



the Village at Stone Ridge

Quarry Bulletin July - August 2016

A Message from Our Board of Trustees

As summer flies by, it is time to plan for our upcoming VSR Annual Meeting to be held this year on **Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the VSR clubhouse**. The Annual Meeting this year includes elections for two positions on the Board of Trustees, as follows:

- A three (3) year term currently held by Peter Abate
- A three (3) year term currently held by Lawrence Tobiason

Both of these terms will become new three (3) year terms. We invited all unit owners of the Village to consider becoming a candidate for this position. Nominations were accepted between July 15 and August 15, 2016.

The names of candidates accepting nomination appear in this Newsletter. Candidates accepting nomination supplied a brief statement for publication in the Quarry Bulletin. In addition, a Candidates' Question and Answer forum is planned as part of our regular Village Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, September 8, 2016**.

Ballots will be mailed to every unit owner of record on or before August 31, 2016, and will list the candidates for these positions. The ballot (one per unit) will request voting for two candidates for the three (3) year terms on or before the September 28, 2016 Annual Meeting. All ballots will be collected in a sealed voting box, located in the Clubhouse Entry, which will be delivered to Evergreen Management Inc. for tallying following the Annual Meeting. Extra time is needed since the vote cast by each unit is required to be weighted by the percent interest in VSR of that unit. The candidates receiving the highest number of weighted votes will fill the designated positions. The results will be announced by October 5, 2016 and the newly elected Board will meet on October 17, 2016.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board member, Ruth Coleman or Evergreen Management Inc.

Sincerely,

Lawrence F. Tobiason

For your VSR Board of Trustees

Peter Abate, Sandra Kelly, Clyde McArdle, Thomas Sangiolo & Lawrence Tobiason

Your Nominees for Board of Trustees...

BILL TOWNSEND

Paula and I have lived here at VSR since April 2004. I retired from National Grid after working there for 35+ years, mostly in accounting and finance.

Outside of VSR, I am active in the Lake Association (as a Director and Co-Chair of the Invasive or Exotic Weed Survey Committee) in Fitzwilliam, NH where we have a summer camp.

Here at VSR, I have served on the Finance and Refurbishing Committees for a number of years. Currently, I am a member of the Water & Sewer Committee, the Property Committee (Chairman, 2006-2009), the Deck Resurfacing Committee and the Reserve Study Committee. Also, I served a three-year term as VSR Trustee from 2009-2012 and President for one year.

So why am I running for Trustee? As time goes by, we are all getting older, our VSR property is also aging and needs more repairs, and it is becoming more difficult to encourage residents to run for Trustee and participate on committees. My goal, working with the other Trustees and our VSR residents, is to try to help preserve and maintain the Village at Stone Ridge community while encouraging our continuing community spirit and cooperation.

CARLENE CRAIB

Thank you for the nomination to the Board of Trustees. As many of you know, I served on the Board previously from 2007 to 2011. I found it a very interesting and rewarding experience. As *Quarry Bulletin* editor for the past five years I worked with Board and committee members to keep the community informed, and I observed the workings of the Village from an overview vantage point. I saw many positive developments. Although it seemed that I was always soliciting volunteers in the pages of the *Bulletin*, we have had quite a few new residents step into important positions as Property co-chair, Bulletin editor, and website manager, and there are new members of many committees.

We have undertaken some large projects and done so in a fiscally sound way due to our policy of maintaining adequate reserves. We have seen several non-committee members take on one-time jobs to augment our "full-time" volunteers as cookout organizer, election officer, and event sponsor. New ideas have sprung up such as Happy Hours and new resident orientation packets, and we continue to support traditional events like Work/Play day as well.

There are challenges ahead as we enter our 15th year. As we have more and more new residents we need to welcome

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CARLENE CRAIB, Nominee to Board of Trustees... ***continued***

them into the life of the Village and encourage them to take on leadership positions on committees and on the Board. We need to continue long range planning to manage the large projects that will come up as our infrastructure ages. We need to work closely with EMI to maximize our return on our management expenditure and to evaluate realistically what we can accomplish with volunteers and what we need to entrust to EMI. The Board should take the lead in these decisions, making wise policy that will carry us forward in a fiscally responsible way that we are comfortable with. We should continue with our philosophy of a "Village" in meeting the needs of residents as we age, but look for the balance needed in an "active adult" community.

I think I can contribute to the Board as we face these challenges. I have lived in Westford for forty-five years and the Village for fourteen. I was a Board member for four years and President for a year. I have a working knowledge of the "systems" of the Village: waste water treatment plant, irrigation, landscape contract, property management, and the *Bulletin*. I am committed to maintaining good communication within the Village. I have great respect for the work that each Board and committee member does and look forward to working closely with them as a Board member, developing and implementing policies, looking at the Village as a whole, helping maintain the Village we love and continually improving it.



DECK PROJECT UPDATE

We are pleased to report our deck project has reached past the half way mark with the completion of cluster 5. Cluster 6 has begun on lower Stone Ridge at Lorraine and Phil MacPherson's. Phil recently joined the deck project as co-project manager to help out Buzz McArdle. The project is currently on budget and is scheduled to be completed by October. Cluster 7 which is the beginning of Stone Ridge #4, should start about September 1. The crews have done a fantastic job, working in 95-degree heat. So, if they are working on your deck, a glass of ice water or lemonade might just make their day.

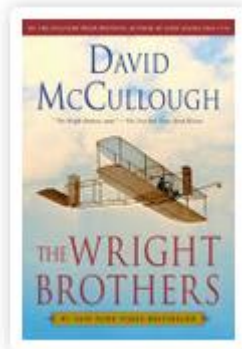
Gas Grill Warning: Recently, it was noticed that an iron gas line that goes to a gas grill was seriously corroded and required replacing. Should it have ruptured, an explosion might have occurred. If you have a gas grill that is fed by natural gas from the house in a black iron pipe, please inspect it for any corrosion. The deck crews have been asked to keep a look out when they open the decks, but this does not negate the homeowner's responsibility. Many times it just needs to be sanded and painted, but in some cases it might require replacement by a plumber. Please contact the property committee chairman Nick Johnson if you are concerned. The Board is inquiring about having all the natural gas lines checked by the town, or a certified gas licensed plumber. If you buy gas by the tank (LPG) disregard this notice. -Buzz

BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Dianne Marston

The VSR Book Club is going strong! Our July 14 meeting of the Book Club was attended by about 20 people. We first enjoyed refreshments and socializing, followed by gathering in the library for the discussion of *Still Life With Breadcrumbs: A Novel* by Anna Quindlen.

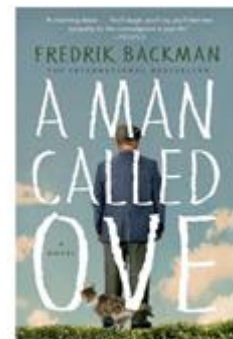
Our August 25th meeting will feature *The Wright Brothers*. "The #1 New York Times bestseller from David McCullough, two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize - the dramatic story-behind-the-story about the courageous brothers who taught the world how to fly - Wilbur and Orville Wright" (Amazon review)



"David McCullough has etched a brisk, admiring portrait of the modest, hardworking Ohioans who designed an airplane in their bicycle shop and solved the mystery of flight on the sands of Kitty Hawk, N.C. He captures the marvel of what the Wrights accomplished and, just as important, the wonder felt by their contemporaries. . . . Mr. McCullough is in his element writing about seemingly ordinary folk steeped in

the cardinal American virtues—self-reliance and can-do resourcefulness." *The Wall Street Journal* - *Roger Lowenstein*

The book chosen for our [October 6](#) meeting is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. This best seller is "a light hearted, deeply moving novel about a grumpy but loveable curmudgeon who finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. This quirky debut is a thoughtful and charming exploration of the impact one life has on countless others—and an absolute delight." (CBS Local)

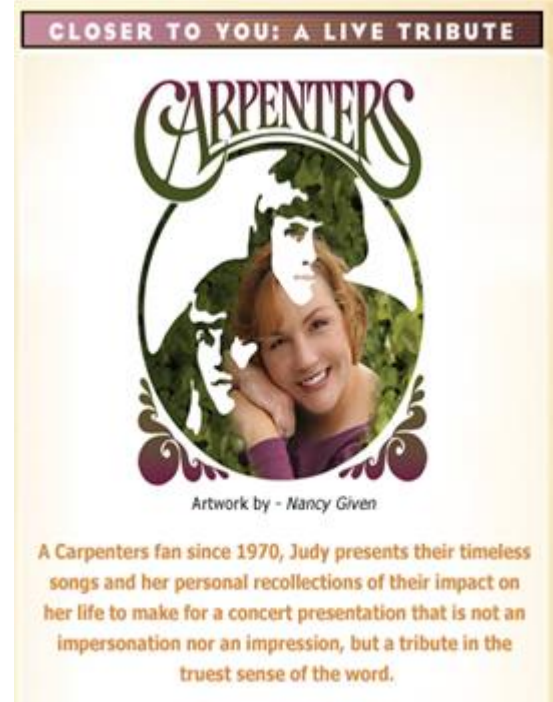


For newcomers to the Village, please know that all are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings. We begin with refreshments at 1:00, followed by the discussion at 1:30

Swan Song – or Call of the Loon?

As Joan Murphy takes over the job of *Quarry Bulletin* Editor, I took a minute to look over the past nearly five years' worth of Bulletins I worked on. It was a treat to remember fun events and bittersweet to see faces of those who are no longer with us. I was once again reminded of how fortunate we are to have such caring, knowledgeable, and interesting people in our midst, and thankful for their willingness to share the load! I cannot leave without thanking some of my "regulars" who contributed month after month, usually with a smile ☺. I especially want to thank Dianne Marston, Gail Sergenian, and Linda Anzivino for their respective columns (Hey Linda, got any more library columns for Joan?), Larry Anzivino, Louise O'Donnell, and Roni Hubbard for their feature stories on events, and Trustees past and current for all their articles about Village affairs and governance. Also on my tribute list are photographers Roni and Dean Hubbard, Paul and Jayne Currier, Dave Auld, and Buzz McArdle for all the wonderful photos they contributed. Louise O'Donnell and Doug Craib were such faithful proofreaders that I seldom found an error after it went to print. There are many others as well who stepped up to write an article when I asked or sent me interesting tidbits or a timely photo. To everyone who made my job easy, thank you so much. I enjoyed putting out the *QB* and I know you will be equally generous with your submissions to Joan.

--Carlene Craib, listening to the call of the loons in Maine



COMING TO VSR
SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

Closer to You: A Live Tribute

*Songs include: Top Of The
World, We've Only Just Begun,
Ticket To Ride, Close To You,
Please Mr. Postman, There's a
Kind Of Hush, Sing, and more.*

Performed by Judy Pancoast

Cocktails at 6:30, Show at 7:00

*Sign-Up at the Clubhouse. Pay
at the Clubhouse on August 30*

between 5:00 -6:30

A Skip Giles Production

"Songs for a Sunday Afternoon with Wendy"



Come enjoy a lovely afternoon of cabaret music from The Great American Songbook sung by our own Wendy Wolfberg accompanied live on piano by one of Boston's top pianist/ arranger/ conductors, Mr. Tom LaMark. This is a concert for VSR residents at the Clubhouse.

Sunday, September 25, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. for social half hour. Coffee and tea will be available. Otherwise, please bring your own beverages.

Wendy Wolfberg



Wendy's been singing since her debut with "Roses are Red" at age four on the Cape May, NJ boardwalk. Her roots are in 60s pop and folk, and in musical theatre. She has sung solo, in choral groups and local theatre for years. Last winter she appeared in "Titanic, the Musical"—a sold out extravaganza produced by Acton's Theatre III.

Since singing with John Hoffman and the DEC (Digital Equipment Corporation) Bigband, her focus has turned to the Great American Songbook. Since 2014, Wendy has been an active member and on the Board of the Boston Association of Cabaret Artists (BACA). For the latest performance news, visit <http://wendy.wolfberg.net/>

Tom LaMark

Tom LaMark is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music. He has accompanied many show business greats, such as Aretha Franklin, Anthony Newley, The Smothers Brothers, Rita Moreno, Bobby Vinton, The Four Lads, and many more. Tom has also performed professionally with a host of jazz greats, such as Buddy Rich and Dizzy Gillespie. Tom served as music director on several world cruises with Holland America and Royal Viking cruise lines. In 2007, Tom played at Carnegie Hall with soprano Karyn Levitt. He is very active in the Boston area Cabaret community as musical director, arranger and CD producer for our region's best professional and aspiring performers.



Men's 7th Annual Steak & Ale Night

by Paul Currier

The 7th annual Men's Steak & Ale night took place Wednesday night, 6/22/16 in our clubhouse. We set a new attendance record with 38 thirsty and hungry Village men gathered for a relaxed evening of socializing.

The night started at 5:30, with beer and appetizers. As usual the 8 pounds of shrimp and 12 links of kielbasa went quickly, washed down with a variety of beer on a perfect summer night. The patio was the primary gathering spot during our happy hour. Most of the world issues were solved, golf scores exaggerated, village projects discussed, and local sports teams criticized and applauded at the same time. The common thread for all was kicking back and enjoying each other's company.

Happy hour was followed with our traditional sit down dinner at the horseshoe table arrangement in the clubhouse. NY strip sirloin steak weighing in at 1.2lbs each was the feature entrée. This year, in lieu of salad, we went with a huge bowl of corn which was very popular. Monstrous 1 lb. grilled potatoes accompanied the corn with sour cream, butter and bacon bits to make them more delicious. Dessert was not sugar free! Options included two cheese cakes, one plain and one topped with strawberries, and a cream cake topped with strawberry & blueberries. It's amazing there's always room for the scrumptious desserts. All diets are checked at the door, for the men's steak & ale night.

Once again we held our 50/50 drawing. Bill Nussbaum and Nick Johnson were the lucky winners. Two prizes were offered. Bill opted for the \$60 of free car washes and Nick walked off **with the \$60.00 cash prize**. This year we included a Mega Millions ticket for all 38 attendees. Good luck men!!!

Several village men participated in helping to make the event a success. The organizers, Ken Hyle, Ron Caterino and Paul Currier, pulled it all together. The breakfast & luncheon planning meetings are grueling & stressful, but somebody's got to do it. Of course the master grill sergeants, Dom DeFronzo and Buzz McArdle, are at the helm grilling all the meats to perfection. Jerry Hall was in charge of the 50/50 raffle and helped with grilling potatoes. But he must work on his stand-up comedy routine before next year's event. Larry Wiederholt once again donated his gas grill to help us grill the steaks in a timely fashion. Ed Kern & Jerry Hall helped with setting up the hall. The clean-up crew on Thursday morning was manned by Skip Giles, Jack Gilmartin, Steve Currier, and Frank Bashore.

It was a grand evening with lots of laughter, back slapping and relaxation for all. Feedback was very positive and everyone is looking forward to doing it all over again next year. Life is good at VSR!

Just Cruisin' Around

by Tom Barry

A group of us from the Village took a two week trip through Europe from June 3rd to the 16th, including a River Cruise on Uniworld Boutique River Cruises from Nuremberg, Germany to Vienna, Austria, spending extra days in those two cities, as well as visiting numerous cities along the way. We then flew from Vienna to Amsterdam and spent a few days touring that beautiful city before returning to Boston. Here's a picture of the group standing in front of the Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna after touring the palace and taking a horse and buggy ride through the 500 acres of beautiful gardens at the palace. Standing from left to right are: Elaine & Mike Gallant, Charlotte & Eli Demetri, Linda & Tom Barry, Tom & Barbara West, Len & June Halio, Bill & Tink Nussbum. It was a fantastic trip, made extra special by our VSR traveling companions.



Peggy Martin & George Werber
joined us on 6 Stone Ridge.

Uri & Judy Binnun, have moved
into the Village at 9 Highland.

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