The Hidden Ridge GEM

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The President's Message



Dear Fellow Hidden Ridgers,

When I was an educator the catch phrase that caught everyone's attention was, "It takes a village to raise a child." Each person had a specific role in the education of the child. If I may paraphrase, "It takes all Hidden Ridgers to make our community the Jewel of the Catskills."

There are several people whose time and effort make this community as wonderful as it is:

- The seven members of the Board of Directors whose work never ends! These volunteers work all year round to plan and coordinate activities as well as dealing with the emergencies and day to day operations. Thank you for your support and willingness to serve.
 - Lenny Kirschenbaum for keeping the "fires burning" during the winter months along with Jerry Bassik. Lenny handles all aspects of the winter operation while some of us are in parts south.
 - Fred Hirsh, our newest Board member who jumped right in to serve as Secretary and legal liaison as well as chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee.
 - Chuck Greenberg for keeping our finances afloat.
 - Ed Hertz and the Beautification Committee for their suggestions to our residents on how to make their cul de sacs more beautiful by collaboratively planning, purchasing and planting beautiful additions to their common grounds. Hopefully by next year all of the cul de sacs will take pride in their area.
 - 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 at Hidden Ridge.
- Special thanks to Helen Klein, Linda Solomon and Isabel Streisand for coordinating the Gin and Canasta Tournaments, Jeff Lynn for coordinating our movie nights, and Betty Fuchs and Eddie Erlich Kudler for coordinating our poolside parties. Thank you to Larry Strickler for once again entertaining us with his multimedia presentation. A special thank you to Cristina P. for serving on Saturday nights and at special events. A very special thank you to Warren Streisand and Larry Miles who were always ready to go shopping with me for supplies for our events.

- Our maintenance crew Mike B, Mike H, Richie S., and Wayne H. for all of their hard work. We constantly hear compliments about how great the community looks. All admire the work that the crew has done! They have rebuilt crumbling storm drains, digging drains so that our homes are not flooded from torrential downpours, provided cul de sacs with areas in which to plant gardens, trimming shrubs and bushes that may endanger our roofs, as well as mulching common areas to give our property a fresh look. 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 P, Toby T., Marvin G., and David G.
- Eddie Erlich Kudler and Brian Kudler who set the example to other Hidden Ridgers by purchasing so many flowering plants to decorate the grounds. We thank these two gentlemen for their generosity!
- Warren Berkowitz our liaison to the attorney who is handling our tax grievance. He also facilitated the ordering of shirts, sweatshirts and end of season gifts for our residents.
- Linda Solomon and those who have contributed to the *GEM* by writing articles, Jerry Bassik who solicited several ads and Sol Klein who volunteered to be the business manager.
- Thank you to those homeowners who participated in our Annual Elections and requests for your voices to be heard.
- Thank you to the many people who donated items and those who participated in our first Chinese Auction and made it such a success.
- And last but not least, all of you who give us positive feedback and constructive suggestions to improve our community.

May you all have a healthy and prosperous winter until we can be together again next spring.

Bonnie

The Editor's Message can be found on page 10.

The entire staff of the Hidden Ridge GEM wishes to take this opportunity to wish all of our community and friends a happy and HEALTHY New Year and winter!

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Upcoming Events



The next Board meeting: September 20, 2015 10 AM

Meeting with the Winter Residents: October 11, 2015 10:30 AM

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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.



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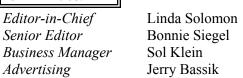
Wanted: Ads to defray costs of printing the GEM, such as, business cards, etc.

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

Call Linda: 845-791-6056 (May-Oct.) 561-498-9338 (Oct.-May)

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If you would like to contribute to the September issue or consider writing a regular byline, please notify the Editor-in -Chief

Please send your information to:

Linda Solomon at bonsdiva@aol.com

Liberty Pest Control

Liberty Pest Control has visited the premises and will return for those who need to address interior concerns.

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

If you have any questions, speak to Bonnie Siegel.

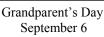
Life Cycle Events SEPTEMBER







Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 13 Yom Kippur - Sept. 22





Columbus Day October 12

Candy Day - October 16



Thanksgiving Day November 19

Veteran's Day

November 11

Happy Birthday



Virgo - Aug. 21 - Sept. 19)



Libra (Sept. 20 - Oct. 19)



Scorpio (Oct. 20 - Nov. 21)



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



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

Happy Anniversary

- Clocks and Watches
- 2. China
- 3. Crystal and Glass
- **Electrical Appliances**
- 5. Silverware
- 6. Wnnd
- Desk Sets -Pens and Pencil Sets 7.
- 8. Linens and Laces
- 9. Leather
- Ш. Diamond Watches and Jewelry
- Fashion Jewelry and Accessories 11.
- 12. Pearl or Colored Gems
- 13. Textiles or Furs

- 15. Watches
- 16. Silver Hollowware
- 17. Furniture
- 18. Porcelain
- 19. Bronze
- 20. Platinum Watches and Jewelry
- 25. Sterling Silver Jubilee
- 30. Diamond Watches and Jewelry
- 35. Jade
- 40. Ruby
- 45. Sapphire
- 50. Golden Jubilee
- 55. Emerald

Happy Anniversary

- 9-4 Carole & Harvey Levine 9-12 Meryl & Larry Miles 9-15 Shelly & Moishe Kleinberger
- 9-20 Linda & Bonnie Sie-mon 10-16 Ilana & Mark Zablozki
- 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

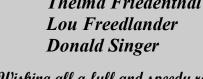
SAVE THE DATE!



- Sunday, September 20 Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday, October 11, 10:30 AM Meeting with Winter Residents

Get Well Wishes

Iris Lynn Thelma Friedenthal



Wishing all a full and speedy recovery





Randi & Warren Berkowitz are proud to announce the engagements of their children:

Son Scott Berkowitz to Dr. Alexandra Kilinsky

Daughter Jill Berkowitz to David Weissman

We also wish mazal toy to Randi and Warren on the birth of their granddaughter, Sara Ivy Berkowitz, daughter of Barry and Erica Berkowitz

Dining and Entertainment

Robbie's Recipes

submitted by Robbie Schecter



Making chopped liver for Rosh Hashanah dinner. What if you and/or a guest are vegetarian? Here's a great recipe I've been using for years for a great vegetarian version.

VEGETARIAN CHOPPED LIVER

- 1 C sliced mushrooms
- 1 C chopped onions
- 3 T margarine
- 3 hard cooked eggs
- 1/4 lb shelled walnuts
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp white pepper
- 1. In a large skillet, sauté the mushrooms & onions in the margarine until onions are golden brown.
- 2. Pass the mushrooms, onions, hard cooked eggs, & walnuts through a grinder or chop fine in chopping bowl.
- 3. Season with salt & pepper. Refrigerate to chill thoroughly

Serves 6

And here's a favorite for Yom Kippur Break Fast, or any lunch/ light meal

SPINACH PIE

- 1 1/2 cups plus. 2 Tbs olive oil
- 4 medium onions, chopped
- 6 garlic cloves minced

Coarse salt and ground pepper

- 6 packages frozen chopped spinach (10 oz each) thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 lb feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup plain breadcrumbs
- 2 tsp dried dill
- 8 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 8 oz frozen phyllo sheets, thawed and thinly sliced
- 1. Make the filling: in large nonstick skillet, heat 2 T oil over medium-high heat. Add onions, & cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, 3 to 5 minutes. Add garlic & 2 tsp salt; cook until garlic is tender, 1 -2 minutes.
- 2. Transfer mixture to a large bowl; stir in spinach, feta, Parmesan, breadcrumbs, dill, 2 tsp salt, & 1/2 tsp pepper. Fold in eggs until combined.
- 3. Divide mixture evenly between two 9 inch springform pans or two 9 1/2 inch deep-dish pie plates; press firmly to
- 4. Make the topping: In a large bowl, gently toss sliced phyllo to separate, then toss with remaining 1/2 cup oil until coated.
- 5. Divide phyllo between pies, covering the tops evenly and completely.
- 6. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bake until heated through and topping is golden brown, about 30 - 40 minutes.

Keep warm on those cool autumn days wih your HIDDEN RIDGE ATTIRE

Wear your Hidden Ridge wardrobe around town and show your pride in our community!

Hidden Ridge T-Shirts (new this year!):

Navy blue cotton tee shirt in sizes Small - 3X

All sizes: \$10

Hidden Ridge Polo Shirts:

White piquot with HR logo in sizes Small -3X(Most sizes left) S-XL \$16; 1X-3X \$18

Hidden Ridge Sweatshirts (new this year!):

Navy blue zippered hoodie with 2 pockets sizes S-3X

All sizes: \$20

Sale of shirts will end on October 10th. So don't be caught without them!. Contact Bonnie Siegel, 917-969-9646







Monday/Wednesday Night **Canasta Tournament Weekly Winners**

Aug. 17	Aug. 19	Aug. 22
Helene Schulman	Helen Klein	Gloria Plotsky
Larry Miles	Karen Seltzer	Arnie Plotsky
Gloria Plotsky	Harriet Fox	Isabel Streisand
Meryl Miles	Joe Schoenfeld	Helene Schulman
·		Meryl Miles

Aug. 24 Bea Freedlander Warren Streisand Larry Miles Joe Schoenfeld

Aug. 31 Isabel Streisand Joyce Bragin Harriet Fox Helen Klein

Sept. 2 Harriet Fox Mitzie Schoenfeld Meryl Miles Joyce Bragin Corinne Needleman Larry Miles

Sept. 7 Shari List Karen Seltzer Arnie Plotsky Meryl Miles

50-50 Winners **Gin Tournament**

Aug. 8 - Stan Schecter	August 9
Aug. 15 - Charlene Perez	Larry Miles
Aug. 22 - Lena Rubin	Meryl Miles
Aug. 29 - Lena Rubin	Linda Solomon
Sept. 6 - Sue McMahon	Helene Schulman

Cul-de-Sac Liaisons

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



A Special Memorial

The community of Hidden Ridge is saddened by the death of one of our four-legged residents.

Baby Girl Hertz has gone to Doggie Heaven

We extend our sympathies to Rhoda and Ed Hertz, who were fortunate to have her with them for 15 1/2 years. We remember happier times with BG. Those of us who were present at her "puptials" with the late Golden Boy Jacobs won't soon forget her walking the aisle in her adorable wedding dress while "Reb" Shayna Siemon

waited to woof out their yows.

Our pets are part of our HR family. We will all miss BG.

Suggestions from the Board of Directors:

At a recent Board of Directors Meeting a suggestion was made in order to curb spending on printing and postage, that some Hidden Ridgers do not want to receive a "hard copy" of the GEM and would like to read it online only.

The GEM is available online at our website www.hiddenrigehoa.org after it is published (September, December, April, June, July and August)

If you no longer want to receive a paper copy sent to you (or put in your door) please contact Bonnie R. Siegel at Siegelmath@aol.com. If you do not contact her, you will automatically receive a paper copy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Another suggestion was made at a recent meeting that homeowners who submit their monthly maintenance fees through online banking do not need to receive the Monthly Maintenance Voucher Booklet that is sent to each homeowner as part of the December mailing. A copy will be available online at our website.

In the future, if there are changes in the monthly maintenance fees, you will be sent a letter outlining any changes.

If you do not need to receive the monthly maintenance booklet and labels, please complete the following form and return it to Bonnie Siegel by November 20, 2015. You may also contact her via email at Siegelmath@aol.com.

If you do not submit a form you will automatically receive a monthly Maintenance Voucher Booklet and a set of mailing labels.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please return this form to Bonnie Siegel (6 Hidden Ridge Terrace, Monticello, NY 12701 until October 10, thereafter 6675 Overland Drive, Delray Beach, Florida 33484)

I do not wish to receive the Monthly Maintenance Voucher Booklet and Mailing labels.

Name	
Hidden Ridge Address	
Email Address	

HIDDEN RIDGE "POT LUCK" RECIPES

The Pot Luck Dinner was a huge success due to the variety of dishes brought by the participants. There was an abundance of delicious dishes, most prepared by our friends here and around. For those of you who were interested in the recipes, here are some that people were willing to share.

Gloria Plotszky's Chicken with Uncle Ben's Long Grain Wild Rice

1 chicken cut in 1/8ths 1 box Uncle Ben's long grain wild rice Paprika

Put Uncle Ben's long grain wild rice in a pan with flavor packet and add 2 1/3 C water. Place chicken, making sure to rub seasoned water on top of all chicken pieces. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. (Fast, easy and very good)

Gloria's Turkey Meatloaf

2 lbs ground turkey

2 eggs

1/2 C ketchup

Matzoh meal enough to hold meatloaf together Knorr's vegetable mix 1 pkg.

Mix all ingredients in tinfoil lasagna pan Shape into meatloaf then glaze with extra ketchup on top Bake at 350 degrees for approx. 45 minutes (top should be well done) Enjoy!

Isabel Streisand's Meat Sauce

2 lbs ground meat

2 jars marinara sauce

2 cans whole berry cranberry sauce

1 lge. can diced tomatoes in puree or 1 lge. can tomato

A few T. tomato paste <u>if</u> you want it thicker (not necessary)

Break up the meat and brown. If meat is very lean, spray pot with Pam.

Add all of the remaining ingredients and cook on low to medium for about 1 hour.

The cranberry sauce is the key - nothing else really matters. You can use any amount of meat depending On your preference. Also freezes well.

I use Bertolli Basil Marinara but I've used other varieties as well. This is a very forgiving recipe.

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.

A Report on the Special Meeting August 30, 2015

On August 30, 2015 there was a special meeting of the members of the Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc. The purpose of the special meeting was to vote on a proposal to amend Article XII of the By-Laws of the Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc. relating to amendment of the provisions of the By-Laws. At present in order to amend the bylaws, we need 66 2/3% of our membership (101) to vote in favor of any change. The proposed amendment was to have 66 2/3% of the members voting once there was a quorum (76 or more).

Due notice of the meeting was properly provided to the Members of the Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc.

A quorum of the members was not present. Therefore, the amendment was automatically defeated.

Even though a quorum was not present, the votes cast were counted to see the flavor of the community. The results were as follows: 67 Yes and 5 No.

We would like to thank those members of the community who voted and had their voices be heard.

NOTICE!

The pool will remain opened until September 20th if weather permits.



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.



ALLAN'S ALLEY

submitted by Allan Meyers



CAN'T GET THAT PASTA OUT OF MY MIND

Back in the late 40s and early 50s, Henry Morgan was my favorite comedian. He had a daily 15 minute radio program that was sponsored by Marco Polo, an Italian restaurant located on 42nd Street. The program started and ended with a chorus singing, "Aye, *Aye*, *Marco Polo eights zee zoss.*"

At that time NYU had one of the best basketball teams in the country. As a matter of fact, until the dumping scandal, New York teams were the best in the country.

Though I worked odd jobs during the summers and for the Post Office during Christmas and Easter breaks, the only money I had was the \$5 weekly allowance that my father gave to me. With that \$5, I had to go to and back from school by subway, spend money for lunch and for supper whenever I stayed late to study. Whatever was left of my allowance I used for my Saturday dates.

Through the school I was able to buy basketball tickets for 50 cents a ticket. My date and I would sit through the NYU game and the other college game. Then with my friends and their dates we would walk from 53rd Street to Marco Polo. The cost of the meals was equally shared among the guys.

Spaghetti and meat balls went for 15 cents, a coke was a nickel, and if we could scrape up 25 cents among us we could get 6 plays on the Juke Box. One Saturday night one of my



friend's date ordered baked Lasagna---35cents. We were outraged, can you imagine the *chutzpa? Now* where are we going to get that extra 20 cents for the tip? His date was forever banned from the group.

The old Madison Garden, the NYU basketball team and Marco Polo's no longer exist. Marco Polo's jingle still haunts me. I hum or sing it every time I pass an Italian Restaurant. I made everyone crazy the 2 ½ weeks we spent in Italy. I learned about 500 words in Italian but none fit the jingle. Then, about a few years ago the words dawned on me. "Ave, Ave, Marco Polo it's the sauce!"

Long Range Planning Committee

By Fred Hirsh

I had hoped to report the results of the survey sent out to Members regarding proposed improvements for the September edition of the Gem. However, several Members spoke to me over the weekend and told me they had not received the survey or needed additional time to reply. Rather than report partial results, I got copies to the survey to those Members who claimed to have not received it and will await their response.

The survey was mailed to all Members of the HOA in late July. The survey was mailed to you at the summer address on file with the HOA. A return envelope was enclosed with the survey. If you did not receive the survey or have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Bonnie Siegel or Fred Hirsh. Their address, telephone number and e-mail addresses can be found in the directory. They will be able to get you a copy of the survey or answer any questions you might have.

Since I would like to discuss the results of the survey at the Board meeting scheduled for September 20th, please make sure you mail or personally deliver the survey by September 14th. If you have not already done so, please mail your response to Long Range Planning Committee, Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc., PO Box 976, Monticello, NY 12701. Any responses not received by the September 20th Board meeting will not be considered.

The Long Range Planning Committee met on September 6th to discuss additional proposals for improvements to our community. We will be trying to determine what needs to be done to make the gym portion of the Clubhouse accessible year round.

The Committee recommended to the Board that a fitness walk be established in the Community. By next spring, we hope to have signs posted around the community indicating distances within the community. If you have any suggestions for a fitness loop, please contact Fred Hirsh.

Special thanks to all of the committee members for their efforts in researching, developing and recommending improvements that will make our community better for those who already live there and that will make our community more desirable to future residents.

FROM THE PEN OF....

Peter Morello

... Part II

Letters to Carly – Part II

Recap of Part 1: Carly Anderson's father, Bill, had passed away two months earlier and was predeceased by his wife, Mary. Carly as an only child was left with the chore of cleaning out her parents' belongings in their house located in the San Fernando Valley of California.

When Carly entered the kitchen, she found an envelope containing a note from her father attached to the refrigerator. She began to read.

Dear Carly,

I know you must be asking yourself why your father would feel the need to write to his daughter but you know the kind of man I am. I never was used to saying much but how I feel is a different story. Sometimes it's easier for a man to say things in writing that he couldn't otherwise say face to face.

Words cannot describe the love I've felt for you throughout your life and now that I'm in my last days, I'm thinking of you every waking moment. Your mother was different. She never had no trouble saying what was on her mind and you kind of knew where she stood in terms of her feelings. I'm just different in that way.

I know that I was very tough on you throughout your youth but you need to understand the influences that made me me. You see, your grandfather was working steadily for years as a milliner up until the depression and then everything was gone. He could never understand why that happened. He felt that if a guy works all his life then maybe he's guaranteed a job forever. When the paychecks stopped coming he didn't understand why. He blamed himself and even when he got another job two years later things was never the same. He seemed to change and became more withdrawn and quiet for the rest of his life. This is why I always was on top of you to study hard and do good in school and stay away from some of those good for nothing boys you brought home. I only wanted the best for you.

When my father had his troubles I had to drop out of school in the 8th grade and go to work. It's all I've ever known and I didn't want you to end up the same way so I was very strict when it came to school stuff. I didn't mean you no harm even though I caused you to be angry at me and you probably resented me at times. I just didn't want you to feel any kind of lingering resentment towards me.

There's another letter for you in your Captain Crunch bowl.

Carly was moved by what she had just read and breathlessly turned to the cabinet above the sink where she had always kept her Captain Crunch bowl since she was six years old. As soon as she opened the cabinet she saw the Captain Crunch bank in the shape of a treasure chest with the coin slot on top. She took the bank out of the cabinet and placed it on the kitchen table. She opened it and inside there was another note inside the plastic bowl she had used to eat countless breakfasts of Captain Crunch cereal. She quickly opened the folded paper, sat down and began to read.

Dear Carly,

Do you remember when you first got this bank and bowl in the mail? You were 6 years old and you sent in two box tops and a quarter. I remember the look on your face when the box arrived in the mail and you were so happy that it was addressed to you. You never let that bank and bowl get too far from you and you beamed with pride every time I gave you a coin to drop into the bank. You always used to lock the bank with the little metal lock that came with it and watched how your coins grew. You were a smart girl when you conned your mother into giving you some money as though I never gave you nothing.

I always wanted you and your mother to be proud of me even though working behind the deli counter at Food Giant was not exactly a career. It was a living and your mother did her best working the lunch counter at Woolworth. Together we put one foot in front of the other and did what we thought was best for the three of us and always put you first.

I was always concerned that you would not look up to me because of what I did for a living and my lack of education and that maybe you didn't see the value of a good education. Many times I felt ashamed of myself when I was around some of your friend's parents who had careers and I dreamed of you being better than me. But now that you're a lawyer, you can see how much you benefitted from going to school. You have become a beautiful successful woman who any parent would be proud of. In fact, we never had another kid because we were always concerned about how we were going to afford it all. I know how much you wanted a playmate as you were growing up but we saw to it that you could always have your friends over whenever you wanted.

When you became a teenager and you brought home a boy for the first time there was no boy who was good enough for my daughter. I know you hated me for that but you have to understand I was only interested in protecting you from what I thought could bring you harm. Although you're still single, I know you will eventually be able to make a wise decision when it comes to selecting a husband and you will feel just as protective towards your children when the time comes.

Whenever you got any grade less than 90, I would tell you that you had to do better. This caused you a lot of grief and frustration but overy time you did better and your hard work made you into the fine young woman you are today.

There's one more letter for you in your jewelry box in your bedroom. (continued on page 9)

(continued from page 8, Letters to Carly)

Without hesitating a moment Carly jumped out of her chair and quickly made her way to her bedroom. On top of her dresser was her jewelry box that was in the same place since she received it for her sweet-sixteenth birthday. She opened the top drawer and didn't see anything. She fumbled to open the middle draw and there she saw her I.D. bracelet she received when she turned sixteen and underneath was a folded piece of paper which she quickly removed.

Carly unfolded the paper as she sat on the edge of her bed and eagerly began to read as she moved her lips with every word she read.

Dearest Carly,

I'm sure you remember this jewelry box your mother and me bought for you when you turned sixteen. Once we bought it for you we had to buy you jewelry to go inside it and decided to buy you the I.D. bracelet you had wanted.

When I first saw you in the hospital after you was born, I knew right then and there you were special. It wasn't because you were a newborn but it was because you were my daughter. Your mother and me were so grateful that we vowed to do everything possible to give you the proper upbringing and every advantage we didn't have. You know your mother didn't have it much easier than me growing up and our goal was to not have you go through what we did.

Do you remember the time you caught me following you to school when you were in the second grade? I was trailing you about a half a block behind and when you turned around I tried to duck behind a garbage can and instead crashed into it and you saw me. You were really mad at me because you wanted to go to school on your own. That was just me trying to make sure you were alright when you went to school by yourself for the first time. I felt silly but wanted nothing more than to protect you.

I must admit that it broke my heart when you moved to New York especially since your mother had already died but I realized after a time that this was part of the success I wanted for you. But if I told you I didn't miss you terribly it would be a lie.

Carly, I sincerely hope these letters clear the air for you on some things that I know were bothering me and maybe was on your mind too. It sure was difficult for me to write this.

Your loving father.

Carly's eyes quickly filled with tears. From her right eye a tear broke free and cascaded down her cheek, lips and chin where it lingered for several seconds before hitting the letter with a sullen thud.

"Oh daddy, I never knew what...." Her voice trailed off as she bowed her head and continued to cry. After several minutes she raised her head and looked at her jewelry box and realized this was the first time in three years that she was in her childhood room and felt totally at ease as an air of calm came over her. She loudly exhaled, wiped her eyes and slowly looked around the room taking in everything.

Her thoughts turned to all of the events that took place in this eleven by sixteen room – fun



filled slumber parties, telephone calls to her girlfriends and the boyfriend of the minute, the talks she had with her mom and dad and the times she was confined here when she had the flu and the mumps.

She quickly saw that everything was as it always had been. The photos of Ricky Nelson next to that of The Beatles on the wall over her bed; copies of Tiger Beat were still piled three-foot high in the corner next to her dresser; the walls still had the same faded light pink paint that she adored as a teen; her brass bed with its bright pink comforter and pillows and the photos stuck into the wood frame of the mirror above her dresser,

She got up from her bed and went to the mirror taking in each of the photos and savored every special memory the photos unlocked – with her parents in San Francisco when Carly was 11; their trip to New York's Catskill Mountains when Carly was 15; she and her best friend, Martha, at Carly's first slumber party; Carly and her date for the senior prom; her parents wedding photo.

She smiled as the memory of each photo silently played out in her mind. She let her mind wander as all her childhood and teen events rapidly passed through her mind in a matter of seconds – some pleasant and some not so pleasant, but all special to Carly.

After several minutes Carly was emotionally drained and thought it best to leave for the day and come back tomorrow to start going through her parents belongings. As she left her bedroom, she gazed once more at the red wine stain in the living room and smiled knowingly. She locked the front door and turned around to leave, walked several steps and turned to face the door again. She thought about the one thing that she would have wanted to say to her father if he were with her right now.

"Thank you for everything, daddy - I understand," Carly softly said.

Hidden Ridge Directory

The Directory has been distributed for 2015-16. 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.



Make sure you read the insert regarding winter at Hidden Ridge.

From the Editor

Dear Fellow Hidden Ridgers,

My greatest pleasure comes from dancing to some of my favorite music in the Club-

house at Hidden Ridge; no - it's seeing the autumn colors up in the Catskill Mountains as the leaves turn at the end of summer; no - it's having fun with friends on a Saturday night in the Clubhouse at Hidden Ridge; no - it's playing cards in the Clubhouse; no it's doing laps in the pool at Hidden Ridge and having interesting discussions with my fellow "water buffalos" [thanks for the name, Jill] as we do our walking and dancing exercises in the pool; no - it's frequenting the places that I used to go to with my friends and family when I was young; no - it's driving into New York City each week for rehearsals with my synagogue chorus as we prepare for the High Holidays and then staying over at my friend, Lydia's house so that we can spend time together and go for breakfast in one of our favorite diners; no - it's riding around the countryside, especially Sackett Lake where I spent my childhood, doing what Bonnie calls my "hysterical tour;" no - I just can't make up my mind. I think I have to say it's all of the above!

People are always asking me where I like to be best - here or in Florida. I almost always say this: I love both of my houses, but Monticello will always be home to me. Having been born in Monticello, I take a certain amount of ownership of out little village, remembering when it wasn't so little. Why just this morning we were discussing the origin of the famous roast pork on garlic bread sandwich. EVERYONE lays claim to that invention! Doesn't matter, I sure did enjoy enough of them in my lifetime!

So now that the summer season has come to a close and we all look forward to getting on with our lives, I want to take this opportunity to wish all a happy winter. Those of you who will remain in the North, I hope you stay warm and that you get to enjoy the snow rather than curse it. For those who are doing the big migration, I wish you safe traveling. And as is our custom, I wish everyone regardless of your religious beliefs a happy and healthy New Year. Linda



Reminder! 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.

The Treasurer's Report



By Chuck Greenberg

Book Balances for cash accounts:

Checking-\$ 36,326 Money Market-\$ 20.018 Reserve-\$151,280 Total Cash \$207,624

Income 5/1-8/31 2015 vs. 2014:

Income increased by \$17,000 however delinquent payments increased by \$22,600.

Expenses 5/1-8/31 2015 vs. 2014 in excess of \$1000 (increase <decrease>) :

Accounting 1500 represents 2 months pd. In Aug Clubhouse 3300 includes recumbent bike

Heating <1100> Insurance 1800 Maintenance <26,300>

> {octagon windows <17,800>, retaining walls <11,900>,

paving 5500 (which is still less than budget), roofs <5200>}

Maintenance Equip. 1800

Miscellaneous 2900

Payroll Expense <6300> due to reducing

maintenance staff 40 hours and

Payroll Taxes <4000> safety down 16 hours

Any questions? Speak to Chuck directly.

The Poet's Corner



By Janet Lieberman

Destiny in Abeyance

Beloved Father, cherished husband My grandfather Isaiah, [anglicized "Harry"]

Your passionate gaze reaches out across generations...

Idealistic lamplighter, thrust into turmoil Valiantly striving for decent life Delivering loved ones, this "promised land" Generous patriarch, daring to yearn...

Skilled tailor, charismatic speaker Esteemed union activist, defying poverty Peacemaker Isaiah daring to dream... Old country Russian-Jewish melodies Reverberating through tenement walls...

Days lengthening, darkening dreams... Malignant shadows abandoning your brilliance Beautiful dreamer, death bed entreaty "remember" Adored lamplighter we weep for your untimely end Sharing your dreams, yonder distant shores, Light weeping in my throat eyes

For Your Information

Terry's Fitness & Health Corner



GRILLING - The Healthy Way

By Terry Steinberg

During the summer months and early autumn and even all year around (with all the new indoor grills that have come on the market), grilling has become a fun and popular way to prepare your meals. However, it has been established that foods cooked over a hot flame for a prolonged period of time contain HCAs and hydrocarbons PAHs which are considered carcinogens. These are possibly formed when MEAT's fats and juices drip on the fire causing flames and smoke which may contain these harmful compounds. However, when you do grill, incorporate the following tips to minimize or prevent HCA and PCA FORMATION:

- 1. Focus on a fish. It's delicious, so much healthier and cooks quickly, rarely dripping fats onto fire.
- 2. Trim, trim meats as much as possible. Less fat, especially outer layer, reduces fats and dripping.
- Use rubs and marinades containing wine, turmeric and rosemary. The Journal Of Food Science reports that these spices are effective in decreasing some of the power of the bad compounds (and it makes food more tasty).
- Don't over cook or burn meats or chicken (do not undercook at all). It has been inferred that very long cooking times causes more chemicals to form in meats.
- 5. GREAT AND DELICIOUS OPTION (PLEASE TRY THIS at least once and you will love it) GRILL YOUR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (hello to vegetarians). Yes these healthy, tasty options can be grilled without any worry of chemicals!!! That is because compounds are only found in muscle proteins. And such a variety awaits you! Sweet potato slices, peppers, mushrooms, eggplant, potatoes, pineapple rings, peaches, apples......etc all chocked full of vitamins and antioxidants..... (all these are my favorites for sure).

HAPPY AND SAFER GRILLING AND remember visit FREE amazing, website on clean and healthy food choices/recipes* purefoodlove.com

Social Committee

Karen Seltzer, Chair



The 2015 season at Hidden Ridge has come to a close. As I look back upon it, we had a good summer of many different events.

We started with a well attended Welcome Back Breakfast that was enjoyed by all. The July 4th deli dinner and show were a great success. Everyone seemed to love Shirley Alston and her Shirelles. Those girls sang their hearts out for us and we all had a good time reminiscing about our younger years!

Our first ever Chinese Auction/Hidden Ridge Café was enjoyed by all who participated, a definite repeat for next year. Start saving all your items to be placed at the Auction now.

We tried some different acts recommended by our residents - some worked, some didn't. Our Pot Luck dinner was overwhelmingly successful, so many different and delicious dishes were served. Thank you all who participated. A request went out for recipes from that evening and we are glad to share those we received with you here on page 6.

Our Labor Day festivities began on Friday night with the viewing of the documentary, "Welcome to Kutsher's: The Last Catskills Resort" with a follow-up O & A by Larry Strickler, former Director of Activities at the hotel. Thanks to Carrie and Steve Miller for sharing their copy of the film. There was a poolside wine and cheese party on Saturday afternoon, coordinated by Eddie Erlich and Betty Fuchs with fruity delights compliments of the Warren Berkowitz's. Our Sunday evening dinner was catered by Frankie & Johnny's Restaurant. Everyone said the food was abundant and delicious this year. Leftovers became the fare for the spontaneous pool party on Monday, Labor Day. The great entertainment provided by 60's group, The Happenings ("See You in September") made our Labor Day Sunday evening event a wonderful way to end the summer. Everyone left full, content and in a joyous mood to go forward into the glorious fall and the cooollllllddddd winter!

Next season we hope to bring forth additional events to meet everyone's taste in fun and entertainment. The Social Committee is beginning to plan, hoping to meet everyone's needs. Of course, you know, if you do not make your voices heard no one can guess your preferences. So make sure to come to the Social Committee meetings. I want to thank the many volunteers who help me with the setups, and cleanups. Happy holidays to all, and safe travels. See you in the Spring.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



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

There will be one more opportunity to send holiday greetings to your neighbors and friends of Hidden Ridge in 2015. The last Holiday Greetings for this year will be included in the December issue of the *GEM* to celebrate Chanukah and Christmas.

If you would like to still participate for 2015, please complete the fill-in on the last page and send it to our office with a check for \$3.00.

Collection for the 2016 holiday greetings will begin in January. Thank you all for your participation. We look forward to seeing your names listed here again next year! **Editor**

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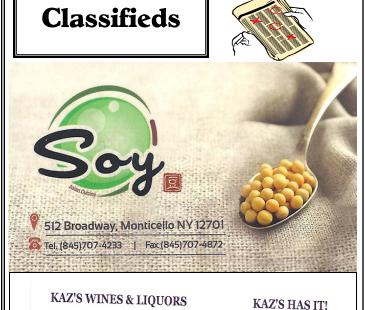












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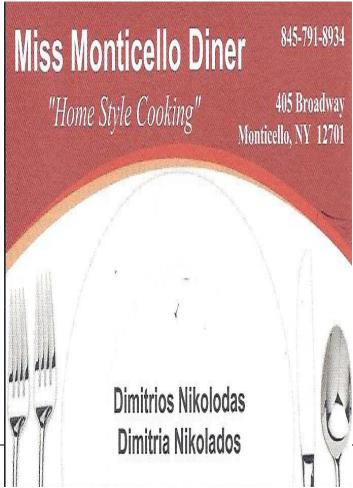




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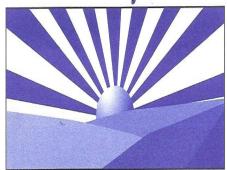
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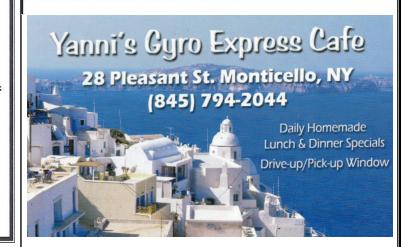
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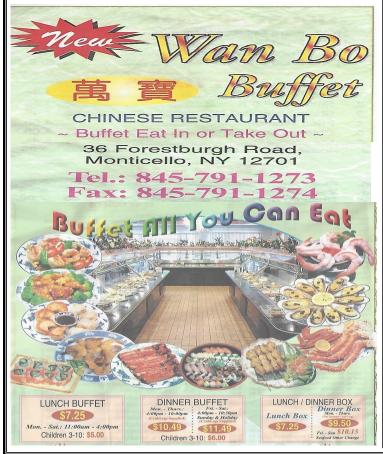


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