



# QUARRY BULLETIN

January-February 2013

## DOROTHY MORAN JOINS VSR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



*The VSR Board of Trustees announced on January 22 that Gordon Wood had resigned from the Board, and that Dorothy Moran had accepted their invitation to serve a one-year term. She has agreed to be Secretary to the Board and liaison to the Communication Committee. In addition, she will chair the Communication Committee. Below is some information about Dorothy.*

I was born and raised on Long Island, New York and received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. After two years of teaching third grade, I met my Prince Charming and got married. Three and a half years later, we were the proud parents of three wonderful children (two girls and one boy). I became a full time Mom. We settled in Weston, CT, and I enlisted as a volunteer. Initially I became active in my church and the Garden Club but then directed most of my efforts to the schools, where I was President of the PTO for 4 years and started an Alcohol Awareness and Peer Education program.

Just as the empty nest syndrome hit, my husband and I invested in a manufacturing business located in Granby, Quebec, Canada. After a few years, my husband left to become the CEO of a sister company in Ohio, and I ran operations in Canada. Eighteen years later, I decided that it was time to return to the U.S. After visiting The Village at Stone Ridge, I knew that I wanted to be a part of it and moved to the Village in January of 2005. I served on the Social Committee for five years, two of which I co-chaired with Ruth Ann Fisher.

I look forward to serving on the Board of Trustees of the Village at Stone Ridge. Our Village is truly a unique place and it's a blessing to be a part of it and to be able to help preserve its integrity.

## VSR Rings in the New Year at Gala Brunch

Over seventy residents celebrated the start of 2013 on New Year's Day at the clubhouse with a sumptuous repast and a delightful time of visiting and exchanging good wishes. Thanks to Judy Gilmartin and Elaine Tino for organizing the event and to all those who cooked, decorated, shopped, and helped with set up and clean up. The variety of delicious breakfast stratas was truly impressive and showed off once again the skills of the talented cooks here at the Village. Salads from Filho's and spectacular desserts from Mirabella's rounded out the meal. Thanks also to Larry Anzivino for getting the champagne for the festive mimosa and kir royale cocktails.



*Gail Eddy and Paula Townsend choose from the array of delicious salads at the New Year's Brunch.*



*Left to right: John and Lorraine Facella, Nancy Sharpe, Joan Roy, Joel and Carole Shyavitz, and Barbara and Larry Tobiason greet the New Year with friends at the clubhouse.*

## Recently Authorized Owner Changes To VSR Units

*By Judy Culver, ASR chair*

Over the past several months unit owners have made requests to the Architectural Standards and Review Committee (ASR) to enable enhancements or modifications to their homes as outlined in the Rules and Regulations.

The ASR Committee exists to ensure that permanent changes to the interior and exterior of any units in the Village meet the standards under which the Village was designed. To that end, ASR Committee members review and discuss each request to determine its appropriateness and then forward a recommendation to the Trustees for final action on the request. A record of the change is then stored in each unit's file in the clubhouse so future owners will have a complete physical history of the unit.

Specifications have been developed to assist unit owners in submitting requests to ASR for unit modifications. These can be found in the notebook in the clubhouse library and also online on our website: [villageatstoneridge.com](http://villageatstoneridge.com).

Recent specifications developed are: Widening Garage Doors, Replacing Deck Surfaces by Owner, Emergency Generator Installation, and 3-Season Room Window Replacement. Other existing specifications are: Deck Awning Installation, Exterior Satellite Dish Installation, Installation of Hot Tubs on Screened Porches, Patio Installation, Deck Privacy Screens, Front Steps/Railings Installation, and Gutters and Front Storm Door Installation.

The ASR Committee meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, when unit owner requests are pending.



*Tom Sangiolo, Barbara Leary, and Ruthann Dillon enjoy the New Year's Brunch.*



*Frank Minosh and Elaine Tino vamp a little for the photographer.*



## GOT LEAKS?

**By Peter Abate**

Does the drip, drip of your bathroom faucets annoy you? It seems that most of the Village bathroom sinks are American Standard and American Standard has a lifetime warranty on its valve cartridge. These cartridges can cost \$20.00 or more at Home Depot, and most hardware stores do not carry them. One would need to go to a plumbing supply store or have a plumber replace them. You can call American Standard at 1-800-442-1902 and ask for part #994053-0070A (for most of our sinks). They will simply ask, "How many do you need?" (Thank you Frank Tino), and you will receive them in 5 to 7 days at no cost.



Does your toilet have "phantom flushes" during the night? It's probably because the flapper needs to be replaced. You can buy replacements at any hardware store and most of them are universal fit. They are relatively simple to replace.

## Helping Hands

**By Ann Sullivan**



If you're a new resident you may be unaware of "Helping Hands," a group of residents who volunteer to help you should you be recovering from a hospital stay or homebound for any reason. The type of help available is grocery shopping, pharmacy pick-up, ride to an appointment, library errand, meals, mail pick-up, trash removal, or a personal visit if you'd like some conversation. The number of volunteers in each "help" category is impressive (so typical of our Village). A call to Judy Premru (978-399-0389), Joan Roy (978-692-6513), or Ann Sullivan (978-692-0801) will initiate contact with one of these volunteers. Then the volunteer will call you to respond to your particular request. Many of us have family in the area, yet they are usually working and often unavailable when we need something. Helping Hands tries to fill that need. Additionally, if you would like to be listed among the Helping Hands volunteers, please call Judy, Joan, or Ann and they'll add your name to the list in whichever category (i.e. transportation, meals, mail, etc.) you select.



*Left to right: Len Halio, Wendy Wolfberg, and June Halio found much to smile about at the New Year's Day Brunch.*



## BOOK CLUB NEWS

By *Dianne Marston*

The VSR Book Club last met on January 17 for an excellent discussion of *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. As always there was a time for socializing and enjoying refreshments, as well as for deeply delving into a very interesting book.

At our next meeting on February 28 the book to be discussed is *Canada* by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Richard Ford. This book “reminds us of why Ford is considered one of this country’s most distinguished writers. (It) has everything we love about good fiction: an engaging narrator who’s forced into the unknown; an intriguing plot that includes a bank robbery and murder; and Ford’s brilliant commentary on family, America in the 1960’s and Canadians’ feelings about their neighbors to the south.” (*St. Paul Pioneer Press*)

The April 11 meeting will feature *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker. This book “traces the lost romance between a blind young monk and a poor crippled girl in pre-WWII Burma. Sendker employs an elaborate secondhand flashback device to send Julia, an American lawyer, to Burma on a hunch that she might find clues to the whereabouts of her Burmese father, a prominent New York celebrity lawyer who was blind as a child and vanished four years ago, apparently of his own volition. This is an epic narrative that requires enormous sentimental indulgence.” (*Publishers Weekly*)

Every Villager is most welcome to join us for these afternoon gatherings! Come at 1:00 for refreshments and stay for a stimulating discussion.

## EMAIL CHANGES

I listed an incorrect email for new resident Edythe Salzman in the last issue. The correct one is:  
[edythe\\_salzman@yahoo.com](mailto:edythe_salzman@yahoo.com)

Other changes:

Carl Erickson:  
[cseheritage1@verizon.net](mailto:cseheritage1@verizon.net)

Paul Currier:  
[pcurrier16@verizon.net](mailto:pcurrier16@verizon.net)



*Seen recently in George Heiter’s backyard, this is not a tabby cat!*



## GROOVY MOVIES

By Gail Sergenian

### *Silver Linings Playbook*

Because this seemed to be one of the best films no one had ever heard of, I had planned to review it as an upcoming DVD. But when it got Academy Awards nominations in four top categories, it moved to local theaters. I highly recommend it.

Bradley Cooper stars as Patrick, a young man who has just been released from a mental institution. Bipolar, he is under a restraining order from his estranged wife Nikki, but is determined to win her back. He meets up with Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence, the star of “The Hunger Games”), a young widow who also has her emotional challenges (she slept with *everyone* at work). Tiffany gets Patrick to enter a dance contest with her.

The film is full of people who are off kilter. Patrick’s father, played by an excellent Robert De Niro, is obsessive-compulsive, fanatic about the Philadelphia Eagles, but can no longer attend games because of fighting. Now he watches every game on TV, and does various kooky things to get them to win. Another is Patrick’s friend Danny (Chris Tucker) from the institution who provides comic relief throughout the film.

The acting is all very good. While the societal issues of dealing with mental illness are big ones, the film uses humor to portray them and does it well. Former Congressman Patrick Kennedy, who is also bipolar, praised *Silver Linings*, stating he totally recognized the world presented. And it treats the characters with love.

Whether you rent this or see it in the theaters, don’t miss it. It is funny and heartwarming.



Left to right: Nancy McArdle, June and Len Halio, Sarah and Chuck Crissey, Barbara West, Sharon Erickson, and Buzz McArdle socialize at the New Year's Brunch.

## WiFi IS HERE

*By Larry Tobiason*

Lo these many years of pushing and pulling with Verizon have yielded some fruit. I believe Verizon made a good decision to invest in fiber installations throughout the Village. I estimate they have signed up about half the Village to various packages, and to date we have not had to trench through walkways, driveways, or streets. It appears that future installations may encounter the need to tunnel or push under these obstructions. It is imperative that you email me when you sign up with Verizon, so that I can hold their feet to the fire and avoid unnecessary disturbance of our brick walkways and asphalt streets, and driveways. The Verizon subcontractors have been fantastic about communicating their plans, but don't count on this to continue. They have just added a new subcontractor, and so far things are rosy.

Part of our negotiations with them was to get free TV and WiFi at the clubhouse. It has been a struggle with many deadlines come and gone, but finally you can take your network-seeking device inside or near the clubhouse and get on line. The network is not secure, so just look for it when you are going on line.

If you have any questions about adding FiOS to your unit, please contact Sarah at the Littleton office. They may wave the \$50 installation fee if you ask. Remember they want a return on their investment and you can dicker. Keep in mind the old adage: "A piece of something is better than a piece of nothing."

Here's to looking at the big picture



*Left to right: Bill and Paula Townsend, Louise O'Donnell and Frank Bashore, Jack and Theresa Bilodeau, and Frank Minosh enjoy the New Year's Brunch.*



*Left to right: Clara Currier, Hank Mollenhauer, Doug and Carlene Craib, and Sherry Mollenhauer on New Year's Day*



# SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

## SAVE THE DATES!

**February 25<sup>th</sup> -Zentangle and Lunch – signup sheet in the clubhouse**



**March 16th, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fun food and entertainment**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 at the clubhouse Once again, Skip Giles presents: Rod Stewart!**



As usual, there are many folks who have volunteered their time and expertise the past two months to make our community better. Thanks go especially to Karen and Bob Morton for delivering our donation to Toys for Tots (and to all those who so generously provided all those wonderful toys!), to the tree cutting crew, Jack Bilodeau, Buzz McArdle, and Bill Townsend, who saved us some landscaping money, to Larry Anzivino who obtained and assembled an additional chair caddy for the clubhouse, to Bill Townsend who painted the mailroom, to all those who shoveled out numerous heating vents after Nemo, to Doug Craib and Frank Bashore for leading the snowshoe hike to the house and barn after the storm, and to Larry Tobiason who completed his negotiations with Verizon, enabling us to have free cable and Wifi in the clubhouse. The Clubhouse Refurbishment Subcommittee made arrangements to have the ceilings, trim, and kitchen painted in the clubhouse and they all look great. Kudos also to those Social Committee members who keep the decorations so seasonal and fresh. We are lucky to have some super shoppers in our midst! The suggestion has been made that someone might have a slightly larger flat screen TV they no longer are using that they might donate to the fitness center. Contact Rick Culver (978-692-7433) if you would like to do this.



### **An Ancestor of Dean Hubbard was a “Hero” at the Pigeon Roost Massacre**

An English settler who was the “hero” of the Pigeon Roost Massacre in Indiana was William Collings, the five times great-uncle of Dean Hubbard. William survived the Indian attack that occurred at the Pigeon Roost Settlement during the War of 1812. In 1809, William led about 15 members of his family and friends north from Kentucky to Indiana and to an area occupied by the native Shawnee tribe that they named Pigeon Roost because of the great number of pigeons in the area. On September 3, 1812, a war party of about twenty-four Native Americans made a surprise attack on the Pigeon Roost Settlement. Fifteen children, five women, and four men were massacred and two children were kidnapped. As the story goes, William Collings killed four Indians. A possible scenario for the events derived from stories is outlined below.

The hostile Indians first struck the cabin of Elias Payne where Payne’s wife and seven children were all killed and scalped. Shortly thereafter the Indians found and killed Elias and his brother-in-law Isaac Coffman in the woods. Henry Collings, one of William’s sons, harvesting flax in the field was shot in the head and fell apparently dead. The Indians did not scalp him, however, because they would then be exposed to rifle fire coming from William’s cabin. Henry was found alive the next day, only to die a day later. William killed four Indians and then held off the remainder of the attackers with broken and unloaded rifles. He was able to escape with his youngest son John out the back of his cabin and hid in a nearby cornfield. By the following day both William and John had made it to a “blockhouse,” a privately owned fort, five miles away.



*This barred owl was sighted recently Bob Morton in his yard.*



*The recent storm left picturesque piles throughout the Village. According to our official totaler, Bob Eddy, we received 27 inches. Snowfall for the season is 46.5 inches*

*Ed. Note: VSR residents spend their time in a wide variety of interesting pursuits. I would like to highlight some of these hobbies in the bulletin and am beginning with an account found by Dean Hubbard in his genealogical investigations. There is even more to the story – ask Dean for the rest! If you have a story to tell – send it to the editor.*

# Notes from the Board of Trustees

*By David Auld, President of the Board*

- We are pleased to report to the Village that our builder, David Guthrie, paid an agreed upon settlement of \$50,000 on December 24<sup>th</sup> of 2012. The Board thanks Bill Townsend for his continued efforts throughout the process as well as those of Larry Tobiason, Tom Barry, and Carlene Craib at various stages of developing an agreement with the builder over the past two years.
- A new organizational chart (01/28/2013) for the Village at Stone Ridge is available. As most of you know we have 6 major Committees: Architectural Standards and Review, Communications, Finance & Budget, Legal, Property, Social and Water and Sewer. Our VSR website has a full list of the Chairs, Board of Trustee liaisons and the members of the Committees. It also lists the coordinators for a number of ongoing activities in the Village. Maybe you have an expertise or think you might enjoy serving in some particular area represented by these Committees. If so please contact the person who chairs that particular Committee or Sub-committee. Our glass case in the mailroom has an abbreviated form of this chart as well. This is a good place to look if you need to know who is in charge of some particular facet of life here in the Village.
- We have also placed the Winter Hints bulletin that appeared in the last *Quarry Bulletin* on the VSR Website. This is a good reference for how to keep you and your condo unit safe in the wintertime. The glass case in the mailroom also has the 2012-2013 Snow Removal Plan, which lists plow routes, priority driveways, and snowplow damage reporting procedures.



*VSR trails were busy with skiers and snowshoers after our beautiful winter storm.*

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