

Quarry Bulletin

July-August

ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING COMING SOON

Soon you will be receiving a ballot in the mail for our upcoming elections. There are two three-year positions and two two-year openings on our Board of Trustees. Running for the three-year positions are: Peter Abate and Larry Tobiason. Standing for the two-year terms are David Auld and Dorothy Moran. Larry is running for the first time. The other three are incumbents. Following is information about the candidates.

LARRY TOBIASON

Born to immigrant Swedish/Finnish parents and raised in Arlington, I graduated from Northeastern University as a civil engineer. I began my career working in the family contracting business that constructed large architect designed homes, churches, banks and private schools. I married Barbara 1967, and we have three daughters.

While living in Winchester, I served on the Permanent Building Committee and the Finance Committee, and was President of the Winchester Jaycees when we organized and ran the State Meet of Massachusetts Special Olympics for three years. Winchester Town Day was born thirty years ago during a brainstorming session in my backyard, and it still runs today. I was a member of Winchester ABC (A Better Chance), an educational program in which minority students from states outside of New England live with house parents and go to Winchester High School. Most of them go on to college. I was selected to be an evaluator for accreditation of the North Bennett Street School, in the Boston North End. This is the oldest vocational school in the U.S., founded in 1885.



During my professional life I was President of H. Tobiason Builders,

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Inc. and was involved in the construction of many large projects in and around greater Boston. In 1991 I formed a new company, L. Tobiason & Associates and was selected to build out the Decorative Art Galleries of the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. This project took me to Europe, especially France, where much of the period rooms were conserved and silk fabrics woven.

I retired in 2010. Other interests include my involvement in the Boston Esplanade 4th of July fireworks as a partner in the operation of this event. For recreation two friends and I shot cannons in competition. I still have a cannon at my summer home. I also build furniture pieces and now am doing the hand and lathe work to build Windsor chairs.

Barbara and I moved to the Village in 2009. I served as co-chairman of the Property Committee for three years and was a member of the Water and Sewer Committee. Barbara and I have been very impressed by how many of the residents are actively involved in the operations of the Village. The Village is in many ways as friendly as some of the neighborhoods that many of us remember in our youth. I would like to contribute toward maintaining what has been established and pass it on to new residents so they can share our experience.



DOROTHY MORAN

I accepted being part of the Board of Trustees after an unexpected resignation because I wanted to make a positive contribution to this wonderful Village at Stone Ridge. The short time that I have served as Secretary on the Board has been interesting, fun, and at times challenging. Communication has always been one of my pet projects. When I was CEO of a company I learned the importance of informational exchange. We are all on the

same team and striving for the same goals. There can be no mutual understanding between people without good communication. I am committed to helping to maintain the ambiance of our Village: the friendly atmosphere, the beauty of the area, the sense of community, and

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the spirit of cooperation that uniquely exists at the Village at Stone Ridge. I would be honored to serve on the Board of Trustees for the next two years.

DAVID AULD



Loretta and I have come to enjoy not only the beauty of the VSR as one drives through it at any time of the year, but most importantly the sense of community and spirit of cooperation that prevails here. For those who don't know my past experiences I would direct you to the 2010 September/October issue of the *Quarry Bulletin*, which is on our Web site. Since that time I am still tutoring about 8-10 pre-meds who major in chemistry or molecular biology at Harvard University. Writing has slowed. Two books that I participated in have just been published. I wrote three chapters including the mechanism chapter for the *Elsevier Ltd Handbook of Proteolytic Enzymes*. I also wrote three chapters and invited and edited the contributions of about 40 authors on the subject of zinc proteins for the *Springer Encyclopedia of Metalloproteins*.

At the Village of Stone Ridge I have continued to serve on the Finance and the Water & Sewer Committees, take occasional pictures for the Quarry Bulletin at social events, help where I can in other areas, and have served as President of the Board of Trustees for the past year. During the last year we have completed searches and signed new contracts in two major areas of importance to our condo association: landscaping/snow removal/irrigation (Morin) and our overall management firm (EMI) and are in the process of completing one for Water & Sewer management. This is only possible through the help and cooperation of many people working on several committees in our Village. The strength of our committee system has led to a number of very good companies willing to bid to get to serve us. To paraphrase a *Field of Dreams* saying, "If you build a good reputation they will come." As I did in 2010, I pledge if elected to try to the best of my ability to preserve the high standards established for the management of the VSR and the sense of community at the Village.

PETER ABATE



Thank you for the nomination to run for the Board of Trustees of The Village at Stone Ridge. I welcome this opportunity to run as a candidate for the three-year term. Kathy and I moved to VSR in 2005 from Reading, MA, and after I retired in 2007, I was recruited to join the VSR Finance Committee. My working career has always been in accounting and finance. I passed the CPA exam in 1970 and retired as the CFO of a moderate sized, privately owned company.

As liaison to the Finance Committee my focus has been in managing costs while assuring that our hard working committees have the funds they need to properly maintain the Villagae's appearance and to take care of the necessary repairs in the Village. During the past year, I have also been the liaison to the Water and Sewer Committee. This has been quite a learning experience. I got to appreciate the knowledge of the dedicated people on that committee. I have been on the Board of Trustees for 3 years and look forward to another 3 years. I feel that along with the other Board members that we can continue to make VSR a great place to live.

Important Election and Annual Meeting Dates

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| August 31 | Ballots mailed to every unit owner |
| September 5 | Candidates' Question and Answer Forum |
| September 25 | Annual Meeting – 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse |
| October 4 | Results of balloting announced |
| October 21 | First meeting of new Board |



UNIT MODIFICATIONS BY OWNERS

By Judy Culver, Chair ASR Committee

A process has been in place for several years that whenever an owner wishes to make a change to the exterior of a unit, the unit owner MUST obtain VSR Trustee approval. The forms and procedures required to obtain that approval are found on the VSR website (villageatstoneridge.com.) under Forms and Documents as *Unit Modification Forms* and *Architectural Specifications*. The Board Resolution document explains the process that the Trustees and Architectural Standards and Review Committee (ASR) follows when reviewing owner requests. The documents below are submitted to the ASR committee with the initial request for modification approval:

- Form for Footprint Modifications (e.g. patios)
- Form for Modification to Limited Common Areas (e.g. decks)
- Form for Non-footprint modifications (e.g. awnings)
- Interior Modifications procedure (e.g. windows)

The specifications below were developed as initial owner requests were made. The purpose of each spec is to maintain the original appearance and beauty of our Village. Each specification is intended to guide unit owners in making decisions about materials to use.

- Deck Surface Replacement Specification
- Awning Specification
- Dish Exterior Installation Specifications
- Garage Door Widening Specifications
- Hot Tub/Spas Installation on Porch
- Patio Specification
- Privacy Screen Specification
- Generator Installation Specification
- Three-Season Window Replacement
- Added Gutter Installation

The notebook in the Clubhouse Library has some forms, but not all. The website is the best place to find the form you may need.

Men's Steak and Ale Night a Roaring Success in Spite of the Weather



Weather moved the festivities inside for this year's Men's Steak, Ale, and Conversation Night. On June 11th approximately thirty-two men gathered together, talked, drank, enjoyed huge steaks cooked to perfection, and generally enjoyed each other's company. Except for the weather, this year's event mirrored the event of last year, both of which were ably planned and executed by Ron Caterino, Ken Hyle, and Paul Currier, with a special thanks to

Larry Tobiason for providing us with a much needed second grill. Dom DeFronzo (above, left) and Buzz McArdle (right with Mort Silverman)



once again manned the grills and cooked the steaks to everyone's satisfaction.



Bob Morton

The steaks were accompanied by baked potatoes, salad, rolls, and preceded by all-you-can-eat shrimp cocktail. Dessert was Key Lime pie, an assortment of cookies, and coffee. It is

rumored that each steak was about 1.4 pounds, and doggie bags were required in more than a few cases.



Len Halio, Tom Barry, and Skip Giles.

The loudest moment of the evening was a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" for Judy Culver when she arrived for a 7:00 PM ASR meeting in the library.

A few of the tidbits of information of the evening: Doug Keele won \$75 in the 50/50 raffle; Rick Culver was looking forward to going to a bike weekend with his son-in-law; Ron Caterino is back playing golf after his hip surgery and shot a 43 for nine holes; Mort Silverman has achieved his goal weight in the Weight Watchers program; and Bill Townsend has made plane reservations for Paula and him to travel to Hawaii in 2014.



Ken Hyle

As the night came to a close our thoughts and conversation drifted to family, good friends, and who would take the left over salad and dessert. Thanks again Ron, Ken, and Paul; we are looking forward to next year.



Roof washing on MacPherson's house.

ROOF WASHING BEGINS

By Buzz McArdle

We have begun siding and roof washing for the entire complex. Phase one consisted of washing the siding on units located on Gatecrest, upper Stone Ridge, and Landview. Phase 1 of roof washing began with units located at lower Stone Ridge. Phase two siding washing will begin with Highland and the remaining homes on upper Stone Ridge and will probably be done in mid September.

Residents are warned to make sure all ornamental plants are covered as the solution contains a bleach and water mixture.

Budgeted for 2014 are Phase 3 and 4 side and roof washing, completing the balance of the community depending on budget constraints.

The initial reaction to the work done by Red Hot is very positive, and the washing makes a big difference in the appearance of the units. Some of the units have never been washed since they were built.

INSURANCE UPDATE

This is to notify all homeowners that the Master Insurance Policy deductible has been raised from \$2500 to \$5000. Therefore, your HO6 policy (condominium insurance policy) should carry dwelling insurance to cover at least the cost of this deductible. \$10,000 in dwelling insurance is often available at a reasonable cost. However it will have its own deductible, often \$500. Sometimes a \$250 deductible is available for a cost of not much more than that of the \$500 deductible.

The Association's policy will cover improvements made by owners to their units to the same extent that they would be covered if the upgrades were an original part of the unit. This includes new kitchen cabinets, upgrades to kitchen counters, flooring, molding, etc. For proper coverage it is most important that the unit owners' files are accurate and reflect all improvements to their units. A copy of the invoice of the completed work is proof to the insurance company that the work has been done. Unit owners' files are located in the office at the clubhouse and are **strictly confidential**.

Dorothy Moran will be at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to allow unit owners access to their files. Residents can also contact Dorothy to set up a separate time or they can also mail the information to her (5 Gatecrest Rd.), and she will update the file for them.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Dianne Marston

On August 8th, about 15 members of the Book Club gathered to discuss *The Light Between Oceans*. It was a thoughtful and engrossing discussion of a book that was filled with interesting characters and moral dilemmas. Most of the readers had rave reviews of both the writing and the content of the book.

The next meeting will be held on September 19, when the featured book will be *Martin Eden* by Jack London. “London provides the portrait of a young man who thirsts for knowledge, for self-improvement, to join the upper ranks of the intelligent and cultured within his society. Martin loves a young woman from this society, and strives to make himself worthy. His chosen vehicle from his class and station to hers is self-education, and then the writing of serious and important work.” [Bobby Newman] This Jack London classic, published over 100 years ago, is semi-autobiographical.

On October 24 the Book Club will meet again in the clubhouse at 1:00 to discuss *The Orchid House* by Lucinda Riley. “This is a tale full of twists, surprises, and secrets that take the reader through the past and present, from Thailand to England. Julia Forrester is in the midst of overcoming a tragedy when she stumbles on a considerable family secret. Her grandmother fills in the gaps of their family history, which causes turmoil and heartache. Her grandmother's poignant account of Julia's heritage is a compelling account filled with sadness, honor, and love.” [Jean Miles] This historical fiction novel has been called a “Downton Abbey” type story.

We invite you to join us in the reading and discussion of these books.

NEW RESIDENTS WELCOMED INTO THE VILLAGE

Please add the following information about our newest residents to your Directory.

Kathleen Merry
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Dan and Roberta Pennachia
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860-572-0813

John and Judy Blaser
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julie@moreboost.com
Home: 978-443-6169
Julie cell: 978-758-3146
John cell: 978-758-3147



CLUBHOUSE REMINDERS

By Rick Culver and Larry Anzivino

- The first rule of fitness center etiquette is to leave the equipment the way you found it. If you remove the pedal straps on the recumbent bike in the fitness center, please put them back on the pedals after your workout. The next user of the equipment should not have to re-install them.
- Over the past few months, there have been multiple requests for another recumbent bike in the fitness center, and the Clubhouse Refurbishing Committee looked into this. We learned that the used/new costs for a Cybex bike similar to the one we currently have were \$1,000 - \$1,900.
Barbara Leary has come to our rescue and donated her excellent condition LifeFitness recumbent bike to the fitness center. She was even able to help me replace the 6-volt display battery that entailed lifting this 128 lb. unit to access the battery. I personally would like thank Barbara on behalf of VSR residents for this donation.
- All are welcome to borrow the folding chairs and tables at the clubhouse for in-home use when having large numbers of guests. However, we request that you always email or call Larry Anzivino, (Lionlamb2@aol.com), 978-692-3444), to let him know. At this writing three of the folding chairs are out and we do not know who has them. If you have them, please return them or let Larry know if you are still using them.

SODA POP CAN TOP COLLECTION NOTICE

By Dorothy H. Hall

On September 1st, I will remove the basket used to collect the soda pop can tops from the club house library since very few have come in

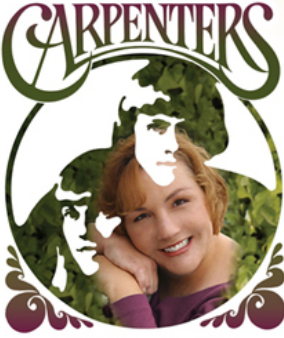
lately. I am, however, still collecting them for the Shriner's Hospital for Children, and if anyone is still inclined to collect them with me, please call me at 978-692-4363 so I can pick them up, or you can drop them off at my door at 10 Highland Road.

I want to thank all the donors of the past who helped with this worthy cause. I hope some will still collect with me so we can continue with the contributions.



Doug Keele and Roger Boucher enjoy conversation at the recent Steak and Ale event.

CLOSER TO YOU: A LIVE TRIBUTE



Artwork by - Nancy Given

A Carpenters fan since 1970, Judy presents their timeless songs and her personal recollections of their impact on her life to make for a concert presentation that is not an impersonation nor an impression, but a tribute in the truest sense of the word.

COMING TO VSR

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UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Labor Day Clambake catered by Bianco's

September 21 Skip Giles Presents Judy Pancoast singing Carpenters' hits (see above)

October 5 Chili/Chowder Challenge

November 9 Donn Hill and Carol O'Shaughnessey Cabaret Night – another night of great music and laughter

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Editor's Note

A correction: In the last issue Gail Sergenian reviewed a movie that my auto-correct inadvertently named *The Untouchables*. The correct name of the movie reviewed was ***The Intouchables***.