



Quarry Bulletin July - August 2017

Nominees Announced for VSR Board Position

The Annual Meeting this year includes an election for one three-year position on the Board of Trustees. All unit owners of the Village were invited to consider becoming a candidate for this position. Nominations were accepted between July 15 and August 15, 2017. Two candidates have accepted the nomination: Peg Martin and Frank Bashore. *[Editor's note: Congratulations and thank you to Peg and Frank for agreeing to be nominees for the upcoming vacant role! You are two worthy candidates and we already are the grateful recipients of your current volunteerism around The Village!]*

In preparation for the election, a **Candidates Question and Answer Forum** will be held on **Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00pm** in the VSR Clubhouse. You will have a chance to ask questions and get to know the candidates. The candidates' own brief statements introducing themselves to you appear on the following pages.

Ballots will be mailed to every unit owner of record on or before August 31, 2017, and will list the two candidates for the position. The ballot (one per unit) will request voting for one candidate for the three (3) year term. Ballots will be due on or before **the VSR Annual Meeting Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m.** in the VSR clubhouse. 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 candidate receiving the highest number of weighted votes will fill the designated position.

The results will be announced by October 6, 2017 and the newly elected Board will meet on October 16, 2017.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any VSR Board member, or our VSR Election Commissioner Ruth Coleman, or Evergreen Management Inc.

Nominee Peg Martin



I was surprised to find I was nominated for the Board of Trustees, and I thank you for the opportunity to be considered. As many of you know, I have only lived at VSR for a little over a year and I very much love it here. I have found the Village welcoming and peaceful, with wonderful neighbors and a strong sense of community.

My family moved to Westford in 1972 when there was still a yellow blinking light and a turkey farm at "Four Corners," and although I have lived in other towns throughout the years, I have never strayed far from Westford. My dad has never left Westford, lives with me, and I take care of him. I have been married to Scott for 14 years and he temporarily

lives in Groton, caring for his ailing mother.

I have worked for an economic & strategic consulting firm in Concord for 25 years, starting out as an Administrative Assistant and becoming the firm's Information Technology Manager after exhibiting a technical aptitude for computers. This role is concurrent with my administrative assistant responsibilities, some of which include researching vendors and presenting findings, generating invoices, being proactive in tactfully getting managers to submit expenses and timesheets, and organizing and maintaining supplies.



Peg and her veteran Dad, George Werber, getting ready for their recent motorcycle ride.

I strongly believe in volunteerism as a way to support both individuals and communities. Before moving in, I created a new website for VSR and offered to take care of all website duties. I have since then also volunteered to assist Herb Shanzer in maintaining the database of key cards. To keep the Village going in the strong way it has been, we will need new residents to volunteer to serve in positions and on committees to learn from the experienced members in order to "carry the torch on."

Very honestly, I have not previously served on any Boards. I have volunteered to VSR my experience in computer-related areas, but I believe VSR can also put to use my experience as an administrative assistant which -- as the title suggests -- focuses on assisting, organizing, and facilitating. I would welcome the opportunity to learn and serve.

Nominee Frank Bashore



technical editor for Microwave Journal, a technical publication for the microwave industry.

After 33 years in Chelmsford, my wife Peggy and I moved to VSR in 2007. Peg required one-floor living due to a long-term illness and VSR provided the environment she had come to require. She ultimately succumbed to her illness here in 2010.

Soon after moving to VSR I became an active volunteer in many of the committees and subcommittees, participating in the Water and Sewer Committee and the Property Committee. In 2009 I was elected to the VSR Board of Trustees and served until 2012 as liaison to the Water and Sewer, and Property Committees and retired as Vice President. I am currently a member of the Property Committee, serving on the Irrigation and Trail subcommittees and various other areas within property. Since 2010 I have also been our Flag Steward.

In 2012, I married long-time resident Louise O'Donnell (pictured above), another active VSR volunteer and we are enjoying a very rewarding retirement here at 11 Gatecrest Road. As long-term VSR residents we both have enjoyed many happy years here and have made many wonderful friends. We have also seen many changes to our village over those years and are both committed to preserving the best of our environment here and maintaining the very unique and rewarding life The Village at Stone Ridge has to offer. That is why I have chosen to seek another term as Trustee. VSR is one of the finest places for seniors to live and I hope to work to preserve and build on the unique personality and beauty of our village for all of us to continue to enjoy. I ask for your support and vote in the up-coming election.

I was born and raised in New Jersey where I received a BSEE from New College of Engineering (now New Jersey Institute of Technology). I moved to Chelmsford, MA in 1974 to take an Engineering Manager job at a local company designing microwave components for military radar and communication systems. Since then I have held various engineering management positions in the microwave field until 1992 when I became technical editor for Microwave Journal, a technical publication for the microwave industry.



Center, seated: Frank being a willing volunteer during our January 2017 Defibrillator & Heimlich training class

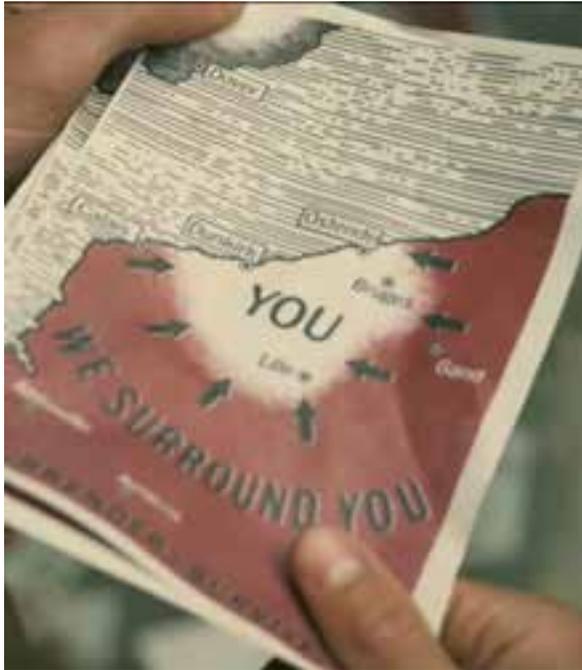


GROOVY MOVIES

by Joan Murphy

DUNKIRK

History was never my favorite subject in school. Perhaps my husband's love for history is one of his characteristics that attracted me to him – my weakness is his strength, right? So, when Dunkirk hit the theaters, I sacrificed myself to go see it with him. I don't regret it.



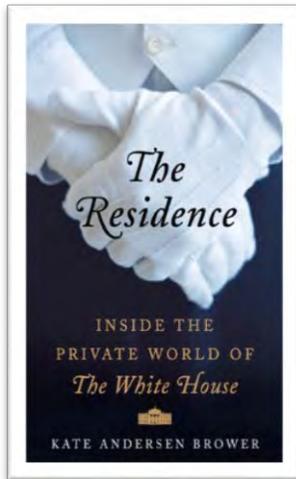
“Dunkirk” the movie focused on the timeline during May 26 – June 4, 1940 and the personal nature of human sacrifice for country, heroes in the air, on the land and at sea. This is the story of 400,000 – yes, four hundred thousand - Allied soldiers who were stranded on the beach at Dunkerque (Fr), France. Driven there by, and now surrounded by Hitler's Nazis, they waited anxiously to be rescued, out in the open with no cover from fighter planes. From Dunkirk, they could see England on a clear day. But the channel was too shallow for ships of any size to maneuver to rescue them. Churchill had only been in office for a short time when his “Operation Dynamo” ordered civilian boats be commandeered for the rescue mission. The goal: to evacuate however many men the small craft payloads could carry across the 26 miles to England.

This movie, unlike so many others, was very personal, not the gory blood and guts Computer-Graphics-laden stuff WWII movies are often made of these days. Determined to be as historically accurate as possible, Producer/Director/Writer Christopher Nolan cut this short-for-him movie (less than two hours) using 70mm iMax cameras, largely without using Computer Graphics (CGI). Instead, he used a lot of real people and actual refurbished ships and planes, plus he shot it where the actual events took place. Oh, and I don't regret seeing “Dunkirk” at the iMax theater in North Reading either. You should, too. As someone else once described it, this movie is the best, most intense, anxiety-filled two hours you shouldn't miss.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Dianne Marston



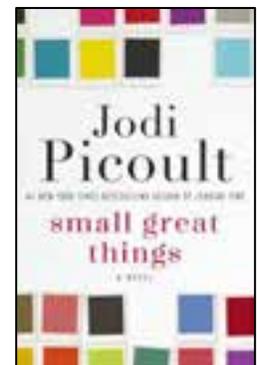
At the Book Club meeting held on June 29, we spent time remembering our member, Ann Sullivan, who passed away recently. About a dozen years ago Ann originated the idea for having a VSR Book Club. It has flourished ever since. We remember Ann's thoughtful and insightful comments on the books we read. Ann is missed, but her legacy continues!

The discussion of *The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House* was expertly led by Linda Anzivino. We are grateful to her for recommending this book, which led to a very interesting discussion. The group was intrigued by this fascinating story of both the lives of the presidents' families, as well as the lives of the staff members who served them.

We thank Carole Shyavitz and Judy Premru for serving our delicious refreshments. Yum! We appreciate Sandy Kelly's suggestion of 3 books to choose from for our September 21 meeting. They are:

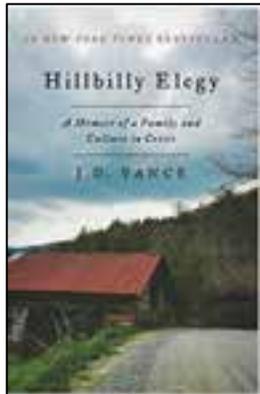
- *A Dog's Purpose: A Novel for Humans* by W. Bruce Cameron
- *Alice Paul and her Fight for Women's Rights: From the Vote to the Equal Rights Amendment* by Deborah Kops
- *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance ([this is the book that was chosen for Sept. 21](#))

Twenty Book Club members gathered on a lovely August afternoon to discuss the novel, *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. While speaking about a trial in the story, many facets of racism, white supremacy, and white privilege were discussed. As always, being part of the discussion challenged our thinking and enlarged our perspectives.



BOOK CLUB NEWS (continued)

by Dianne Marston

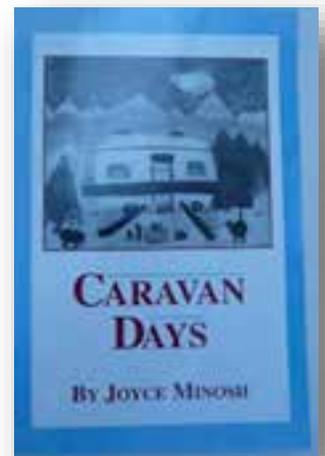


The next meeting will be held on September 21. The book we will be discussing is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance

"From a former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate, a poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town, that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream. Delving into his own personal story and drawing on a wide array of sociological studies, Vance takes us deep into working class life in the Appalachian region. This demographic of our country has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, and Vance provides a searching and clear-eyed attempt to understand when and how "hillbillies" lost faith in any hope of upward mobility, and in opportunities to come." [from the back cover]

On November 2, we will be treated to a discussion of *Caravan Days* written by our own Joyce Minosh. This is the story of her own family of six who lived in Milano, Italy for 3 years in the late 70's. It describes "the day to day life, both good and bad, happy and sad, easy and difficult that were encountered during those three years." Joyce will speak about the writing and publishing process and will also share with us 3 children's books that she has written. If you would like to get a copy of *Caravan Days*, please contact Joyce.

All Villagers are welcome to attend our meetings. We meet in the Clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. for refreshments and socializing. Our discussion, held in the Library, begins about 1:30. Please consider joining us!



July Fourth Ice Cream Social, Bubbles Optional



Above left: David & Loretta Auld enjoying bubbles; Above right: our hostesses for the 2017 July Fourth Ice Cream Social and new neighbors, Debbie Rorke and Stephanie Tocci; Bottom: Super Scoopers, new neighbor Joe Rorke (l) and Ken Hyle (r)

Ice Cream Social, Good Company, of course!





The 8th Annual Men's Steak & Ale Night was held on Wednesday, June 7th at in the clubhouse. Thirty-Six Village men consumed 30 pounds of prime sirloin beef and several pounds of kielbasa, shrimp, with corn, baked potatoes, and scrumptious desserts. All washed down by four cases of beer.

The weather could not have been better as the sky cleared and temperature rose for the annual event. Tables were arranged outside on the patio for happy hour with appetizers, which were served at 5:30.

Happy hour is always a popular part of the evening. While the suds flow and stomachs begin to bulge, with kielbasa & shrimp, lively conversation is ongoing. There are lots of laughs, and friendly ribbing as we catch up with one another.



The grilled steaks, and potatoes with corn, were served promptly at 6:30. We gathered in the great room with banquet tables arranged in a U shape to allow for ample elbow room for some serious eating. Socializing continues as we fill our bellies with the deliciously prepared steaks. Just when you feel you've had enough the desserts are served. This year we had three choices for dessert. Cheese cake, cream pie and a chocolate cake were available for those appetites that could handle more food.

This year, Doug Keele won our 50/50 raffle. He pocketed a nifty \$95.00. Rick Culver walked away with \$60 worth of car washes.

As with most successful events, it takes a team effort to pull it together: The organizers, Ken Hyle, Ron Caterino, & Paul Currier, have a good time with shopping, and picking up everything necessary for the night. Setting up the clubhouse moves smoothly with help from Bill Townsend, Steve Currier, Peter Abate, Jerry Hall, Buzz McArdle & Bob Eddy.



With 36 steaks to cook, it's necessary to have an additional grill, thanks to Larry Wiederholt for your loaner. Grilling the steaks to perfection is so important. Each year satisfaction is guaranteed with our master grillers, Buzz McArdle, Dominic DeFronzo, and one of our newer VSR men, Paul Hamel.

The 50/50 raffle is in the capable hands of Jerry Hall & Steve Currier. Jerry also helped with grilling a dozen potatoes. Steve also chipped in with serving dessert & cleaning up the kitchen.

Planning next year's Men's Steak & Ale night has already started. We hope to see another large turnout and more perfect weather for this annual gathering of the Men at VSR.



Latest Visitor in Our Midst - a Bobcat



photo by Bob Morton

Care of the VSR Waste Water System

Submitted by Sandy Kelly and David Auld

This information is provided by the VSR Water and Sewer Committee and is reprinted here as a reminder of our responsibility to maintain our System. Good oversight and maintenance has allowed our existing grinder pumps to perform beyond their life expectancy. Trustees are budgeting for future replacements as needed. Thank you for doing your part to help us keep on budget.

Care of the VSR Waste Water System at VSR is not connected to municipal sewerage. The major components of our waste water system are 36 grinder pumps, a large holding tank, a high-tech treatment plant, and a leaching bed. A major portion of your monthly Water & Sewer fee is used to keep this system running smoothly. Because of the nature of our waste water system, **garbage disposals are prohibited** in the village. The following items should **NOT** be introduced into our sewer system as they will clog the grinder pumps:

Glass	Kitchen grease	Diapers
Metal	Animal Fat	Baby Wipes
Dental Floss	Seafood shells	Swiffer Pads
Fish tank Gravel	Kitty litter	Rags
Plastic objects		

In addition, **NEVER** introduce any of the following into any sewer:

- Paint,
- Gasoline,
- Strong chemicals,
- Lubricating oil/grease,
- Explosives, or
- Flammable materials

Grinder pump alarm signals:

Each grinder pump is designed to produce an alarm signal in the event of failure. The alarms are located on the wall of a unit in the vicinity of the pump. A light will flash and an alarm will sound when the alarm is activated. If you observe an alarm you should call EMI (1-800-973-4300 or 1-603-622-7000) and report it.



Where There's Smoke, There's Fire

by Buzz McArdle

If you haven't change your smoke alarms, you need to. The smoke alarms that were installed in the units at VSR are dated 2002, which means they are 15 years old. All smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. The newer alarms have two detection methods (ionization, and photo-electric) and some come with carbon monoxide detectors. All should have battery backup, but at VSR all of the smoke alarms are 120VAC with a 9-volt battery backup, and they are wired together, so if one goes off, they all go off.

Your smoke alarms are installed in the ceiling in every hallway, bedroom, garage, and basement. To check your alarms simply push the button on the alarm and it will ring all the alarms for about 15 seconds. To remove the alarm to check the date, simply grab the alarm and twist it and it will unscrew from the ceiling plate. This is also how you change the 9-volt battery backup. If your alarm just gives an intermittent beep, the battery should be changed. **Warning: You need a ladder and this could be dangerous if you are unsteady.**

New smoke alarms can be purchased at Home Depot (not Lowes). Make sure you are buying a Kidde FIREX Smoke Alarm. The direct replacement (no carbon monoxide detector) is model number P12010 and cost about \$33.00. The quick disconnect 120 Volt AC harness connector plug will need to be changed. A new ceiling plate and the new plug comes with the alarm. It is recommended that the installation should be done by a licensed electrician.



Although you can purchase a combination carbon monoxide /smoke alarm, carbon monoxide is heavier than air, so it tends to lay low on the floor and rise. A carbon monoxide detector is better located near the floor, can be purchased separately, and plugged in to a wall plug. They also have a battery backup. The law requires you have smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors installed before you can sell your home. Please do not assume your detectors are OK. Have someone check them, and while they are on the ladder at least change the battery or better yet, replace them with a state of the art detector. To the left, you will see the Kidde detector mentioned.



Social News

Sept 6	7:00pm	Candidates' Night: Q & A for VSR Board Nominees
Sept 9	9 - 1:00	Electronics Recycling, Town Garage
Sept 21	1:00pm	Book Club discusses <i>Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of Family and Culture in Crisis</i> by J.D. Vance
Sept 24	4:00pm	"Welcome, Newcomers!" Happy Hour
Sept 26		Election Ballots for VSR Board of Trustees are due
Sept 27	7:00pm	VSR Annual Meeting
Oct 14	9 - 1:00	Styrofoam Recycling, Town Garage
Oct 14	5:00pm	Progressive Dinner
Nov 2	1:00pm	Book Club discusses <i>Caravan Days</i> , written by our own VSR neighbor, Joyce Minosh

WALK LEFT / RIDE RIGHT

We are lucky enough to have sidewalks here in The Village. BUT, "*When one must walk on the road because the area lacks pedestrian facilities such as a sidewalk, one is advised to walk on the left-side, facing traffic, as this presents opportunities to establish eye-contact with approaching motorists and make quick judgments to protect oneself.*"

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Welcome to our newcomers:
Gail Austin at 11 Sandstone,
Joe Norman at 3 Gatecrest,
Bob and Pat Granfield at 26
Stone Ridge!

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