



The Village at Stone Ridge

Quarry Bulletin

May-June 2018

Nominations for New Members of Board of Trustees

by Ruth Coleman, Chair of the Election Commission

One of the many wonderful things about VSR is our outstanding Board of Trustees. They are informed and engaged, working in active partnership with our management company, Evergreen Harvard Group (EHG). There are five Trustees, each serving a 3 year term at staggered intervals. Each summer we ask for nominations from residents to fill the upcoming vacancies. My role is to coordinate the nomination process. I hope you'll continue reading and consider running, either this year or in the future.

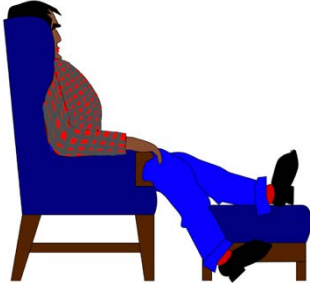
This year nominations will be open from July 5 - August 5. Later this month you'll receive a letter about the details, and I'm happy to answer questions if you contact me. There will be two positions to fill, as Buzz McArdle and Tom Sangiolo complete their current terms of office. Nominees who accept are asked to write summaries of their experience and interests, for the August Quarry Bulletin, and to participate in Candidates Night, on September 5. Elections will be held as part of the Annual Meeting on September 12, and new Trustees will join the Board in October.

What is involved in being a Trustee? The most visible part of the job is the monthly open meeting, when the Board conducts business and reviews the work of each standing committee. In addition, each Trustee serves as the liaison to one or more committees, attends those committee meetings, and reports back a summary of activity and issues at the monthly Board meetings. It's helpful for a resident to have served on a committee prior to becoming a candidate, though not required. The Board also works on contracts, special projects, and other occasional issues that may arise in the Village. Those who have served over the years report many rewards. It is an opportunity to better know our neighbors, and to utilize skills and knowledge accumulated over past years for the benefit of our mutual community.



Current Board of Trustees (above, left to right): Bill Townsend (Vice President), Buzz McArdle (At Large), Carlene Craib (President), Frank Bashore (Secretary), Tom Sangiolo (Treasurer).





VSR CLUBHOUSE MOVIE NIGHT

by Gail Sergenian



We've seen two terrific films together since the last Quarry Bulletin, *O Brother Wherefore Art Thou* in April and *Waking Ned Devine* in May. Both were hoots. *O Brother* is one of the Coen Brothers' funniest films, which is saying a lot. Nancy Sharpe brought *Waking Ned Devine* to our attention, and I highly recommend it to anyone who hasn't seen it. Lots of laughing out loud. If you watch it, bear in mind Nancy's comment at the end, "That's really a case of divine intervention." Perfect!

Mark your calendars for the next Movie Night. On Wednesday, June 27th we will gather in the clubhouse at 7 PM to see *Simon Birch*. Suggested by a John Irving novel, this moving 1998 film takes place in New Hampshire and focuses on the friendship between two boys. One is a dwarf who believes God has a mission in store for him, the other a gawky pre-adolescent who is trying to discover who his dad is. Very good acting, especially by Ian Michael Smith, helps make this an endearing film.

Please note that Wednesday is not on our usual day of the month – we changed to Wednesday, June 27 because this active community has a busy June calendar. BYOB and a sweet or snack to share and join us!



Cher and Celine Dion Visit VSR for a Night of Music and Laughter

Another Skip Giles Production!



Celine serenades Peter Abate (top left) and Jack Bilodeau (top right) and later Cher serenades Susan Hill (bottom).

A Grateful Village

On Saturday, May 19, members of the Social Committee delivered trays of goodies to the Westford emergency services as a thank you for the prompt and professional service so many of us have received from them over the years. Thanks to all who provided the goodies and the Social Committee members who organized and delivered them.



And at a separate event on Memorial Day, we gathered together, sang songs in tribute to our military, including the many among us! Above, Wendy Wolfberg and Joe Norton lead us in singing each military theme song.



JIMMY MAZZ

Las Vegas' Own Premiere Singer, Entertainer, Comedian, Impersonator

As seen Golden Nugget Las Vegas, Performing Right here at VSR

Saturday, September 29, 2018 Cocktails 6:15 Show 7:00

Another Skip Giles Production

SURE to be a SELL-OUT!! SIGN UP EARLY!!



BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Dianne Marston

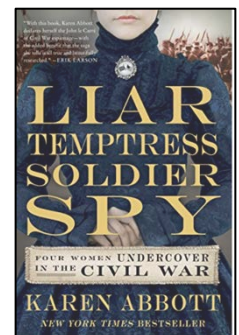
At our meeting on May 31 we honored long time Book Clubber, Friederike Heiter. Members of the Book Club donated funds so that we could purchase new books for our Library in her memory. Thanks to Clara Currier, the following books were chosen:

- *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane: A Novel* by Lisa See.
- *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz
- *The Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobbs
- *Varina* by Charles Frazier
- *The Rooster Bar* by John Grisham
- *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan
- *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck

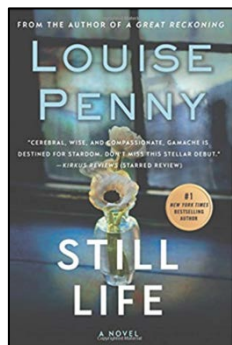
We sincerely hope that you will enjoy reading some of these books in Friederike's memory!

The Book Clubs next meeting will be on **July 12**, when we will discuss the book, *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott. This is the spellbinding true story of four women who risked everything to become spies in the Civil War.

“Eloquent... A riveting psychological inquiry and probing examination of the courage, incomparable patriotism, stamina, and agility of four women who repeatedly risked their lives to serve their citizenry... *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy* [feels] like an operatic espionage novel, where deception, betrayal, love, and redemption are interspersed with gripping combat scenes and perilous rescues.” (Los Angeles Review of Books)



We plan to meet again on **August 23**, when we will discuss *Still Life* by Louise Penny.

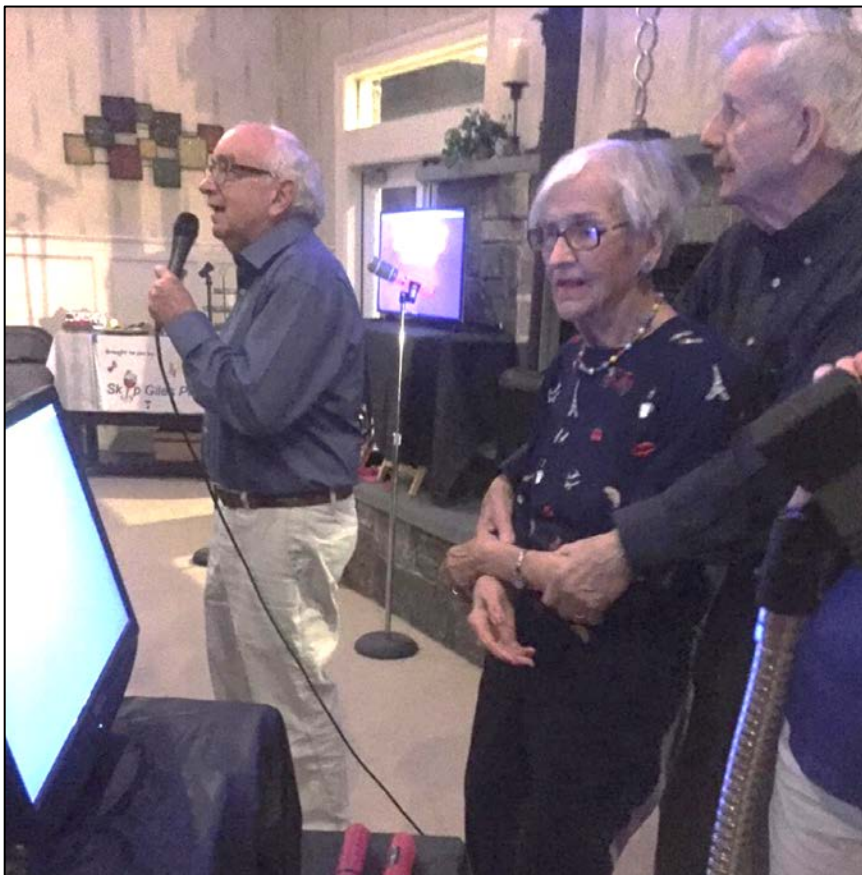


Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surêté du Québec and his team of investigators are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it's a tragic hunting accident and nothing more, but Gamache smells something foul in these remote woods, and is soon certain that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless bowhunter. *Still Life* introduces not only an engaging series hero in Inspector Gamache, who commands his forces---and this series---with integrity and quiet courage, but also a winning and talented new writer of traditional mysteries in the person of Louise Penny. [from back cover]

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



KARAOKE NIGHT



SING

*Sing, sing a song
Sing out loud
Sing out strong
Sing of good things not bad
Sing of happy not sad.*

*Sing, sing a song
Make it simple to last
Your whole life long
Don't worry that it's not
Good enough for anyone
Else to hear
Just sing, sing a song.*

*Sing, sing a song
Let the world sing along
Sing of love there could be
Sing for you and for me.*

*Sing, sing a song
Make it simple to last
Your whole life long
Don't worry that it's not*

*Good enough for anyone
Else to hear
Just sing, sing a song.*

"Sing" is a 1971 song written by Joe Raposo for the children's television show Sesame Street



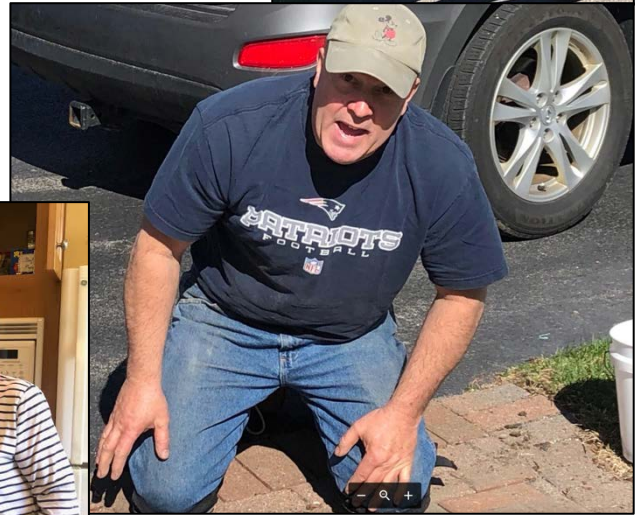
**WORK & PLAY
KENTUCKY
DERBY DAY**



Top left: Carlo DiPrizio Top right, from left to right: Pauline and Skip Giles, Tom and Linda Barry
 Bottom left: Ed Kern clearing brush Bottom center: Jack Gilmartin and Karen Morton trimming a tree
 Bottom right: Tink Nussbum clearing brush
 Next page, clockwise: Dick Martel, Ken Hyle, Peter Abate weeding patio; Nancy Fletcher, Gail Eddy picking up trash;
 Paul Hamel laying brick; Miriam Rodrigues and Rick Culver cleaning the fitness center; Wendy Wolfberg cleaning the
 fitness center; Dom DeFronzo window washer; Sara Brook-Campbell, Loretta Auld, Kathy Abate, Louise O'Donnell, and
 Sarah Crissey cleaning kitchen; Anna Ernemark, Nancy McArdle, Clara Currier, Sarah Crissey registering to work..



**WORK-PLAY
KENTUCKY
DERBY DAY**



WORK/PLAY DAY AND KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

by Carlene Craib

A gorgeous spring day on May 5 greeted all the eager volunteers who grabbed rakes, shovels, garbage bags, spray bottles, and plastic gloves to scour the Village and clubhouse in our annual spring cleanup event. Thank you to everyone who picked up brush and trash, replaced bricks, reset sign posts, cleaned the clubhouse kitchen, washed windows, put up screens, cleaned gym equipment, and many other tasks. These efforts saved the Village much money and was fun too! Thanks to Bob Morton and Dick Martel who organized the show and all those who took the lead on projects and everyone who did the work.

As usual Buzz and Nancy McArdle and their right-hand man, Jack Gilmartin, put on a festive and lively Kentucky Derby Party for all who participated in Work/Play Day.

Special thanks to the mint julep team (making and taste testing), Jack Bilodeau and Paul Currier, helpers Stephanie Tocci, Deborah Connolly, and Ken Hyle, and all who did clean up. There was a beautiful array of hats, pitchers of mint juleps, plenty of fried chicken with all the fixings and a chance to win a few dollars too. There wasn't a huge payout since the favorite won, but no one turned down their winnings. The Curriers were the hit of the party as Paul was the bartender (everyone's best friend) and Jayne won the most beautiful hat contest. Thank you to all for a great kick-off to the summer season here at the Village.





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Ruth Coleman, Tink Nuss-
bum, Loretta Auld, Nancy
Fletcher, Louise O'Donnell,
Anna Erne mark*

*This page:
Top Left: Hat Contest Win-
ner Jayne Currier
Top right: Bartender
Paul Currier*

Kentucky Derby

*Below left:
Skip and Pauline Giles,
Below right:
Deborah Connolly*





2018 Lawn Mowing and Fertilizing Schedules

by Phil MacPherson

Lawn Mowing: (May 1st – October 31st) Lawn mowing will be performed pending weather conditions weekly on Thursdays. Heavy rains may delay mowing into the following week. During drought periods mowing may be delayed up to a week to prevent lawn damage. Weekly mowing will also include trimming of edges and removal of excessive grass clippings.

Walkways and hard surfaces will be blown free of debris.

Lawn Fertilizing: Morins provides five lawn treatments annually using the “ECO SMART” Lawn Care Program. ECO SMART provides Balanced Slow Release Fertilizer, Pre-emergent Crabgrass Control, Grub Control, Broadleaf Control, Surface Insect Control and Nutsedge Control at their appropriate application times. During the 3rd Application lime is also applied over 1/3 of the village on a 3-year rotating schedule. As a reminder after each application, small yellow fertilizer warning flags will be set in the grass on each side of the clubhouse main entrance doors indicating the application has been completed.

Lawn Fertilizing Schedule

- 1st Application Completed (May 4th and 5th)
- 2nd Application (June 4th - 19th)
- 3rd Application (August 6th - 18th)
- 4th Application (Sept 24th - Oct 12th)
- 5th Application (Nov 5th - 16th)

Thank You, Don

by Frank Bashore

For the last several years Don Chandler has worked long and tirelessly as Co-Chair of the Property Committee. He helped to lead all the volunteer efforts here to keep our Village roads, buildings and infrastructure in tip-top shape, all while trying to keep our costs low. He arranged for and monitored many of the outside contractors that repair our roads and driveways, curbs and catch basins, bulkheads and balusters, and almost everything you see here in VSR. He is a can-do guy who has taken on projects with a smile and a “let’s get it done” attitude. Don has recently decided to step-down as co-chair of the Property Committee. He deserves a big “Thank You” and a “Job Well Done” from all of us. His shoes will be hard to fill.

My personal thanks to Don for all the things he has done and the long hours he has given to help keep our village the great place it is. Thank you, Don, our Gentle Giant.



On Sunday April 29th, the JV Fletcher Library held a community-wide Tea for all Westford book groups. Our own VSR discussion group was well represented as photographed in front of the exceptional book stack cake. In attendance were Louise Theofilos, Ruth Coleman, Linda Anzivino, Gail Sergenian, Sandy Kelly, Judy Premru, Joan Roy, Louise Tamoush, Anna Erneemark, and Clara Currier.



In May, a group of VSR women toured the beautiful country of Croatia starting in Dubrovnic and traveling along the Dalmatian Coast to the Diocletian Palace at the seaside town of Split. After visiting several of the over 1200 islands and Plitvice National Park, the tour ended in the capitol city of Zagreb. Our guide was Matt Butler of Adventurebug Worldwide.





Social Events

June 19	5:30/6:30 pm	Annual Men's Steak & Ale Cocktails / Dinner
June 27	7:00/7:30 pm	Movie Night at the Clubhouse
July 4		Ice Cream Social
July 12		Book Club discusses <i>Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War</i> by Karen Abbott
Aug 23		Book Club discusses <i>Still Life</i> by Louise Penney
Sep 29	6:15/7:00 pm	Las Vegas' Jimmy Maza Cocktails/Show, Another Skip Giles Production
Oct 20		Progressive Dinner
Dec 8		Holiday Party at Parish Hall
Dec 11		Holiday Caroling
2 nd Mondays	7:00 pm	Social Committee Meetings – Please join us!
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>
Tuesdays	6:00 pm	New Exercise Class!
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.



Welcome to the Village,
Neil Horwitz
Tina Horowitz
at 12 Highland.

When submitting pictures for the QB, please include the names of people in the pictures.
When submitting articles, use .doc format or email please do not submit .pdf format.

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Nature Around the Village

by David Auld



Above: 1) further adventures of Little Red and the Cooper hawk 2) The Westford Chippy, harbinger of spring (Westford Eagle published a version of him seeing his shadow a couple years ago) and 3) Cardinals, a sure sign of spring



Left: Wild weasels enemies to the rabbits and chipmunks

