



Quarry Bulletin July-August 2018

UPCOMING CANDIDATES NIGHT and VSR ANNUAL MEETING

As summer flies by, it is time to plan for our upcoming VSR Annual Meeting to be held this year on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018 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 Tom Sangiolo
- A three (3) year term currently held by Buzz McArdle

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 5 and August 5, 2018.

The names of candidates accepting nomination appear in this edition of the Quarry Bulletin. Further, candidates accepting nomination supplied a brief statement for publication in the following pages. In addition, a Candidates' Question and Answer forum is planned for **Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the VSR clubhouse**.

Ballots will be mailed to every unit owner of record on or before August 31, 2018, 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 12, 2018 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 newly elected Board will meet on September 24, 2018.

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

And Your Nominees for Board of Trustees Are...



YOUR NOMINEES for the BOARD of TRUSTEES...

TOM SANGIOLO



I moved to VSR in 2014 from Groton, MA where I had lived since 1995. I have attended many functions here since 2009, and had made many friends during that time. I have lived my entire life in Massachusetts with the exception of 4 years in the US Air Force and a total of 8 years in Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. I was married to my late wife Sylvia for 47 years and she passed away in 2008. I had three children, two who have passed away from Cystic Fibrosis, and one surviving daughter Valerie who lives in Florida. I live with Jojo my dachshund companion who takes me on many walks around VSR daily.

I am a retired Electrical Engineer formerly employed by MIT- Lincoln Laboratory (MIT/LL) from 1975-2016. Previously my position at MIT/LL was as a Sponsored Research Staff Member and during that period my assignments were:

- Radar Systems Engineering Manager of the Haystack Radar Site, a position I had held since 1986.
- Had two tours at Kwajalein, Marshall Islands one with MIT/LL from 1981-84 where I was the MMW Radar Technical Leader and 1968-1973 with Honeywell (MIT/LL Staff slot) as the ALCOR Radar Digital Engineering lead.

Prior to working at MIT/LL I worked for Honeywell, Inc. in Framingham, MA as a Digital Computer Systems Engineer from 1963-1973

- Was Project Engineer on Apollo and LEM On-board Guidance Computer Simulator.
- Share a Patent on "Central Processor Unit Having Simulative Interpretation Capability".

Tom Sangiolo continued next page...

JOAN MURPHY



Hello Fellow Villagers,

Bob and I have lived in VSR for more than three years now, yet we still don't know everyone, so surely some of you don't know me. But even if you don't know me by sight, you probably know me as your Quarry Bulletin Editor for the last two years. Bob and I are both Massachusetts born and bred, and we raised our two twenty-something-year-old boys in Westford, just two miles from here.

This is a unique time to join the Board. Most, if not all of the current Board Members have served multiple terms and have a wealth of experience and history to share. It's a great opportunity to "pass the torch" to a new member. I want to learn from the experts and their experiences. I want to know what they know about making this great Village operate to everyone's satisfaction. VSR is one of the best-run communities around and I want to help continue that legacy.

I can bring some skills to the Board, too. I think my background will allow me to make a valuable contribution. I have a BS in Mathematics and an MBA, plus many professional certifications in my field. For 38 years I have worked in the computer industry, where I've held a variety of roles in Engineering, Quality Assurance, Customer Support, Marketing and Product Management. All of these roles were the foundation for my favorite and longest role as Program Manager, running multi-million-dollar projects from design to delivery, leading cross-functional teams that build computer hardware and/or software, and solving problems. I've worked for small start-up companies you've never heard of, and big companies like Honeywell, Stratus, Avid and CA. Now I work for Red Hat right in Westford.

I believe that it's important to maintain the property and functions of the Village for the long haul, even when there may be an inclination to focus on the short-term bottom line. My goal is threefold: to learn from the experts, to preserve and maintain our Village, and to encourage all residents to join in and keep the spirit of our community thriving.



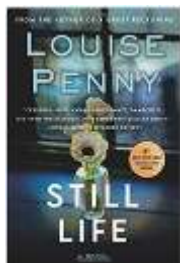
...Tom Sangiolo continued...My volunteer experience includes:

- Currently serving on Finance Council of St. Catherine's of Westford since 2005, and chairperson since 2006.
- Served on the Finance Committee of the Town of Groton from 2006-2011
- Served as chair of VSR Architectural Standards Revue (ASR) committee and currently a member.
- Member of the VSR Finance Committee and the RR committee.
- Member of the VSR Board of Trustees and for the past two years served as VSR Treasurer.

My desire to serve another term on the Board of Trustees is to hopefully, continue on as Treasurer working closely with Budget and Expenses of the VSR to maintain the high standard of living and beauty that we are fortunate to have in our Village of Stone Ridge keeping expenses affordable to residents. I feel that I am a very good listener to VSR community residents, and enjoy assisting in making the proper decisions related to Board policies.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Dianne Marston

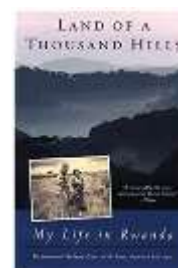


The next VSR Book Club meeting will be on Thursday, August 23, when we will discuss *Still Life* by Louise Penny.

"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]

Our October 4th meeting will focus on the memoir, *Land of a Thousand Hills: My Life in Rwanda* by Rosamond Halsey Carr and Ann Howard Halsey



"In 1949, Rosamond Halsey Carr, a young fashion illustrator living in New York City, accompanied her dashing hunter-explorer husband to what was then the Belgian Congo. When the marriage fell apart, she decided to stay on in neighboring Rwanda, as the manager of a flower plantation. *Land of a Thousand Hills* is Carr's thrilling memoir of her life in Rwanda—a love affair with a country and a people that has spanned half a century. During those years, she has experienced everything from stalking leopards to rampaging elephants, drought, the mysterious murder of her friend Dian Fossey, and near-bankruptcy. She has chugged up the Congo River on a paddle-wheel steamboat, been serenaded by pygmies, and witnessed firsthand the collapse of colonialism. Following 1994's Hutu-Tutsi genocide, Carr turned her plantation into a shelter for the lost and orphaned children..." [from back cover]

The Westford Fletcher Library is willing to gather books that local Book Clubs are reading. Sandy Kelly regularly alerts them of what books we will be reading. Instead of requesting a book individually, one can go to the library and expect to find copies set aside for the VSR Book Club. Just go to the desk and request. Thanks, Sandy!

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.



SIGN UP NOW for JIMMY MAZZ

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

As seen Golden Nugget Las Vegas,
Performing here at VSR Clubhouse
Saturday, September 29, 2018
Cocktails 6:15 Show 7:00

Another Skip Giles Production



VSR CLUBHOUSE MOVIE NIGHT

by Gail Sergenian



On Wednesday, June 27th we gathered in the clubhouse to watch ***Simon Birch***. Based on 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. Forget the critics ratings, everyone enjoyed the movie, the box of Kleenex came in handy for the tears, and we had fun naming the bloopers in exchange for lottery tickets, courtesy of Joan Murphy for suggesting the movie!

Join us Tuesday, August 21st at 7:00 PM to see *Taking Chance* with us! BYOB and a sweet or snack to share and join us at 6:30 for conversation!





GROOVY MOVIES

by Gail Sergenian

TAKING CHANCE

Thanks to Paul Hamel for recommending this quietly elegant film. Based upon the journals of Lt. Col. Michael R. Strobl from the Marine Corps (perfectly portrayed by Kevin Bacon), it demonstrates the dignity with which the bodies of fallen servicemen and women are transported home.

Strobl volunteered to escort the remains of Lance Cpl. Chance Phelps, a 19-year-old corporal killed in Anbar Province in Iraq, to his hometown. We see everything that happens after Chance has fallen, from the washing of the body to the meticulous repair of his uniform, to the transfer of the coffin. At every stop along the way, Strobl encounters the admiration, regret and gratitude of Americans from many backgrounds.

The experience changed Strobl. Watching it changed me. The point is very clearly made that anyone who serves deserves honor and respect, in death as in life. It was powerful to see that respect shown.

After writing this article, the group at VSR Movie Night at the Clubhouse selected this film for our next Movie Night. Join us on Tuesday, August 21, at 7 PM at the clubhouse and see it with us!



Celebrating Brody Rorke's 5th Birthday, were fellow four-legged Villagers (left to right) JoJo Sangiolo, Brody Rorke, Toby Tocci-Hamel, and Gracie MacPherson. Frosty Paws ice cream was enjoyed by all.



9th ANNUAL MEN'S STEAK & ALE NIGHT

by Paul Currier

A new record was established with 41 Village Men getting together at the Clubhouse for the 9th annual Steak & Ale socializing event on Tuesday, June 19th. It was a perfect evening for what has become an awesome night of fun with friends.

The night began around 5:30 as arrivals started to filter in for beer and appetizers on the clubhouse patio. Appetizers consisted of grilled kielbasa and shrimp cocktail over a bed of fresh lettuce. There were three beer offerings for those wishing to wash down their apps. Group discussions, of which there were many, covered a myriad of local and world topics such as the day's golf game, local sports teams, the trade war with China, immigration laws, low unemployment, the economy & stock market. The patio became packed as the evening wore on. The kielbasa & shrimp were big hits and the beer continued to flow as dinner approached. It was nice to see the long timers mingling with first timers for what has become a special tradition for the men of the Village.



Dinner was ready around 6:30 as planned. The great room was arranged to allow for more conversation while devouring the 3/4 lb. sirloin steaks, baked potatoes, and "JB's" special baked beans. The pace of conversation slowed a bit as everyone got serious with chowing down while soaking up more ice-cold beer. After the beef, potatoes & beans, we somehow left room for the scrumptious desserts. There was a variety of desserts to select among chocolate cake, strawberry/blueberry custard pie, cheesecake pie and a glazed custard pie. It was no surprise when all desserts were consumed within minutes of reaching the buffet table. The full bellies did nothing to slow the chatter in the great room as we all waited for the 50/50 raffle which has become a mainstay of the Steak & Ale night.

This year the winners had a choice to pick from (3) prizes. There was a car wash which was a \$90.00 value (5 washes). The \$108.00 cash prize from the raffle. And, a \$20.00 scratch ticket was the third option.

The first drawing, went to Frank Bashore who opted to get his car washed throughout the summer. Jerry Hall was the lucky winner of the cash raffle. It was suggested that Jerry spend his winnings wisely and take classes in "the art of joke telling". The third prize went to Peter Abate. Peter was overheard that he intended to cover this year's operating expenses if he hit it big with the \$20.00 scratch ticket. Peter actually won \$30.00 which paid for his evening & left him \$8.00 to take Kathy to McDonalds. Peter was not the only person to scratch a ticket. Everyone received a \$1.00 ticket as part of the evening's festivities.

The event's success was due to the contributions of many. A big shout out goes to: Ron Caterino, Paul Currier & Ken Hyle, the organizers of the event; the set up crew consisting of Larry Anzivino, Paul Currier, Bob Granfield, Jerry Hall, Ken Hyle, Ed Kern, Tom Sangiolo, & Bill Townsend; Jack Bilodeau for his awesome baked beans; Larry Wiederholt for the use of his grill; Jerry Hall & Ed Kern for managing the 50/50 raffle; everyone involved with the group effort to pick up / cleanup & restore the great



room to its natural splendor; the Grill Masters, Paul Hamel & Buzz McArdle, who controlled the fires to perfection and delighted all with rare to well done steaks. "Have it your way" is not just a cute jingle at the Steak & Ale night.

A special salute was made to long time "Chief Grill Master" Dominic DeFronzo for his many years of manning the grille at the Steak & Ale night. Dom is passing the tongs and sharing his expertise with Buzz and Paul on grilling the perfect steak. "Thank you" Dom, for helping make this night special nine years ago when it all began.

The 9th event is now in the record books. We look forward to the start of planning our Decade event. We intend to continue the tradition of a merry meeting among the men of the Village. Life continues to be good at The Village. (*Editor's translation: the men at VSR sure know how to have fun!*)



Social Events

Aug 21	6:30/7PM	Movie Night at the Clubhouse: <i>Taking Chance</i>
Aug 23	1:30	Book Club discusses <i>Still Life</i> by Louise Penney
Sep 5	7PM	Candidates Night
Sep 12	7PM	Annual Meeting
Sep 29	6:15/7:00	Las Vegas' Jimmy Mazz Cocktails/Show, Another Skip Giles Production
Oct 4	1:30	Book Club discusses <i>Land of a Thousand Hills: My Life in Rwanda</i>
Oct 20		Progressive Dinner
Dec 11		Holiday Caroling
Dec 15		Holiday Party at Parish Hall
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.



July Driveway Party



*Thank you to our hosts, Phil and Lorraine MacPherson
and their lovely
4.5 pound four-legged Gracie!*



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