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A Spark of Magic

SUE ROSS, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER

It's easy to think that events that have become a part of our social fabric at the Lake were always here, but that's never the case and to think that misses the magic...the spark that ignited someone's imagination enough to get them going on an idea and then pull others into an ever-evolving, creative community-building process. When I spoke with Carol Hastie about Family Day, I was surprised to learn that she was not the first person to steer this event. By my recollection she had always been at the

"It was so long ago, I'm not really sure who started it," she recalled. "I think someone from the Women's Auxiliary had suggested it would be a fun idea as a part of our 50th Anniversary celebration back in 1986 and that Eileen Opfer ran it the first few years. "I did work on it in the beginning," Eileen remembered. "I had a lot of help and it was fun!" She went on to describe the multitude of events that took place during the day from boat and swim races to sand castles, lawn games, a talent show and even fireworks at Beach 2. "After two years I just couldn't do it anymore and I asked Carol if she would take it over. She's the one who deserves all the credit for keeping it going," Eileen said. Carol insists that it never could have happened without all of the volunteers that worked along with her and that the event just evolved over time. Now it is an annual happening in our community that seems to have a life of its own.

The Concert Series is another example of an ever-evolving activity that Club members have enjoyed for years now. That was the brain-child of Michael Gelfand who started talking to members Louise and Randy Staley at their kids' soccer game one day. "Louise was wearing a

CBGB sweatshirt and that got us talking about how great it would be if we could bring the kinds of musicians that performed at that Club to the Lake," he recalled. It took a few years to get the idea off the ground and by the time the first concert took place, more volunteers had joined the effort. Now he estimates that about 20 members (8 of them teenagers) are behind the scenes making it happen. "We've put together 20 to 25 shows over the years and I feel like it has been a huge success. People seem to love it," Michael said. Just as Carol sights the evolution of Family Day, Michael talks about how the Concert Series has changed. "We started indoors and then after a while added the concerts on the lawn and then started offering food. Events like these have to change with time to stay interesting."

And then there is Pickleball, a once unknown sport that Club member Bill Beardsley lobbied hard for years ago at a Voting Board meeting. Bill got hooked on the game when Dorie Zarr and some others introduced him to it. They were playing on a temporary court that had to be set up each time they wanted to play, and Bill came before the Voting Board with a proposal to create permanent courts at Ballfield #2. It took some doing, but it got done and now it is one of the most soughtafter activities we have.

Active members like these, and so many more, make our community all that it is. As we close out another year on this beautiful mountaintop, let's take a moment to be thankful for the multitude of people, past and present, who have lit the sparks that started the magic that became the events we all get to enjoy!

DECEMBER 9



Upcoming Events

December 4 – Holiday Tree Lighting December 9 – Kids Christmas Ceramics December 17 - Santa Coming to Town February 4 - Cabin fever Dance February 12 - Valentine's Party

February 18 - Winter Carnival





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Holiday Office Hours

The Club Office will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday on Saturday, December 24 and will reopen on Tuesday, December 27 at 9 am (10 am for visitors). The Office will again be closed on Saturday, December 31 and reopen on Monday, January 2, 2023, at 9 am. Happy Holidays!





Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, December 6 – 7 pm Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time Communications Committee – Saturday, December 10 – 10 am Ecology Committee – Wednesday, December 28 – 8 pm Fish Committee – Thursday, December 15 – 7 pm Road Committee – Thursday, January 5 – 7 pm (note new time) Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, December 7 – 7:30 pm Voting Board Meeting – Friday, December 16 – 8 pm

Since all meetings are subject to change, please confirm meeting times by contacting the chairperson of the committee or the Club Office prior to the meeting time.

The Vernon Rotary Club Handed Out Dictionaries at Rolling Hills Primary School

ROSEMARY POLHEMUS

Recently, a few members of the Vernon Rotary Club, visited Rolling Hills Primary School, to hand out dictionaries to all the 3rd graders. The dictionaries are for the 3rd graders to keep and use throughout their school career. It is the first and most powerful reference tool a child should own. Its usefulness goes beyond spelling, and pronunciation – the dictionary increases self-reliance and resourcefulness – inspired by

the maxim "Look it up" and at the same time expanding their vocabulary.

The teacher benefits from knowing that their students have consistent access to a tool for homework and in-class explorations. We feel a child cannot do his or her best work without a dictionary.

Children deserve the best teachers and resources. If we set our sights on anything less, we will be disappointed with the results.



Vernon Rotary members present from left to right: Peter Warren, Dr. Pasquale Yaccarino, RosMary Polhemus, and Kiyoshi Hamada.

Toys for Tots

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/
EVENTS COORDINATOR

Deadline for Donations is December 17, 2022

We are helping out our local U.S. Marine Corps Reserve with a donation box for their annual Toys for Tots campaign. The box is located in the Club Office. Donations will be accepted between 10 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. The deadline for all donations is December 17. Please consider donating.





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Holiday Tree Lighting

LOUISE STALEY, CLUBHOUSE CHAIRPERSON

December 4 at 4 pm

We are putting a new spin on this year's tree lighting party. Families are invited to come down to the Clubhouse to participate in Christmas Carol Karaoke! We're setting up the big screen for a fun sing-a-long! There will be a holiday themed craft for the little ones. We will also have a cookie exchange, bring a dozen/take a dozen. Cookies may be purchased for a small donation if you are not a baker. Feel free to bring a cookie tin or treat bag. Hot chocolate will be available for all to enjoy. Come in your best holiday clothes and kick the season off with us.



Next Newsette: February 4, 2023

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication at noon. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the Club Office at hlcc@warwick.net. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!





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Hiking News

DINA D'ARGENIO

With the holidays rapidly approaching it is time to plan our New Year's Day Hike! If interested in joining us this year, please contact me by email or cell - 201-417-1421 or Dinadargenio@gmail.com .



Laser Engraved Wooden Map of Highland Lakes - A Great Holiday Gift

A small company in North Carolina has created a laser-etched wooden map of the lake and our community. PhDs (Personal Handcrafted Displays) working with lake residents has made a prototype wooden map showing the lake and all the roads in the community. The map is on display for your inspection in the Club office.

The maps come in various sizes, different woods, with or without frames and are available for purchase. The company offers customization of the maps for individuals who want to add a family crest or whatever. PhDs specializes in wooden maps of lake communities throughout the US. Check out their website at www.doctorsofdisplays.com. Sizes start at 23.5" by 15" (the size on display at the Office). Prices start at \$225 with free shipping. PhDs has agreed to donate five percent of all sales to the Goodwill Committee.





Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

HIGHLAND LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, December 17

Santa and his friends are coming to the Highland Lakes Fire Department on Saturday, December 17, starting at 9:30 am. Santa will be riding through your neighborhood waving to the girls and boys of Highland Lakes. Santa and the volunteers of the Highland Lakes Volunteer Fire Department would like to wish all children a Merry Christmas and to thank everyone who donated to their Annual Fund Drive. So kids, get your warm coats and gloves ready (and boots if it snows) to greet Santa and his friends. If you hear the Christmas music and see the fire truck come on out and wave hello. Parents please have your cameras ready if you would like to take pictures.







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Goodwill Fund Book Sale

CAROLYN ACKER, COORDINATOR

The Goodwill Fund Book Sale on November 5, 2022, drew many community members out to share their love of reading. Thank you to all who donated their books to the sale. We received over 2,000 books from the community! A steady stream of readers visited our tables and shared their favorite books and authors as they shopped for new treasures. Many books were sold and the remaining books were donated.

The sale never would have succeeded without all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to sort, move, set up and sell all those books. They were incredible! Thanks also to the volunteers who so willingly took the remaining books to various donation centers. Finally, the Goodwill Fund Committee would like to thank Joyce Healy and the Seniors Club for inviting us to hold our book sale in conjunction with the Fall Craft Fair.





Breakfast with Santa











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Winter Carnival

LAUREN LA ROCCA CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Mark your calendars for February 18, 2023. It will be here before you know it. Our annual Winter Carnival is being planned with lots of outdoor fun and winter activities. I am busy planning and preparing to make a special day for all to enjoy some games and activities and hopefully a special guest. Come prepared, dress warmly and hope for some snow!





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Winter Pickleball

KATHI TAYLOR

Pickleball is a year-round activity in Highland Lakes. We meet twice a week in the winter as long as the courts are clear and dry. We play on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 pm. Dress for the weather, wear your badge and sneakers and come out to the courts on Glen Wild Way for some laughs and exercise. If you are unsure about the court conditions, give us a call. It feels great to get outside and get some exercise during the colder weather so plan on joining us. Hope to see you on the courts! Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689 or Peggy Warner 973-764-5126.







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Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Greetings! "Are you ready?" "Yes, I'm ready..."
This is from an oldie...a song from the 60s, do you remember the rest? Are you ready? Yes, I'm ready to fall in love... to fall in love with you".

Well, my intent was not to ask if you're ready to fall in love, but ARE YOU READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS???? I applaud loud and long IF you ARE ready for the holidays. I'm half ready with my shopping. I found my stash of new Christmas cards I stowed away last year. That's next on the agenda. We'll go Christmas tree hunting very soon and tag a tree on a farm to return in 2 weeks to cut it down. This German kid maintains our family's tradition with decorating a real tree for Weihnachten. Love being on a tree farm, finding a nearly perfect tree, and when it comes home there's usually a bird's nest tucked among the branches. And what a wonderful scent that fills the room!

May you have wonderful holiday traditions that you cherish and maintain. May you teach your grandkids some beautiful traditions. May you truly enjoy the serenity of your cozy, warm home decorated lovingly and lit by a glowing tree and glowing hearts. Peace, love, joy to you all.

Senior Club activities coming up:

1. S/C Holiday & Christmas Dinner/Dance

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 6-10 pm (may be in the Lake Room or may be in the Seckler Room) Our numbers are increasing for this wonderful, fun evening. We'll have a catered buffet, live music from The Stragglers Band for dancing and toe tapping, libations, a mini-tricky-tray and lots of good times. For our S/C members it's \$10 pp and \$15 for guests. YOU MUST CONTACT ME ASAP IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND. (845-544-3749).

- 2. The calendar for 2023 has been created and you'll get copies ASAP.
- 3. January 11, 2023: New Year's Welcome luncheon at Noon in the Lake Room; sign up for this, too.
- 4. February 15 St. Valentine's Luncheon at Noon in the Lake Room.

Questions? Give me a call, text, leave a message, try using a carrier pigeon (no, not really) but I'm here to help in any way I can. Love ya, Joyce H.







Seniors Club Potluck Luncheon

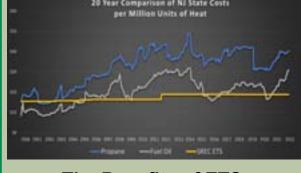
DORI ZARR

Our Seniors Club luncheon was potluck and luck it was for the attendees. A packed house of members brought their best recipes from chicken dumplings to sausage and peppers along with gourmet desserts. Nils graced us with a recitation of an original poem about, what else, the turkey. Other speakers included Brian Lynch from the Vernon Town Council and Club President Ray Zimmerman.



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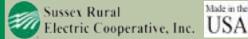
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November Events

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ EVENTS COORDINATOR

The month of November was busy with fun and exciting events for members. We started off the month with the Annual Craft Fair sponsored by the Senior Club with the addition of the Book Sale sponsored by the Goodwill Fundraising Committee. This was followed by a kids' ceramic night run by our Clubhouse Director, Lauren LaRocca. Then on November 19, we had our first Trivia Night coordinated by Clubhouse Committee Chair, Louise Staley. Finally, we finished off the month on the Saturday after Thanksgiving with our annual Breakfast with Santa. If you missed these events that were very well attended, you don't want to miss anymore. Be sure to watch for upcoming events in the Newsette, on our website at hlcc.org and follow us on social media, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Check out the photos submitted by Dori Zarr, Lauren LaRocca, Louise Staley and Roe Hall.







Kids Ceramics & Trivia





















Build Path to Goodwill

GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Path to Goodwill, situated right outside the Clubhouse, continues to grow with memories expressed through sentiments engraved on bricks included in the path. Expressions of love, fond remembrances of times shared, lasting thoughts of lost loved ones and commemorations of joyous events are all found as you meander along.

If you are torturing yourself with what to buy the person who has everything this holiday, we have the answer. Customize a message; evoke a memory that will last for years to come. Bricks ordered during the holidays will be processed during winter and installed in the spring. To get started, download the order form at the HL website: (https://hlcc.org/oldsite/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Pathto-Goodwill-Order-Form-2018.pdf), or call the office to have a form mailed to you.



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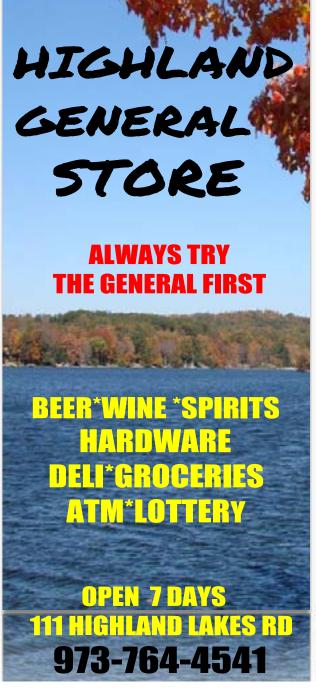
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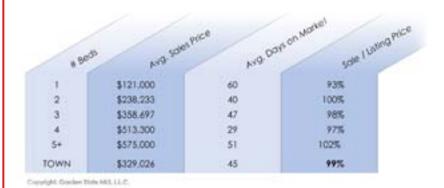
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2022 Craft Fair and Book Sale Huge Success

DORI ZARR AND ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ EVENTS COORDINATOR

What a wonderful fair it was. Many resident crafters and artists came out to display and sell their handmade treasures. Among them were Bruce Young, with several works of art, Kristin Dalelio of Kitchen's Crumb with delicious crumb cakes and buns, Karen McNamara with her jewelry creations and Joyce Healy, event coordinator, with wonderful wreaths and decor. Other vendor offerings were tile art, cross stitch, decoupage on cutting boards, wine glasses, candle holders, wood burning ornaments and more, too many to mention.

The first book sale took in over 2,000 donated books

The first book sale took in over 2,000 donated books and approximately \$500 in sales. Any leftover books were donated to the Goodwill Store, Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice in Newton and children of local migrant workers. See full article by Carolyn Acker.

















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Cabin Fever Dance

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ EVENTS COORDINATOR

Saturday, February 4, 2023

After the holidays are over and the tree is down and you've had a few weeks to recover, what sets in, CABIN FEVER. Well, we have just the right medicine for that fever. It's Cabin Fever Dance 2023 to kick off the new year and get you moving. Grab

your husband, partner, significant other or whoever and your friends and come down to the Clubhouse for an evening of dancing with DJ Ryan. He'll play all the hits from the 70s through now to get everybody up on the dance floor. Just bring your party attitude and drinks and snacks. Admission \$20 - 21 and over.



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