



Quarry Bulletin

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Everybunny's Happy at Happy Hour



Above, left to right: Jack and Judi Gilmartin, Tom Sangiolo and Barbara Leary
Below, left to right: Sandy Kelly, Larry Wiederholt, Nancy Sharpe
Bottom picture: Dianne Marston leads us in patriotic songs at the Memorial Day BBQ





GROOVY MOVIES

by Gail Sergenian

Eddie the Eagle is a silly kind of film with a lot of heart that is unmistakably British. It is based on the true story of Michael “Eddie” Edwards, who knew what he wanted to do from the time he was a young boy. He would get dressed, pack his “stuff,” and tell his parents he was off to be in the Olympics. Later one of them would pick him up at the corner. He was definitely persistent. The only problem was that he had no athletic talent whatsoever.

Eddie’s first adult effort to enter the Olympics was as a downhill skier. When he was cut from the team he turned to ski jumping. The facts that he had never done it before, and that England didn’t even have a ski jumping team did not deter him. Through a glitch in the rule book (and despite the mortification of the staid British Olympic Association), Eddie got in. He was trained by a could-have-been-great former skier who is now a snow plower and boozier (Hugh Jackman, very good in this fictional role).



The ski jumping athletes and sports media fall in love with this unlikely competitor. When he flaps his wings at onlookers they dub him “Eddie the Eagle,” and no one can get enough of him. I felt the same way. Taron Egerton plays the over-eager, awkward character well. Jim Broadbent is very funny as a sportscaster. This is not a great movie, but a fun one to watch. I dare you not to root for Eddie.



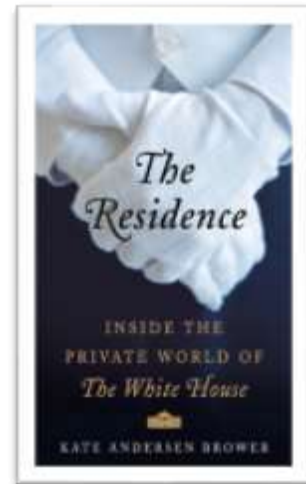
BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Dianne Marston

Our most recent Book Club meeting was on May 18 when the discussion focused on a novel based on actual history by Judy Blume. *In the Unlikely Event* took us back to Elizabeth, NJ, where we were introduced to many of the people who were directly or indirectly involved in the tragic crash of three different planes in 1953.

Our June 29 meeting will feature *The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House* by Kate Andersen Brower. The following excerpt is taken from the back cover

"From the mystique of the glamorous Kennedys to the tumult that surrounded Bill and Hillary Clinton during the president's impeachment to the historic tenure of Barack and Michelle Obama, each new administration brings a unique set of personalities to the White House—and a new set of challenges to the fiercely loyal and hardworking people who serve them: the White House residence staff. In her runaway bestseller *The Residence*, former White House correspondent Kate Andersen Brower pulls back the curtain on the world's most famous address. Drawing on hundreds of hours of interviews with butlers, maids, chefs, florists, doormen, and other staffers—as well as conversations with three former first ladies and the children of four presidents—Brower offers a group portrait of the dedicated professionals who orchestrate lavish state dinners; stand ready during meetings with foreign dignitaries; care for the president and first lady's young children; and cater to every need the first couple may have, however sublime or, on occasion, ridiculous."



On August 10, the book for discussion will be *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

"An Amazon Best Book of October 2016: Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things* is about racism, choice, fear, and hope. The novel is based on the true story of a labor and delivery nurse who was prohibited from caring for a newborn because the father requested that no African-American nurses tend to his baby. In the fictional version, Ruth, the African-American nurse in question, finds

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herself on trial for events related to the same request made by a white supremacist father. Using the narratives of Ruth, the baby's father, and the female public defender who takes Ruth's case, Picoult examines multiple facets of racism. The topic of race in America is difficult to talk about, but in an honest and revealing way Picoult allows readers to draw their own conclusions about how we see ourselves and others in the world. *Small Great Things* is an important and thought-provoking novel about power and prejudice that deserves to be read, digested, and shared with others." --Seira Wilson, *The Amazon Book Review*

We encourage you to read either of these books and hope that you might consider joining us for our discussions. We meet in the Clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. for refreshments and socializing. Our discussion, held in the Library, begins about 1:30. All are welcome!



Many of you know Richard Diaz of 14 Stone Ridge. Richard has moved to Veteran's Assisted Living in Bedford, MA. Don Chandler had the pleasure of meeting Richard Diaz on several occasions and was the recipient of one of his books. "Not only is he a very intelligent man, he is very friendly and will share anything he has, whether it is humor or deep, dark and mysterious information. I'll miss the option to drop in and 'gab' with him on many areas of interest. Richard did a lot of that while he was here in The Village. I hope he gets the favors of his life that he deserves. We'll miss you Richard." -Don Chandler

I never met Richard, but a look through the archived Quarry Bulletins leads me to think that, as the current Editor, I owe a lot of thanks to Richard as a past Editor for being an inspiration to the Bulletin. He was a regular contributor with a wide range of articles from managing the septic system (or as he cited in an article, a Waste Disposal System), to Clubhouse fitness, to even the disputed Newport Materials (asphalt plant) articles as far back as January 2010!

Thank you for all your contributions to The Village, Richard, especially the Quarry Bulletin. -Joan Murphy, Editor



YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

-Contributed by Bob Eddy

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue. (I bet you needed to know this, didn't you)?

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds. (I wondered who counted this.)

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Cats have over 100 vocal sounds. Dogs have only 10.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner QE2 moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: abstemious and facetious.

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

THERE, now you know everything!



Nine ladies from the Village enjoyed a wonderful time in Greece in early May, traveling from Athens, to Crete, to Santorini. The weather was beautiful, 85 degrees each day. We had fabulous food and wine, did lots of walking and enjoyed our time together. A highlight for the group was our visit to Akrotiri. VSR travelers toured the archeological excavations at Akrotiri on the island of Santorini. It is one of the most important prehistoric settlements of the Aegean. The first habitation at the site dates from at least the 4th millennium BC.

left to right: Sandy Kelly, Barbara Leary, Judy Premru, Dianne Marston, Terry Bilodeau, Nancy Sharpe, Susan Hill, Gail Sergenian and Joyce Minosh



Social News

June 29	1:00pm	Book Club reviews Brower's <i>The Residence</i>
July 4	2:00pm	Independence Day Ice Cream Social
August 10	1:00pm	Book Club reviews Picoult's <i>Small Great Things</i>
August 12	10:00am	Saturday Coffee Hour
Sept 24	4:00pm	Sunday Welcome Newcomers! Happy Hour

Thank you to Judy Gilmartin and Kathy Abate for continuing to organize our Village Happy Hours!!

Trail Blazers Busy Days

A group of energetic trail volunteers worked tirelessly to clear the Pond and Long Trails for spring walking. The work included cutting up two large trees that were blocking the trail, raking the footpaths, repositioning trail blazes, picking up trash filling two 30-gallon bags, and pushing aside about 10,000 fallen branches! The team got back together another day to finish the Long and Loop trails. Thanks again to Frank Bashore, Jack Bilodeau, Dick Coleman, Doug Craib, Bob Eddy, Joyce Minosh, Bob Morton and Bill Townsend for beautifying the VSR grounds.



Visitors in Our Midst





**WHAT HAPPENS AT
MEN'S STEAK & ALE
STAYS AT
MEN'S STEAK & ALE**

The 8th Annual was a big success again this year on June 7th. Apparently so successful nobody took pictures and nobody's talking!

Radon: A Colorless, Odorless, Tasteless Gas

by Bob Eddy

Because we live in an area with a lot of granite, radon is fairly common. Radon is able to enter our basements through cracks and holes in the foundation. Some VSR units were built with a portion of a radon mitigation system already installed in the basement. A 4" PVC pipe that starts below the basement floor and goes above the foundation wall. It either exits the house above the sill plate, or runs through the interior of the house, up through the attic, and finally through the roof. A fan gets installed at some point along the pipe to suck the radon-filled air from below the foundation and expel it above the house. If there is no already-installed remediation system, one can be installed. Some neighbors report they have the pipe, but not the fan.

Radon readings can change over time, so if you have tested and the readings were okay, test again on a periodic basis to ensure that the readings haven't increased. Bear in mind that a neighbor's test result is a NOT good indication of whether your home has radon. If you have a fan installed, you should still re-test periodically to ensure that the system is working properly.

If you would like to check your radon levels, you can purchase a small radon test kit at a hardware or home supply store. Follow the directions on the kit for proper placement in your home, length of exposure and where to mail it for the results.

For more information, visit the mass.gov site:
<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/environmental/iaq/radon-fact-sheet-2016.pdf>

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New to the neighborhood?
Check out the Bulletin Board in the mailroom for contact lists.

Join the Transportation Exchange for your next ride to the airport.

Give a ride, get a ride.

To join, email Bob Eddy

Tons of Turtles in the Neighborhood



Several 12" turtles and some young smaller ones have been cited along the elevated walkway near the pond. Be on the lookout for our slow-poke friends. They like to make a mess of the mulch!

Deck Care

Summer is finally here. It is recommended that you wash the winter residue off your deck. Just mix 1 part of Simple Green with 10 parts water, spray your deck with a hose, then spray or scrub it over your deck with a stiff street broom or a kitchen broom. Scrub in the direction of the grain. Let sit for 3 minutes and wash off with the hose. It will take 10 minutes and your deck will look new again. Try to relocate your potted plants to a new spot to prevent staining. Enjoy!



Welcome, Joseph & Deborah Rorke
to 14 Stone Ridge!

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