



the Village at Stone Ridge

# Quarry Bulletin

November-December 2014

## VILLAGE HOLIDAY SEASON STARTS WITH A FESTIVE PARTY



*Wearing holiday ties from VSR's earliest days are, left to right, Bill Townsend, Dave Auld, and George Heiter.*

A large crowd of neighbors gathered at the clubhouse on December 5 for a gala start to the holiday season. The Social Committee organized a lovely party featuring beautiful decorations, tasty appetizers, delicious desserts, and rousing entertainment. We heartily welcomed the Cameron Senior Center's band, The Upbeats, who pleased the crowd with their renditions of old favorites and holiday songs. Our own Joyce Minosh was a standout on the drums, and resident chanteuse, Phyllis Duggan, gave a sultry interpretation of *Tangerine*. We all enjoyed singing the *Village Carol* that Joyce Minosh updates for us each year. You can find the the words on the VSR website ([villeageatstoneridge.com](http://villeageatstoneridge.com)). There were a few surprises and lots of fun. Thanks go to the Social Committee and especially co-chairs for this event, Sandy Kelly and Gail Sergenian, for all their planning and to all who helped move furniture, set up, and clean up. A great start to our holiday season!



*Judi Gilmartin didn't even let recent surgery keep her from our party!*



*"We Wish You a Merry Christmas" never sounded better. Left to right, Dom DeFronzo, Charlie Ryan, and*

# Annie & the Orphans at Village at Stone Ridge

**When music was at it's best and "Little Susie" slept at the Drive In**

*By Larry and Linda Anzivino*

"Oh What A Night," as 50's and 60's music made a grand return to the VSR Clubhouse with Annie & the Orphans rolling back the clock for us. They played for two hours and 45 minutes (no breaks) and at one point we actually thought they might Rock Us Around the Clock. Someone said that they were like music magnets pulling us onto the floor in the largest number of dancers ever "cutting the rug" here at the "old clubhouse."

But how about our little community here? Kudos to us all for dressing the part. We knew we were into it when Jack (the Fonz) Gilmartin showed up in his leather and Ducks A\_\_ hair style, but he may have been upstaged by the pink ladies. Boys wore their high school sweaters with the varsity letter and girls had their poodle skirts and reverse sweaters, all hanging out at Skip's Diner. We had everything but a White Sport Coat and a Pink Carnation, and, can you believe it, we still fit into them.

Yes, boys and girls, we had ourselves a "Sock Hop." We did the twist, went strollin', and did the mashed potato. There was a ladies' choice and the monster mash (it was a graveyard smash). Some girls had a class ring around their neck, while others proudly dangled their charm bracelets from their wrists. After all these decades have passed, did we ever think we would have an occasion to pull out these items of special memories again? I guess we can tuck them away in the hope chest again, but not too deep, you just never know.

Alas, there were no petticoats spotted but Pauline came very close with her 45's on her skirt. Speaking of 45's she put them on the walls all round the room giving us a throwback ambiance. And just when we thought the night was over she brought out retro snacks of Twinkies, Snowballs, Devil Dog and Hostess cupcakes with squiggles on top. Terrific creativity and a lot of hard work, Pauline. Thank you, thank you.

Yup, way back then there was Dick Clark and the American Bandstand, we had the best music, and we had the best of times and in the best era. Ah, but hold on, today we have Skip Giles Productions (yes, his sideburns were real) and these, too, are truly great times. Rootbeer float anybody?

Skip's next event will be "A Tribute to the Platters," featuring Tony Funches, the lead singer for "Herb Reed and the Platters," on June 13, 2015. Come here those great Platter's hits including *The Great Pretender*, *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*, *Only You*, and *Twilight Time*.



*Annie and the Orphans had the clubhouse rocking at Skip's latest show.*



*Is this the clubhouse?*



*Left: Judi and Jack Gilmartin and Pauline Giles show their stuff. Right: Linda Barry strikes a pose.*



*Left: Christine and Ron Caterino cut a rug. Center: Skip Giles remembers the "glory days." Right: Larry Anzivino and Peter Abate sport their letter sweaters.*

## Groovy Movies

By Gail Sergenian

### *St. Vincent*



I usually review DVD's, but this film is still playing and I think it is worth seeing on the big screen.

Bill Murray is perfect as Vincent, an aging, unemployed, drinking, smoking, gambling, slovenly curmudgeon living in Brooklyn. Melissa McCarthy rocks as Maggie, a newly single mom who moves next door with her puny twelve-year-old son Oliver (an excellent Jaeden Lieberher). Maggie, working late hours to support Oliver and herself, desperately needs someone to watch Oliver after school and hires Vincent for the job.

Vincent proceeds to introduce Oliver to his mostly seedy world: the bar at which he hangs out, betting at the track, and his girl, a pregnant Russian prostitute named Daka (a fine Naomi Watts). Along the way, magic happens as Vincent and Oliver develop a close bond. This could have been schmaltzy, but it isn't because the acting is so fine. In the end there were few dry eyes in the house.

Murray has become a subtle, nuanced actor. He was also outstanding in "Lost in Translation." This might be Murray's turn for an Oscar. He is so real in this role that every single moment rings true. They are all good. I highly recommend it.

## DROP-IN COFFEE – A CHANCE TO RELAX AND VISIT



*Left: Joan Roy and Clara Currier were the hostesses for the recent drop-in coffee. Thanks also to Ruth Coleman and other Social Committee members who lent a hand. Right: Paul Currier and Dom and Christine DeFronzo enjoy the event.*

## Book Club News – The author will be joining us!

By Dianne Marston

The VSR Book Club met on Dec. 11 to discuss Wallace Stegner's *Crossing to Safety*, one of the greatest and most cherished American novels of the twentieth century.

Our upcoming meeting will be held on January 29 (please note change in date) at which time we will host the author of the book, *Alice Bliss*. Laura Harrington will join us as we discuss her first novel. Here is one reviewer's commentary: "If a novel could have a heartbeat, *Alice Bliss* would have one. If an author could capture a slice of America's soul, Laura Harrington succeeded in doing so! This is the story of Alice, a fifteen-year-old faced with the absence of her father who, as a member of the New York National Guard, is sent to Iraq. Laura Harrington does such an exceptional job bringing Alice Bliss and the supporting characters to life, that you will find yourself completely enthralled in her story. Read *Alice Bliss* and see how poignant, powerful, stunning, and alive a novel can be. Pick it up, read it, share it, talk about it!" [Liza Wiemer]

That is quite an endorsement and an enticement for you to read the book and come to the meeting **to meet the author and to hear her speak about her novel**. You are always welcome to attend our meetings, even if you have not read the book! The following meeting is scheduled for March 5.

## ALL IS MERRY AND BRIGHT IN THE VILLAGE

Santa's elves were busy at the Village on November 30, hanging holiday lights on our trees. The weather was perfect, sunny and bright, despite the snow that had fallen. Shown below is the bucket truck finishing of the clubhouse blue spruce as Jack Bilodeau and Buzz McArdle help out. This year's elves who decorated the Village included Eli Demetri, Paul Currier, Mike Gallant, Dom DeFronzo, Steve Currier, Tom Sangiolo, Rick Culver, Tom Barry, Jack Bilodeau, and Buzz McArdle. Thanks, guys!





## 2014-2015 SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

*By Doug Craib, Snow Removal Chair*

Outlined below is the snow removal plan for the 2014-2015 snow season.

When snowfall total reaches two 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, 4 Stone Ridge, 7 Stone Ridge, 23 Stone Ridge, 53/55 Stone Ridge, 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 Linda Cyr at Evergreen Management Inc. Linda's telephone numbers are 1-800-973-4300 or 978-258-2927, and her email is [LCyr@evergreenmgt.com](mailto:LCyr@evergreenmgt.com).



### **CLUBHOUSE DECORATING**

Kudos to the Social Committee for the lovely decorations in the clubhouse. Shown at left with their handiwork: Loretta Auld, Louise Tahmouh, Kathy Abate, Judy Premru, and Clara Currier.

## TRUSTEES APPROVE CONDO, WATER & SEWER FEE INCREASES



By Ken Hyle

Ron Caterino and Ken Hyle, Budget Committee co-chairs, presented the approved 2015 Budget to the Village unit owners at the first Thursday meeting on November 6. On January 1, 2015 the monthly condo fees will increase by 2.9% and Water & Sewer Fees will increase by \$10.00 per month to \$120.00.

Ken thanked the Budget and Finance Committee members for all their work (over 100 hours), as well as the more than forty-five Villagers that participate in the various Committees that had input into this process. Ron reviewed the reasons for the increase of only 2.9% despite increases in maintenance and insurance. The extraordinary volunteerism in this community helps us to control our expenditures, thus affecting the monthly condo fees, and we have superior Committee management. The tireless work of the Committee chairmen and their members to control costs while enhancing the vision that we all have grown to love for the Village is extremely cost effective.

Ken reviewed the Water & Sewer Treatment Plant budget and explained that the increase in the fee was due to the installation of two new Zee Weed filters. \$58,000 was borrowed from the Water & Sewer Reserve account and the DEP requires that these funds be replaced within five years, which is the primary reason for the increase.

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

thank  
you!

Judy Culver has decided to retire from the Architectural Standards and Review Committee after many, many years of dedicated service. Judy chaired this Committee ever since it was formed and has done an outstanding job. She has been conscientious, very thorough and was a main contributor in the writing of the ASR Spec Book that is now available on the EMI website and in the clubhouse. Please join the Board of Trustees in thanking Judy for 'a job exceptionally well done.' We also welcome Tom Sangiolo as the new ASR Chairman.

## ALL WHO WANDER ARE NOT LOST *(Ansel Adams)*

Editor's Note: We Villagers are a peripatetic lot, packing up for Florida or Dubai in the winter, visiting grandchildren in California, Arizona, or Montana, and cruising or trekking to many other destinations. I would like to feature pictures and short descriptions of your trips. Send me copy and inspire others to travel too!

From the splendor of the Budapest Castle to the beauty of Prague, Steve and Clara Currier (right) and the Buzz and Nancy McArdle (below) cruised the Danube River in September, and were treated to gourmet meals, area wines and beers, and the local culture of Central Europe. Avalon Waterways turned out to be a great choice



with only 145 passengers on board and included many free and optional tours. The 13-day trip started in Budapest, Hungary, cruising by Serbia and stopping for a



tour of Vienna, followed by an evening at a Viennese concert hall. The cruise went on through the wine country of the Wachau Valley, Austria, and had optional tours of the Austrian lakes region, medieval castles and magnificent cathedrals and abbeys. They cruised on to Passau and up through the Danube lock system and concluded in Nuremberg, Germany enjoying schnitzel, sausages, beers, and Bavarian hospitality.

An enthusiastic group of twelve residents took off for the west in October on a Caravan Tour, organized for us by intrepid traveler, Joyce Minosh, to visit the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, and Bryce and Zion National Parks. The awe-inspiring scenery was a tonic for our souls, and to enjoy it with friends was a treat. Pictured below from left to right are: Doug and Carlene Craib, Judy Premru, Frank Bashore, Bill and Paula Townsend, Dianne Marston, Theresa Bilodeau, Dick Coleman, Jack Bilodeau, Louise O'Donnell, and Ruth Coleman.





## THE LADIES OF THE NIGHT



*The Pink Ladies*

*Left to right: Miriam Rodrigues, Linda Barry, Barbara West, Pauline Giles, June Halio, and Judi Gilmartin.*



*Harriet Shanzer, Christine Caterino, and Elaine Gallant show off their retro outfits.*

## MORE SCENES FROM THE HOLIDAY PARTY



*Gaiety, laughter, song, and dance at the Holiday Party. Kathy Abate enjoys Buzz McArdle and Dom DeFronzo's impromptu performance to "I Could Have Danced All Night."*



*Skip thanks the band and brings out the dessert!*

## ANOTHER TRAVELER CHECKS IN

Larry Weiderholt recently went on safari, traveling from Cape Town to Victoria Falls/Livingstone. Traveling for eighteen days through four African countries, he saw the Fish River Canyon, explored the Sossusvlei Dunes, visited Etosha National Park, the Kalahari Desert, and Victoria Falls, tracked the Big Five, took game walks and dug-out canoe rides. Highlights were exploring the Okavango Delta by dug-out mokoro canoe, hiking the highest sand dunes in the world in the Namib Desert, and meeting the San



### SOCIAL DATES



**December 16**  
Caroling

**December 31**  
New Year's Eve Party

**January 1**  
New Year's Day

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