



Quarry Bulletin *September - October 2016*

Congratulations to Newly-Elected Board of Trustees...both with many years of previous Board service. They have gone above and beyond duty to donate their time and wisdom to our board for three more years. Thank you Carlene and Bill. The first meeting of the new board will be held on Monday October 17th at 7 PM in the Clubhouse Library. These meetings are always open to all residents and offer a short period for resident comments, questions and input. Again, many thanks to Larry Tobiason and Peter Abate for their years of contributions to our village.

BILL TOWNSEND



CARLENE CRAIB



NATURE NEAR US



A young Cooper hawk learning how to get a bite to eat and an unusual rabbit & squirrel tete-a-tete and a rosebud-eating porcupine –Pictures by David Auld

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



A Night of Karen Carpenter Songs, starring Judy Pancoast. This was Judy's second performance for the Village at Stone Ridge (1st was in 2013) and she wowed the crowd once again. The personal stories Judy was able to tell us about Karen and Richard Carpenter, and her own interaction with the Carpenters, made the night very special for all of us who grew up with the Carpenter's music. I think Judy was enjoying herself performing for us as much as we enjoyed her performance. Thank you Skip Giles for bringing us another wonderful production. Oh, that's a Bill Clinton impersonator on the right, Skip Giles himself!

-Pictures by Tom Barry

CARING FOR YOUR NEW DECK

by Buzz McArdle

Here are a few important tips for taking care of your new Duralife deck:

1. Water will bead on the deck surface after rain storm. This is a normal with composite decks. Eventually as the rain, snow, sun work on the surface, this will stop. You can speed up the process by washing the deck with a soft bristle brush, soap, and water. Do not clean the deck with any solvents, never ever.
2. Clean up spills right away. If left over a period of time, they may stain.
3. Do not put any rubber or plastic flat items on the deck, especially not rubber door mats or rugs. We suggest a natural cocoa shell mat.
4. Please use a plastic-blade snow shovel. Metal shovels will damage the deck.
5. Use a calcium chloride snow melt for composite decks, not rock salt.
6. Please take caution and use the proper foot wear. The deck may be slippery when wet!

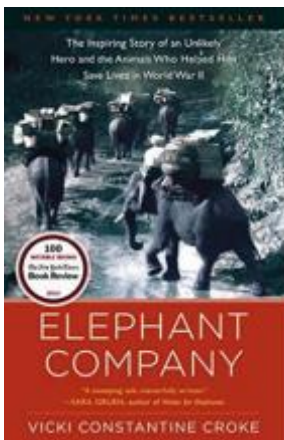
For further information please check out the following Duralife web site

BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Dianne Marston

Another fabulous Book Club meeting on October 6th. About 20 members enjoyed socializing and tasting the delicious refreshments provided by Louise O'Donnell and Nancy Fletcher. Thank you, Louise and Nancy!

The book, *A Man Called Ove*, was the topic of our discussion. It was extremely well-received and heartily recommended. Such attributes as humorous, authentic, unpredictable, poignant, heartbreaking, and charming were used during the discussion to describe the book. We were happy to welcome Mary Ellen Tisdale and Eileen Ross, who joined us for the first time, as well as many returning members who had recently been unable to attend.



Our next meeting will be **November 17**, when we will review *Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II* by Vicki Croke.

Sandy Kelly has arranged for the current selection to be held for us at the Fletcher Library. Just go to the main desk and ask for the book.

There's plenty of time to read the **January 5th** book *Our Side of the River: A Memoir* by Alan Emmet. And for the really ambitious who want a

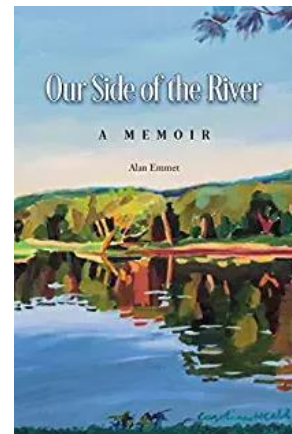
head start on their winter reading, **February 16th** we'll be discussing *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf.

A few of our members recently attended a lecture at the Fletcher Library given by James Pocock of

Gloucester. He spoke about his great-uncle, a boat builder and influential man in crew racing, who is featured in the bestselling book *The Boys in the Boat*, about the 1936 Olympic-winning crew team. Our book club discussed this book last March and many members were very impressed with the story.

Finally, we give tribute to two former VSR Book Club members. Ann Sullivan had been a regular contributing member since the inception of our book club. She has recently moved away. The late Mort Silverman was usually the only "gentleman" in attendance, but he held his own with we ladies! Both will be greatly missed.

Please contact Dianne Marston if you would like to sign up let a discussion group or provide refreshments. And always feel free to join the meetings. Happy reading!



Clubhouse Rentals

by Sandy Kelly

One of our Village's most beautiful assets is the Clubhouse. This impressive structure greets residents and guests each time we drive up the hill. The Landscape Committee adds seasonal flowers, the Social Committee changes decorations and maintains supplies and the Keurig for all to use. A Refurbishing Committee has assessed upcoming needs to keep the interior up to date and refreshed.

The building is used for meetings, exercise classes, happy hours, book discussion group, knitting group, bridge, Friday night poker and games, brunches, dinners, cookouts, musical events and a place to watch the Pats game when the rest of the Village has no power! It is the place that brings us together as the warm and caring neighborhood that we are.

Residents can also plan their own VSR social event at no cost. These events are those which are open to all residents, like our impromptu Labor Day gathering, the Sunday afternoon gathering Songs by Wendy, and all of the great musical events that Skip Giles orchestrates. Social Committee will add it to the VSR calendar once it is approved by the committee and will even assist with the planning.

The clubhouse can also be rented, by residents only, for family gatherings, groups and other social events. This requires a call to Linda Cyr at EMI. The fee is \$100 plus a \$200 deposit, which is returned after inspection that the facility was left as found. You will also be required to submit a Waiver of Liability form. Once the reservation is completed EMI will add it to the VSR calendar.

Visit <http://villageatstoneridge.com> to view the availability of the Clubhouse for rental. The rental form is also there to download.

BAD GOLFERS TEE IT UP!!

by Buzz McArdle

On a beautiful day in September, the BGA of VSR (Bad Golfers Association) teed off their annual golf tournament at Green Meadow Golf Course in Hudson, NH. There were plenty of laughs, balls in the woods, sore backs, and good natured ribbing. Before the tournament, goodie bags for everyone were handed out which contained extra balls, tees, and nourishment for the adventure ahead. The best ball scramble made sure everyone had an equal chance, but in the end, Jack Bilodeau's team (Jack Bilodeau, Mike Washburn, Bruce MacDonald and Eli Demetri) walked away with the championship trophies. This year we invited outsiders to play because of the diminishing number of golfers in the community.

The longest drive of the day trophy was won by Dean Hubbard and the closest to the pin trophies went to Mike Gallant and Paul Currier. Buzz McArdle won a trophy for being closest to the center of the fairway line.

After the tournament an awards dinner was held at the clubhouse, where trophies were awarded and prizes given out to all. Everybody went home a winner, after the sumptuous meal of roast chicken, Bilodeau's beans, baked potatoes, coleslaw, cookies, and plenty of beer.

Special thanks go out to Jack Gilmartin who organized the event and could not even play, due to a bad back. Also thanks go out to Ken Hyle, Buzz McArdle, Jack Bilodeau for their help. Once again we will be enlisting all bad golfers, non-golfers and those "who got game" to plan to play next September when the Bad Golfers of VSR tee it again.

SOCIAL CALENDAR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Saturday, October 15		Progressive Dinner
Monday, October 18	7:30	Westford Special Town Meeting
Monday, October 17	7:00	Trustees Meeting, Clubhouse Library
Tuesday, November 8		Presidential Election Day
Sunday, November 13	2-4:00	Newcomers' Social, Clubhouse
Thursday, November 17	1:00	Book Club, Clubhouse
Saturday, December 10		Holiday Party, Westford Parish Center for the Arts. Watch for sign-ups in the Clubhouse. Meanwhile, contact Skip Giles



Newcomers' Social

Come welcome our newest neighbors and socialize with old friends over coffee and desserts. This is your chance for everyone to meet and greet the newcomers to our Village. All residents are invited.

**Sunday, November 13
2-4:00 in the Clubhouse**

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