

## **The President's Message**



Dear Hidden Ridgers,

Our Kick-off to Summer Event was attended by over 70 residents and our July 2<sup>nd</sup> BBQ Dinner and Show was attended by over 125 residents and their guests. I was glad to see that so many of our residents took part in our holiday festivities. However, our general meeting was attended by less than 40 homeowners (representing 22 units), and our open Board meetings had less than 15 homeowners in attendance. It says one of two things to me. Either we, the Board, are doing such a wonderful job that there is no need for you to attend. Or that the majority of the homeowners are apathetic and do not care about this community! What are the rest of you doing?? I am sure if the Board was considering to raise the monthly maintenance fee or impose an assessment on each homeowner, the clubhouse would be filled - am I correct?

Elections for three directors will be held this month – those candidates who were nominated or filed letters of intent are featured on page 10.

You will have a chance to ask your questions of the candidates on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Meet the Candidates and then vote at our Annual Meeting on July 30<sup>st</sup>. Both activities will be in the clubhouse. Bagels and coffee will be served at the Annual Meeting.

It is important that each of you exercise your right to vote. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you can send in an absentee ballot or appoint someone as your proxy. Details are included with the election packet that is in this mailing. This is your community! While there are currently three people running to fill three positions, more viable candidates may be put on the ballot.

I want to remind the community that the Board of Directors as well as those volunteers who serve on various committees work on **their** time servicing the community in a variety of ways. Can you spare an hour a week to help set up the clubhouse for our Saturday night activities? As everyone can see when they walk into the clubhouse, all is set up for your enjoyment. It just doesn't happen by itself! Do you have any ideas for different activities that we would all enjoy? See Ben Lorick, chairman of the Activities Committee. Set up is every week on Saturday mornings at 10 AM in the Clubhouse (unless otherwise noted).

While I know that volunteering is sometimes a thankless job, for those of you who do willingly lend a helping hand, the occasional thank you makes it all worthwhile. Therefore, thank you to those who volunteer and to those of you who recognize our efforts.

Bonnie

## **From the Editor**



*It has been very difficult to write this message this month and I'm not sure I even understand why. I usually don't have a problem delving right in and, of course, speaking my mind. However, this month I am torn. Do I want to talk about all of the things that have gone wrong or do I want to focus on all of the things that have gone right? Actually, I don't think we can look at one without at least touching on the other. So here goes -*

*First, we are blessed with some new homeowners and renters. We welcome them all to Hidden Ridge, the absolutely most beautiful and friendly community in the Monticello area! I welcome back those people who have returned as well.*

*We have been busy already. We have had a couple of weekends of entertainment and weekday/night activities as well. We have had canasta winners and two 50/50 winners of big pots of money! We even had our poker players enjoying their "fekakteh" games as well. So, what hasn't gone so well? First, our get well list has increased after two visits to the hospital for two unrelated issues. I am happy to say that both women have returned home. We wish them well in their healing and speedy recovery.*

*Next, we have had many trees cut down to protect our homes from being hit by them falling due to weak trunks. Is this a good or a bad thing? I personally would like to see them all replaced. One of the things I always loved about Hidden Ridge was the serenity and beauty of the many tall trees around the community. Where trees have been felled, I find the areas bare and lonely looking. I will mention that I did save one tree. I fought for that beauty with my heart and soul and I saved the day. I love that tree and I am going to give it a special name because it survived the saw. I am going to call it Tom as in "saw-yer."*

*On a personal note, I am inclined to LOVE our pool. Nothing negative here, folks. For those of you counting, I'm up to 70 laps, on my way to 100, which will put me over the mile mark. This has been a goal of mine for oh so many years. I'm glad to think I might finally reach it this year.*

*We had a little rough start in June, having been hit by a deer as we were on our way to a funeral in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We got no farther than Matamoras, PA. Believe it or not, I still have not gotten my car back! I couldn't believe that it wasn't totaled, but I was told that there has to be at least 75% of the cost in damages before they will total a car. It has taken a long time to make my new baby (had the car for 3 months) as good as new. The positive here is that I trust the dealer to make sure my auto is perfect before turning it back to me. I just hope that happens before the end of the summer.*

*I hope we have a wonderful rest of the summer and that we continue to enjoy ourselves here on the Ridge.*

Linda

## 2016-2017 Board of Directors

Bonnie Siegel	President	917-969-9646
Lenny Kirschenbaum	V. Pres	845-794-3395
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Chuck Greenberg	Treasurer	516-445-3845
Ben Lorick	Director	845-423-2801
Karen Seltzer	Director	794-2752 917-861-6291
Robbie Schecter	Director	347-385-4373

**Hidden Ridge H.O.A.  
PO Box 190  
Mongaup Valley, NY 12762**

## Hidden Ridge H.O.A. Committee Liaisons

Au-	
Budget, Finance	Chuck
Beautification	Robbie
Community Activities	Ben
Cul-de-Sac Liaisons	Robbie
GEM/Website	Bonnie
Grievance	Fred
Insurance Certifications	Bonnie
Insurance Matters	Bonnie, Fred
Legal	Fred, Bonnie
Liaison to Veria	Bonnie, Ben
Long Range Planning Committee	Fred
Maintenance	Bonnie, Lenny, Robbie
Daily Pool & Pool Pavilion Op.	Bonnie, Lenny, Karen
Safety	Lenny
Sales and Rentals	Bonnie, Fred
Sanitation and Recycling	Bonnie, Lenny
Snow Removal & Winter Main.	Lenny

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## Upcoming Events



**Next Board Meeting:**  
Sunday, July 23, 2017 10:00 AM

**Annual Meeting and Elections:**  
Sunday, July 30, 2017, 10:30 AM  
Coffee and Bagels served at 10:00 AM

**Please check bulletin board for time and place**



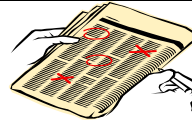
Want to announce something to our community? Call Linda and place an ad in the GEM.

Please call 917-747-8660 or email:  
bonsdiva@aol.com  
**DEADLINE for AUGUST ISSUE - July 20**

## 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

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

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If you would like to contribute to the August issue or consider writing a regular byline, please notify the Editor-in-Chief. Please send your information to: [bonsdiva@aol.com](mailto:bonsdiva@aol.com)  
Linda Solomon at [bonsdiva@aol.com](mailto:bonsdiva@aol.com)

## Liberty Pest Control

Liberty Pest Control will 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. Thank you.

# Life Cycle Events

## JULY



Bastille Day  
July 14

Independence Day  
July 4



Emma Lazarus' Birthday  
July 22, 1849



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Leo (July 23 August 20)



July - Birthstone: Ruby

Flower of the Month: Larkspur

## Happy Birthday

07-01 David Muirhead	07-20 Sylvia Singer
07-02 Vera Zabloski	07-25 Theo Goldstein
07-04 Brian Kudler	07-27 Mark Rachleff
07-07 Gloria Glick	Jerry Sullivan
07-09 Ilya Glaz	07-28 Linda Solomon
07-15 Jennifer Mitgang	07-29 Alice Chiappetta
Rachel Schatten	07-31 Iris Lynn



## Happy Anniversary

- |                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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                      |



7-05 Florence & Jack Sachs

## Hold The Date!\*

- Sunday, July 16 – Meet the Candidates
- Sunday, July 23 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday, July 30 – Annual Meeting and Elections
- Sunday, August 13- Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday, August 27- Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday, September 3- General Assoc. Meeting
- Sunday, September 10 - Board of Directors Mtg.
- Sunday, September 24 - Board of Directors Mtg.

*\*Times and locations to be announced at a later date – Dates are subject to change, please check the bulletin boards and web site.*

## Celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event?

Have any other reason to celebrate? Have nothing special in your life but want to just say hello or share your good fortune with your Hidden Ridge friends and neighbors? Sponsor the collation after the Saturday evening entertainment.

Do you remember the weekly weekend parties at the pool? We would like to bring them back! You can make it happen by sponsoring a Saturday or Sunday event at the pool. We also need volunteers to buy the food, set it up and clean up after the Saturday or Sunday events at the pool.

Speak with Bonnie Siegel about the cost and available dates.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

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, emails or texts 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## The Poet's Corner

Janet Lieberman



### Urban Planter

Today's delight revealed, fragrant gift  
unwrapped  
Fills forlorn hard grey terrace spaces  
Flutters in polluted breezes

Gentle begonia blossoms beckon...  
Green cupped leaves collect dew drops  
Wink at me, endures torrid spring heat

Heroic carmine pink freckled faces peek  
out  
Cheerful clustered blossoms wave at me  
Sheltered from hard wind at night

Bamboo chimes serenade dappled garland  
Nourishes planters' feathery bed  
Provides peace light, gifts me solace!

May 18, 2017

## GOING PAPERLESS – GEM

The GEM is available in color online at our website [www.hiddenridgehoa.org](http://www.hiddenridgehoa.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 complete the form below and return it to Bonnie R. Siegel. If you do not submit a form you will automatically receive a paper copy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please return this form to Bonnie Siegel (6 Hidden Ridge Terrace, Monticello, NY 12701) or email her at [Siegelmath@aol.com](mailto:Siegelmath@aol.com):

*I do not wish to receive a paper copy of the GEM beginning with the August 2017 issue.*

Name

Hidden Ridge Address

## 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.

**SPEED  
LIMIT  
15**

## MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORMS

**ALL** requests for exterior maintenance must be written on **Maintenance Service Request Forms**. Copies may be picked up in the **pocket envelope** on the bulletin board. All requests should be placed in the **maintenance mailbox** on the right side of the main bulletin board.



### Use one form per request.

If you have any questions regarding maintenance, please contact Lenny Kirschenbaum or Bonnie Siegel.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

## FROM THE BOARD

### According to the State Department of Health:

If you're swimming in the pool, remember the rule - two is company but ***no one can swim alone!*** Please be sure that you have a buddy with you or that there is someone on the pool deck when you are in the water. This is for your safety!

Thank you for keeping us from being cited and for keeping our pool opened for the enjoyment of all.



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Now that most of the work has been completed on tree/shrub trimming to protect our roofs/gutters/siding, I would like to resurrect the Beautification Committee...YAY!! Please contact me if you would like to be a part of this...I need YOU!!

Thanks, Robbie (347) 385-4373;  
rschecter0409@hotmail.com

### Get Well Wishes

**Charney Greenberg**  
**Maxine Kopp**  
**Oscar Pavloff**

*Wishing a full and speedy recovery*



## Cul-de-Sac Liaisons

Cul-de-Sac	Numbers	Liaison
Azaleas	15-25D	Karen Seltzer
Birch	29-43D	Vacancy
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	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
Petunias	6-26T	Bonnie Siegel
Roses	8-14D	Karen Seltzer

## Welcome New Neighbors



### Homeowners:

Bob Restivo 86 HR Drive  
Jen Cole Enterprises

### Renters:

Jerry & Jackie Kletter 173 HR Drive  
Seymour & Sheila Spiegel 181 HR Drive



## Hidden Ridge needs you!



The Board of Directors request that you as a resident of Hidden Ridge sign up for one or more of our committees.

Please consider offering your expertise and experience to our community.

Contact the Liaisons listed on page 2. We especially need volunteers for the Beautification, Community Activities, and Audit, Budget and Finance Committees.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you. Thank you.

## Terry's Fitness & Health Corner



### Summer Headaches..... THE TRIGGERS AND SOLUTIONS

*By Terry Steinberg*

Hot summer weather can be a major catalyst for headaches (especially if you are prone to headaches). But you can take steps to lessen them by knowing the trigger points and learning to control the effects. I've listed the most common below and hope they help to ease any discomfort. Hopefully these kind of headaches can be avoided.

1. Trigger - skipped meals this habit can cause your blood sugar to plummet and set off a total body chain reaction to sensitive nerves SO don't wait till hunger sets in Eat 6 smaller meals or 3 meals with healthy snacks in between and DRINK OFTEN THROUGH OUT THE DAY TO AVOID DEHYDRATION a major cause of headaches. (Water, water)

2. Trigger - Perfumes, cleaning products' scent, cigarette, cigar, pipe smoke. Strong odors, even pleasant ones, can kick off misery in many cases of migraines. Certain smells inflame blood vessels in nasal passages in part of brain that processes sensory information. SO, if you are one of these people, try going fragrance free from all fragrances for a week! And avoid places and people where scents are present!!! See if that helps and then you can introduce one fragrance at a time. You may see some are fine and some aromas can not be tolerated. You decide and alter your exposure.

3. Trigger - Caffeine For some it's the culprit not the fix !!!!!Although a small amount works with pain relieving drugs and can help quell headaches, too much will cause repetitive or rebound headaches. SO, limit your caffeine to 200 mil or 2 cups of coffee a day and factor in the caffeine jolt you get from tea, soda, chocolate and protein bars or drinks.

4. Trigger - Technology - Prolonged staring at a screen of any kind can be bad news for your brains blood vessels and your eyes. Often called "brain pain." SO, take breaks often from your gadgets, be sure you have your eyes checked often with your doctor, and that you wear proper eye glasses. Be sure to install screen protectors which cut glare!

5. Trigger - Ponytails and tight headbands and tight braids can pull your hair too taut and can strain the tissues in your scalp initiating the kind of muscle and nerve tension that causes headaches. SO, opt for a "chic messy bun" or a less stressful loose ponytail.

## GET THE LEAD OUT!!!

*By Robbie Schechter*

As many of you know, for the last month I have been in contact with our local Department of Health office in Monticello regarding testing of our water. I learned this weekend that it is possible that corrosion of lead pipes can result in lead getting into tap water. Lead was used in water pipes in our area until outlawed in 1986.

You can reduce lead in your drinking water by "letting it run." Water that stands idle in pipes for long periods of time, such as overnight or if you are out at work all day, is more likely to absorb materials from the plumbing system. The best way to rid pipes of water that may contain lead, is to let the cold water faucet to run for at least 1-2 minutes.

Other household water uses will also help clear standing water from your home's plumbing. For example, you can establish a routine of flushing the toilet, running the dishwasher or showering first thing in the morning, before using water for drinking or cooking. Keep in mind, you will still need to flush the individual faucets for a short time before using them for drinking.

The water you run from drinking water taps does not have to be wasted. You can use this water for cleaning purposes or for watering plants.

Use only cold water for drinking and cooking. Hot water dissolves lead more quickly than cold water, so don't use hot water from faucet for drinking or cooking. Never use the hot water for baby formula.



## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

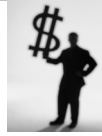
### CASINO NIGHT AT HIDDEN RIDGE

August 19, 2017 – 8:00 PM

*Come join us for a night of fun & games of chance.  
No charge for Hidden Ridge residents.  
No real money used.  
Lots of opportunities to win prizes.  
Refreshments will be served.  
More details will follow.*

## The Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Chuck Greenberg



As of July 6, 2017

### CASH IN BANK:

Chase Operating:	\$ 75,600	
Reserve:	\$ 150,100	\$ 225,700
Wayne General:	\$ 2,900	
Money Market:	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,900
Total Cash:		\$ 231,600

### Expenses:

Clubhouse:	<\$9,400>
Equipment Rental:	\$2,300
Legal Fees:	\$6,300
General Maintenance:	\$14,400
Road Repair:	\$2,000
Roof Repair:	<\$18,500>
Misc Maintenance:	\$3,000
Refuse Removal	\$1,800

Expenses more or less. Compared to last year: \$ 1,900

Resident Balances due	\$ 94,000
Advanced Payments:	\$ 13,000
Actual Due:	\$107,000

\*See special insert for the budget.

## HIDDEN RIDGE ATTIRE

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

### Hidden Ridge T-Shirts:

Navy blue cotton tee shirt in sizes Small - 3X  
All sizes: \$10

### Hidden Ridge Polo Shirts:

White piquet with HR logo in sizes Small - 3X  
S-XL \$16; 1X-3X \$18

### Hidden Ridge Sweatshirts:

Navy blue zippered hoodie with 2 pockets sizes S-3X  
All sizes: \$20

Most Sizes STILL Available!

Submit your order to Bonnie Siegel, 6 HR Terrace or  
pick them up at our Annual Meeting, July 30, 2017



## FROM THE BOARD

By Fred Hirsh

### READ THIS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU HAVE ANY WORK DONE TO THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR UNIT

A reminder to the members that pursuant to the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Easements, Charge and Liens contained on pages 22-39 of the Offering Plan, no work may be performed on the exterior of any unit at Hidden Ridge without first presenting the plans for the proposed work to the Board of Directors and before the Board of Directors approves the nature and scope of the proposed work. A copy of the Declaration can be found on-line under the documents section at the Hidden Ridge web site, [www.hiddenridgehoa.org](http://www.hiddenridgehoa.org).

Additional rules relating to the construction of decks and patios can be found in the Hidden Ridge A to Z booklet. Each member has been provided with a copy of this booklet. This booklet is also available under the documents tab of the Hidden Ridge web site.

Examples of work that requires prior Board approval includes but is not limited to the construction of a deck or patio, replacements of windows, replacement of storm or unit doors, replacement of basement doors, repairs or replacement of vinyl siding.

The Board has learned that certain contractors have recently constructed a deck at one of the units using materials that were not approved by the Board and replaced a basement door at a unit without first obtaining the approval of the Board for this work. The work done to replace the basement door caused damage to the retaining wall appurtenant to the unit that will have to be repaired.

While any owner may hire any contractor to perform work in or on a unit, work done in violation of HOA rules will have to be repaired or replaced at the homeowners' expense. Please make certain that before you perform any work outside of your unit, you present the proposal to the Board and obtain Board approval for the work. Please make certain that your contractor only performs the work approved by the Board, only uses materials for this work that have been approved by the Board and repairs or restores any HOA property such as retaining walls, sidewalks, roofs, siding involved in the work to the condition it was in prior to the commencement of the work.

If you have any questions regarding whether the work you want to do requires prior Board approval, speak with any member of the Board before starting the work. The names of the Board members are listed in the GEM.



## FROM THE PEN OF....

*Peter Morello*



### All in the Family – Part I

**I**t had been a little more than five years since they had last seen each other. Brothers, best friends, confidants – as close as two people could possibly be yet different in many ways.

Sam and Greg Stewart were inseparable as youngsters and even served together in the Marines. Greg as the younger brother by three years, looked up to Sam all his life and admired his devotion to physical fitness and dedication to the Corps as a career Marine.

Sam was currently stationed at Parris Island in South Carolina where he was serving as a drill instructor and he was returning to Brooklyn to visit Greg and his wife, Nancy. Although he was calm by nature, he felt nervous and was anxious to see Greg and was greatly anticipating their reunion. He tried to see his brother yearly; but, circumstances with the Corps limited his ability to travel home and Greg had no interest in going to South Carolina. He had left the Marines in Parris Island after serving for three years and wanted nothing to do with anything related to the military. Sam, on the other hand, was a Marine through and through and looked forward to serving for four more years in order to make an even twenty years to qualify for retirement. He was known as “Spit and Polish” and thoroughly enjoyed being a “Devil Dog.” He was a physically fit thirty-seven year old who took great pride in his conditioning and his leadership ability in training new Corpsmen.

Sam landed at La Guardia Airport and took a cab to Bensonhurst where Greg and Nancy lived in a well-kept private home. Greg was employed as a mechanic at a local GM dealership – a trade he had learned after graduating from high school and which was a valued skill while he was in the Marines. He and Nancy were childless and got along very well since marrying ten years ago. Theirs was a happy home that was frequented by family and friends and where dinner parties were the norm. Both being gregarious by nature, they enjoyed having as many people around them as space in their home would permit.

As the cab pulled up to Greg and Nancy’s house, Sam could see Greg standing by the bay window in the living room that overlooked the front yard. Greg started smiling broadly and called Nancy over to the window. “Hey, Nancy, Sam is pulling up in a cab – come over here quickly.” Nancy made her way from the kitchen to the living room where she was able to see Sam getting out of the cab and getting his suitcases from the trunk of the cab. As Sam made his way up the front steps he saw his brother and sister-in-law and began to smile and seemed giddy in eager anticipation, like a teenager. He walked with alacrity as he approached the steps and leaped from the first to third step and climbed the final step.

Greg flung open the door just as Sam was reaching the top step and ambushed him before he could put his two suitcases down. He hugged and kissed Sam and in a loud

voice that even the neighbors could hear said, “It’s great to see you again Mr. Spit and Polish.” Sam dropped both suitcases and hugged Greg all without his smile ever leaving his face. After several seconds, Nancy worked her way between the brothers and warmly greeted Sam with first a kiss on the cheek and then a prolonged hug.

“Hey, Brother-in-law, it’s good to see ya back in Brooklyn.”

“It’s even better to be back in Brooklyn, Sister-in-law.” Sam responded.

They continued hugging each other for several seconds more as Greg looked on happy to see the two getting along and anxious to start reminiscing with his older brother.

“Come on, Sam, let me take your bags and come inside and sit down and relax,” Greg said. Sam entered the same capacious living room he had been in some five years earlier. He sat down in a newly bought, reddish-brown leather wing chair with nail head trim.

“Gee, this is a lot more comfortable than that cramped airplane seat - I’ll tell ya that, Folks.”

“Sam, you look like you’re in great shape. You have to be to keep up with those young recruits, don’t ya?” Greg inquired.

“Well, I guess so,” Sam modestly replied while looking at Greg’s protruding belly and smiling.

Seeing where Sam was staring, Greg broke out in a smile. “Okay, okay, so maybe an auto mechanic doesn’t have to be in the same shape as a Marine D.I.” We each have our own jobs, you know.”

The brothers began to laugh loudly in unison as Nancy smiled and was happy to see the two men so happy and together once again. She always listened patiently as Greg repeated time and again the various stories from his days as a Marine. She knew he deeply admired and loved Sam and he never stopped telling friends about his brother being a drill instructor.

“So how was the flight to La Guardia, Sam?” asked Nancy.

“A little bumpy – the pilot said there was turbulence. He made an announcement about high winds or something. At least I made it in one piece. I never did like flying.”

Nancy made her way to the kitchen to prepare some snack food that she had bought for everyone to munch on before they all went out to dinner. She could hear the brothers talking and laughing from the kitchen and admired them for the amiable way they got along with each other.

From childhood, the brothers were inseparable with Sam always watching out and protecting his younger brother. Their parents, who now lived in Florida, raised their sons in a tight knit family where openness was encouraged and the four of them would once a week sit together and discuss whatever was on their minds. If there ever was a problem with school or their personal lives, time they spent in the Marines where each would watch the other’s back.

Nancy returned to the living room with the food and the brothers were in deep conversation. “You know Sam, we both should go down to Florida in the next year and spend some time with mom and dad – how about it?” Greg asked.

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"Well, assuming I can get away for a week or so from my duties, then that would be great and I'm all for it. It's not the same talking on the phone or sending cards for Christmas. Let's plan something that we can all agree on."

"That's a deal. Do you agree, Nancy?" Greg asked smiling at his wife.

"I'd love to go down to Florida with you guys. I sure can get into doing something like that and it's been a while since the last time I was there."

Now that Sam seemed settled in, Greg was feeling in a nostalgic mood and was thinking about the time they spent in the Marines and the fun they had had for the five or so months they were stationed together in California before separating to fulfill assignments given to them by the Corps.

Sam served tours in Hawaii and then Alaska for a while before settling in South Carolina where he began serving as a drill instructor and has remained ever since. Greg traveled to various locations in Europe and Asia and spent the last six months of his two years in Missouri before resigning and returning to Brooklyn. He admired how Sam could remain in the Marines for such a long period of time and prosper in such a strict environment. Being in the Marines as a career was not for everyone but Sam seemed perfectly suited to the rigors of Marine life and wouldn't have it any other way. He loved a disciplined existence that the Corps provided and in fact thrived on it from the time he first began serving.

Sam eagerly grabbed at the chips in front of him after not having had anything to eat for several hours prior to his arrival in New York. He voraciously crunched on the chips as Greg began to talk.

"You know Sam, I was thinking last night about the time we spent together in the Marines. Mom and dad were not happy that we both enlisted but in time they were fine with it. I know they've been really proud of you and your accomplishments. Now they regularly talk to their friends about their son the drill instructor like you're a John Wayne or something."

"It's not really like that, Greg. You know that from when you served. There's a lot of routine stuff and it can be boring. There are no heroics in that – that's only in the movies"

"I know that but everyone else doesn't know that. The public looks in awe at us Marines." We're heroes to them and as strong as steel," Greg said proudly.

"Maybe so but I don't regard myself in that way. It's really just a job."

Nancy was patiently listening to the men but seemed bored with all the military talk. "Hey, fellas – let's talk about something else. So, Greg, any interesting ladies you've been seeing?"

"Come on Nancy," Greg interrupted before Sam could answer. "I'll bet he has them coming and going. A young, handsome, in-shape Marine who is a leader. If I were a woman, I'd go for him myself. No time for a ball and chain to tie you down, right Sam?"

"Well, something like that," Sam replied rather shyly.

"I know how it is – you like to window shop but you don't want to buy anything. You're having too much fun with variety. I'll bet the women are throwing themselves at you," Greg countered. Greg began laughing and Nancy remained sitting and smiling politely.

"Whatever you say – have it your way," said Sam.

"Sounds to me like you're having it your way over and over again," Greg said and began to heartily laugh again while winking at Sam.

"Look, I didn't come here to discuss the Marines – I mean you guys are family and maybe we should talk about you. Nancy, how's your job going at Maimonides? I understand you just got a promotion to supervisor in the Ultrasound Department"

"Yeah, you're right. The old supervisor left for greener pastures so they gave me a promotion and things are going rather well. You know..."

"Hey, Sam, what was the name of that mamma's boy that we had in our unit? I think his name was Henry or something," Greg interrupted.

Sam seemed somewhat agitated by Greg's persistence but Greg was too involved playing the part of raconteur to notice. Greg wanted to reminisce but Sam was interested in moving on especially since he had heard these stories many times before. He cringed at the thought of having to listen to more old stories and talking about this one and that one. But he knew Greg couldn't be persuaded otherwise.

*To be continued....*

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## WINNERS' CIRCLE

### Monday/Wednesday Night Canasta Tournament Weekly Winners

#### July 3

Espi Turetsky  
Jane Platzek  
Carole Baken  
Tzippy Gruber

#### July 5

Harriet Fox  
Fran Zatz  
Esther Seltzer  
Maxine Kopp

#### July 10

Iz Streisand  
Fran Zatz  
Helen Badain

#### July 12

Billy Greenberg  
Harriet Fox  
Karen Seltzer

#### 50-50 Winners

July 2 - Janet Lieberman  
July 8 - Lenny Kirschenbaum

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

*It is time to hear from the candidates to the Board for open positions for the term of 2017-2018. There are presently three candidates for three positions. Here are their blurbs in alphabetical order.*

**Warren Berkowitz** - Hello Hidden Ridgers. I would like to share some information about myself as I am running for the Board of Directors.

I have a degree in accounting and I am a licensed attorney in the State of New York as well as the manager of a large corporation.

I am the past Queens Borough Regional President of B'nai Brith Youth Organization, past President and Chairman of the Board of East Meadow Jewish Center and I served on the Umbrella social action organization for Nassau and Suffolk County. I am also a motivational speaker and fund raiser for UJA.

My history at Hidden Ridge includes being an owner of my own unit for over 12 years after being a frequent guest since the inception of the community (my father-in-law, Lou Kind, was an early Board member). In previous years, I have spearheaded the tax reduction committee for homeowners of Hidden Ridge; and in 2016, I was able to organize and run a number of social functions including the very successful Casino Night, the 60's party night, the mentalism show and I also assisted in the Labor Day Pool Party.

My goals are to focus on financial stability of our community by helping to analyze cost saving methods while maximizing the enjoyment of our community members by developing social functions appealing to the interests of all of our members - and staying out of the line of fire!

**Fred Hirsh** - Thank you to the members of the Hidden Ridge HOA for giving me the honor and privilege to serve you as a member of the Board and Secretary of the HOA for the past two years. Much of the work that I have done for the community has been behind the scenes such as liaison with the HOA's attorney, preparing letters, reviewing documents, taking and writing the minutes of our meetings, etc.

As a result of my prodding, the HOA's attorney have been pursuing the actions brought against those have not paid their HOA fees more aggressively. I have also suggested that those unpaid HOA fees that have little or no likelihood of being collected be written off.

The recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee that I chaired resulted in the installation of the gates that provide better security to our community at a lower cost. The Long-Range Planning Committee has received many excellent ideas for improvements to our community that the board is considering.

Being a member of the Board has been a learning experience. I now have a much better understanding of the opera-



tion and needs of our community than I did when I was first elected.

I have learned that the Board functions year-round, even when most of our members are not present at Hidden Ridge.

I have learned that the most important thing a member of the Board can do is listen. As a result of the suggestion of members of our community and with the cooperation of the other members of the Board and our community, we now have pool parties on the July 4th and Labor Day weekend that are free and open to all members in good standing of our community and their guests.

As a result of suggestions from members of the community, we have changed the manner in which we book entertainment for Saturday night. Last year, this resulted in our Casino Night and "That 60's Group." We were able to reduce our entertainment expenses and improve the quality and diversity of the entertainment provided.

I have learned that our community must balance and be responsive to the sometimes-different needs and wants of the full-time residents, weekenders and snow birds.

I have learned that being open and honest with the members of our community is always the best policy. By being more open with our members about the finances and operation of our community, many misconceptions and myths about the operation of our community that resulted in discord among and between members of our community has ended.

I have learned that acting alone, nothing can be accomplished, but that if the Board and the community work together, we can make the changes needed to make Hidden Ridge the great community we all want it to be.

If you believe that we can and must do better to make Hidden Ridge the welcoming, friendly and inclusive community we want it to be, I welcome your support as I seek another two year term on the Board.

**Shelly Kleinberger** - Hi, Hidden Ridgers. My name is Shelly Kleinberger and I live at 185 Hidden Ridge Drive. I am running for a position on the Board of Directors because I feel I have something to offer to our community.

My past experience was managing a construction company for 20 years in Sullivan County. I feel that my experience can help me make productive contributions toward the operation of the HOA.

In the past, I have always helped out and lent a hand when I was needed, especially for the social committee functions. I am currently helping in the beautification of our community and I hope to continue keeping the community vibrant and enjoyable to all. Thank you for considering my candidacy.



## Reminders from the Board of Directors

**Barbeques:** Barbeques may not be used on any front lawn and emptying coal on any common area is prohibited. (A fire extinguisher is recommended nearby.) You may use the barbeque away from your unit in the rear of your house. Never leave a barbeque unattended.



**Outdoor Furniture:** May be left on the grass areas. However, please move it to allow for lawn care from our maintenance crew/landscapers. Please do not leave outdoor furniture outside during the winter months.



**Wood:** Stacking of wood for your fireplace is permitted. **Do not stack the wood against your house or vinyl siding.** A distance of 3 feet is recommended. A wood holder is recommended.



**Antennas:** Any and all TV and radio antennae are prohibited from being erected on the roof or within 2 ½ feet of the home. Satellite dishes are not allowed on any exterior surface. Any violation voids HOA responsibilities. A release will be available through the HOA to hold harmless the HOA for any damage caused by a satellite dish to your unit or any other unit or personal property.



**Landscaping:** Each homeowner is responsible for the landscaping within the 3 ½ feet of their unit in the front, back and sides (if an end unit). The common grounds of our community will be maintained by the maintenance crew. If a homeowner wants to exceed the 3 ½ feet, they need approval from the Board.



**Flushing:** Do not flush anything but toilet paper down your toilets. **Cottenelle or other freshening wipes** will clog the sewer system and will disrupt the flow of sewerage from the community. We recently had an incident where feminine sanitary items and paper towels caused a problem in our clubhouse.



### Hidden Ridge Directory

The Directory is being prepared for 2017-18. If there are any changes to your listing from last year, please complete the form on page 13 of this newsletter and submit it to Bonnie Siegel immediately. The new directory will be ready for distribution in the near future.



## SPECIAL THANK YOU

- To all the residents who donated and/or planted flowers at the entrances to their cul de sacs, a special appreciative thank from all.
- Shelly Kleinberger who distributed the June issue of the GEM to the residents.
- Eddie Erlich, Brian Kudler and Shelly Kleinberger for their donation of plants for the common areas around the community. Their purchases can be seen at the pool deck, the garden at the Liberty Road entrance, the entrance of the clubhouse and several of the light poles around the community. Thank you for your generosity and making our community brighter.
- All the volunteers who helped made our Kick-off to Summer Event the success that it was, even though we had to change our venue due to the threatening weather. Special thanks go to Robbie Schecter and Ben Lorick for coordinating this event that brought a lot of Hidden Ridgers together for an enjoyable afternoon.
- All the volunteers who assisted with the July 2 BBQ dinner. Thank you for shopping, setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up.
  - Special thanks to Karen Seltzer for coordinating the reservations for the dinner.
  - Special thanks to Fred Hirsh and Lenny Kirschenbaum for being our chefs.
  - Special thanks to Eddie Erlich for assisting with the shopping and schlepping.
- Eddie Erlich and crew who set up, served and cleaned up after the left over party at the pool on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Special thank you to Charney Greenberg, Mindy Hirsh, Stan Schecter, Linda Solomon and Michael Valcin for always supporting their partners/spouses, who are on the Board, and continuously being understanding of our time away.





## ALLAN'S ALLEY

submitted by Allan Meyers



### I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER

By: Ima Wynner

We all know that numbers and letters are important. Without numbers who could call us on our cell phone? Without letters how would we know how well we did in school?

Sometimes we even put letters together. Take a B and a 1 and we have one of the healthiest vitamins. Nedick's, an old-time food chain, used it as their advertisement, "B-1 Nedicks B-1." "Get a cup of Martinson's coffee, a donut and a glass of orange juice for 10 cents."

Well you did get the coffee and the donut and you also got colored water in a dirty glass. Where is Starbucks when you need it? Actually, the cost of one cup of Starbucks' coffee would have gotten you more than two months of Nedick's breakfasts.

Some numbers are magical – 3-because of the strikes and outs that you get; 7-because you think it's lucky; 13-is scary? Nah, it's a good number. After all there were 13 Colonies, 13 Stars and Stripes, and our sons and it's the age our grandsons become men; 18-you can drive; 21-you can drink; 25-is silver; 50- golden; 55-is the speed limit; 57-has many varieties; 69-I'm too embarrassed to explain; and 75-that's the spirit.

So, put all the numbers and letters together and what do you have? BINGO!

Bingo is a great game. You don't have to be a card shark or a mathematical genius. Why even little kids can play it. And, you cannot lose at Bingo as everyone is a winner. Play the lottery and your chances of winning are 1 in 176,000,000. If you started counting when you were 6 years old and never stopped counting you would be over 200 years old before you reached 176,000,000. But you can WIN at Bingo.

On Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm there is Bingo at the Club House. Not only are the magical numbers listed above called, but there are secondary and tertiary numbers together with plain old numbers.

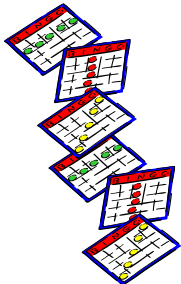
You get your card and stare at the numbers as they are called. You need one or two numbers to win, when the people at the next table (whom you do not like), yell "BINGO!"

Then the people, whom you thought you liked, yelled "BINGO!" The people at the next table, who say that their grandchildren bring them luck, yelled "BINGO!"

You look at your card and bemoan that the world is against you. There is no way to win. The God of numbers hates you. The balls are loaded, and Karen is calling out the wrong numbers.

Karen calls out "56 that's five-six" You hear someone yelling "BINGO" You look around to see who the rotten person who yelled it was.

You notice that you're on your feet and it is you who is yelling like a Banshee. You see Bonnie running with a fist full of money. She checks your card



and it is correct, you stand and point your finger at the crowd and shout, "You are all losers. I am a "WINNER. Not only that I took an extra ice-cream!"

Let me remind all of you losers that there will be another enjoyable Bingo evening next Tuesday at 7:30 PM. LOSERS!

### ELECTIONS 2017

Election packets were mailed to all homeowners recently. The letter explains that the annual meeting will be held on Sunday July 30, 2017 in the Clubhouse at 10:30 AM. There will be an election for three members of the Board of Directors. Currently there are three candidates running. They are: Warren Berkowitz, Fred Hirsh, and Shelly Kleinberger. They have each written something about themselves that appears on page 10 and they will be available for questions on July 16, 2017 at 10:30 AM at "Meet the Candidates."

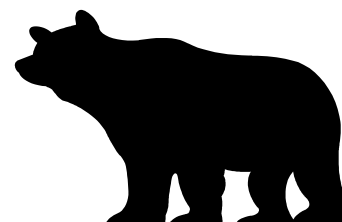
If you cannot attend the meeting in person, we encourage you to either send in an absentee ballot that was enclosed in your envelope or designate someone to vote on your behalf (proxy).

**It is extremely important that everyone participates in the Annual meeting in one of the three ways listed (in person, by absentee ballot, or by proxy).** At times in the past we have literally had to pull people out of bed to make a quorum.

This is your community- everyone has a say in how it operates.

### BEWARE THE BEARS!

The *Times Herald Record* has reported a significant increase in the bear population in and around our neighborhood. Residents should be warned against loosely tied or untied bags of trash and bird feeders in our residential area. We caution all Hidden Ridgers that bears have been sighted at our front gate and along Kutsher Road. Please be careful!



## HIDDEN RIDGE DIRECTORY INFORMATION SHEET

Please complete the following form and return it to Bonnie Siegel at the address above. If previously sent, return this form only if there are any recent changes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hidden Ridge Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following information will be kept confidential. However, it will be included in the Hidden Ridge Directory if you check the appropriate line(s). Please indicate below.**

☐ ***I want my alternate address/es and phone numbers included in the Hidden Ridge Directory.***

Alternate Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ ***I want my birthday/s (list name/date for more than one) and anniversary listed in the GEM***

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events at Hidden Ridge *Ben Lorick, Community Activities Chairperson*

Saturday July 15 – Leesah Stiles (singer)

Saturday July 22 – Dancing and Karaoke

Saturday July 29 – Joanna Gass (singer) and Gary Delana (comedian)

Saturday August 5 – Chinese Buffet and Annual Chinese Auction

Saturday August 12 – Simply Barbra with Steve Brimberg

Saturday August 19 – Casino Night (details to follow)

Saturday August 26 – Senior Prom (details to follow)

Saturday September 2 – Labor Day Dinner and Showtime (details to follow)

Sunday September 3 – End of Summer Pool Party (details to follow)

*Be sure to check our website, bulletin boards and emails for updates.*

## ***Don't throw out that gift that your distant cousin sent you - save it for our annual Chinese Auction!***

**This year all proceeds will be donated to a local charity to be determined.**

Saturday August 5, 2017 ~ 8:00 PM ~ Clubhouse.

The following is a description of a Chinese Auction:

A **Chinese auction** is a combination of a raffle and an auction. The difference between a raffle and a Chinese auction is that in a raffle with multiple prizes, there is one "hat" from which names are drawn, but in a Chinese auction each prize has its own "hat."

In a Chinese auction, people buy tickets, which are chances to win items. Bidders buy as many tickets as they like, and bid them on any item(s) they want by placing one or more ticket in the "hat" beside the item(s) they are trying to win. At the conclusion of bidding, one winning ticket is drawn from the "hat" beside each item, and the item is given to the owner of that ticket.

A bidder may increase the chance of winning by buying and bidding more tickets on a specific item. Although there is generally no limit to the number of tickets a given individual may bid on a specific item, the chance of winning depends on the total number of tickets bid by all individuals.

We are asking you to donate one (or more) brand new or "slightly" used, or "regifting" items that we can put up for auction.

Please bring these items to the Clubhouse on Saturday August 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM

*Please make sure your name is on the item.* Tickets will be available for purchase on Saturday evening.

If you have any questions, see Bonnie or Ben.



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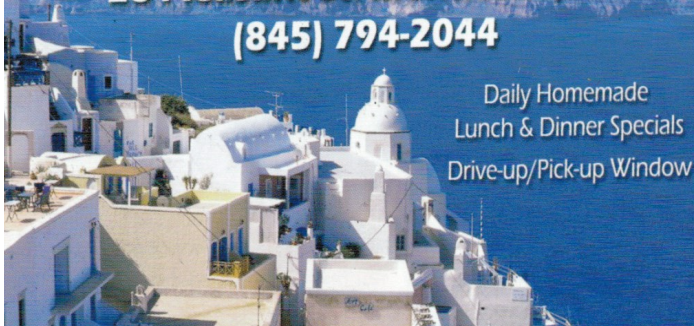


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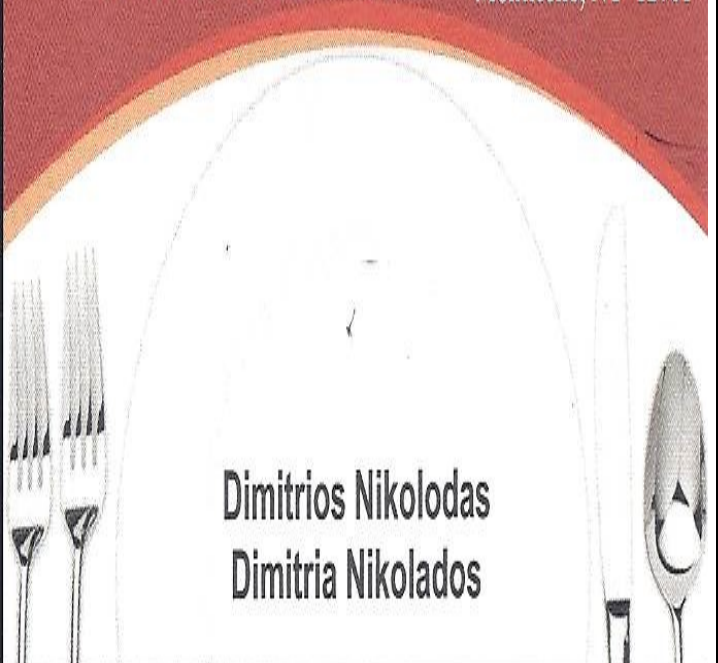
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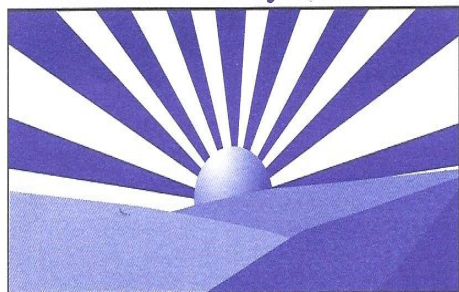
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