may attend free of charge. Guests pay \$8.00.

5 Years Under Nazi Occupation

A World War II Memoir of Resilience & Survival in the Netherlands

By: Elisabeth
Breslav





Millions of birds will be migrating through Connecticut this spring. Learn about what birds need as they migrate, what birds we should look for, and how to make our very own Oronoque Village yards and public spaces attractive to them.

Come listen to Migrating Bird Expert Chris Petherick, lifelong bird watcher, backyard bird feeder and owner of the Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop in Fairfield, CT.



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MONDAY - MARCH 11, 2024

1:00 pm SCB

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St Patrick's Day
Celebration!

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024
7pm SCB Doors Open 6:15

Joey Vincent has been entertaining audiences throughout the United States, Canada and Europe for over 30 years, including appearances at Carnegie Hall, Philadelphia Academy of Music and Toronto Symphony Hall, as well as America's Got Talent.

A fast-paced blend of musical impressions, stand-up comedy, singing Irish as well as other well-known contemporary hit tunes and trumpet virtuosity, this unique show is one you shouldn't miss!

Reservations required and payments will be accepted from February 16th through March 8th unless maximum capacity is reached. Open to resident Funseeker members and one non-resident guest per single resident until February 25th. Starting on Feb. 26th, if there is space availability, member residents may sign up any number of non-resident guests. **Please put \$7.00 check per person into FUNSEEKERS mailbox, NCB (\$11.00 non-resident guest).** Not a 2024 member? Join for \$15 per person. Questions? Call Lynn Collins 203-260-4644.



Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks & Dessert To Be Served

BYOB and SNACKS!



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

Please join us for our next Karaoke/Dance Party on March 22 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!

The Movie Club Presents *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3*

Friday, March 8, 7 p.m. at NCB
Wednesday, March 13, at 2 p.m. at SCB
\$1 admission includes popcorn

Toula Portokalos (Nia Vardalos) and her family go international in the third movie to deliver her late father Gus' journal to his childhood friends in the Greek village where he grew up.



They're hoping to meet Gus' friends at a village reunion organized by the self-appointed town mayor, Victory (Melina Kotselou).

In addition to their daughter, Paris (Elena Kampouris), who's now in college, Toula and Ian (John Corbett) are joined by Aunt Voula (Andrea Martin), Theia Freida (Maria Vaccratsis), Toula's brother Nick Portokalos (Louis Mandylor) and Paris' old fling, Aristotle (Elias Kacavas). Toula's mom Maria (Lainie Kazan), meanwhile, stays back in Chicago, as she deals with memory loss.

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