

The Hidden Ridge GEM

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The President's Message



Dear Fellow Hidden Ridgers,

Where has the time gone? It was like yesterday that we had our Welcome Back Brunch and already it is September and the leaves are starting to fall reminding me that before too long it will be time to pack up and begin my trek south to a warmer climate.

Even though we have been faced with these challenges, I believe that we all had a wonderful summer here at our "Jewel in the Catskills." We were able to enjoy the daily gatherings at the pool and the pool pavilion, and our evenings were filled with several activities – card games, Bingo, movies and our Saturday night shows. We had time to make new friends and solidify relationships with old friends.

There are several people without whose time and effort this community would not be what it is:

- The Board of Directors whose work never ends! They work all year round to plan and coordinate activities as well as dealing with the emergencies. Thank you for your support and willingness to give up your time to serve our community. As of this writing, we have a vacancy on the Board caused by the recent resignation of Jill Friedman. We will appoint someone in the near future to complete her term of office.
- Ed Hertz and Leonard Kirschenbaum who coordinate the maintenance projects with our staff and outside vendors.
- Karen Seltzer and the members of the Social Committee, who plan, organize the clubhouse space, set up, serve and clean up for our activities. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for making our days and nights enjoyable. Special thanks to Helen Klein, Linda Solomon and Isabel Streisand for coordinating the Gin and Canasta Tournaments.
- Thanks to Jeff Lynn for coordinating our movie nights and our Labor Day Pool Party.
- A special thank you to Cristina for serving on Saturday nights and at special events.
- A very special thank you to Warren Streisand who was always ready to go shopping with us for our Saturday evenings and our dinners.
- Thank you to Arnold Graham and the NYK

From the Editor



Dear Fellow Hidden Ridgers,

How many of you read Alvin Toffler's, Future Shock? This book was published in 1970 and talked about many changes in our world then and now. But the part I remember the most, is the chapter on the "Accelerative Thrust." Toffler writes: "Many of us have a vague 'feeling' that things are moving faster."

For me, it is not change that is moving faster, but time itself. I still remember my mother talking about how as she got older, time seemed to speed up. I am now two years younger than my mother was when she died 26 years ago and 51 years older than I was when my father died. Ironically, I spent only 1/3 of the number of years he is gone with him on this earth, but his and my mother's influence on me have lasted a lifetime.

So as I look at the world through their vision, I am aware how quickly time is passing by! Why, it was just May and I was getting ready to make my yearly trek north. And here we are planning for the Jewish High Holidays and fall clothes shopping (or in my case, last chance for bargain prices on bathing suits) and the beginning of the school year and the beginning of the football season and the end of the baseball season and the ".....world goes round and round and round....."

Personally, I am just glad to be able to continue marking the time. I sadly look to the middle of the next month when we will be leaving my beloved mountains and hopefully spending a joyous winter in Delray Beach' a winter that will, once again, remarkably pass more quickly than I will be prepared to tolerate or accept.

I remember, too, my friend, John, saying that Thursday night was the best part of the weekend because by the time you got into Friday, it was partially over and before you know it, it's Sunday and time to start the week over!

So my last words on this potentially depressing topic - as my parents were wont to say, while we may, ENJOY YOURSELF IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!!!!

Linda

(caveat: Bonnie reminds me that this is an ongoing theme of mine)

Rapp Agency for continually providing us with the best entertainment. We look forward to our continued relationship and more great entertainment.

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Upcoming Events



Next Board Meeting: September 21

Please see the bulletin boards for updates.



Want to announce something to our community? Call Linda and place an ad in the GEM.

Please call 917-747-8660 or email: bonsdiva@aol.com

DEADLINE for DECEMBER ISSUE - Nov. 20th

Important Reminder



President Bonnie Siegel reminds all homeowners that a current copy of your insurance certification is required to be on file with the HOA. This form should include the unit number as well as the effective dates of coverage. A copy of the Declarations page is acceptable and preferred. Handwritten details on these documents as well as premium notices are not acceptable. Send your certification forms directly to the Hidden Ridge Office, PO Box 976, Monticello, NY 12701.



Classifieds

Wanted: Ads to defray costs of printing the GEM, such as, business cards, etc.

Prices for ad space in newsletter:

• full page	\$25/issue	\$125/year
• 1/2 page	\$15/issue	\$ 75/year
• 1/4 page	\$10/issue	\$ 50/year
• business card	\$ 5/issue	\$ 25/year

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THE BOARD AND THE STAFF OF THE GEM WANT TO WISH ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE CELEBRATING THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS, A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Life Cycle Events



Labor Day
September 1



Jewish High Holidays
September 24



Veteran's Day
November 11



Columbus Day
October 13



Grandparents' Day
September 7



Thanksgiving
November 27



Election Day
November 4

Happy Anniversary

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| 1. Clocks and Watches | 15. Watches |
| 2. China | 16. Silver Hollowware |
| 3. Crystal and Glass | 17. Furniture |
| 4. Electrical Appliances | 18. Porcelain |
| 5. Silverware | 19. Bronze |
| 6. Wood | 20. Platinum Watches and Jewelry |
| 7. Desk Sets - Pens and Pencil Sets | 25. Sterling Silver Jubilee |
| 8. Linens and Laces | 30. Diamond Watches and Jewelry |
| 9. Leather | 35. Jade |
| 10. Diamond Watches and Jewelry | 40. Ruby |
| 11. Fashion Jewelry and Accessories | 45. Sapphire |
| 12. Pearl or Colored Gems | 50. Golden Jubilee |
| 13. Textiles or Furs | 55. Emerald |

- 9-4 Carole & Harvey Levine
 9-12 Meryl & Larry Miles
 9-20 Linda & Bonnie Sie-mon
 10-16 Ilana & Mark Zablocki
 10-18 Willie & Lauren Steinberg
 10-20 Shari & George List

- 11-2 Renee & Mair Faibish
 11-8 Rhoda & Ed Hertz
 11-13 Robbie & Stan Schecter
 11-15 Mindy & Fred Hirsh
 11-16 Randi & Warren Berkowitz
 11-29 Marlene & Howard Marcus

Happy Birthday



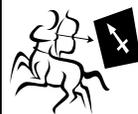
Aug. 21 - Sept. 19)



Libra (Sept. 20 - Oct. 19)



Scorpio (Oct. 20 - Nov. 21)



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

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| 09-05 Yetta Lynch | 10-06 Ellen Burzichelli |
| 09-10 Arnold Young | 10-08 Michael Mondschein |
| 09-12 Buena Savellano | 10-09 Mariel Franco |
| 09-18 Larry Miles | 10-13 Angela Rein |
| 09-21 Rhoda Hertz | 10-19 Marcia Schiffer |
| 09-24 Renee Faibish | 11-02 Alicia Scotland |
| 09-25 Eddie Erlich Kudler | 11-05 Larry Shifman |
| 09-25 Shari List | 11-07 Mel Marder |
| 09-25 Lena Rubin | 11-10 Sue McMahon |
| 09-27 Russell Silber | 11-11 Esther Seltzer |
| 09-30 Darryl Questore | 11-14 Janet Lieberman |
| 10-01 Morton Walker | 11-16 Ruth Scheinfeld |
| 10-2 Harvey Fuchs | 11-23 Harriet Kopelman |
| 10-4 Mair Faibish | 11-27 David Neiger |

HOLD THE DATE!



- Sunday, September 21 - Board of Directors Meeting

Welcome New Neighbors



Nancy Lopez 55 HR Terrace

Get Well Wishes

Mel Marder
Lee Simon

Wishing them a full and speedy recovery



Hidden Ridge Directory

The Directory has been distributed for 2014-15. Please check your listing carefully. If you have any corrections to the listing or have not received one yet, please contact Bonnie Siegel. **Note: please remove this issue's insert with corrections and add it to your directory.**



Robbie's Recipes

submitted by Robbie Schecter



SWEET 'n TANGY SALMON

Serves 2

- 2 6oz pieces salmon fillet (I prefer wild salmon)
- 1/2 cup Thai peanut sauce
- 1/2 cup General Tso's sauce
(Both sauces reduced sodium, if possible)
- 1/4 cup seedless raspberry jam
- 1/2 cup panko

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees

1. Combine the 2 sauces and jam in a flat bottom plastic or glass container, and mix well. Add salmon skin up, cover container and refrigerate at least 2 hours,
2. Line a broiling pan with foil. Remove salmon from marinade (do not discard marinade) and place in broiling pas, skin down.
3. Sprinkle the panko over the salmon, to cover, then drizzle marinade over panko covered salmon.
4. Bake in pre-heated oven for 15 minutes. Raise oven setting to broil and move salmon to top rack. Broil 5-10 minutes, until brown...or black as Stan prefers.

ENJOY!!

FROM THE BOARD

Liberty Pest Control

Liberty Pest Control has visited the premises and will return for those who need to address interior concerns. Our contract is not for preventative maintenance. It only covers problems!! They will return as many times as needed.

Please call them at the following number to make arrangements and be sure to let them know you are part of Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association.

845-361-3100

DO NOT allow them to sell you a private contract for items covered in the HOA contract!

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The future of Hidden Ridge Committee has met several times and is hard at work developing a plan to be presented to the Board and the community next year. We are presently considering the possibilities of a hot tub by the pool, tennis courts, a 9 or 18 hole miniature golf course, a children's playground and several other recreational improvements to our community.

The committee is also looking into several other possible improvements in the physical plant, such as an electronic gate on the Old Liberty Road entrance to the community.

If you have any ideas you would like the committee to consider, please pass them along to committee chair, Fred Hirsh.

Congratulations to our own Jason Keigher on the winning of the Indiana Grand Race by his quarter horse, Slippen Away!



SLIPPEN AWAY

INDIANA GRAND
RACING-CASINO
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OWNER: JASON KEIGHER
UP JOSE A. BELTRAN
JULY 12, 2014

PURSE \$16,000
TRAINER: ANTHONY F. CUNNINGHAM
\$5.40 \$3.40 \$3.00

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QUARTER HORSE MAIDEN 250 YARDS 13.582



Cul-de-Sac Liaisons

Cul-de-Sac	Numbers	Liaison
Azaleas	15-23D	Karen Seltzer
Birch	29-43D	Helen Klein
Camellias	59-73D	Betty Fuchs
Daffodils	89-103D	Fran Zatz
Elms	107-125D	Julia Glaz
Firs	149-171D	Lenny Kirschenbaum
Gardenias	173-187D	Jerry Bassik
Hemlocks	193-205D	Lenny Keusch
Iris	196-214D	Harriet Kopelman
Juniper	126-148D	Jeff Lynn
Kerrias	74-96D	Rhoda Hertz
Laurels	44-58D	Ellen Burzichelli
Magnolias	29-43T	Sheila Cole
Narcissus	45-58T	Joe Gluck
Oaks	28-46T	Jill Friedman
Petunias	6-26T	Bonnie Siegel
Roses	8-14D	Helene Schulman

Monday/Wednesday Night

Canasta Tournament Weekly Winners

Aug. 13

Helen Klein
Harriet Fox
Iris Lynn
Gloria Plotsky

Aug. 18

Lee Simon
Lena Rubin
Helen Badain
Joyce Bragin
Mitzie Schoenfeld

Aug. 20

Helene & Iris
Sheila Bruck
Warren Streisand
Meryl Miles

Aug. 25

Helene Schulman
Helen Badain
Meryl Miles
Joyce Bragin
Joe Schoenfeld

Aug. 27

Gloria Plotsky
Joyce Bragin
Meryl Miles
Harriet Fox
Karen Seltzer

Sept. 1

Arnie Plotsky
Gloria Plotsky
Helen Badain
Helene Schulman

Sept. 3

Meryl Miles
Bea Freedlander
Gloria Plotsky
Joe Schoenfeld

50-50 Winners

Corinne Needleman Aug. 16
Yetta Lynch Aug. 23
Donna Kopelman Aug. 31

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



To all our friends and neighbors in Hidden Ridge, we offer our sincere good wishes for a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful Holiday.

Helen Badain

Jerry Bassik

Barry & Hermione Block

Alice & Jerry Chiappetta

Blossom Cohen & Jen Mitgang

Michael & Eleanor Dovdavany

Bea & Lou Freedlander

Thelma Friedenthal

Jill & Marvin Friedman

Robert Gannon

Joyce & Sam Glaser

Charney & Chuck Greenberg

Myra & Joe Gluck

Ed & Rhoda Hertz

Mindy & Fred Hirsch

Fran Katz

Helene & Sol Klein

Milton & Harriet Kopelman

Brian Kudler & Eddie Erlich Kudler

Janet Lieberman & David Muirhead

Marlene & Howard Marcus

Mel Marder

Peter Morello & Cruz Guardiola

Gloria & Arnold Plotzky

Lena & Cantor Max Rubin

Phyllis Rubin & Family

Florence & Jack Sachs

Erica & Nornan Sadowsky

Aron & Pennie Schatten

Rachel & Sachar Schatten Malka

Rebecca & Joe Schatten Watson

Robbie & Stan Schecter & Family

Helene Schulman

Karen Seltzer

Esther & Sy Seltzer

Allan & Roberta Shapiro

Bonnie Siegel & Linda Solomon

Sylvia & Donald Singer

Rose Storch

Isabel & Warren Streisand

Joyce & Herb Wetter



There will be one more opportunity to send holiday greetings to your neighbors and friends in 2014. The last Holiday Greetings for this year will be included in the December issue of the GEM. Collection for the 2015 holiday greetings will begin in January. Thank you to all who have contributed. We look forward to seeing your names listed here again next year!

Laura and John – Part III

By Peter Morello

Recap of Part 1: Laura had been constantly bullied by the Pinks for the last two years of her attendance at Yonkers High School. They mocked her physique and complexion and took every opportunity to make her life miserable and aware of their perceived superiority. They did this because they could.

During one of her lunch periods she was introduced to John Fent by one of her girlfriends. He was a gentle giant of a young man who seemingly took everything in stride and whose heart was as broad as his shoulders. John took a liking to Laura and asked for her phone number which Laura provided with little hesitation.

Recap of Part 2: John called Laura and asked her to the prom which took great courage on his part. They both discovered that they were a lot alike in that they had been picked on by the Gents and Pinks and had frequently felt humiliated as well as alone and helpless.

The big day had arrived and both Laura and John were nervously awaiting when they would meet and attend the senior prom. John had agreed to pick Laura up at her apartment at six o'clock sharp and both of them spent most of the day checking their watches often.

John was pacing his room putting on one piece of his tuxedo at a time while frequently checking his watch – five o'clock – plenty of time to travel the three blocks to Laura's apartment building and pick her up in his dad's car. When he went to put on his belt, he realized it wasn't in the closet where he normally kept it and he began to violently remove article after article of clothing and threw it on the floor as he frantically searched for the one belt he needed. It was no where to be found. He sat on the bed feeling dejected and puzzled and as he glanced at his big frame in the mirror suspended from the closet door, he saw that he was wearing the belt the whole time. He smiled with great relief and quietly prayed to himself that he wouldn't stutter at the wrong moment and invite more ridicule from the Gents who were sure to be at the prom with their dates.

John hurriedly put on the rest of his clothing and gave his shoes a quick pass with a brush. Off he went leaving his apartment so quickly he didn't say goodbye to his parents who heard the door slam as he bolted for the elevator.

Laura meanwhile was in an equally frenzied state. She was just putting on her prom dress at 5:30 and wasn't sure she would be ready in time. She was so nervous her hands were shaking uncontrollably and she knew she needed to calm down or risk having John become nervous setting off the usually cascade of events.

There was a knock at the door at 6:01. Laura's face turned red and John tried to calm himself so as to not begin stuttering. Laura's mother, Marian, opened the door and warmly greeted John. "So you must be John Fent; I've heard a lot about you. Come on in." John shook Marian's hand without uttering a word and was then greeted by Laura's father, John.

"Well you're a strapping specimen. Glad to meet you."

As they shook hands John tried to speak – "How, how, how do you do, Mr. McKenzie?"

"Gee, don't get all choked up over me. I'll get Laura, big fella. Stay here."

Mr. McKenzie went to Laura's room where she was standing in front of the mirror checking on some last minute details of her gown.

"Hey, Laura, your date is here and you better come quick – this guy's sweating so much I'm afraid he'll leave a puddle in the carpet."

Laura swung around to face her father. "Dad, please, he's just a little sensitive, that's all." Laura ran out of the room to greet John who by this time had wiped his brow several times with his handkerchief.

Laura came into the living room and John was truly impressed with the transformation in front of him. Laura was wearing a sleeveless one-shoulder royal blue dress with crystals across the left side wrapping part of the way around her waist and extending over her right breast. It had a split front and a court train and it seemed to shimmer as much as Laura seemed to be beaming with pride and happiness.

John was standing in the middle of the living room with his mouth slightly agape and could only mutter a "Hi." Laura grasped his hand and said, "Let's go, John, and enjoy the night."

"I-I almost forgot I brought you this corsage. Maybe you better put it on so I-I don't stab you or somethin'."

Laura smiled and pinned the purple orchid corsage over her left breast area. "It's lovely, John, and very thoughtful of you. Let's go."

They both said their goodbyes to Laura's parents and were off to The Glen Island Casino in New Rochelle.

For the entire ride they hardly could speak to each other, not knowing what to say or how to say whatever they were thinking. John attempted to start a conversation but hesitated fearing he would have a stuttering fit. He became petrified at the idea of having to make a move to kiss Laura. He didn't know if she would approve on their first date or when would be the appropriate time. There would be a lot of students at the prom and he may not get the chance to be alone with her. His biggest fear was ruining things before they really got started. He so wanted to impress her and not seem like the misfit others made him out to be.

John decided to break the ice and turn on the radio. Right at that moment they both caught the beginning of
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Ricky Nelson singing “Lonesome Town.” Laura and John turned their heads to face each other and smiled broadly. They both felt more relaxed and felt their collective anxieties melt away as they anticipated the evening ahead.

They arrived at their destination just as the song was finishing much to the relief of the both of them. They still had not uttered a word and felt somewhat uneasy.

After the valet had parked John’s car, they entered the reception hall and found their seats. They were seated with their various friends and they began to settle in and feel more relaxed and ready to enjoy their time together.

Laura and John were still tight-lipped with each other and as a result, turned their attention to their friends and made small-talk while trying to calm their nerves.

Over the course of the next few minutes, John broke the ice asked Laura if there was anything he could get for her. He very much wanted to please her and make this her special day just as much as it was his.

As they began to loosen up, they realized just how special this evening was going to be and they felt that at last they had arrived and felt unique in their oneness.

As the members of their table continued socializing, Francine Fink came over and addressed Laura and John.

“Hey guys, it’s good to see you. I see the too of you hooked up; that’s great.”

Neither Laura nor John would answer Francine and tried to look the other way.

“Laura, I love your gown. It’s a lovely shade of blue,” said Francine.

“Thanks, Francine,” Laura replied as she tried not to make eye contact with her.

“Listen Laura, how about you let the other girls see what you look like. Don’t just sit there - show off your gown,” said Francine.

“I came to spend time with John and my friends – I’m not looking for trouble,” replied Laura.

“What trouble? I’m happy for the two of you and today is a happy day so let’s let bygones be bygones, okay?”

Laura looked at John for an answer and John nodded in approval.

“Okay, I’ll just be a minute, John,” Laura said.

John didn’t say a word but looked somewhat sternly at Francine as Laura and Francine walked away together to the other side of room disappearing among the crowd.

“Come on Laura; I want to show the other Pinks how pretty you look,” Francine said encouragingly.

The next thing Laura knew she had been lead out a fire exit and was standing in an alley with Francine and Fred, Martin and Robert from the Gents.

Instantly Laura felt fear overcoming her as she tried to go back through the fire exit door. She was blocked by Robert who had slipped behind her and was standing in

front of the door with a smile on his face and his arms crossed in front of him.

“Let me out of here right now,” Laura implored as she faced Robert.

Fred came up behind Laura and grabbed her around her neck. Laura began to scream and cry. He turned her around and put her up against the wall. They were now face to face and Fred had Laura pinned against the wall by putting his hands on her shoulders and pressing hard.

“Teach her a lesson, Fred,” Francine screamed. “Give her a good makeup job.”

Martin handed Fred a can of black spray paint. Fred raised the can to Laura’s face as he continued to pin her against the wall with his left forearm.

“I’m gonna improve your face by covering your pimples, Totem Pole.”

Fred raised the can and pointed it at Laura’s face as Laura continued to cry. Her thoughts turned to John and how she regretted leaving his side. All of the cruel treatment she had endured at the hands of the Pinks and Gents came vividly back to her as she closed her eyes as Fred aimed the nozzle squarely at her face. Francine and the other two Gents gathered in back of Fred eagerly waiting for Laura’s face to be painted.

“Leave the girl alone,” came the booming voice from behind the group. Everyone froze and remained motionless.

“I said, leave the girl alone.”

Laura opened her eyes and saw John standing in the alley. The others slowly turned around and saw John who appeared to have a snarl on his face. It was a look unlike anyone had seen from John who usually ceaselessly smiled. It was a sickening look as though he were possessed as he stared at Laura’s tormentors. Laura felt relieved to see John but worried for his safety as she knew the Gents never backed down from a fight.

John began advancing forward as Robert circled in back of him. As John took the next step he heard a loud cracking sound behind his ears. He then felt pain radiating up from his neck to the top of his head. He turned around quickly and saw Robert standing there with a broken two by four in his hands and a look of trepidation written on his face. John ripped the two by four from Robert’s hands, threw it on the ground and lifted Robert up by placing his hands under Robert’s armpits. He hurled him against the wall fracturing his skull.

Martin jumped on John’s back, wrapping his legs around John’s torso and began pounding John on his head with his fist. John reached behind himself and with his right hand firmly grabbed Martin by his tuxedo jacket and in one motion leaned forward and pulled Martin over his back causing Martin to land flatly on his back on the concrete where he lay motionless and moaning in a low voice.

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The Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Ed Hertz



Current Financial Status as of September 1, 2014

Operating:	\$ 15,554.01
Money Market	20,002.29
Reserve	150,160.14
Total	\$185,716.44

Expenses over income thus far this fiscal year: \$79,035.16

As has been previously reported, the major portion of our budget is for maintenance of our grounds and repairs of the roofs.

This past month our expenditures included the purchase of a truck, payment on our insurance premiums, audit, and pest control contract.

Please keep in mind this figure is always higher "in season" and becomes lower during our winter months.

We are within our budget in all areas.

ARE YOU LEAVING THE HEAT ON THIS WINTER? PLEASE READ-THIS IS IMPORTANT!

Please be advised that we have consulted with Richie Frasca, private contractor, as well as several roofers regarding prevention of roof damage as a result of harsh winter weather. Over the past years they have done repairs on many of our roofs. They have stated that much of the damage was caused by inadequate insulation in the attics. **Therefore, it is imperative that all homeowners who leave the heat on during the winter months immediately arrange to have additional insulation installed in their attics.**

This action will prevent much of the roof damage we experienced in past winters due to the ice and snow build up. A positive result and a direct benefit from this action will undoubtedly be a reduction in your heating bill.

Please note that if you choose not to take this much needed and preventive step in preserving the integrity of your roof and home then it will be your responsibility financially, and NOT that of the Homeowners Association, to repair and replace any and all damage which occurs to the roof due to ice and snow build-up over the winter. In addition, if you decide to have any ice or snow build-up removed by a vendor not approved by the Board, you will void the Association's responsibility towards the repair of your roof.

The expense that we incurred in past winters was prohibitive. It was no fault of any one individual but a flaw in the inadequate insulation of our homes. Now that we have ascertained the problem and have a solution, it becomes incumbent upon you to protect and maintain your home and property.

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As John turned around he was met by Fred who punched John as hard as he could in his stomach with John not even flinching. He punched again and again as John stood there with the same snarl on his face and his hands on his hips. Fred slowly looked up at John who was at least eight inches taller and he fell to his knees and began to cry. "John, don't hurt me. We're friends. It was just a joke, that's all. Spare me - please."

"I'm going to give you what you deserve, Mr. Badman," John bellowed.

"Wait, John, let me do the honors," said Laura. She walked over to Fred with the can of spray paint in her hand and jerked back his head by strongly pulling on his hair and sprayed his face with the black paint as he continued to sob. "You look more handsome this way. We're even," said Laura with a sense of satisfaction.

Laura and John looked at the far end of the alley and saw Francine cowering in the corner. She was standing with her head buried in her hands as she faced the wall and was crying uncontrollably.

"Let's leave that pathetic creature alone," suggested John. "I think she's had enough."

"John are you hurt?" Laura asked with great concern.

"Nah, but I have a bit of a headache - that's all."

Laura wrapped her arms around John and put her face in his left shoulder. "John you saved me. I think I've found my Ricky Nelson."

"And I've found my Bridget Bardot."

Epilogue: Laura and John continued to date throughout college as Laura attended Sarah Lawrence College where she majored in early childhood education. John majored in accounting at Manhattan College and never stuttered again after the encounter with the Gents.

They both became more outgoing in college and were never the victims of bullying again. After college they decided to get married and remained in Yonkers and never spoke of what happened in the alley at their high school prom but held that memory in the darkest recesses of their minds.

If you're wondering whatever became of the members of the Pinks and the Gents - who cares?

Slow Down and STOP

As more owners, tenants and guests come to enjoy our community, it is time to remind everyone that: **The speed limit on Hidden Ridge Drive and Terrace is 15 miles per hour.**

Stop at all Stop signs.

Let us ensure that everyone at Hidden Ridge is safe and has a wonderful summer.



For Your Information

Terry's Fitness & Health Corner



Thoughts for the Mind

There are many things that make humans a unique species, but a couple stand out. One is our brain the other is our mind. The human mind can carry out cognitive tasks that other animals cannot, like using language, envisioning the distant future, inferring what others are thinking, worrying and stressing over daily living such as, financial hurdles, sudden onset of health problems for you or loved ones, retirement or simply reading a newspaper or listening to the national or world news happening today. Most of these concerns can be dealt with but many are out of our control, so we as humans have to try to soothe ourselves and our minds as best we could. Below are some possible ways to help us relax a bit.

1. Surround yourself with those family and friends who really care about you and "have your back." Talking and communicating and listening to each other's feelings, helps to ease our worrying minds. Do this practice often! (Do not wait for a crisis.)
2. Engage in a physical hobby that you enjoy, so that your mind stays busy and your body benefits. A favorite iseasy Yoga with its meditation, stretching, and balance postures, cooking classes, walking, golfing, dancing, or whatever you have chosen over the years..but push to do it!
3. Plan a special "event" for you and loved ones to look forward to like seeing a new Broadway show or sports happening our week end getaway or a vacation.
4. Try to do at least one or two nice things for others daily! (over and beyond your usual good deeds) Yes giving and helping makes you feel better. Once you start this, you will never stop.
5. Find an intellectual and challenging mind game to keep you distracted from our stresses. Scrabble, crossword puzzles, su-doku, bridge, Mah Jong, book clubs, etc. Try to develop as a new hobby.
6. And lastly, try to practice the art of self soothing as a regimen for YOU. Deep breathing, warm baths, massage, sleep enough, healthy eating, keeping a positive attitude by living one day at a time and self love.

Social Committee

submitted by Karen Seltzer



The end of another summer season is almost here. I would like to use this column to thank the Hidden Ridge community for helping me get through this very difficult summer without my husband, Mike. Words cannot express my gratitude to all of you.

August 23rd we had a delicious pot luck dinner. Thanks to everyone who contributed and made our evening very fattening. We had our Labor Day dinner August 31st. I had to stop taking reservations because we ran out of places to seat people. Everyone enjoyed the evening. The Bronx Wanderers did not disappoint us.

Next season we may do things differently, less shows, more expensive entertainers. If you have any ideas of what can be done on a Saturday evening, please let us know, we are open to suggestions.

I would also like to thank some of the members of this community for always helping me with the Saturday morning set-ups. Isabel and Warren Streisand, (renters who go out of their way to help). Warren goes with Bonnie shopping for our desserts and soda among other supplies. Adrienne and Allan Meyers, who never miss a Saturday morning. A special thanks for all the people who help clear the tables, without your help I would have even more work to do. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy new year.

The Poet's Corner



Aunt Janet Reminisces

Remembering joyous baby, giggling, gurgling
Tossing Shoshana up, up, up ...
So high, so tender, so dear

Years pass, blessings fall like rain...
Sweet Shoshana pulling ahead on bicycle
Long ebony hair flapping behind
Aunt Janet waves, blowing bunches of butterflies...

Shoshana emerging from protective sheath
Melodic clear voice, asking questions
Unique humor, giggling at absurdities...
Delighting in sleepovers, intense friendships
Hip-hop devotee, sporting earphones, denim attire

Lovely Shoshana hugging Aunt Janet,
Determined hands hovering like shy birds,
Together selecting sparkly turquoise prom dress,
Celebrating new paths,
Misty world of promises...

Janet Lieberman
May 9, 2013

(continued from page 1, President's message)

- Our maintenance crew -Mike B, Mike H, Richie, Wayne and Andy for all of your hard work. We constantly hear compliments about how great the community looks. All admire the work that the crew has done! They have rebuilt retaining walls that were infested and crumbling, beautified the entrances of cul de sacs with beautiful stone walls, painted our light poles, railings and air conditioners, as well as mulching common areas to give our property a fresh look. They rebuilt the bulletin board to give it a fresh look as well as more room for notices and information. In addition, they tend to the general repairs on the exterior of our homes and common grounds as well as maintaining our pool, pool pavilion and clubhouse. They are always looking for ways to make our community more beautiful.
- Our safety staff for always being available when we drive onto the property: David, Toby, Marvin and James.
- Jill Friedman for taking care of the day to day operation of the pool until her resignation
- Eddie Erlich and Brian Kudler for purchasing so many flowering plants to decorate the grounds. Thanks for coordinating our new roadside seating program. Thank you gentlemen for your generosity!
- Lenny Kirschenbaum and Jerry Bassik who take over for the winter to oversee the property until we return in the spring.
- Larry Miles who volunteered all summer long assisting the Board whether by distributing GEMs, election packets, or other mail as well as filing important papers for us. Larry and his wife Meryl reorganized the library in the clubhouse – thank you both.
- Fred Hirsh who stepped up to the plate to chair the long range planning committee. They have met and have several ideas for consideration.
- Warren Berkowitz who researched attorneys to assist the community with tax grievance issues. Warren is collecting the names of those who want to participate in a group action for May 2015.
- Linda Solomon and those who have contributed to the GEM by writing articles and Jerry Bassik who solicited several ads.
- And last but not least, all of you who by give us positive feedback and constructive suggestions to improve.

As we wind down the summer, may I suggest that you take a moment to thank those mentioned and tell them that through their efforts, you had an enjoyable summer?

My wish for everyone in the coming year is health and prosperity. May we all return next year for an even better year at our Jewel of the Catskills.

Bonnie

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who have agreed to serve our community. Some of us live here full time, while others of us are seasonal residents. We like to enjoy our community and lives just the way everyone else does. We are requesting that we receive phone calls **during normal business hours only** unless you have a true emergency. Calls after 6 PM to get someone's phone number or to ask a question can usually wait for the next day. Think about how you would feel if you were out to dinner or having a night out and received calls like these.

IMPORTANT: TAX GREIVANCE UPDATE

In last month's GEM, Warren Berkowitz explained that Garigliano Law Offices will be representing those homeowners who sign up as a group in May 2015. He also explained the fee arrangement. Mr. Garigliano has represented several groups of homeowners in Sullivan County and this has resulted in significant reduction in their property taxes.

In order to be part of the group, contact Warren Berkowitz who will forward your contact information to the attorney. The attorney will then send you the necessary authorizations to complete.

Warren's contact information is as follows:

Email: warrenb107@aol.com

Snail mail: 1445 Stephen Marc Lane, East Meadow, NY 11554

Please provide Warren with your winter address where the attorney can contact you over the winter.

You are under no obligation to sign up with this group. However we have been advised that the tax assessor would prefer dealing with one person representing many than many individuals representing themselves.

It is not too early to sign up! If you are interested you will need to be proactive.

If you have any questions, contact Warren Berkowitz.

ALLAN'S ALLEY

submitted by Allan Meyers



K As In Altishka Kup*

My mom and dad used to fight over who made the better cup of coffee in the percolator. The army used a large urn to make the lousiest coffee, but it was still better than the instant coffee served while on bivouac.

When we got married, Adrienne's mother gave us an electric percolator. As time went on we switched to a drip coffee pot. Here at Hidden Ridge we bought a coffee pot at one of the dollar stores for just \$10. As the pots broke we just bought another pot.

For our anniversary we received a Keurig. Who in the hell would spend so much money for a machine that only makes one cup at a time? But it only takes 4 minutes for the water to be ready and less than a minute to produce a great cup of coffee. No commercial coffee pot is as good.

The most fun for Keurig owners is finding a place where you can buy K-cups cheaper than other owners pay for it. Some buy off the computer, secret grocery stores or even the man who stands on the corner, opens his trench coat and asks "Do you want to buy K- cups cheap?"

This spring when we came up to Hidden Ridge we were still using our \$10 coffee pot, but our son Glenn bought us a Keurig for Mothers/Fathers' Day. We opened the box, put the Keurig together, ran hot water through it and made a couple of perfect cups of coffee.

This model was State of the Art. It has a blue screen that tells if there is enough water, when brewing and when ready to brew 10oz, 8 oz, or 6 oz. It also has a clock. As a sales gimmick you get free coffee (48 K-cups) upon registering the machine.

I called Keurig and was surprised that the woman who answered spoke English and with an American accent. She was very polite, took my registration number and asked me if the Keurig was working. I told her everything was fine but I couldn't get the clock to work.

She then told me to turn the machine on and press the blue button. Then press the button on the right for hours and the button on the left for minutes. I followed her instructions but the clock remained at 10:23. After three more tries and two reboots it still read 10:23.

"Your Keurig is broken. We will replace it with a new one. All you have to do is mail back the machine that you have."

I told them it's against the law in New York to have a warranty that requires the purchaser to pay to have the warranty product returned. (Something left over from my Attorney General days). Her supervisor got on the phone and had me again try to set the clock. It read 10:23. He then told me to only send back the part that holds the K-cups as that will deactivate the Keurig and make it useless.

It reminds me of the army instruction, "...if you're about to be captured, remove the bolt from your M-1 and throw it away. The rifle is then useless."

Two days later the Keurig arrived. I put it together, and called to get my coffee. I didn't have the heart to tell them that I couldn't set the clock. Keurig makes a great coffee machine and coffee, but boy does it make lousy clocks. So for the life of the machine the time will always be 10:23.

Glenn came over with Jason Keigher and his father Bill. The three great brains (lawyer, physical instructor and professor of mathematics) figured that they could set the clock. Keurig which deals with thousands of machines couldn't do it, but the magnificent three thought they could fix it.

Within ten seconds they declared that it was fixed, Sure enough the coffee machine was telling the correct time. "How did you do it?"

"Easy all we did was to go to the blue screen and remove the plastic tape which read "10:23."

* elderly head

MORE OF ALLAN!

If you think that it's hard to win at Bingo or at the fifty/fifty raffle, then try playing the Power Ball. You have a fifty/fifty chance of winning every 1,167,843 years.

By modern electronics, I saw on a computer, Jason Keigher's quarter horse lose by a photo-finish nose in Detroit, and a half hour later his quarter horse won running away in Indianapolis. Which got me thinking, does a quarter horse run on only one leg?

Mindy and Fred Hirsh are out to improve our quality of living here at Hidden Ridge. Fred is chairing a committee that may bring enjoyment to young children, teenagers and adults of all ages. Can he do it? You be the judge! Whether you live in Hempstead or not, don't forget to vote for Fred.

Cheers for Brian Kudler and Eddie Erlich's chairs. These menches gave us benches.

No matter what you think Peter Morello's last story was not three sentences short of the Encyclopedia Britannica - maybe a volume or so.

There was a time when one could listen to WOR. As a toddler I marched around the breakfast table to *Rambling with Gambling*. Then I listened to his son, and then the grandson, John Gambling. There was also the McCanns, Arlene Frances and Shelly Strickler and the news.

Larry Strickler (who knew my sister-in law, Beverly Cooper, from school) ran all the entertainment at Kutsher's. There was singing, dancing and lectures at the pool on Saturdays. Nothing can be better than to have them now as part of our Hidden Ridge family.

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Maintenance Update: Preventing Ice damming

Due to the damages incurred by ice damming this past winter, we will be removing the small drains that are at the bottom of the valleys on several of our units. We will be retro fitting flashing that should prevent any further ice damming. Please do not request that these gutters and drain pipes be replaced/ fixed.

(continued from page 11, column 2, More Allan)

While teasing Fran Katz, she jokingly answered that I probably would write a demeaning statement about her in my column. After much thought I decided that I would. But no matter how much I tried, I could think of only nice things about her. So I decided not to mention Fran Katz in my column.

Are you not attending the movies because it's called "Thursday Night Movie". How about if Jeff & Iris Lynn change the name to "LCM" (LYNN Classic Movies)?

For three years Adrienne and I have sat with Yetta and Morty Lynch and Blossom Cohen at the swimming pool, Saturday nights, Bingo and the movies. At the 4th of July party they asked, "You write for the GEM?"

There must be fourteen more minutes left on my fifteen minutes of fame.

SCHOOL TAX REMINDER

All homeowners should have received a bill for the school tax for their property. If you have not received this bill, contact Monticello School District at 845-794-1515.

NOTICE!

The pool will remain opened until September 15, and if weather permits, it will remain opened until September 21st.



VEGETABLES!

Our garden in the meadow on the Terrace is ready to harvest! Come pick the tomatoes, and other vegetables available on a first come first picked basis! Enjoy.



HELPFUL HINTS FOR WINTER



If you are **leaving Hidden Ridge** for the winter, don't forget to:

- Stop delivery of the newspapers
- Advise the post office of the change of address
- Call the cable company (Time Warner 1-800-431-8878) to place your service on winter vacation mode.
- Call the phone company (Verizon 1-800-837-4966) to place your service on vacation mode.
- Call NYSEG (1-800-572-1111) to place your unit on winter vacation mode. Remember to shut off all circuit breakers that will not be used.
- Call a local plumber to turn off your water and prepare your pipes for the winter.
- Check to make sure all windows and doors are closed and locked.
- Set your burglar alarm.

If you will be **staying at Hidden Ridge** at any time during the winter, or you need access to your unit during the winter months, don't forget to:

- Read carefully and mail in the enclosed Winter at Hidden Ridge Form to our office no later than October 1, 2014.
- Make sure that you have sufficient insulation in your attic.
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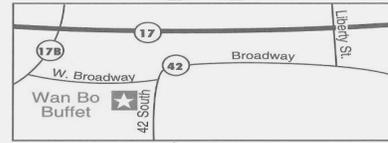
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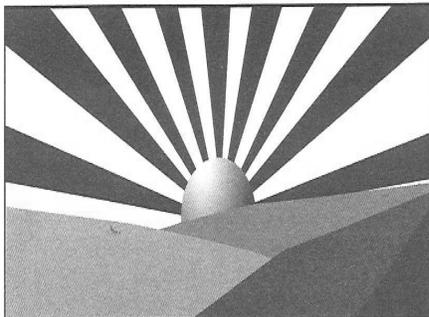
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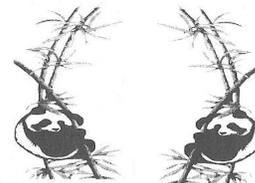
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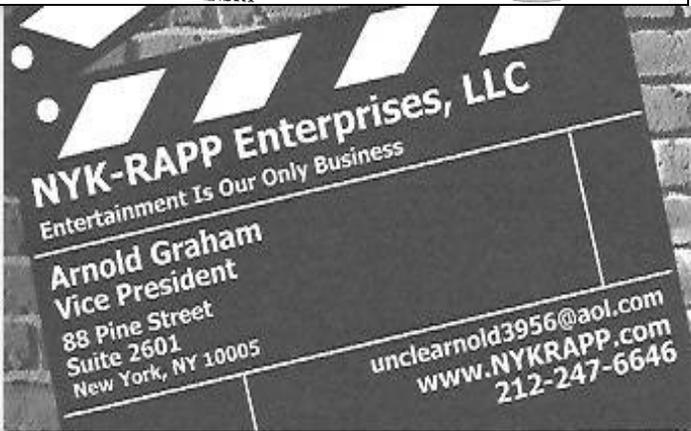
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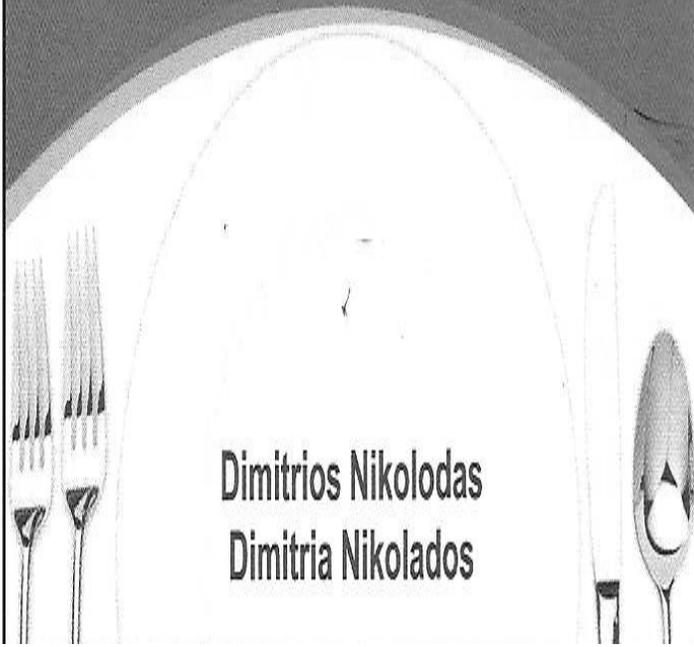
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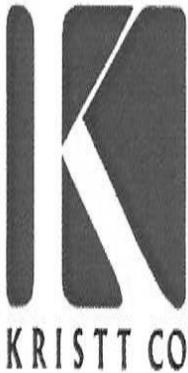
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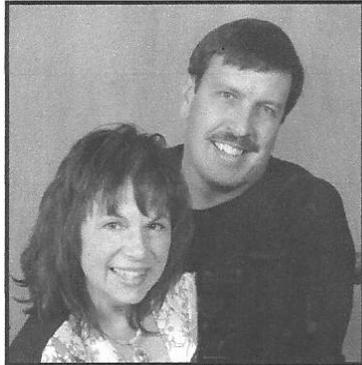
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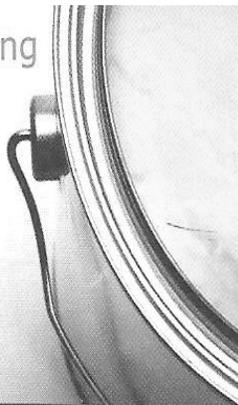
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