



The Village at Stone Ridge

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CANDIDATES FOR EXPIRED OR VACATED BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS

The annual meeting of VSR unit owners is scheduled for 28 September 2005, its venue to be determined and announced later. At that time elections will be held to fill two Board of Trustee positions: The one-year term created by the 2004 elections of the first Board of Trustees, presently held by Judith Culver, will expire and will become a three-year term starting this year.

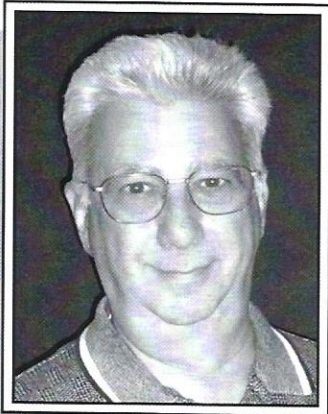
The resignation of Nick Johnson from the Board, effective 17 October 2005, leaves a position to be filled for the unexpired term of one year.

A ballot and voting instructions will be mailed to unit owners on 1 September. We are to vote for one candidate (one ballot per unit) for each of the two positions. You can mail or hand deliver your ballot by 28 September to Election Commission Chairman Richard Diaz (14 Stone Ridge) or cast your vote in a special voting box that

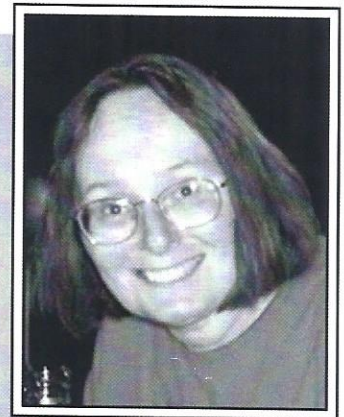
will be available at the Annual Meeting. The results will be announced by 7 October.

Included in this Bulletin are biographical sketches of the candidates who have accepted their nominations to the Board.

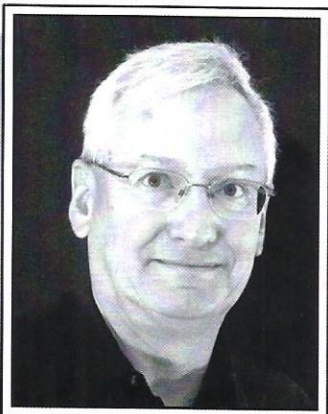
Come to the Clubhouse from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on 8 September for Candidate's Night so that you can get to know more about these nominees. This will be a question-and-answer forum and will be part of the regular Village meeting postponed from 1 September because of its proximity to Labor Day.



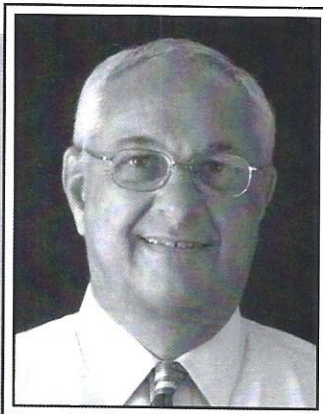
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31 Stone Ridge Rd.



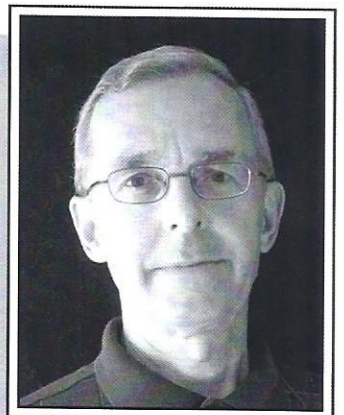
Judy Culver
34 Stone Ridge Rd.



Dean Hubbard
6 Stone Ridge Rd.



Gene Hudon
22 Stone Ridge Rd.



Bill Townsend
20 Sandstone Rd.

CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES



Eli Demetri

When my wife Charlotte and I discovered VSR three years ago, we knew almost immediately that this is where we wanted to live.

Since moving here in December 2002 we have come to love and appreciate not only the physical beauty of the surroundings, but also the friendliness and sense of community that pervades our neighborhood.

I was born and brought up in Somerville where I lived until Charlotte and I married in 1963. I received a Bachelor of Science degree Magna Cum Laude in Chemical Engineering from Tufts University and a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from MIT. My career has been spent almost entirely in Contract Research & Development for government and industry, primarily in the Aerospace and Energy fields. This has included positions as Senior Staff Member at Arthur D. Little and Director of R&D at AMTI, a firm in Newton specializing in advanced prototype development of energy-related equipment for commercial and military clients. I currently serve as Corporate Fellow at Concepts NREC, an aerospace consulting company headquartered in Vermont with offices in Woburn.

For the past year I've served as chairman of the Legal Committee working with the Trustees to address the many shortcomings of the present set of documents governing the functioning of the VSR Association. If elected to the Board, I can only hope to accomplish even a small fraction of the great progress Nick Johnson has made during his tenure in office. I'm sure I share the goals of all residents to maintain the beauty and character of this neighborhood and to provide the services we have a right to expect at a cost we can all afford.



Judy Culver

Now that my first year on the Board of Trustees is about to expire, I'm excited about running for a full three-year term. My specific role on the current Board has been as Clerk. As such I keep detailed minutes of all Board meetings and store approved minutes in the appropriate Clubhouse folder.

Last January, as a member of the Municipal Services Committee, I was instrumental in securing Town trash pickup for the Village. I am currently the Board liaison to the Septic Treatment Plant Transition Committee, and I also serve on the new Architectural Standards Review Committee.

My husband Rick and I moved to this Village in Phase I and are completing our fourth summer here. We've called Westford our home for 35 years. Our first house was in Forge Village where we raised our three children. Our daughter is a kindergarten teacher at the Robinson School, and it is with her two young children that you frequently see us.

Over the years I have been active in a number of organizations and boards in Westford: thirty years in the League of Women Voters, ten years on the School Committee, followed by nine years on the Finance Committee. After a brief retirement from public service, I have just been re-appointed to another term on the Finance Committee. I also serve as the Community Member on the Robinson School Advisory Council.

I believe that I have been an effective Trustee, and I have enjoyed working with so many of our residents. In the coming three years I expect to work with the other Trustees, not only to complete all of the VSR ownership goals, but also to begin the development of plans that will maintain a comfortable residential setting for us in the years to come.



Dean Hubbard

My wife, Roni, and I are proud to be residents of the Village at Stone Ridge. If elected, I will work hard to preserve and enhance all aspects of the excellent environment in our community. I believe that it is important to listen to all community members and to use the talent and experience from as many community members as possible. I have enjoyed working as chairman of the Waste Water Treatment Facility Transition Committee and plan to continue monitoring the health, safety, and efficient operation of this critical part of our community regardless of the outcome of the election.

I am a defense systems engineer with a Masters of Science degree and have recently retired from Raytheon Company after 36 years of service. Roni and I moved to the Village at Stone Ridge from another Westford condominium – Hildreth Hills – where I served as a Trustee.

I am interested in giving my time and talents not only to the Village at Stone Ridge but also to the larger community. Since my retirement I have served as a RESEED (Retirees Enhancing Science Education through Demonstrations and Experiments) volunteer at the Bartlett School in Lowell and a Link-to-Literacy volunteer tutor at the Westford library. I plan to continue these volunteer teaching activities during the coming school year.



Gene Hudon

Both Donna and I are native New Englanders. We were married shortly after my return from Viet Nam in 1968.

My business life started in Atlanta where I became a part of an apartment development team. This led to property management positions in Rhode Island and Boston, and in 1977 I left these positions to pursue other career opportunities. Currently I am Vice President of Lundermac Co., Inc., a provider of Whirlpool commercial laundry equipment to the apartment, condominium, and multi-housing communities throughout New England.

Our client portfolio includes significant and numerous property management companies. I have been active as chairperson of numerous committees with the Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut chapters of the Institute of Real Estate Management. Since 1987 I have been a Director of the Rental Housing Association, a division of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, chairing education, vendor, and presidents awards committees.

In August 2003, we moved into this Village and immediately became active in our community, Donna with clubhouse and social activities, and myself by initiating the concept of various transitional subcommittees with individual chairs. I co-chaired the steering committee until our first homeowner Trustees were elected. I currently serve on the finance committee.

My objectives as Trustee would be to:

Assure sound fiscal management, while maintaining the property and services to the property at the highest levels practical and necessary.

Understand the priorities of the homeowner.

Identify short and medium range objectives of our community. In other words, how do we as residents want to develop the personality of the Village at Stone Ridge and at what cost?

Make decisions in the best interest of the majority of homeowners.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

If you are interested in joining a class for beginners in country line dancing that meets in the gym from 7 to 8 pm every Tuesday, call 978- 692-2423.

This type of dancing does not require a partner, and it's great fun!



Bill Townsend

Having been born and raised in Winchendon, Massachusetts, I graduated in 1968 from UMASS - Amherst with a BBA in Accounting. Paula and I were married in 1968, and have always lived in Massachusetts—25 years in Westborough and 10 years in Grafton before moving to the Village at Stone Ridge in April 2004. We have two married daughters, one in Westford and one in Virginia, and they have blessed us with five grandsons.

I am semi-retired from National Grid (previously known locally as Massachusetts Electric), where I worked for 35 years mostly in accounting and finance. I held positions such as Supervisor of Plant Accounting, Manager of Revenue Accounting and Manager of Payroll Accounting.

While living in Westborough, I was a member of the Finance Committee of the Westborough United Way for a number of years.

Here at the Village at Stone Ridge, I have been a member of the Finance and Budget Committee (both pre and post transition). Recently, I have also been a member of the Water and Sewer sub-committee.

As we have all observed, the Village at Stone Ridge is fortunate to have residents with considerable talents who are willing to be involved to keep our community a beautiful and desirable place. I share this enthusiasm and, with your support, will gladly continue to take an active role as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Book Club Report

by Gail Sergenian



September and October Book Club Meetings

For our next meeting, Thursday, September 1, we will be reading *Have His Carcase*, by Dorothy L. Sayers. This is a mystery book, for which we have special instructions.

Stop reading after Chapter XXX111 (33).

DO NOT READ CHAPTER XXXIV.

We will start our meeting by trying to figure out "who done it" and how, before reading the ending together.

As usual, we will meet in the Clubhouse. Come at 1:00 p.m. for refreshments, to be followed at 1:30 with our discussion.

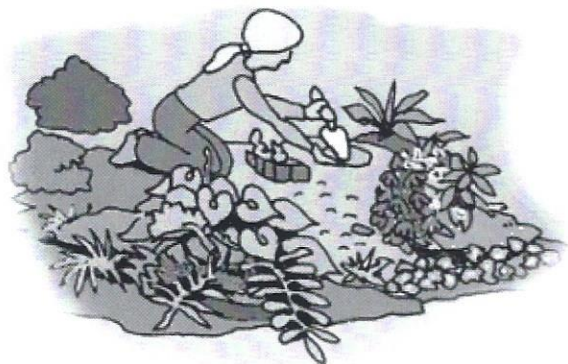
NOTE: October's book will be *One Thousand White Women*, by Jim Fergus.

SHRUB PLANTING AT VSR

by Lois Frampton



Fall is a good time to plant shrubs. Pick a site at least three feet from your foundation with plenty of room to grow without overhanging your lawn or driveway. Be sure to water very well when you plant and then repeat about once a week for a month. Remember we must not plant anything in our lawn that impedes grass cutting. On the APPROPRIATE PLANTS list are shrubs that have proven themselves on our windy site. On the INAPPROPRIATE PLANTS list are shrubs that have died here. Yes, unfortunately this includes some of our favorite plants.



APPROPRIATE PLANTS

- Juniper or spruce of all colors and sizes
- Arborvitae, Emerald and low arborvitae such as Hetz Midget, Rheingold, and Sunkist
- Pines, all sizes
- False Cypress, chamaecyparis, that stay under eight feet.
- Most deciduous bushes, e.g., all types of viburnum, deciduous azaleas, Rose of Sharon, Flowering Quince, Enkianthus, dogwood shrubs such as Ivory Halo, Silveredge Dogwood, Cornelian Cherry
- Grasses such as Miscanthus, Carex (sedge), Calamagrostis (Feather Reed Grass), Fescue, Oat Grass, Panicum (Switch Grass)
- Potentilla, Peonies, Clematis, spring bulbs except the deer love tulips.

INAPPROPRIATE PLANTS

- Rhododendrons and evergreen azaleas, all types, especially PJM, except when very well protected from wind.
- Leucothoe except when protected from wind.
- Clethra, summersweet, and oak leaf hydrangea. These look very dead in winter, leaf out only in late spring

- Microbiota (very low shrub in island in front of Clubhouse) looks very dead in winter
- Rosa rugosa (note that deer like all roses)
- Hollies, deer love it and does not flourish in wind
- Barberry, burning bush, these are on the Massachusetts invasive plant list.

WORTH A TRY

The following are desirable plans that will probably work at Stone Ridge:

- Pieris (Andromeda) Brouwer's Beauty or Mountain Andromeda. Plant in shade with some wind protection
- Buxus (Box). Don't plant where snow will be piled on it.
- Lilacs. Needs to be in full sun at least six hours/day with lots of space to grow.
- Cotoneaster, deciduous ones, need full sun
- Scotch Broom. We have one or two growing well here in full sun

FRIDAY QUILTING GROUP

Get that unfinished quilt you started in the 70's out of the closet, or learn to quilt from scratch.

A small group of quilters meets Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.00 noon at the Clubhouse.

If you have a portable sewing machine, bring it. Or take your machine out of its cabinet, and come along and take lessons.

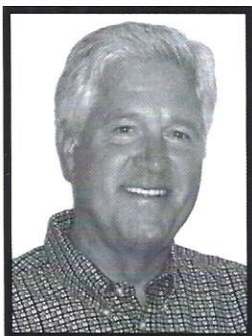
The first meeting will be **Friday, September 9th.**

Please call Lois Frampton **(978-692-4095)** with questions and/or for a supply list.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Skip & Pauline Giles

by Shirley Chambers



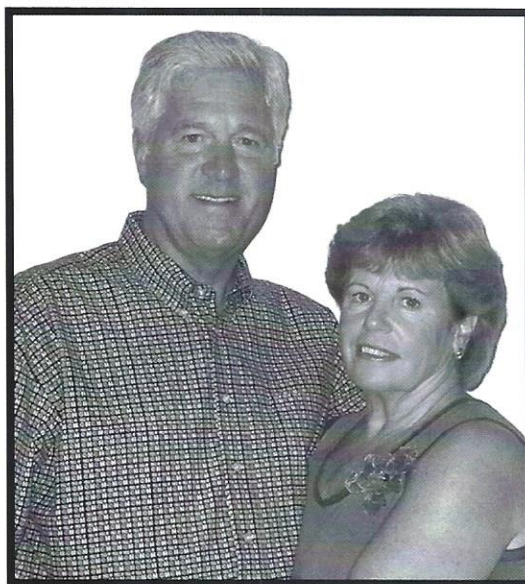
Good morning President Clinton, may I please have your autograph? And how many hundreds of times has John "Skip" Giles heard that? And all those times he was asked to have his picture taken with a son, an aunt, an uncle, a baby, a grandmother, he happily accommodated." Some people even called to make an appointment to be photographed with the "President."

This uncanny resemblance has delighted many people, and as Skip says "my picture in on hundreds of refrigerator doors all over the world, and those people will probably never know their pictures are of Skip, not Bill." And what's the harm?

Being a President Clinton look-alike can invade your life; it can be fun, but it can become a nuisance too. During Clinton's presidency (remember, 1993-2001) the Boston Herald asked Skip to go along with a little scheme whereby they would send him (as a decoy) accompanied by two of their reporters, and two men posing as Secret Service agents complete with earpieces, sunglasses, and the typical blue blazers to Martha's Vineyard during the same time the real Clinton was "in hiding" there. Skip says crowds, some of traffic-stopping proportions, mobbed him as he toured the island. The real Clinton never appeared; nobody could find him. Skip says I spent the day shaking hands, kissing babies, posing for pictures, and even giving autographs, and we made a lot of people happy, especially the kids. And that's what it's all about.

Do you remember when Clinton presented himself as a "family man?" Well, ha ha and another ha. Meet a real family man - Skip Giles. And Pauline (his wife of 40 years)

says the proverbial "There's a good woman behind every successful man." Like many other VSR residents, they are great family-oriented folks. They have three children: John Giles and Andrea Mullen (who both live in Windham, N.H. each with two children) and the youngest, Michael (living in Boston's North End) who has just recently graduated from Dartmouth. Skip and Pauline said they had lots of fun during the years Michael was in college playing football as the starting running back. They were very proud that he made the top 20 for all time yards rushing against Yale, and they went to every game and usually stayed in the same hotel as the team. (A photo of Michael - What a hunk!) They never went anywhere without taking all their children.



PHOTOS: NANY DIAZ

Skip just retired in December. He was VP in charge of marketing for the Fritz Companies, Inc. Because Fritz was an import/export company strictly doing international business, Skip traveled a great deal and has been all over the world many times.

Pauline did not get to travel with him because, as she says, "I was at home taking care of the kids." Fritz was bought out by UPS five years ago. The Giles lived in Andover for more than 20 years before moving to our Village this past April, and in that short time they have made many friends here.

"My picture in on hundreds of refrigerator doors all over the world, and those people will probably never know their pictures are of Skip, not Bill." And what's the harm?"

Besides facial features, we can find other likenesses. Skip and Bill are the same age. One year ago February 29th Skip had quadruple by-pass surgery. A few months later Clinton had the

same operation. Bill went back to surgery and had a stent put in, and so did Skip. I did not ask Skip if he was learning to play the saxophone. Pauline assured me there was no Monica in his life, and I didn't ask about cigars. I personally think Skip is far more handsome than Bill.

Will the real Bill Clinton please stand up?

PERCEPTIONS A Dream Fulfilled



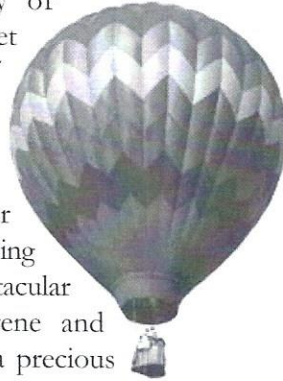
by Louise O'Donnell

To drift up into space in a hot air balloon has long been a desire of mine. This July my son and his family and Harry and I went on vacation to a beautiful resort called the Sagamore, which is in upper New York State's Adirondack Mountains. It is a lovely site set on 82 acres near Lake George.

As a surprise my son had arranged a balloon ride for the day after our arrival. Since that day was overcast and windy, it had to be postponed until early the next morning. Before breakfast we traveled about a half hour to our destination, which was a large field next to an elementary school. From the back of a van the balloon pilot and his two assistants took out a large square padded basket and a long drifting multicolored length of material. Once they pumped air into the material, it became a huge balloon that rose and lifted the basket upright.

The pilot and our party of seven climbed into the basket and, as he gave short bursts of hot air into the balloon, we rose ever so gently into the sky's air currents. The magical one-hour ride took us over farms, fields, hills, and deer leaping in the woods. Viewing the spectacular scenes below us was so serene and delightful that it has become a precious memory for me. Once we were on the ground again and the air was let out of the balloon, we helped pack up its fabric and then went off to breakfast.

Should anyone care to view the pictures they took of us, go to www.ackballoonflights.com, scroll down, and click on "recent flight pictures." When the July calendar comes up, click on the 26th.



GREAT NORTH ASSIGNS NEW MANAGER

Richard Fitzgerald, who was in charge of VSR for Great North Property Management, left the Company for health reasons. We are grateful to Richard for his many special efforts on behalf of our Village, particularly during this transition period.

Our new manager is Paul Okonak, who was introduced by Mark Audette (Great North Principal) at the last Board of Trustees meeting. Paul has 20 years of experience in property management, including the nearby Sky Meadows complex. Although Paul is managing other properties as well, the Village at Stone Ridge has become his major focus to ensure a continued smooth transition to Unit Owner administration. The Great North phone number (1-800-221-0210) and e-mail address (office@greatnorth.net) remain the same for Paul as they were for Richard.

JUST A REMINDER

from Shirley Chambers

In about a month from now cell phone numbers will be released to telemarketing companies, and you will start to receive those bothersome sales calls. **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS.**

To prevent this, call the following number FROM your cell phone: **1-888-382-1222**. This is the National Do Not Call Registry operated by the Federal Trade Commission. It will only take a minute of your time, and it blocks your number for five years. Your home telephone number is probably on this list already, but if not register that too.

I have checked out this information, and if you would like to do so for yourself download www.donotcall.gov. By doing this you can also read about FTC's privacy policy and what action you should take if the calls persist.

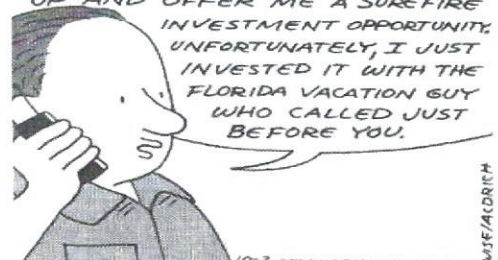
New Book Club

We are interested in starting a new book club for those of us who cannot meet during the early afternoons. If you are interested, please contact Gail Sergenian and Mort Silverman at (978) 692-6046 or gail_sergenian@yahoo.com.

Please include the late afternoons, evenings, or weekend days on which you are available.

NOTE: Members of the Thursday afternoon club are also welcome.

GOLLY... I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS JUST SITTING HERE BY THE PHONE, AND I WAS HOPING A BROKER WHO'S NEVER MET ME, BUT CALLS ME BY MY FIRST NAME, WOULD RING ME UP AND OFFER ME A SUREFIRE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. UNFORTUNATELY, I JUST INVESTED IT WITH THE FLORIDA VACATION GUY WHO CALLED JUST BEFORE YOU.

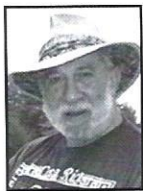


Remember: It's not polite to just hang up on telemarketers.

A SLICE OF LIFE

A Backwoods Adventure, Take II

by Mort Silverman



In the late winter of 1996 I was full-throttle into outdoor life. I began thinking about the next summer's vacation for me and my ex-wife. We were very experienced outdoor people, having been back-packing, camping, and sleeping on the snow through the winter months. An article in *Outdoor Life* with some wonderful photos peaked my interest. It was about some adventurous folks who had flown to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and from there had taken the Algoma Central Railroad. This railroad catered to miners and trappers and as it traveled north would let you off or pick you up at any point on the track. A lodge that rented outpost cabins up-river as well as boats with outboard motors could be found at the intersection of the railroad with the Montreal River. The lodge also sold basic foods. I decided to go there, and my ex-wife agreed.

I wrote to the Canadian Department of the Interior for topological maps that showed to scale the fall of the land in the area of interest. I wrote to the Dam Site Lodge for outpost cabin availability, description, and prices for boat and motor. The brochures I received told of the black bear hunting and also fishing opportunities. I then inventoried our outdoor equipment and bought what we lacked. My ex-wife was neither a hunter nor a fisherwoman. She would take notes and photos of wildflowers and birds in the area. She would bring needlepoint and, as a voracious reader, books. I arranged by mail for non-resident licenses, and I planned to bring my 30:06 Remington pump-action rifle for the bear. I considered the weight of the bullet and chose one heavy enough.

As described in the brochure, the cabin was very simple. It housed two bunk beds, a pot bellied stove for heat and to cook over, no electricity or running water. We would have to go down to the river with a bucket. There was an outhouse and only kerosene lanterns for light. No radio or TV. I sent a check as deposit on our cabin and boat and made reservations for the flight to Sault Ste. Marie. I also made reservations for a hotel where we planned to stay overnight and make any necessary adjustments to our gear.

The next morning we arose early enough to have breakfast at a local eatery. We were excitedly anxious about our backwoods trip. The trip could be dangerous, and if an emergency arose, only a seaplane could get us to a medical facility. So it seemed wise to be in really

good physical shape. I was ready since I had been running more than 100 miles a month, swimming and doing weight training. I also ran the stairs in New York City's subways two at a time.

Midway through our stay a young-adult black bear came close to our cabin. With rifle in hand I went after the bear. As a hunter, I immediately knew that since the wind was in my face the bear could not smell me. It had just finished drinking from the river. As it turned toward me I could see water dripping from its mouth. I took a shooting position on one knee and aimed at its neck. I thought to myself, I could change my mind before firing. Once I fired, it would be life or death between the bear and me. BOOM!! It sounded like a



cannon. The bullet struck where I aimed and blew the bear into the river. I fired twice more, but that was unnecessary. The bear was dead. I motored across the river to another cabin to ask the fishermen there to help me pull the bear out of the river. I strung up the bear between sapling trees and, amid clouds of mosquitos and black flies, I skinned it and salted it down in order to prevent spoilage.

The river was frequently clogged with floating logs, making its navigation difficult. And so it was time to leave. When the boat was loaded with our things, we pushed the logs out of the way, which was dangerous and time-consuming, and wended our way down-river. Had I known then that our son had been conceived on this trip, I would have painted a sign on the boat **BABY ON BOARD**.



Simply Social...

By Donna Hudon

In just a few short weeks we will be replacing the bright colors of summer with the vivid colors of fall. Oh, if we could only preserve these past few weeks of summer sunshine and unleash them on those gray, snowy days of winter! Fall comes to us with cool, crisp nights and gently ushers us into the festive holiday season.



The fall season is a busy one starting with our very own Village Antiques Road Show, which Shirley Chambers and Polly Byrne have graciously offered to coordinate. Please refer to the separate article in this issue that describes this event in detail.

We hope to have our piano in place before our "party" season begins. What a great addition to our Clubhouse!

"Thank you's" to Jane and Paul Currier for the DVD player and to Ann Sullivan for the VCR for our library.

If anyone is interested in attending a movie night to be held in the library the second Tuesday evening of the month, beginning Sept. 15th at 7 PM, please contact Ann Sullivan at (978) 692-0810.

We have many "happenings" going on over the next few months, so be sure to mark your calendars with dates listed at the end of this article.

Enjoy your day!

COMING EVENTS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

- Thursday–September 8** Paper Products Marathon drop-off 3:00-4:30 PM
- Thursday–September 8** Candidates Night 7:00-9:00 p.m
- Tuesday–October 18** The Village's Own Antique Roadshow 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Saturday–October 29** Wine Tasting by Vallon Wine & Spirits 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday–November 5** Second Annual Arts Festival 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Saturday–December 3** Holiday Party
- Saturday–December 31** New Year's Eve Party

CLUBHOUSE PRIVATE BOOKINGS:

October 8th, 22nd, and 24th

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday–September 21 - 7:00 p.m. at the Library

ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW VSR STYLE

On October 18th a panel of five ladies will be in our Clubhouse beginning at 7:00 pm to appraise, identify, and otherwise discuss the antique and collectible items you are invited to bring with you. All of these ladies have been associated with the antiques business in some form or other for 30 to 40 years and are very knowledgeable in this field. (Unlike the TV version, no auctioneers have been invited.)

Two of our panel will be traveling here from Wiscasset, Maine, especially for this purpose. One who has been a professional appraiser and lecturer for 30 years will be coming from Acton, and two are VSR residents. Be thinking about some of the articles you would like to bring such as (but not limited to)



textiles, dolls, toys, printings, folk art, rugs, primitives, and ephemera. (Please, no jewelry, coins, or stamps.) We request that each of you bring no more than two items. If you have an article too large to move easily, bring a photo of same. Hopefully, we will have all bases covered.

Feel free to invite your friends. It should be a fun show-and-tell night, and we will all learn a bit too.

THE LAST WORD – Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!

A couple had been debating buying a vehicle for weeks. He wanted a truck. She wanted a fast little sports-like car so she could zip through traffic around town.

He would probably have settled on any beat up old truck, but everything she seemed to like was way out of their price range.

"Look!" she said. "I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in just a few seconds. Nothing else will do. My birthday is coming up so surprise me!"

He did just that. For her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.

Nobody has seen or heard from him since.

–Sent by Gabriella DiPrizio

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