

QUARRY BULLETIN

September-October 2013

NEW BOARD TAKES THE REINS

Following the Annual Meeting held on September 25, the new Board of Trustees met and established the following officers and liaison assignments. We thank them for their willingness to serve the Village and look forward to working with them.



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2013 - 2014

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SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

REMEMBERING THE CARPENTERS

By Louise O'Donnell

Village impresario **Skip Giles** did it again: he brought us an amazing talent in Judy Pancoast who has been a fan of the Carpenters since she was eleven years old and has seen them in concert five times, culminating in a backstage meeting. Nominated for a Grammy in 2011, she performed twice in concert at the request of President Clinton.



Skip Giles provided the music for Judy Pancoast's performance.

On Saturday, September 21, the VSR clubhouse was transformed into a beautifully decorated nightclub, thanks to the talented **Pauline Giles**. Skip skillfully provided the music as Judy's voice evoked the memory of Karen Carpenter.

During the well-remembered favorite "We've Only Just Begun," Frank and Louise Bashore started the dancing in the aisles, in the kitchen, and in the back of the room. Phyllis Duggan and Larry Anzivino showed off a fast number, and others joined in. Interspersed with many of their greatest hits, Judy related humorous and tender stories of the Carpenters. Her lovely voice and easy manner made everyone comfortable and well entertained.

A delightful evening ended with delicious desserts from Mirabella's, courtesy of the Social Committee, and in particular **Elaine Tino**, and many compliments from the grateful audience.



Judy and VSR's Donn Hill in an impromptu duet

OVERHEARD FROM THE AUDIENCE

"The show was terrific. I don't know who had more fun, Judy or the audience."
 "Another amazing night of entertainment, Judy is a great entertainer." "I hope she can come back again." Skip, are you listening?

CHILI/CHOWDER CHALLENGE A CULINARY DELIGHT

Mmm, this is tasty! This has a little bite to it! This is really different, so yummy!

All these complimentary comments and many more were heard at the recent Chili/Chowder Challenge evening at the clubhouse. Seven chili makers and four chowder makers vied for top honors and the right to wear the coveted chef's coats. Pictured at right are winners Jack Gilmartin for his chili and Joyce Minosh for her chowder. Other participants included:



Clara Currier, Nancy McArdle, Jack Bilodeau, Sharon Erickson, Kathy Abate, and Paul Currier on the chili side, and Ruth Coleman, Buzz McArdle, and Nancy Sharp with chowder entries. Corn bread and traditional sides and delicious cookie desserts rounded out the meal. The 50/50 raffle results elicited much good-natured ribbing as event co-chair Nancy McArdle drew her own name! Congratulations to all involved in putting on this fun evening, in particular **Nancy McArdle and Clara Currier**, co-chairs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



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| November 24 | A group will be going at 2 p.m. to see the Savoyard Light Opera's production of the <i>Mikado</i> in Carlisle. There is a sign up in the mailroom. |
| December 7 | VSR Holiday Party – Join the neighborhood for catered appetizers and a very special dessert. The Village Chorus and Donn Hill will entertain us at the piano, and there is rumor of a special surprise performance as well! |
| TBA | Christmas carolers will again be singing in the Village with cookies and cider to follow. Dates for rehearsal and caroling will be announced soon. |
| January 1 | New Year's Day Champagne Brunch – Don't miss this! |

GROOVY MOVIES

By Gail Sergenian

Babette's Feast

Mort and I recently watched this film again. An oldie but goodie, we enjoyed it even more this time around. A Danish film based on an Isak Denison's story, it tells the tale of two spinster sisters in the 1800's who have been kept from "straying" by their strict father, a pastor in a bleak town on the coast of Denmark. The sisters are beautiful and pursued by many suitors, but their father makes sure that they do not succumb to anyone's advances, including those of a famous opera singer and a handsome cavalry soldier.

Years later, after the death of their father, the sisters are doing good deeds for their community when Babette, an escapee from the Paris Commune of 1871 and a friend of the opera singer, arrives at the sisters' door, asking them for refuge. She becomes their housekeeper in return for lodging. When Babette wins the lottery, she uses the money to prepare a magnificent meal to celebrate the hundredth birthday of the sisters' late father. One of the guests, the cavalry soldier of their youth, now a decorated general, comments that he has not tasted such delicacies since dining at a famous Parisian restaurant. It turns out that Babette had been the chef at that restaurant, and this is her way of repaying the sisters for rescuing her.

The dishes served would make any gourmand salivate. But even more important is the generous and loving environment Babette creates. Petty disagreements of the guests disappear and the ascetic community savors the sumptuous experience.

Beautifully filmed and acted, this is a feast for the eyes as well as the palate. See it!

VILLAGE MEETING MUSIC



Linda Anzivino, Joyce Minosh, and Dorothy Hall enjoyed the performance by Melissa Bull on violin, and Scott Lesser on cello, at a recent Village Meeting.

The gorgeous sounds of a violin and cello duo wafted from the clubhouse at our last Village Meeting. The fifty or so folks gathered were first treated to a lively presentation by Indian Hill Artistic Director and Conductor, Bruce Hangen, and members of the staff. Introduced by resident Edythe Salzman who is a longtime Board Member of Indian Hill, Maestro Hangen took us through the plans for the upcoming season, highlighting the works and composers that will be presented, playing clips from last year's programs, and introducing some of the principal artists who will be performing. Following his presentation the young musicians with him played two pieces for us. Indian Hill in Littleton offers a superb symphony orchestra season each year as well as Bach's Lunch presentations each month featuring music while you munch, a well-known music school, and numerous other concerts throughout the year. The symphony performances are held at Littleton High School auditorium. For more information see the website: www.indianhillmusic.org.

LIBRARY NEWS

by Linda Anzivino

“The greatest gift is the passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, it gives you knowledge of the world and experience of a wide kind.”

Elizabeth Hardwick

If you want to watch an interesting five minute video watch “Librarians Set Book Domino World Record.” To kick off their summer reading program, The Seattle Public Library broke the world record for the longest book domino chain on May 31st at the Central Library. Over 2000 books were used and a portion of the books formed the word **READ**. It took twenty-seven volunteers seven hours of set up and five tries. A total of 2013 books followed a complex pathway that included ramps up and across book stacks, around a large planter in the center of the floor, up and down sets of stairs, bridges, and more. At one point, one book had to fall from a shelf to the floor to continue the book domino chain.

Researchers at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago gave nearly three hundred participants in their 80’s a memory test each year for six years. The participants also answered a questionnaire about whether they regularly read books, wrote letters, and visited the library during childhood, adulthood and at their current age. Those who reported reading and writing throughout their life, especially in old age, were 32% less likely to show deterioration in brain regions involved in memory compared with those who said they did not regularly engage in those activities.



Once again I must ask those of you who like to read without the book jackets on your books to **PLEASE** put them back on before you return them to your VSR library! **Books without jackets are immediately removed** and cannot be used by others. No one wants to take out a book that has no description of what it is about. Thank you for thinking of other people!!

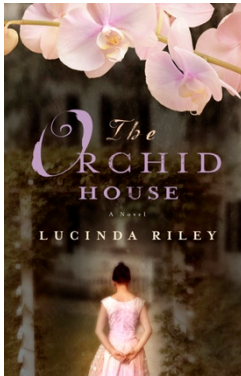
VSR BAKER WINS BIG AT THE BIG E

Joan Roy, former nutritionist and renowned baker, recently took home 2nd Prize at the Fleischmann’s Big E Contest for her Nashoba Valley Breakfast Buns. She and her daughter both entered and both won prizes! Joan’s recipe was a yeast dough filled with an apple filling. Joan is happy to share her recipe with all, so send her an email at jroy692@comcast.net and she will give it to you.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Dianne Marston

Our VSR Book Club meets faithfully every six weeks to discuss a book chosen by the group. Also included in the afternoon agenda are refreshments and socializing. We're very good at both here in the Village!



Our next meeting will be on October 24 at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will feature the historical fiction novel, **The Orchid House** by Lucinda Riley. "This book 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. The parallel between Julia's current situation and those of her ancestors is revealed in an unforced way. There are really two stories that easily weave into one life altering family narrative." *[from a review by Jean Miles]*

On December 5 we will discuss **The Summer Guest** by Justin Cronin. "A Maine fishing camp serves as the physical and emotional center for an extended circle of family and friends in this charming novel spanning three generations. On a single day in late summer, the rich financier Harry Wainwright, now dying of cancer, visits the camp he has frequented for more than 30 years. His visit prompts a flood of memories for each of the characters." *[Publishers' Weekly]*

All are welcome to join us at these discussions!



Larry Anzivino and Phyllis Duggan dance to the music of the Carpenters.



Dean Hubbard and Peter Abate sample some of the delicious chili offerings.



HELPING HANDS

By Ann Sullivan

Don't fall on your head or sit in poison ivy, and **do** be careful of wearing out a knee or hip!

But . . . if these mishaps befall you, "no prob," as they say, just call Helping Hands. We can get you to appointments or the pharmacy, make soup 'n sandwiches, visit with cookies and tea, pick up mail or books, or better still, set up a game of cards or a video. In other words, we will help as best we can. We also have some equipment (such as walkers, canes) that we loan out.

To those of you who have signed on as volunteers, thank you for your willingness to fill our requests and many times to do more than was asked. You have probably made new friends, and that's a bonus. If you have volunteered but haven't been called on, we will get to you, be sure!

We are not medical folk, but call one of us whose names are listed below and in the clubhouse, and it will be our pleasure to put you in touch with help. We wanted to let you know we enjoy what we do and to give you reminder of our mission to help our neighbors. Since there are three contact persons, one of us is almost always available. Keep our numbers handy: Ann Sullivan (978-692-0801), Judy Premru (978-399-0389), and Joan Roy (978-692-6513).

KITCHEN MAKEOVER COMPLETE

HGTV came to VSR recently in the persons of Lorraine and Phil MacPherson, Judy Premru, and Barbara West. After a fun shopping trip to Home Goods, the ladies determined the layout of all the new décor, and Phil and Lorraine spent a day putting it all in place. From the beautiful ceramic pieces to the whimsical wine bottle holder, the whole kitchen looks straight out of a magazine, beautifully complementing the new paint job. Thanks to all for helping to keep our clubhouse such a welcoming and pleasant place.

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL REMINDERS

- If you rent the clubhouse for an event, please be sure the sandwich boards are in place on the road in front of the clubhouse and please ask guests to be careful not to park on the grass anywhere on the road. Sprinkler damage occurs when cars park on the grass.
- Please read the rental agreement thoroughly before your event. It contains important information about requirements and procedures to follow before and after rentals.
- If you would like to volunteer to be a rental "checker," contact Joan Roy at 978-692-6513. It only takes a small amount of time and is important to maintaining the state of the clubhouse.

Why Don't We Install Individual Water Meters at VSR?

By Dean Hubbard



Several people have asked the Water and Sewer committee about the possibility of purchasing and installing individual water meters in each of the 110 units. This approach would allow our water and sewer fee to be proportioned according to water usage rather than a flat fee equally divided among all 110 users as is now done.

The Water and Sewer committee understands that individual water meters would provide a more equitable distribution of expenses; however, such an approach would require overcoming the following obstacles:

1. VSR has a contractual agreement with the Tyngsboro Water District (TWD) where TWD agrees to supply water to VSR and to provide a single invoice to VSR for this water at their going rates every month based on a single monthly meter reading. TWD has not and will not agree to reading and invoicing 110 meters.
2. VSR would need to hire a third party to read 110 meters on a monthly basis.
3. VSR or its management company would need to compute 110 individual water and sewer bills each month based on the 110 meter readings and the single TWD monthly charge.
4. Our management company would need to provide 110 individual invoices each month. These amounts would change every month.
5. My estimated cost to buy and install a single residential water meter is about \$200. Each unit owner would be billed this one-time fee. Additional meter maintenance costs would also be borne by the individual unit owner.
6. With individual meters and bills on average half of the unit owners (those with "light" water usage) would see their water and sewer bills decrease while the other half (those with "heavy" water usage) would see their water and sewer bills increase relative to the present equal-payment system. It is unlikely that the unit owners that would see an increase in their bills would want to pay the increased costs associated with individual water meters. This increase cost would be the one-time \$200 cost plus the cost of reading the 110 meters every month plus the cost of computing and invoicing the individual water and sewer bills every month.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Please join the Trustees in thanking both **Larry Anzivino and Carl Erickson** for many years of service to the Village at Stone Ridge. Larry and Carl have been scouting the Village, mostly at night, to replace any burned-out exterior garage light bulbs and the bulbs on the fence posts. Their dedication has saved the Village the cost of hiring a company to do this job. At the September Board of Trustees Meeting, Larry announced that it was time to “pass the bulbs” to another volunteer. Carl was in agreement. Larry will still continue to change the fence post bulbs, but is retiring his ladder. Many thanks to both Larry and Carl for keeping the Village bright. Your dedication to our Village is truly appreciated.

We are very pleased to announce that **Rick Culver and Bob Morton** have stepped forward and will now be our electric light team. They will carry on the fine work of Larry Anzivino and Carl Erickson.

If you have a garage light out or notice a street light out please notify Evergreen (Sarah Carr - scarr@evergreenmgt.com) as you would do with any normal maintenance request. Sarah from Evergreen will contact the team. The repairs will be completed on their schedule, as they normally will do several at a time. Many thanks to Rick and Bob for volunteering their services.

LANDSCAPE VOLUNTEERS DO FALL CHORES



Above: The entry got a fall clean up recently by (left to right) Doug Keele, Ed Kern, Jean Guthrie, Nancy Sharpe, Barbara West, Judy Premru, and Rick Culver.

Below: Volunteers cleared the quarry of weeds on a beautiful fall day. Left to right, Louise Tahmoush, Ed Kern, Barbara West, Steve Currier, Doug Keele, Nancy Fletcher, Bob Morton, Jack Bilodeau, and Paul Currier



WALKERS TAKE NOTE!

Recently Dean Hubbard measured walking distances around several VSR road loops and spurs. The routes are defined in this website:

<http://bit.ly/1adOrK4>

The walking distances are:

- short Sandstone loop 0.5 miles
- long Sandstone loop 0.7 miles
- Stone Ridge loop 0.6 miles
- Highland loop 0.6 miles
- Tyngsboro Rd. to Stone Ridge loop 0.3 miles

Editor's Note:

Thanks, Dean, for this interesting information!



Thanks to all those who helped out recently at the Fall Work/Play Day. No pictures available – they said they were too busy working to take pictures! Thanks to Larry Wiederholt and Buzz McArdle, Property co-chairs, for organizing this.

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CORRECTIONS

In last month's Welcome to the Neighborhood article I made two errors. My apologies. Please make the following corrections:

- The new resident of 51 Stone Ridge is **Julie Blaser**.
- Dan and Roberta Pennacchia's email address is: dgpennacchia@gmail.com