

# Quarry Bulletin

December 2012

## THE VILLAGE CELEBRATES THE SEASON



As you stepped inside the clubhouse on the evening of December 1 you were immediately caught up in an atmosphere of holiday fun and good cheer. Over seventy-five residents gathered for an evening filled with laughter, song, dancing, tasty food and drink, and the conversations of friends, old and new. Phyllis Duggan and her band provided music for listening and dancing, and the VSR Chorus presented outstanding selections of holiday music. Of special note were the performances of George Heiter on the African drum and Wendy Wolfberg's lovely solo. Thanks to Donn Hill and Ruthann Dillon for their direction and piano accompaniment. Thanks to the Social Committee for once again providing this special event. There are additional photos of the evening on the web – in full color!



*The VSR Chorus and soloist Wendy Wolfberg entertained us with their spirited singing at the Holiday Party.*

# Karaoke Night With a Surprise Twist

By Roni Hubbard

Once again we had one of our best events, “The Skip Giles Karaoke Night.” Skip began the night with *Poor Little Fools* by Ricky Nelson followed by other talented Village singers. Larry Anzivino gave us his renditions of *Coming to America*, *September Morn*, *Whole Lotta Shakin’*, and then did his rendition of Satchmo’s *Wonderful World*. Wendy Wolfberg (left) sang *Where the Boys are* and *Downtown*. Next professional songstress Phyllis Duggan sang *Crazy* and *Georgia On My Mind*. Then Donn and Susan Hill (more music professionals) sang *All My Loving* and *All I Have To Do Is Dream*.



Other brave Karaoke performers were: Tom and Linda Barry singing *Song Sung Blue* and *I Got You Babe*; Diane Marston, Joyce Minosh, Barbara Leary, Judy Premru, Pauline Giles, June Halio, and Tom Sangiolo teaming up on *The Rose*, *Mamma Mia*, and *Lean on Me*; Larry and Linda Anzivino giving us *Jackson* and *Chasing That Neon Rainbow*; Larry, Pauline, and June singing *Blue Moon*; Barbara Leary and Tom Sangiolo with *You Are My Sunshine*; and Skip and Pauline Giles presenting *It Ain’t Me Babe* and *Whiskey Lullaby*.

We have come to expect a blast of a party at the Karaoke night put on every couple of years by Skip. This year Skip not only was true to form, but he added a special twist. At 9:00 a surprise guest, Rick Larrimore (Rod Stewart) (pictured left) arrived.

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He started by belting out *Forever Young* and *Twistin' the Night Away*. He continued to keep the place jumping and jiving with eight additional Rod Stewart hits including *You're in My Heart* and ending with *Maggie May*. He blew the clubhouse down with everyone singing and dancing.

At the end of the night all five cordless microphones and two video screens were opened to anyone and everyone who wanted to get up and sing. Many took the opportunity to join in or continued to dance. There was a selection of sing-a-long songs by Paul Anka, Bobby Darin, The Platters, Elvis, Jimmy Buffet, Neil Diamond, and many other oldie-but-goodie musicians.

There have been many comments made about how wonderful the evening was, the enthusiasm of the crowd when (Rick) Rod Stewart arrived, and the joy of everyone singing together. The night continued until 11:30 with everyone singing and dancing.



*The girls and Tom give it their all.*



*VSR Dancing girls*



*Skip and Pauline crooning together*



*Some folks will do anything to get out of dancing!*

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

## SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT TO START OFF THE NEW YEAR!

By Joyce Minosh



The Social Committee has planned something very special for our New Year's celebration and we hope you like it. Mark your calendars for the New Year's Champagne Brunch to be held on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00.

There will be delicious salads and juicy ham and wonderful "Memories of Christmas Breakfast Strata" prepared by several of our excellent village chefs. The highlight of our New Year's Brunch will be the champagne, served plain, as Kir Royale (*champagne with crème de cassis,*) or as a Mimosa (*champagne with orange juice and triple sec*). Water, soft drinks, and coffee will also be available. Of course no special brunch would be without a wonderful dessert – this will be a surprise but we know you will like it.

The Social Committee will provide the champagne and desserts and a \$10 charge will cover the rest. A sign-up sheet is in the clubhouse and the \$10 per person charge will be collected on December 19 from 6-7 in the clubhouse. This will be a very special event. Don't miss it!

### Reminders from the Social Committee

- We are lucky in the village to have an abundant supply of tables and chairs in our clubhouse. It's nice that they are available to borrow for events in our homes. Presently there is no need to sign these items in and out, but it is important that we know when they are being borrowed. Please send Larry Anzivino a quick email ([lionlamb2@aol.com](mailto:lionlamb2@aol.com)) when you wish to borrow tables and/or chairs in case there is a conflict at the clubhouse.
- For those who are kind enough to help clean up after our clubhouse events, we thank you and have a request. Please look for a signal from a Social Committee member before starting to move furniture, vacuuming, or clearing tables.
- If you use the Keurig coffee pot in the clubhouse kitchen, please remember to drop your contribution into the cup, remove your K-cup, and unplug the unit after use.

## **2012-2013 SNOW REMOVAL PLAN**

*By Bob Eddy & Doug Craib*

When snowfall total reaches 2 inches or greater, the streets will be plowed and the priority driveways will be plowed and sanded. When the storm is over, the first priority will be to clear the streets and the priority driveways.



### **Plow Routes**

Storm #1: Start at Rockwell, then 3-61 Stone Ridge, then 1-33 Sandstone, then Gatecrest, then Landview, then 28-1 Highland.

Storm #2: Start at Landview, then Gatecrest, then 33-1 Sandstone, then 1-28 Highland, then 27-3 Stone Ridge, then Rockwell, then 61-24 Stone Ridge.

Storm #3: Start at 1-28 Highland, then 24-61 Stone Ridge, then Rockwell, then 1-33 Sandstone, then Gatecrest, then Landview, then 3-27 Stone Ridge.

Storm #4: Start at 61-3 Stone Ridge, then 1-28 Highland, then Gatecrest, then Landview, then 33-1 Sandstone, then Rockwell.

### **Priority Driveways**

15 Sandstone, 21 Sandstone, 7 Stone Ridge, 23 Stone Ridge, 53/55 Stone Ridge, 61 Stone Ridge (Vol. FF), 10 Highland.

### **Snowplow Damage Reporting Procedure**

If you have snow removal issues or if your unit has been damaged by snow plowing – that is garage, siding, fencing – please contact Elaine Devlin at Great North Property Management. Elaine's telephone number is 1-800-221-0210, ext. 6181. Each telephone report should be followed by written confirmation sent to her at: Great North Property Management, 76 Northeastern Blvd. #28, Nashua, NH 030632, or email at [elaine.devlin@greatnorth.net](mailto:elaine.devlin@greatnorth.net).

We will request a snowplowing damage report from each unit at the end of the winter for snowplow damage to your landscaping, driveway, or sprinkler system.



**LIBRARY NEWS**

**By Linda Anzivino**

*“Life is too short to finish reading every book you start.  
Dr. Jeffrey Bernhard*

If the holidays were too hectic for you and you feel you need a break, you could go to Bellows Falls, Vermont and stay at Readmore Bed, Breakfast, and Books. (1 Hapgood St. 802-463-9415 [www.readmoreinn.com](http://www.readmoreinn.com), rates from \$150.00) Every room has books for sale according to theme, and you can warm up with hot tea in the afternoon. The house is on the National Register of Historic Places and was named one of the ten prettiest homes in America by *Ladies’ Home Journal* – in 1899! The town is also home to the independent bookstore Village Square Booksellers.

If you would like to personalize your gift-wrap at any time of the year you can make a bow from the pages of a book. You can find easy step-by-step instructions at [realsimple.com/gift-bow](http://realsimple.com/gift-bow) Perhaps a project for older grandchildren?

If you are the type who likes to make resolutions, how about: **Read more books** in 2013!!



*Dean and Roni Hubbard (left) and Kathy Abate and Nancy and Buzz McArdle enjoy the Holiday Party (below).*



We are pleased to welcome our newest neighbors to our midst. Please add their information to your Directory:



Terrie and Jay Enis  
21 Sandstone  
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Edythe Salzman  
27 Sandstone  
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## VSR BOOK CLUB NEWS

By **Dianne Marston**

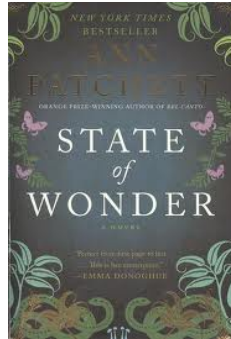
The VSR Book Club will meet on January 17 for refreshments, socializing, and to discuss *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, a favorite author of many of our readers.

As always, all are invited to attend.

This novel traces Minnesota pharmacologist Marina Singh's journey to a place deep in the Amazon jungle. She is sent there to check on the circumstances of the death of her colleague, Anders Eckman. But foremost she is to check on the progress of Dr. Annik Swenson's secret research into the miraculous post-menopausal fertility of the women of the Lakashi tribe.

The story is also about Marina's interior, psychological journey back in time to confront her past with Dr. Swenson, who had been her former medical school professor. What Marina finds in the sweltering, insect and snake infested jungle shakes her to her core. *State of Wonder* is both an engaging personal odyssey as well as a scientific thriller with an unexpected ending.

The following meeting will be held on February 28. The book chosen is *Canada* by Richard Ford. Please join us for a lively and stimulating afternoon's discussion!



## Mail Box Lock Notice

Since our mailbox system is now in its second decade, the locks will occasionally stick or malfunction. We have recently lubricated all the locks so as to assure smooth operation. In the case of a mailbox lock that sticks or is difficult to open, or in the rare case of lock failure, please contact Great North to report the problem. The lock will be repaired or replaced at no charge. At that point you will be issued two new keys. Lost keys will require a replacement lock to be installed, and there will be a charge of \$25.00.

## Changes to the Directory

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

So many volunteers make our Village a vibrant community, and I would like to use the *Quarry Bulletin* to publicly acknowledge some of these individual efforts. Will you help me by sending me a note to let me know of folks who should be recognized? I will start this month with some of my own.

**Dorothy Moran** has served on the Social Committee for many years and is a very familiar face at our functions. Whether she has formally “signed up” to do a task she is there helping with whatever needs to be done and has become a “go to person” for Social Committee institutional memory. She is leaving the Committee but has assured them that she will still be helping out; in fact, she has already volunteered to organize an upcoming event! Thank you, Dorothy. You are appreciated!

**Doug Craib and Larry Tobiason** have handed over the reins of the Property Committee to Buzz McArdle and Larry Weiderholt. During their tenure the Village underwent considerable property-related difficulties, including storm damage and the discovery of our major deck problems. They spent many hours surveying the problems, researching solutions, and then organizing and seeing to the needed repairs. They saved the Village thousands of dollars and made sure that all the work done was of the quality we expect.

Recently the Trustees authorized a subcommittee to ask for bids for managing our property. We have had Great North since we began the Association, and everyone felt it was time to look at what might be offered by the competition. The committee met over the past few months and have given their findings and recommendations to the Trustees. You can look for an announcement of what the Trustees decide in the New Year. The research was well worth the time and effort, and thanks go to the subcommittee, **Peter Abate, Tom Barry, Carlene Craib, Eli Demetri, Ken Hyle, and Bill Townsend.**

**Louise O'Donnell** served as the Chair of the Communications Committee since it was established by the Trustees six years ago. She organized the Directory subcommittees, oversaw the Village Meetings, and worked with the Trustees to communicate important information to residents. She has decided to step down, and this creates an opening for someone else to take over this task. Thank you, Louise, for setting the standard for Communications Chair. If you would like to learn more about the job email her at [harlouod@comcast.net](mailto:harlouod@comcast.net).





## WINTER HINTS

**Some years ago Tom Barry came up with a list of hints to help us get through the winter season at the Village at Stone Ridge. These included:**

- Change batteries in smoke alarms, thermostats, and garage door openers.
- Shut off water valves in the basement to the outside faucets, then open the outside faucets halfway to prevent freezing. Disconnect your garden hoses from the outside faucets.
- Make sure your outside heat exhaust pipe doesn't get buried in snowdrifts. That would shut down your furnace.
- Replace or clean (if permanent) the filter in your furnace since the heating season is starting.
- On snowstorm nights, consider leaving your outside lights on so the people doing snow plowing and shoveling can see.
- Consider keeping a small can of sand in your garage in case there is ice on your driveway or walkway. You can take sand from the barrels placed around the Village by Morin.
- As always, but especially in winter, do not park cars overnight on any streets in the Village.
- If you park a car in the driveway, move it when snowplow does the driveways.
- If any fence post lights or streetlights are out, notify Larry Anzivino.
- Removing your window screens for the winter lets more natural light in and may protect them from winter damage.
- If you cover your outside air conditioner condenser to protect it from the snow, you should shut off the circuit breaker marked "A/C" in your circuit breaker box to prevent accidental starting of your air conditioner unit.

If you leave your condominium seasonally, or for any extended period of time:

- It is wise to turn off the water at the main valve while you are gone. At the same time, the hot water tank temperature setting can be reduced to its lowest level to avoid possible overheating. When you return, reset the temperature and slowly turn the water back on while listening for any running water, for this may indicate a rupture or leak occurred while you were absent, and a flood will be avoided.
- HEAT: It is crucial that you maintain the thermostat setting in your unit above 60 degrees Fahrenheit at all times. While it is important to save energy, many times the reduced heat is low enough to freeze a pipe or fire sprinkler, just enough to cause a rupture. The cost of a few dollars in an energy bill in the hard winter months is a sound investment when compared to a flooded unit.
- You should leave your bathroom vanity doors open while you're away, to allow heat to keep the sink pipes warm, especially if the sink is on an outside wall.

## PULL TAB COLLECTION HELPS KIDS

*By Dorothy Hall*

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you who contribute your pull-tabs to the basket in the library. I take them to my sister-in-law in Western MA who then takes them to Shriner's Hospital for Children in Springfield. Cameron Senior Center also contributes, so I usually have a lot of them each time I made a trip to visit family. The tabs are sold to a recycling company and the money collected is used to purchase non-medical items such as educational computer programs and games, arts and crafts materials, books, videos, and playroom equipment. All of these items directly benefit the children at the hospital.

Shriner's Hospital For Children in Springfield concentrates primarily on orthopedic conditions, burns of all degrees, cleft lip and palate, and spinal cord injuries. There is no charge for care, regardless of financial need. You can understand why it is important to collect the pull-tabs, and I hope you will continue to fill the basket in the library at the clubhouse.



### Upcoming Village Events

**January 1** – Welcome the New Year, 11:00 a.m.

**February 16** – Drop – In Coffee

**March 16** – St. Patrick's Day Party

**April 20** – Spring Brunch

If you have an idea for a fun outing that others in the Village might enjoy or would like to join the Social committee, phone Joyce Minosh at 508-826-9541 or email her at [westfordconnect@aol.com](mailto:westfordconnect@aol.com) and she will give you hints on how to organize it.

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