

A GOOD TURNOUT FOR CANDIDATES' NIGHT ON SEPT 2

by Shirley Chambers

Three well qualified and personable candidates accepted their nominations to serve on our new Board of Trustees: Peter Abate, David Auld, and Joel Shyavitz. Peter was unable to be with us tonight since he, with wife Kathy, is cruising someplace in the Mediterranean (plans made nearly a year ago before there were thoughts of serving as a trustee).



Peter Abate



David Auld



Joel Shyavitz

In Peter's absence, Election Commission Chair Barbara Leary began the evening by reading highlights from his bio, and she then asked David and Joel to tell us about themselves. Both gentlemen gave us some interesting facts about their background. A question and answer session followed.

Great North mailed ballots to all unit owners on Aug. 27th. Included in the mailing were proxy statements and bios of each of the candidates. These bios are included here on pages 2 and 3.

Ballots should be mailed to Great North before Sept. 29 or deposited in the Ballot Box at the Annual Meeting. Results will be announced by Oct. 6. The newly elected board will meet on Oct. 18th.

CANDIDATES' BIOGRAPHIES



PETER ABATE

Kathy and I have been residents in the Village at Stone Ridge for more than five years. Moving to this Village has been one of the best decisions that we ever made.

Living in an “active adult” condominium community has more than met our expectations, and we have found VSR to be a warm and caring community as well as a beautiful place to live.

We have been married for 46 years and first “dated” when we were in junior high school and later were high school sweethearts. We have four children and seven grandchildren: six boys and one princess. Our oldest son, his wife, a grandson and the princess live in Arizona. Our other children and grandsons live in Haverhill and Reading.

I was born in Medford, and Kathy and I and our two boys moved to Reading in 1968. While living in Reading I was an assistant scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts for several years and managed teams in youth baseball. I was also on the Finance Committee for our church for twelve years.

I received my B.S. in accounting and my MBA on a fellowship at Northeastern University. In 1970 I passed the CPA exam and worked for three years for Deloitte & Touche, a national CPA firm. The rest of my career was with privately owned and publicly held corporations as either the Controller or CFO. The largest company was Sweetheart Plastics that had annual sales of \$300,000,000.

My positions required that I have a thorough knowledge of accounting principles as well as a strong handle on corporate taxes. I attended board meeting at which I presented financial statements and analysis thereof. I also prepared short-term and long-range budgets. Overseeing audits by the outside auditors, federal and state tax auditors and Department of Defense auditors was my domain.

I joined the Village at Stone Ridge's Finance Committee as soon as I “retired” in early 2007. Since then I have been involved in the monthly financial reviews and the annual budget process. I consider myself a fiscal conservative but realize how important it is to maintain the buildings and grounds in a manner that we would all be proud to say we live here. I also understand the importance of having a solid financial base in the form of operating cash and reserves that help maintain our home values. I have also been on the Social Committee as a Sous-Chef during our wonderful cookouts on the holidays.

I would be honored to represent you on the Village at Stoneridge Board of Trustees.



DAVID AULD

My wife, Loretta, and I were delighted to find the Village at Stone Ridge in 2004. We had not experienced condominium living before but felt the friendly atmosphere upon our first visits. We have come to enjoy not only the beauty of the place as one drives through it at anytime of the year but more importantly the sense of community and spirit of cooperation that prevails here. If elected I will try to the best of my ability to preserve the high standards established for the management of the operations and the sense of community at the Village.

My childhood years were spent on a large Guernsey farm (about 2000 head of cattle) where my father was head herdsman. I pursued my education at Lehigh University where I majored in chemistry and chemical engineering, receiving my BA in 1960 and my MS in 1962. I continued my post graduate studies at Cornell University in organic and bio-organic chemistry. Loretta and I were married in 1961, and our young family had to do a lot of traveling early on since my professor at Cornell decided to take a position at the University of Santa Barbara in California in 1964, and I completed my research there, obtaining my PhD from Cornell in 1966. We then headed to Boston where I did a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University in biochemistry and then accepted an academic appointment in the Department of Biological Chemistry at Harvard Medical School to do research on enzymes and zinc biochemistry.

My research led me to interact with medical doctors, biologists, chemists and physicists internationally and led to about 150 original papers and chapters in books. I have served on and reviewed for a number of biochemical and chemical editorial boards. I was a director and clerk for the Endowment in Research in Human Biology at HMS from 1986-2003. The lab at Harvard was a large one having about ten senior staff and about five dozen post-doctoral fellows coming from a wide range of expertise and countries.

Since I am now Emeritus at Harvard Medical School I have more free time to devote to other activities. I still serve on the Board of Tutors in the Biosciences at the University meeting individually with eight to twelve undergraduates every two weeks throughout their last three years at Harvard. During the last thirty plus years I have also had the pleasure of serving in a number of different ways at our church in Lexington, Grace Chapel. I have served on and chaired the Boards of Trustees, Church Council, overseeing elders and inner city missions. At the present time I am a member of the VSR Finance and Trail Committees and a helper on the Social Committee (“photography, graphics and design of table set-ups”).

One constant in all my research, teaching and service opportunities has been the joy of working with people.



JOEL R. SHYAVITZ

To those who are enamored of lawyers and have wondered why no attorney has sought a position on the Board at Stone Ridge, your prayers have been answered! After being a member of the Legal Committee for the past six years dealing with changing and interpreting the rules and regulations of our association, I humbly request the opportunity to serve on the Stone Ridge Board.

I am in private practice for over forty-six years in the Greater Lowell area. During that period, I have earned the following positions: President of my local synagogue in Lowell, President of the New England Region of the Jewish Men's Club comprising twenty-one congregations at the time, King Lion of the Lowell Lions Club, President of the several hundred member Saints Memorial Hospital Men's Guild and member of the Board of the Central Savings Bank (now Eastern Bank).

If given the opportunity to serve, I pledge to bring my talents and industry to the Stone Ridge community.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Care of the VSR Waste Water System

The Village at Stone Ridge is not connected to municipal sewerage. The major components of our waste water system are 36 grinder pumps, a large holding tank, a high tech treatment plant, and a leaching bed. A major portion of your monthly Water & Sewer fee is used to keep this system running smoothly.

Because of the nature of our waste water system, garbage disposals are prohibited in the village. The following items should **NOT** be introduced into our sewer system: They will clog the grinder pumps.

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| Glass | Kitchen grease | Dental floss |
| Metal | Animal fat | Kitty litter |
| Seafood shells | Diapers or rags | Swiffer pads |
| Fish tank gravel | Plastic objects | Baby wipes |

In addition, **NEVER** introduce any of the following into any sewer:

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| Paint | Gasoline | Strong chemicals |
| Lubricating oil/grease | Explosives | Flammable materials |

Grinder pump alarm signals

Each grinder pump is designed to produce an alarm signal in the event of failure. The alarms are located on the wall of a unit in the vicinity of the pump. A light flashes and an alarm sounds when the alarm is activated. If you observe an alarm you should call Great North (603-891-1800) and report it.

-Your Water and Sewer Committee

LIBRARY NEWS



by Linda Anzivino

"Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations."

If you don't mind driving an hour for lunch, then the Library Restaurant in Portsmouth, NH is the place to go. The restaurant is situated in the historic Rockingham House, originally a mansion built in 1785 by a Revolutionary War judge and later rebuilt (after a fire) as a hotel. This accounts for its many lavish appointments and its architectural grandeur. A pair of large gold lions impressively guard the building's entrance. The scenic painted ceiling, mahogany moldings, hand carved paneling, French mirrors, fireplaces, and stained glass all create an elegant atmosphere in the restaurant. The Hotel was adapted to condos in 1973.



There are numerous bookshelves filled with hundreds of books, and they are for sale for \$5.00 each. The lunch menu includes salads and sandwiches from \$8.00 to entrees from \$16.00. Such a wonderful setting for a restaurant! George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy all visited the house, and (for all you history buffs) the 1905 Russo-Japanese treaty was signed there. If you want more information go to: www.libraryrestaurant.com.



Just a reminder: Now there are some cookbooks located with the puzzles in the middle bottom cabinet to the right of the fireplace. All audio books, DVS's, etc. are to the far right.



SUNDAY'S SUNDAE BAR A SUCCESS

Ice cream socials are part of our American culture. They are associated with hot summer days of which we've fortunately had more than a few during the last three to four months.

Our Social Committee outshone itself, again, first with ideal summer decorations – beach umbrellas and chairs and balls and sun hats even to the colorful sand pails holding the various toppings to go on the ice cream. Our Joyce had arranged with Kimballs for six flavors of ice cream including one with no sugar. She thought of everything!

Guess who was first in line at the Sundae Bar to have his ice cream scooped - Dom—and it is reported that he returned several times for refills.

We were asked to write down something about ourselves that most people wouldn't know (mates excluded from guessing). These slips were collected in a basket, and Larry acted as MC reading each to us (see photo reminiscent of Carnac the Magnificent) and then asking us to guess who. There were many many surprises. And we thought we knew our neighbors pretty well! Just for fun, the list is on page 5 and the answers on page 8.

The last slip drawn read: I know two people who are having a "significant" birthday? Both Shirley Chambers and Dottie Hall were surprised when Joyce presented each with a lovely floral bouquet and Sharon Erickson delivered to each a HUGE card signed by those present. Both were celebrating their 85th. Dot's was August 10th and Shirley's the 21st, making Dottie 11 days older and thus the Village Matriarch. Both ladies wish to thank all of you.



PHOTOS: DAVID AULD AND SHIRLEY CHAMBERS



WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

(Answers on page 8)

1. Took Latin in high school for 2 years. Thought of becoming a priest.
2. I danced with Bob Kraft (at a wedding).
3. College May Queen
4. I had an opportunity to chat and shake hands with Richard Gere.
5. I worked the Vegas strip and made money.
6. Rode for 3 days on a nuclear sub as a civilian engineer.
7. I flew out of the Shanghai Airport before it was completed.
8. Broke my jaws when I was 12.
9. While trolling in Sitka Bay in Alaska I caught a 26-lb king salmon. Thrilling. And this beauty gains a few ounces every time I tell the story.
10. As a kid I shoveled elephant dung out of a railroad boxcar for a free ticket to the circus.
11. I took a flying lesson in a Cessna single-engine plane when I was 16 years old. A long long time ago.
12. The first time I rode on a roller coaster (Nantasket Beach) I loved it so much I stayed on for 13 times (rides) in a row.
13. I once sang with Luciano Pavarotti.
14. In my senior high school yearbook I was named "the girl with the longest, thickest, blackest pony tail."
15. The first time I flew internationally, 3 out of 4 airlines I flew on were hi-jacked and blown up in the desert.
16. I completed the Mount Washington Road Race two years in a row.
17. I was born in India.
18. Who drank a whole case of beer (24 bottles) on a Sunday afternoon?
19. One of my ancestors was scalped by the indians in the 1800's when he was serving as a minister/doctor on the Oregon Trail.
20. I was with OJ Simpson in the same room. YUK! It was after he was found not guilty.
21. Climbed the observation platform at the top of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.
22. I was a guest at a friend's house when I was 17 to listen to Neil Sedaka (live).
23. President Kennedy saluted me during his inauguration.
24. I tested tape decks for "Gentleman Jim Lonberg," pitcher for the Red Sox "impossible dream" win.

(Sorry, we know we missed recording a few.)

Pulling Corks at the Village



There is always a certain anticipation as I approach the opening of a bottle of wine. I've estimated that I have probably opened close to 5,000 bottles. The fun part starts at the wine shop where I have a blast reading the countless labels with their scintillating descriptions. Hmm, maybe I'll try the Malbec from Argentina, or what about that Rioja from Spain? Then there is always that label from "down under" with the Koala on it. Wait, there's a Bordeaux boasting of its long history and reputation, as only the French vintners will do. I love the label, aha, it's on sale. Yep, it's destined for the Quarry Cellar until it's determined to be the perfect match with a certain dinner.

Some months later the time would come and I would open the bottle, first bringing the cork to my nose to enjoy that very first escape of its rich bouquet, and then pouring it into my glass. But then something happened on my journey with wine, I discovered decanting.

Decanting is a time-honored tradition. Wine lovers have long cherished the rituals of storage and service of wine. Today we continue to honor these traditions with the beauty of decanting. Decanting is very much a part of the romance of wine, but it is also an important process to enhancing the wine itself through the introduction of oxygen into the wine. Wine, much like a rose, really shares its beauty of taste and aroma (nose) after it has had some time to open up. Decanting is the pouring of the wine into a glass container to aerate the wine and reduce sediment. The charm is not only limited to the palate but also in the display of the wine cascading down the walls of the carafe, all of which heightens the anticipation of that first sip. For young wines the aeration will soften them and reduce that tannic effect. For older wines it will awaken them from what can often be a flat sensation on the palate.

You can purchase an attractive carafe for under \$20.00, and an aerator for about the same. If you're going to pull that cork, why not let it give you its best?

Salute!
Quarry Cellars

THE PUZZLING PUMPKIN PATCH BETWEEN 35 AND 37 STONE RIDGE

What a surprise to suddenly discover pumpkins growing on your front lawn, and you wonder just how they got there.

Several explanations are possible. Birds carry pumpkin seeds with their feet, winds can easily pick up light pumpkin seeds and scatter them, the seed mixtures for bird feeders at times include some for pumpkins. And there is a fourth possibility and perhaps the most likely. If TruGreen happened to spread any compost in that area, it could have contained all sorts of seeds.

Whatever the source, there are multiple vines and many pumpkins in various stages of development. Looks like there will be enough for lots of pumpkin pies by Thanksgiving. Put your order in with Phyllis Duggan and Eileen Konik now.



EVER WRITE A BOOK?

This coming November, Niwas Jawalekar and Joyce Minosh will have a book-signing at our clubhouse. If you have a book you've written and would like to join this presentation, please inform Joyce so that she can put you on the roster. Niwas has written a very interesting book about his life as an anesthesiologist, and Joyce will present her humorous book about traveling in a Caravan in Italy. Watch for details of this book-signing event.

VISIT TO THE WHISTLER HOUSE

Watch the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet and details of a planned visit to the Whistler Museum in Lowell. We will have a guided tour led by the docent of the Whistler House that will include the permanent collection as well as all of the galleries. A wine and cheese reception will be held following the tour. Watch for details to include the date, price and transportation information. Browse the website <http://www.whistlerhouse.org>

VSR'S LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES – THE LAST BLAST OF SUMMER

by Shirley Chambers

Even though there will be three more weeks of it, Labor Day is unofficially the end of summer. The weather gods were once again on our side, dishing out a perfect day for our traditional cookout. This time Chief Griller Dom had help from Jack Gilmartin. We thank both of them for getting the hamburgers and hot dogs “just right.” The sides brought by our Villagers are always too much and too good.

We give Frank Bashore a gold star for his contribution. He could have gone to a bakery for a cake, but instead he baked a cheese cake with a cherry topping using Peg's favorite recipe. I'm told it was delicious.

Forty four residents joined this convivial gathering to acknowledge Labor Day. Nice to see Chuck and Sarah Crissy just back from Switzerland. We learned that Gordon Wood is a good joke teller. Congratulations to Gail Sergenian for her big weight loss. Reeno looked lovely in her beautiful flowing gown; even walking with a cane didn't detract. Kathleen Silvia came late but still got to join in some of the fun (we don't get to see her

often). Glad to have newcomers Dick and Ruth Coleman taking part in our festivities. Joel Shyavitz was surely in good spirits and added to our merriment.

As has now become tradition in good weather, we gathered in groups and lingered on the patio until almost 6 pm. Lots of chitchat and much laughing, and sometimes we hit the leftovers. At “our table” Larry gave us some wine lessons. We got to sample from a bottle of bordeaux and from a bottle of Kirkland cabernet sauvignon to see which was best. Couldn't decide, so we had to keep sampling until both bottles were empty. As Loretta presented Larry with a brownie with a lighted candle in it, we all sang happy birthday to him. Quick David Auld, grab the camera! He got it - see the photo here.

Judy Premru emailed these comments: “I trust you enjoyed this beautiful day, “picnic in the park” within our lovely village, old fashion in a way, friends ‘round tables of plenty, spirited conversation and laughter, fresh air, all so good for body and soul. Aren't we lucky???”



PHOTOS: DAVID AULD

Simply Social

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Cathy Abate, Loretta Auld, & Joyce Minosh,
Tri-chairs

Having had two delightfully successful events in August and September (see writeups in this issue), it now behooves us to top ourselves during the remainder of the year. Bet we can do it! We can look forward to:

- Drop-in Coffee on Sept. 25
- Evening with Roy Orbison on Oct. 5
- Chili Challenge on Nov. 13
- Holiday Party on Dec. 11
- Caroling on Dec. 21
- New Years Eve Event on Dec. 31

Chili Challenge - Do YOU have the best recipe in the Village? We are looking for 5 people (or teams) to make chili for 14 people. You will receive money toward your expenses. We also need 3 judges. The winner will receive a prize, and of course the admiration of the Village. Dig out that secret recipe and contact Joyce Minosh for details.

—Reported by Joyce Minosh

“OH, PRETTY WOMAN” — Oct. 5 You will hear Mark Poulin sing this and other Orbison hits

SIGN UP BY SEPT. 21st

FOR AN EVENING WITH ROY ORBISON

COCKTAILS AT 6:45 AND SHOWTIME AT 7:30

October 5 is right around the corner. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board now. Get your names on them promptly. Skip needs to have a head count so he and Pauline can determine how the clubhouse will be set up. This promises to be another delightful evening arranged by Skip.

Ron Caterino will be at the clubhouse from 6 to 8 on Sept. 21st to collect \$15.00 per person, or you can send a check to Skip made out to John Giles, 4 Stone Ridge Rd.

ANSWERS TO WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

1. Carl Erickson, 2. Joan Roy, 3. Ruth Ann Dillon, 4. Nancy Sharpe, 5. Joyce Minosh, 6. Don Shreve, 7. Loretta Auld, 8. Sharon Erickson, 9. Shirley Chambers, 10. Norm Swanson, 11. Kathy Abate, 12. Linda Anzivino, 13. Dom DeFronzo, 14. Elaine Tino, 15. David Auld, 16. Dean Hubbard, 17. Niwas Jawalekar, 18. Frank Minosh, 19. Jean Willets, 20. Roni Hubbard, 21. Steve Currier, 22. Chris DeFronzo, 23. Bob Eddy, 24. Susan Destefano.



by Dianne Marston

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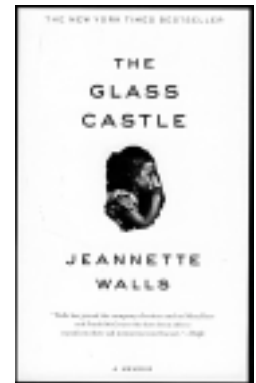
NEWS

Our VSR Book Club is thriving! New people have come to our discussions, as well as long-time attendees.

More than 15 people have attended our past few meetings. You are welcome to come if you have read the current book or if you would just like to listen to the discussion.

Our next meeting will be on September 30. We will discuss a book by Ruth Reichl, an author we have read before. This book is *Comfort Me with Apples*, a memoir that reads like a novel. It picks up Reichl's story in 1978 when she embarks on a career as a restaurant critic. Her pursuit of good food and good company leads her to New York and China, France and Los Angeles ... She shares some of her favorite recipes while also sharing the intimacies of her personal life. Readers will feel they are enjoying a conversation over a meal with a friend.” (from the book jacket)

On November 4 *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeanette Walls will be discussed. “Jeanette Walls has carved a story with precision and grace out of one of the most chaotic, heartbreaking childhoods ever to be set down on the page. This deeply affecting memoir is a triumph in every possible way, and it does what all good books should: it affirms our faith in the human spirit.” (Dani Shapiro, author of *Family History*)



“Shocking, sad, and occasionally bitter, this gracefully written account speaks candidly, yet with surprising affection, about parents and about the strength of family ties—for both good and ill.” (Booklist - Stephanie Zvirin (starred review))

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