



the Village at Stone Ridge

## Quarry Bulletin

November -December 2017

**Happy  
Holidays  
2017!!**



*Under the direction and coordination of Buzz McArdle, Santa's Elves were busy at work on Saturday Nov 25th untangling, repairing, and putting up lights for the holidays on the trees and bushes around the outside of the clubhouse, as well as the Christmas tree inside the clubhouse.*

*Pictured are some of Santa's elves from left...Tom Barry, Rick Culver, Buzz McArdle, Paul Hamel, Jack Bilodeau, Phil MacPherson, and Bill Nussbum. Not pictured are Santa's Elves Peter Abate, Jim and Deborah Connolly.*

## THANK YOU, NICK JOHNSON!

*by Frank Bashore*

Nick Johnson is retiring after three years as the co-chair of the VSR Property Committee. I can't say enough of the tireless effort Nick has put in as co-chair. He has shared responsibility for our largest committee with Don Chandler and not only has he overseen the many contractors and vendors that have done work here in the village, he has also organized and participated in many of the work groups that were asked to do various tasks, saving us considerable expense money. Nick could be seen screwing deck balusters one day and painting bulkheads and gas meters on another. It's individuals like Nick who have made this association and this Village the proud place we all call home. I personally want to thank Nick, as well as offer thanks from all of us, for his substantial and tireless efforts not only as co-chair but also as a contributing member of the Property Committee over the years. He has set the bar high for all of us. Thank you, Nick!!

## THANK YOU, CLARA CURRIER!

*by Nancy Sharpe*

Heartfelt thanks from all of us to Clara Currier who is stepping down after four years of faithful service as leader of the VSR Social Committee. Throughout her watch, Clara has presided over many successful village events with enthusiasm, dedication, and expertise. She has always been there for us and we will miss her quiet guidance and no-nonsense approach. At the annual holiday Yankee Swap party, Clara was presented with a gift card from the social committee members to thank her for her labors. Best wishes, Clara, for some well-deserved "YOU" time!



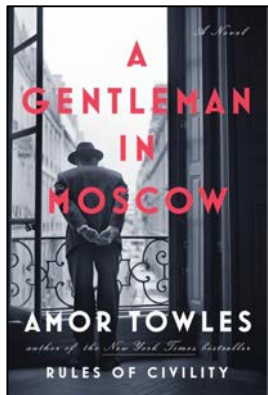
*Top left: Barbara Leary, Clara Currier, Bill Townsend, Barbara Tobiason, Jayne Currier. Top right: New Social Co-Chair Debbi Rorke, Outgoing Chair Clara Currier, New Social Committee Co-Chair Stephanie Tocci.*

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Dianne Marston

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Our November meeting exceeded all expectations and broke an attendance record! We were delighted to welcome our very own VSR neighbor, Joyce Minosh, author extraordinaire, who shared many aspects of her time living with her family in Italy during the 70's, as written in her book *Caravan Days*. She also showed us the many books she had written and published for her children. The group members were most happy to learn about this and were very grateful to Joyce.

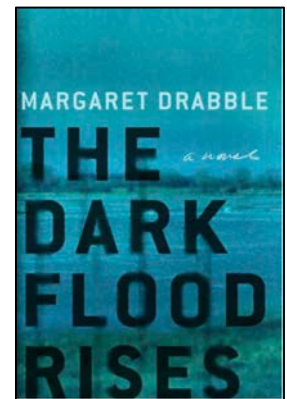


The book chosen for the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. This novel "immerses us in an elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose." [from the cover]

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, we will meet again to discuss Margaret Drabble's *The Dark Flood Rises*, which was chosen as one of the 100 Notable Books of 2017 by the *New York Times* and one of the *Washington Post's* 50 Notable Works of Fiction in 2017.

"From the great British novelist, Dame Margaret Drabble comes a vital and audacious tale about the many ways in which we confront aging and living in a time of geopolitical rupture." [from the book cover]

"A timely and relevant novel about the way we live (and die) now . . . Reading Drabble is like having a brilliant and companionable acquaintance delve into the ways of the world across a dinner table. The subject may be death, but she still brims with life." —Mike Fasso, *Tampa Bay Times*



As always, all Villagers are welcome to join us. We enjoy refreshments and socializing at 1:00 and begin our discussion at 1:30.





# GROOVY MOVIES

by Gail Sergenian

## *A UNITED KINGDOM*



I am so glad a friend recommended this film! It is based on the true story of Seretse Khama (David Oyelowo—excellent as always), designated to become king of the British protectorate Bechuanaland (now Botswana). Seretse completed his law degree in post WWII England. While there, he met and fell in love with Ruth Williams (Rosamund Pike), a white, middle-class office clerk living in London with her family. Their eventual marriage horrified her family and his homeland.

Seretse's uncle, ruling until his nephew was ready to take over, advised the designated regent to abdicate and, when he refused, decided to continue as king. Seretse spoke directly to his people, who ended up supporting him. And Ruth eventually succeeded in winning over the women in her husband's family, as well as the rest of the country.

The hardships the couple endured were not only constructed by family, however. Indeed, the loving couple's union alarmed several nations. South Africa, once another protectorate of Great Britain's and its ally during the Cold War, was in the process of instituting apartheid when the couple met. Because



a mixed-race marriage might therefore endanger British access to the area's gems and precious metals, the couple was treated horrendously by England, and even separated for several years. There was a happy ending to this story, but it was a long time coming.

The director in the film did a fine job, and the cinematography in Africa is beautiful. But the heart of the film is the dignity, love, and devotion of Seretse and Ruth, and the chemistry between the stars is believable. This movie has soul! Oyelowo proves himself once again to be an actor to watch. The couple's children went on to their own successes, and by all accounts, much of this is due to the strength and love of their parents.

Have you seen a DVD you think others would enjoy? Please let me know. I am always looking for new groovy movies.



## Get Ready!

*by Doug Craib*

Plowing of streets and priority driveways will begin when snow depth reaches 2 inches, or when a storm of lesser accumulation ends. If accumulation during a given storm exceeds 6 inches, a partial cleanup of driveways and parking spaces will be performed. 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 & 21 Sandstone, 4, 7, 23, 53 & 55 Stone Ridge, and 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 Harvard Group. We will request a snowplowing damage report from each unit at the end of the winter for snow plow damage to your landscaping, driveway, or sprinkler system.





## **HOLIDAY PARTY a HUGE SUCCESS!**

On Saturday, December 9, 2017, we welcomed back Anatole Paquette, THE Annie of Annie & The Orphans. Annie & The Orphans, a five-piece band from Meredith, provided live entertainment at the VSR 2017 Holiday Party. Skip and Pauline planned another extraordinary event, catered by Harts Turkey Farm of Meredith, NH. Thank you, Skip and Pauline, for another spectacular and memorable holiday party! Comments from those who attended, attest to our Party Hearty Villagers!

*“Despite the snow, it was a huge success! Everything was perfect: the table decorations, the food from Hart Farm, and Annie and the Orphans! “*

*“It was another wonderful holiday party. The decorations, the food and the entertainment were outstanding. Annie and the Orphans were so entertaining and I can't believe how many of us danced the night away!”*

*“You outdid yourself on this one. We had a GREAT time. The results certainly reflect all of the planning and doing that went into this for the event went off as smoothly as could be.”*

*“It seems as if each event is better than the last. Everything was perfect. The Arts center was a perfect venue, the food outstanding and the band was the best!”*

*“And what else can be said about Annie and the Orphans? Although they're always great when they play for us, last night was spectacular! They were right on their game and the best they've ever been. When Annie sang and played Sweet Caroline, there was not one person left in their seat. Annie and the Orphans have become part of us and it shows that they enjoy us as much as we enjoy them! As usual, Harts Turkey Farm put on a fantastic turkey meal with all the fixings. I don't know how they are able to bring it all the way down to Westford and serve everything hot. They're great!”*

*“Hey Skip: Just wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed the evening. It was so great that the snow storm did not discourage the people from attending or staying until the end! What a nice bunch of people. I thoroughly enjoyed the night. I only wish I had more time to chat with some of the folks there. You did an impeccable job with the planning and paying attention to detail, everything seemed to flow without a hitch. All of us in the band really had a fun night. Let's do it again next year. If there were any photos taken of the band, I would appreciate a copy sent to me for our website. Happy Holidays to you and Pauline. Thank you again for having us down to perform for you.” -Anatole (Annie) Paquette*



## VSR 2020

*by Carlene Craib, Board of Trustees, President*

The Village certainly didn't show its age at our festive holiday party. I think any 20-something would have felt right at home boogieing to the oldies (music and folks!) with us. But, VSR is fifteen years old, and try as we might, there is no denying some of the effects of time on it. Since becoming president, I have been thinking more about our future – how we will cope with the issues that will face us in the coming five to ten years. You might have been thinking about this also, and I would like to give you a chance to share your thoughts with everyone, to talk together about what we do well, how we can improve, what our priorities for budgeting should be, to suggest new initiatives, ways to economize, and strategies on how to keep and recruit new volunteers. So, I invite you to meet at the clubhouse on **Wednesday, January 10, at 7 p.m.** to do just that. All ideas are welcome. I will moderate the discussion which, I hope, will provide some thought and further discussion for all committee chairs and the Board of Trustees.



*Jack Bilodeau and Phil MacPherson worked closely with Morin's to solve a difficult landscaping issue, saving the association money - another example of great volunteers in the Village.*



## Social Events

Jan 1		New Year's Day Brunch
Jan 10	7:00 pm	Economizing & Strategizing Brainstorming Discussion with Carlene Craib
Jan 25	1:00 pm	Book Club discusses <i>The Dark Flood Rises</i>
Mondays	8:30 am	Aerobics and Weights in the fitness room <i>Everyone Welcome</i>
Tuesdays	9:00 am	Yoga in the fitness room <i>Everyone Welcome</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	Aerobics and Weights in the fitness room <i>Everyone Welcome</i>
Thursdays	9:00 am	Yoga in the fitness room <i>Everyone Welcome</i>

There is a small fee for these classes. For information, email Barbara West

### VSR Club House Renters

Please remind your guests that the roadway at the entrance to the Club House is one way, even if they are backing in to unload their vehicles.

Also, kindly inform your guests that there is no parking on grassy areas, and the speed limit in the Village is 15mph. At this time of year, the sidewalks may be snow-covered and pedestrians are in the roads.



Welcome to our new neighbors at  
25 Stone Ridge Road:  
Elisabeth and Charles Perkins

For more pictures, see the on-line website version of the Quarry Bulletin! When submitting pictures for the QB, please include names of those in the pix.

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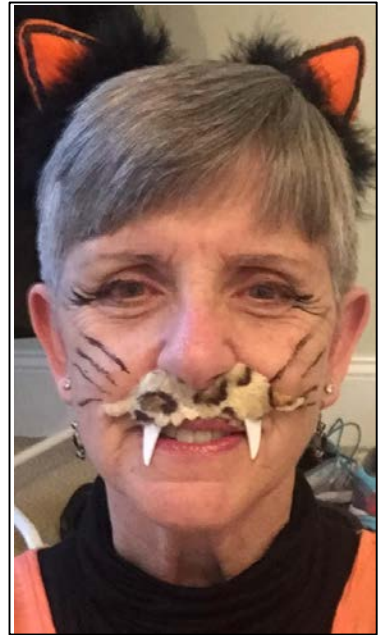




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## HALLOWEEN YOGA 2017



## PROGRESSIVE DINNER OCTOBER 2017





**NOT participating in the PROGRESSIVE DINNER....**

