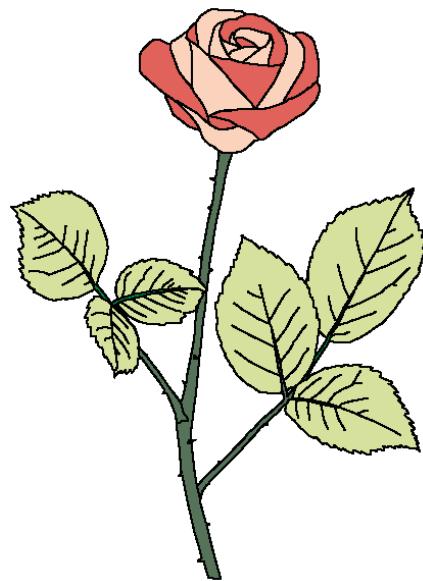


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NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## Surprise

Road 4 is changing with this issue. The black and white print issue, sent by mail, will remain the same. The email editions may be expanded beyond the familiar twelve pages. The ability to publish in color provides us with the opportunity to expand and present much more pictorial copy. Aaron has provided a two-page spread of the community photo taken for the 90th Reunion as our centerfold in the email edition. We hope you will enjoy our new 4-color format.

## Board Elections

Board elections were held at the Membership meeting on August 27th. The results are Rina Slavin, President; Martha Levites, Vice-President; Dan Fast, Recording Secretary; and Adam Huggard, Treasurer. At-large members are Ron Arnstein, Michael Brown, Patrick dePaula, Fred Margolies, Drew Orr, and Hannah Yates. Ben Goldner will serve for one year as the replacement for John Bergherr who resigned.

The Executive Board assigned liaisons for the association committees at the first meeting of the new board.

Barn:	Michael Brown
Beach:	Martha Levites and Hannah Yates
Camp:	Ben Goldner
Communication:	Martha Levites and Roman Broberg
Environment:	Roman Broberg
Lake:	Dan Fast
Maintenance:	Drew Orr
Road 4:	Gerry Sircus
Roads:	Fred Margolies
Sales and Legal:	Jeremy Metz
Social:	Roman Broberg
Town:	Rina Slavin and Carol Nordgren
Water:	Patrick dePaula and Ron Arnstein
Welcoming & Good & Welfare:	Carol Nordgren and Martha Levites

The board encourages members of the community to participate in the committees.

## Summer 2017

What an exciting summer: good weather, a solar eclipse, two tasty barbecues, and all kinds of fun. The social season began with the Cuban dance music of the Collazo band. Even those of us too old and ornery



Dancing to the Collazo Band

to join in enjoyed watching our younger neighbors dancing away for the evening. Then there was all the dancing at the lake, even on the sand, to the music of Jake and the Mountain Boys on the night of the August BBQ. We won't soon forget the performance of all the little ones, Schuyler Folster, Jacob dePaula, Zevi Yalowitz, Claire and Grace Delgado, Nila Solvano, Elka Yates, and Brooke McDonough. They seem to have learned a lot from Friday night folk dancing.

Natalie Solano not only was the star of Karaoke night but tells us all about it.

Oh what a night! Our 2nd annual Karaoke Night was a hit amongst us all! Many of us attended and participated, thankfully, to a wonderful, if not cacophonous, night. We had many new attendees as well as previous summers' stars which led to a fun evening of our favorite hits. We even had some ringers that took stage that amazed us with their singing talents like Zingy Mkefa who wowed us with his "Man in the Mirror" delivery. John and I opened with an impromptu rendition of "Born to Run" which may come as a surprise because we did not practice at all! I'm happy that everyone had the chance to take the stage, probably knowing from last year, that if you don't sing, I will. Drew, Lisette, and Mike Brown did an amazing job setting up the barn and all the technology required to get a night like this going. And who

can forget when we were having technical difficulties, Judy Shulman did not skip a beat and carried on singing "Natural Woman"! Other highlights include a rare appearance of Mark Schmidt to the barn and to the stage and Jeremy Metz performing "Ring of

#### **July 4th Barbecue**



Fire" with his wife, Denise. And who knew that Rose Howard knew the Humpy Dance?! It was nice to see that not much direction was needed to get folks up on the stage and singing. When you live in a place like the colony, where your neighbors are like family, it's perfectly acceptable to embarrass yourself in front of others. Glad that we can all laugh at ourselves and each other. Can't wait for next year's show!

A fuller review of the entire social season will appear in the next issue.

#### **The 90th Reunion**

What excitement. Who would have expected such a large crowd to arrive. Early responses suggested a modest party, but almost 200 showed up.



We know some of you couldn't make it and we'll let you know how the day's events took place.

People began arriving even earlier than the 2:30 programmed time and the barn was jammed when activities began. Tables had to be set up outside to accommodate the large crowd.

Our president, Rina Slavin, welcomed all and the festivities began. A group of young members (13- to

26-year-olds) recalled their early years growing up here. Thirteen-year-old Maeve McGroary was first followed by Emma Callen, Jordan Metz, Dana Sokolov, Talia Metz, Connor Moore, Abbi Orr, and Roman Broberg, the youngest member of the GBCA Executive Board. This was followed by the oldest community member, Shura Saul, who regaled us with tales of what it was like in her day. She answered questions from the crowd, many of whom added their own memories to the discussions.

The program adjourned with many of the crowd proceeding to tour the roads to see how things may have changed since their time while others went directly to the lake to await the group photo that was planned. (The photo appears as the centerfold in the color edition.)



The evening began with a sumptuous dinner served at the barn followed by more reminiscences. Then the entertainment began; Denise Cossu and John Bergherr began recollecting our communal past by singing "Where or When"; Judy Shulman and Max Leighton performed a cute skit; a selection from Billy Yalowitz's play "East Towards Home"; and the evening ended with a variety of songs presented by Rick Cousin and Albi Gorn, Ron Dressler, Ginger Rosvally, Sue Lampert, and John Fisher.

What will the 100th be like? *A few words from Judy Lukin about her response to the 90th celebration*

"About our 90th Birthday, I loved every little moment. I loved hearing the history from Shura Saul and the memories of others. I was grateful for name tags, without which I would not have recognized several old and dear friends. I was thrilled that dinner was served so graciously and gracefully, without fuss. I was blown away by Judy's Yiddish. Oh my goodness! I most loved the singing at the end. It was the Goldens Bridge I remembered from my teen years, the one I loved the most, and that I miss a lot. I did send reports to three old GB friends who couldn't be there. I know there were others I was looking for. Hope they are well. Had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thank you to all who worked so hard on this. It was amazing!"

## 2017 Scholarships

This year our community gave out two scholarships to John Jay High School graduating seniors. Our social justice scholarship went to Eda Zhang. In addition to being a student, Eda works long hours in her parent's restaurant and has volunteered for many worthy causes such as the Relay for Life, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Lewisboro Library Fair. The following is the essay she submitted:

### An Issue of Social Justice that Needs to be Addressed Currently by Eda Zhang

The disproportionate number of African Americans in the prison system is a very serious issue, which is usually not discussed in its totality. However, it is quite important to address the matter because it ultimately will have an effect on African Americans as a whole.

Of the many tribulations that plague Americans today, the increase in the amount of African American men and women in prisons is unbelievable. It would be naïve to say that the increase is due to the fact that more African Americans are committing crimes now than before. When in actuality it has very prevalent connections to a systemic plan to incarcerate a race of people by creating harsh drug laws to imprison mostly African American nonviolent drug offenders. Since these drug laws were enforced strictly, African Americans have filled our prison systems in outstanding numbers. Consequently causing an overrowded prison. Private companies, which contain private contracts with the prison, use the inmates as a source of free or cheap labor. One may ask themselves, "is this ethical?" Absolutely not. They allow the public to believe that it is beneficial because it has no expense to taxpayers, however, the only real benefit is to the company itself. The company has managed to attain free or cheap labor while simultaneously increasing their net profits.

When the values of people and the ethics of a country are systematically broken down, one begins to ponder about why the preposterous numbers are what they are. African Americans constitute about half of the prison inmates when they only make up about 13% of the United States population. This evidently shows the disproportionate number of African Americans in prison compared to individuals of other races. It is a social justice issue that must be addressed and resolved.

### Judith Fast Memorial Art Scholarship

The recipient of our Judith Fast Memorial Art Scholarship, Sophie Lee, wrote the following thank you note to the community:

I am writing to express my gratitude to the Goldens Bridge Community Association for selecting me as the recipient of the Judith Fast Memorial Art Scholarship. I was incredibly honored to be recognized in the name of somebody who spent her greatest efforts to better the world around her, as well as by an organization that enriches the lives of so many.

As I begin attending the University of Pennsylvania this fall, I plan to continue my education in the arts in conjunction with training in the medical field. I am also very excited to be able to dedicate much of my time and artistic experience to the community through civic engagement opportunities, especially the mentoring program. I truly believe in the power of art to create connections between us as human beings, even across the boundaries that so often seem to divide us; art challenges us to understand each other – and it can bring so much joy. I hope to inspire a love for the arts in the next generation the same way so many arts educators and community programs have done for me.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. This award

has inspired me to always give back to the community and each next generation. After all, you never know just who your voice might reach.

Sincerely,

Sophie Lee

## Golden Bridge Day Camp

This summer the camp hired some exceptionally talented specialists and counselors, and it was apparent in many of the special activities.

The camp was fortunate enough to have Dana Sokolov for a Drama Specialist. Dana, inspired by her time as a GBDC camper, decided to put on the Lion King. She was ably assisted by our music specialist, Abby Scharff, who helped our campers sing like nightingales! What struck many observers was not only the



singing and acting, but the ensemble nature of the play. Every camper participated in some way. Three-year-olds sang on stage assisted by fifteen-year-old CITs. A nine-year-old was the assistant director and stage manager, ensuring that everyone was on script. Thanks to our amazing art specialist, Candace Winters, every camper painted a portion of the Serengeti backdrop, and they all created glorious costumes—all in all, a beautiful, collaborative presentation.

Our nature specialist, Meghan Dwyer, dovetailed her activities with Drama helping campers discover the wildlife of the Colony. Campers in the 17 acres found frogs and crayfish, and the skeleton of a snapping turtle. The wonderful campouts in the field, the 17 acres and the barn during storms, nature study, identifying flora, poisonous and edible plants, examining and building bird nests, made for magical experiences. Her strong focus on ecology and biomes enriched

everyone's summer. Meghan was a superb artist; she drew pictures of some common invasive species and had campers search the colony rounding up the fugitive vegetation. Meghan designated herself as a sheriff and the campers as her deputies. Campers received a bounty for their "captures."

Candace Winters, our art specialist, has been with us for many years and we are so grateful she returned. Everything she did with the children, from ceramic leaf studies, to tie-dying to photosensitive fabric art to painting, was thoughtful and exhilarating.

Dylan Schneider was our sports' specialist. An amazing basketball player and a veteran of many sports programs himself, he was able to assess each camper's interests and create engaging and challenging activities.

A new special area this year was our CIT program for 14- and 15-year-olds created by Jacob Fertig. While in the past we have had CITs who assisted in groups, this was the first year our CIT program strove to instruct leadership skills, such as communications, problem solving, relationship building, group control, behavior management, initiative, and professionalism.

### Thank You

Let's all remember to have some special words for Mera Eisen and John Bergherr when we see them. They are both stepping down from more than 20 years of serving on the Executive Board of the GBCA. All those years of loyal service deserve some loud hurrahs.

Thanks should also be extended to Anna Margolies for keeping the gardens at the barn as attractive as they were in the past.

We should not forget to thank Lisette Myers Orr and Roman Broberg for the great effort they put in to clear the damaging effect of the Japanese barberry and bindweed that have been inundating our roadside trees and bushes. They were forced to halt their efforts when they developed serious cases of poison ivy. This infestation is a community problem and we should be searching for a community solution. Those who would like to participate should contact Roman at 914-767-9115.

### Roads

Many of us find that the town's work in repairing our roads doesn't satisfy our needs. Fred Margolies, the chair of our road committee, suggests that we should communicate our problems directly to the Lewisboro Highway Superintendent, Peter Ripperger at 914-763-3166. This may be the best way to get some appropriate response.

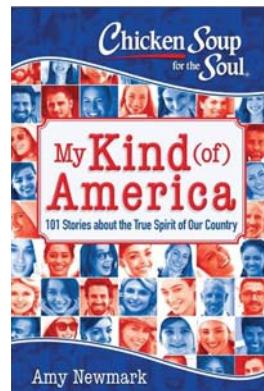
Remember, vehicles are not allowed in the seventeen acres. And keep to the posted speed when driving on all our roads.

### Elliot Sokolov

Elliot Sokolov composed the music and songs for "Seneca Falls," a musical about the beginnings of the women's suffrage movement that was produced this summer by the Open Eye Theater in Margaretville, N.Y. in the Catskills. Elliot composes music for documentary and feature films, television, dance, theater, performance art, and the concert stage. His dance scores and concert music have been performed throughout the U.S., as well as in Canada, South Africa, Italy, Great Britain, Greece, and Russia. Other recent work includes a dance opera, "Icarus Rising" performed in 2015 at Raritan College, and the score for the noted documentary "Kings Park: Stories from an American Mental Institution." His music for television includes Sesame Street, Nova, Nature, and many others. You can listen to some of his music at [www.elliotsokolov.com](http://www.elliotsokolov.com)

### Chicken Soup of the Soul

Goldens Bridge's own Judith Lukin (Judy) has had her brief essay, *Caught Doing Good*, accepted by *Chicken Soup for the Soul, My Kind (of) America* (release date August 29, 2017)



Judy describes her personal mission of recognizing and applauding everyday people she sees "doing good," whether on the bus, in the community, at the pharmacy, or anywhere else. Each time she sees someone quietly helping another, she gives the person a Caught Doing Good pencil as well as a preprinted

business card that reads: "Caught Doing Good. I saw you. You did a nice thing. It was appreciated. Your decision to share a kindness will inspire others to do the same. Thank you." Judy carries these cards and pencils wherever she goes and hands them out when appropriate. Go to [caughtdoinggoodstories.com](http://caughtdoinggoodstories.com) to learn more about it.

If you'd like a pencil and a card so you can try this out yourself, just ask Judy for a set the next time you see her at the barn, on the road or in town..

### All Grown Up by Carol Nordgren

The uncontrollable giggles started in the back seat of our car, a familiar sound once Allison Metz and Elyse Gordon became friends when they were elementary school age. They were inseparable on the weekends, alternating their time between each other's houses. As pre-teens and teenagers, they were boy crazy and even more giggly. They loved to shop for trinkets, sunglasses and earrings when vacationing on Cape Cod. Though visits were less frequent, they

continued to get together in Goldens Bridge during college vacations.

Years passed and each of them pursued higher education: Elyse migrated to Washington and Allison settled in Florida. Geographically distant, but still close, Allison and Elyse called each other frequently and supported each other's efforts in the arduous process of researching and writing their dissertations over a span of five years.



Elyse now holds a PhD in Geography from the University of Washington, with a focus on place-based philanthropy and the non-profit sector. Her dissertation is titled "Social Justice Philanthropy as Poverty Politics: A Relational Poverty Analysis of Alternative Philanthropic Practices." She was recently hired by Philanthropy Northwest, an organization that seeks to strengthen communities through philanthropy as an agent for equity and inclusivity. The placement is a perfect fit for Elyse who will serve as program manager. She will organize their annual conference and lead Member Briefings and Responsive Programming.

Allison completed her PhD in Developmental Psychology with a focus on adolescent development at the University of Florida this August. Her dissertation examined the effects of parental indulgence and supportive parenting behaviors on college students' autonomy and self-regulation. Since graduating, Allison is thrilled to have started a job as a Research Project Coordinator in the Department of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences at the University of Florida/IFAS, where she manages research projects on the topics of sexual health behavior and education of middle and high school students and relational aggression between middle school girls, among others.

Kudos to our new doctors!

### In Memory of Tillie



Matilda (Tillie) Kaplan was born November 19, 1926 in Lodi, New Jersey the second of four children of Fannie Mastropolo and Jesus Correa. She grew up in Denver, Colorado with her two sisters, Anna and Marta and her brother Eutimmeo. Her family was very poor and as a kid she sold newspapers on the street to help the family.

She met Leo in Denver in 1946 and they were married on December 28, 1946 in Raton, New Mexico. Later that year their first son, Michael, was born and they moved back to NY City and eventually to Brooklyn where they raised a family. They moved to Manhattan and enjoyed the real New York lifestyle.

In 1970 they bought a summer home in the Goldens Bridge colony where Tillie loved Friday night folk dancing at the barn, swimming in the lake and one summer worked in the day camp. She enjoyed gardening and cooking treats with the produce from her favorite pear tree.

Tillie died on July 28, 2017 age 90 years, 8 months and is survived by her brother Eutimmeo, her son Harry Kaplan, her daughter Hannah Filson, her daughter-in-law Judy Kaplan, her son-in-law Daniel Filson, granddaughters Jill Kaplan and Melissa Filson, grandson Jesse Kaplan and great granddaughter Chloe Kaplan.

### In Memory of Maggie



A memorial for Maggie Hayes, was held on July 22, at the Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Garden in North Salem. Hannah Yates' memorial to her mom turned out to be a wonderful party with goodies and dancing. The music

was performed by a full seventeen-piece swing orchestra whose members were good friends of Maggie. She attended many of their performances and even rehearsals. We'll never forget the framed display of Maggie's bikini alongside the photos.

Stanislav Dukhin's wife passed away during the summer. Our condolences to him and his family.

Betty Cubides passed away during the summer. Our condolences to the family.

## 2017 Annual Volleyball Champs

Winners of the 2017 Annual Volleyball Tournament. (L to R)  
David Goldemberg, Michael Adelman, Jeremy Schneider,  
David McDonough, Patrick dePaula, Dylan Schneider.



## Viewing The Solar Eclipse At The Beach



## BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

### GBCA Membership Meeting Minutes January 29, 2017

The meeting was convened at 11:15 AM.

Present: 23 Voting Members and approximately 10 other community members.

1- Reading of Minutes: The minutes from the October 30, 2016 Membership meeting were read and accepted as read. The reading of Board meeting minutes was waived as they will appear on the GoldensBridge.org website, and in Road 4.

2- Financial:

Rose Howard, standing in for Adam Huggard, Treasurer, who was unable to attend, gave a brief financial report as follows:

Bank Accounts:

M&T Bank - Operating:	\$ 48,333
M&T Savings (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 1,019
M&T Camp Account	\$ 8,349
M&T Capital Improvements	\$163,164
M&T Water Capital Improvement	\$ 19,795
Total:	\$240,660

3- Rina Slavin, President, noted the passing of Frieda Halpern and Dorothy Margolies, both Colony founders. There will be a Memorial for Frieda in the Spring, probably in the Barn, time and date to be announced. There is to be a Memorial for Dorothy on Sunday, February 5th, at 1:00 PM in the Lake Katonah Clubhouse

**4- Committee reports:**

Water: Ron Arnstein reported that the water is still flowing.

Camp: Annette Kroun reported that the Camp committee met last Sunday; there are more registrations so far this year than there were all of last year; registrations are approximately split evenly between in Colony and out of Colony children; Dana Sokolov will be a drama counselor.

Beach: Martha Levites reported that we still need a Waterfront Director and more lifeguards. She stated that our salaries are competitive with other facilities in the area, ranging from \$15 to \$25 per hour, depending on experience and qualifications, with a 40 hour week.

Barn: Michael Brown reported that we have so far received only one bid for the exterior renovation job, and that the Hemlock wood, selected by the committee due to its superior density to Pine, was not available in tongue and groove from the supplier that had given us a price for Pine, and that the committee is looking for another supplier.

Lake: Dan Fast reported that we have received a "permit modification," dated 1/4/17, from DEC, but have heard nothing further from Kellard Sessions on the progress of the job. Eric Stand suggested contacting Kellard Sessions to prod them on progress.

Roads: Fred Margolies reported that the Town has done some work spreading gravel to improve the roads, and has been responsive to complaints.

Sales & Legal: Jeremy Metz reported that the Killeen (20 West Main St.) and Hom-Mansfield (30 Main St.) properties have been sold, and that we have been notified that the Selvaggi property at 16 Hall Avenue is in foreclosure.

Jeremy stated that he is discussing the concepts of Covenant and Constitution changes that would eliminate the Colony right of first refusal, but retain a notification clause, with several other lawyers, on an informal basis, in order to gather information before calling a meeting of the committee that will be reviewing this subject. Several community members stated adamantly that the committee should be fully formed and meeting now.

Social: John Bergherr reported that the Beers would not be returning to conduct folk dancing, though Jim Gold will be returning. The committee is looking for another person for the nights when Jim is not there. John outlined the season's events as follows: a band for the volleyball barbecue at the Beach; a Cuban band night at the Barn; a "locavore" food night at the Barn; the "Bat" will be returning at the Barn; the committee is looking for someone to lead another Art night at the Barn; the program is projected to be similar to last year's.

Martha Levites asked for a motion to continue the "Judith Fast Art Scholarship," sum of \$500. Rose Howard so moved, seconded by Martha Levites, Carried unanimously.

Carol Nordgren called attention to the banks that are financing the Dakota Access Pipeline. She suggested that those interested contact her for a listing, or do a web search.

A brief discussion of the locations of coop banks and credit unions ensued.

90th Anniversary Celebration:

Pearl Klainberg reported as follows: She and Nat Yalowitz are co-chairpersons; a committee has been formed, which met on 12/16/16; a weekend celebration, similar to the 75th Anniversary is projected to occur on the weekend of July 22nd & 23rd (PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE WAS CHANGED AFTER THIS MEETING TO JULY 15TH); pictures and memorabilia are being sought; the committee is looking for others to join, and needs lists of names and contacts that would be interested. The next meeting of this committee will be in two weeks.

Road 4: Gerry Sircus reported that, they are looking for material.

Environment: Roman Broberg reported that the committee is looking for a place to put a community garden and said that the Camp would be welcome to participate.

Communications: Roman reported he is working on trying to get emails for all community members.

Joy Radulovic stated that she has set up a Google Drive as a repository of community documents of all kinds.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, at 12:05 PM. Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary.

## GBCA Board Minutes April 9, 2017

Present: Rina Slavin: President, Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Martha Levites, John Bergherr, Mike Brown, Roman Broberg, Drew Orr, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies, Carol Nordgren, Gerry Sircus, Joy Radulovic

Absent: Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Mira Eisen

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Reinstatement of Board members who have missed 3 meetings in a row. Gerry and Mera had both missed 3 meetings in a row, and as per the Constitution were off the Board. Dan moved, seconded by Ron to reinstate Gerry. Motion carried unanimously, except Gerry abstaining. It was the consensus of the Board to wait for Mera's pending arrival before acting to reinstate her.

2- Minutes: The minutes of the 3/12/17 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, corrected and accepted as corrected.

3- Financial:

Since Adam was not in attendance the Financial Report was read by Dan:

The current Financial Report as of 4/7/17:

M&T Bank	\$138,364
M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 1,020
M&T Camp Account	\$ 20,890 (Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 22,800
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$163,178
Total	\$346,252

There are currently 17 members in arrears as of 4/7/17, with 13 members on payment plans for 2017.

4- Insurance: John introduced Chuck Gohn, our insurance agent. Chuck went over the high points of our insurance coverage, and answered questions from Board members. Chuck stated that our liability, insurance wise, for swimming and boating is the same with or without lifeguards. He also stated that the Umbrella policy covers all liability except Directors and Officers coverage. When asked about coverage for our water system Chuck stated that the water system and its employees are covered, but that there is an exclusion for liability coverage for failure to supply water to the users.

The 2017 Annual Insurance Review, which Chuck presented at the meeting, with updated coverage figures, is attached.

5- Committee Reports:

A- Water: Ron reported that the system is being routinely maintained.

B- Beach: Martha reported that the committee is interviewing a Waterfront Director this Tuesday, who they are hoping also has WSI certification. The committee is still looking for lifeguards and having difficulty finding them even though we pay better than other facilities in the area. It seems that we may have to conduct our own Red Cross training and then hire those trained. Martha will contact the Red Cross about this.

C- Barn: Mike reported that we are still awaiting bids from other contractors for the work, which has been moved to this Fall. Mike also stated that, due to Barn usage by community members, the water needs to be turned on by April 15th.

D- Camp: Rina reported that they are looking for a Nature counselor; that the Barn needs to be cleaned and the fire extinguishers checked before 6/11 when the Board of Health will begin inspections. The Camp is projected to have approximately 60 campers this Summer. Rina also stated that the Camp needs the contribution of empty clean 5 gallon buckets that can be stacked.

E- Communications: Roman reported that Martha and Georgann Stewart-Stand have developed a GB email and contact information list.

F- Environment: Rina reported that a wine barrel is needed to replace one that is deteriorating in front of the Barn.

G- Lake: Dan reported that there has been no movement on the project.

H- Roads: Fred reported the roads are reasonably good condition.

I- Sales and Legal: Jeremy reported as follows:

20 West Main Street is for sale at \$379,000;

24 Branch Street has a "For Sale" sign in front of it. The price is \$165,000;

The Dombrow property at 34 Main Street is on the market, but no price has yet been set.

The Migdail Property at 20 Branch Street is in negotiation. Jeremy moved, seconded by Rina, that he will forward the terms of the contract, after he receives it, to the list, and if no responses after one week, he will notify the Migdaills and their buyer that the Association will waive its option. Passed unanimously.

J- Social: John reported that Jim Gold will be teaching and leading Folk Dancing for the first 5 weeks, through July. Jim is willing to train a community member to lead and teach Folk Dancing for the month of August. The committee is seeking a person to take this on. It was mentioned that the existing barbecue unit is in poor condition. Drew will look into the purchase of a replacement. John moved, seconded by Gerry, to allocate up to \$1000 to purchase a replacement grill. Carried unanimously.

John stated that the 90th Anniversary celebration will start at 2 PM on Saturday 7/15/17, with a catered dinner commencing at 6 PM. Commemorative shirts and mugs, and maps showing all owners, past and present, will be available. The budget for the celebration is \$3000. The next meeting of the committee will take place on 4/30.

K- Road 4: Gerry reported that they are in good shape to get the next issue out by 6/1.

6- Good & Welfare: Martha reported that the Social Justice award will be going to an Asian-American student who, in addition to attending school, works 50 hours per week in her parents business and does volunteer work. Martha also reported that a candidate for the Judith Fast Memorial Art award has also been selected.

Fred reported on the community's attendance at the recent Town Board meeting in support of the resolution supporting immigrants.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM. Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

## **GBCA Board Minutes May 21, 2017**

Present: Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Martha Levites, Mike Brown, Roman Broberg, Drew Orr, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies, Carol Nordgren, Joy Radulovic, Mira Eisen Absent: Rina Slavin: President, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM by Ron Arnstein: Vice President.

1- Reinstatement of Mera Eisen, who missed the previous 4 meetings in a row. Jeremy moved, seconded by Adam, to reinstate Mera to the Board. All in favor except Martha and Dan abstaining. Motion carried.

2- Minutes: The minutes of the 4/9/17 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, corrected and accepted as corrected.

3- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 5/19/17 was given by Adam:

The current Financial Report as of 5/19/17:

M&T Bank	\$140,802
M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 1,020
M&T Camp Account	\$ 25,508 (Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 22,801
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$163,218
Total	\$353,349

There are currently 9 members in arrears as of 5/19/17, with 13 members on payment plans for 2017. The members in arrears are: 19 Pond St., Apter, Cousin, Cubides, Gecaj, Molledo, Nuza, Rios, and Sherwood-St.John. Gecaj and Sherwood-St.John have been unresponsive to attempts to contact them. The others are being dealt with. Adam moved, seconded by Dan, to immediately place liens on the Gecaj and Sherwood-St. John properties, and to hold off for another month on the others. Carried unanimously.

4- Committee Reports:

A- Nominating Mike reported that all Board officers will be running again for their respective positions, all At Large Board members will be running again, And the Nominating committee is actively seeking other nominees.

B- Water: Drew reported that one of the circulating pumps is failing and will be replaced by a spare unit that is in our stock.

C- Beach: Martha reported that we had 4 lifeguards, but one recently became a possible, but may be a definite. The committee is seeking a replacement to enable us to have 4. Martha reminded all that the Beach cleanup is scheduled for 6/10/17.

D- Barn: Drew received a bid of \$12,180 for a steel stair to replace the Barn back stairs. The bid does not include removal of the existing stairs, or the installation of new footings, etc., which would add several thousand dollars to that price. A discussion ensued on the use of steel vs. wood for the stair. The Board is trying to ascertain whether a steel stair is required. More information and pricing will be sought.

Mike reported that the Exterior Restoration committee is still seeking other bids for the work, and that several contractors had looked at the Barn and were supposed to provide bids.

Mike reported that the Barn telephone, which was out of order, has been repaired; that the alarm system, which had problems, has been repaired; and the fire extinguishers have been re-certified.

E- Camp: Dan reported for Rina that the Barn cleaning needs to be done. Drew said he will attend to this.

Ron reported that the Board of Health water test required for the Camp has been completed and passed.

F- Communications: Martha reported that Aaron Kroun will be bringing his expertise to the Communications committee. A discussion of the use of robo calls for other than community event and / or emergency notifications ensued. Martha moved, seconded by Joy, that we combine robo calls and community email communications under the heading of "Community Communications", and decisions on these communications be made by the Communications committee liaison and the Board officers, with the Board authorizing the Communications committee to report back to the Board on procedure. In favor: all except Jeremy, Ron, and Dan abstaining. Motion carried.

G- Environment: Martha reported that there is a large dead tree on Hall Ave. near 30 Hall Ave that needs to be removed. The cost to do so is estimated at \$1400. Dan moved, seconded by Martha, to have this tree removed at a cost not to exceed \$1500. All in favor except Mike abstaining. Motion carried.

H- Lake: Dan reported that there has been no movement on the project.

I- Roads: Fred reported the roads are reasonably good condition.

J- Sales and Legal: Jeremy reported as follows:

20 West Main Street (formerly Killeen, formerly Ullenes) is closing on 5/30 at \$389,000.

20 Branch Street (Migdail) is going to closing.

K- Social: Martha reported that the committee has secured the services of 3 different groups to handle the Folk dancing in August.

6- Good & Welfare: The Board discussed the problem of the difficulties that some aging members are having and how this problem could and/or should be handled by the community. It was decided that the concept of an "Aging Committee" be brought up to the Membership at the next Membership meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM. Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

### **GBCA Board Minutes June 11, 2017**

Present: Rina Slavin: President, Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Mike Brown, Roman Broberg, Drew Orr, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies, Carol Nordgren, Joy Radulovic, Mira Eisen, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus. Absent: Martha Levites

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes: The minutes of the 5/21/17 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 5/19/17 was given by Adam:

The current Financial Report as of 5/19/17:

M&T Bank	\$136,058
M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 1,020
M&T Camp Account	\$ 71,447 (Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 22,802
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$163,232
Total	\$394,558

There are currently 9 members in arrears as of 5/19/17, with 13 members on payment plans for 2017. The members in arrears are: Lars Margolies., Apter, Cousin, Cubides, Gecaj, Moledo, Nuza, Rios, and Sherwood-St.John. Gecaj and Sherwood-St.John have been unresponsive to attempts to contact them. Liens are in the process of being placed on Gecaj and Sherwood-St.John. Lars Margolies, who recently purchased the 19 Pond St. property, has been contacted, as have Efraim Cubides (who recently moved), Nuza, and Moledo. Ron will call Efraim Cubides again.

3- Insurance: The subject of a possible increase in the amount of Directors & Officers insurance was discussed. John will investigate further with our insurance broker.

The exclusion from our liability and property damage policy for failure to supply water was discussed. Ron will fill out the form required to obtain a quote for this additional insurance, and forward it to John, who will speak to our insurance broker.

4- Committee Reports:

A- Nominating: Mike reported that there is nothing new to report.

B- Water: Drew reported that there is a ground water problem at the Cauli property on Pond St. which at first appeared to indicate a leak in the water system. However, there was no chlorine residual, so it was not a leak.

Drew also reported that a problem has occurred with an ant infestation in the emergency generator. The problem is being addressed and will be solved this week.

C- Beach: John reported that the rafts are out and the Beach was cleaned and raked. This was done by 14 volunteers from the community.

D- Barn: Mike reported that we are still soliciting bids for the exterior renovation work (we have only obtained 2 bids thus far), that there will be a memorial in the Barn for Frieda Halpern next Saturday, and that the Barn has been booked for personal events by community members before and after the season

E- Camp: Rina reported that the Camp has been cleaned up by Brandon Orr; we have 62 campers registered; the Camp has secured the proper number of lifeguards; Camp will start 6/26/17.

Rina also mentioned the ever more numerous, and onerous, rules and regulations being imposed upon the Camp by the Board of Health. She expressed the opinion that, should this trend continue, our Camp may not remain viable in the very near future.

F- Communications: Roman reported that the committee has nothing new to report, and stated that he will send out by email a new notice for the 90th Anniversary celebration.

G- Environment: Roman reported that there was a reduction in the amount of trash being discarded along our roads, and that the potato growing was doing well.

Mike reported that the tree next to the road near 30 Hall Ave. has been removed.

H- Lake: Dan reported that there has been no movement on the project.

I- Roads:

Fred, who is recovering from knee surgery, had no report. Rina stated that there is a large hole at the side of the road across from her house that needs to be addressed ASAP. Both Rina and Gerry pointed out that the dirt section of Hillside Avenue is a continuous series of potholes. Fred will speak to the Town Highway Department.

J- Sales and Legal: Jeremy reported as follows:

20 West Main Street (formerly Killeen, formerly Ullenes) is closing in the very near future; 20 Branch Street (Migdail) has not closed yet.

Jeremy stated that his committee, which is looking into possible changes in our Governing Documents, has developed a possible procedure whereby, when a property in the community goes on the market the Colony would have to be notified, with the Colony having the right of first refusal on the property at that time. If the Colony chooses to waive their right at that time, then the seller would be free to continue selling their property without further encumbrance.

K- Social: John reported that the Summer season is set, and made a general report on the Status of the 90th Anniversary celebration plans.

6- Good & Welfare: The Board discussed the presentation of the concept of an "Aging Committee" to the membership at the next (July) membership meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM. Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

## GBCA Board Minutes July 9, 2017

Present: Rina Slavin: President, Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Martha Levites, Mike Brown, Roman Broberg, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies, Carol Nordgren, John Bergner, Gerry Sircus, Mera Eisen

Absent: Drew Orr, Joy Radulovic Also present: Georgann Stewart, Eric Stand (arrived at 10:15 AM)

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes: The minutes of the 6/11/17 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, and accepted as read.

3- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 7/7/17 was given by Adam:

M&T Bank	\$135,076
M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 1,020
M&T Camp Account	\$ 73,465 (Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 22,803
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$163,246
Total	\$397,608

There are currently 6 members in arrears as of 6/11/17, with 12 members on payment plans for 2017. The members in arrears are: Apter, Cousin, Gecaj, Moledo, Nuza, Rios, and Sherwood-St.John. Gecaj and Sherwood-St.John have been unresponsive to attempts to contact them. The others are being dealt with. Adam reported that liens against Gecaj and Sherwood-St.John have been served.

A discussion of Apter's tax and water situation ensued (the water has been turned off to the Apter residence for many years), and it was the consensus of the Board to credit Apter for his water bill, for which he had been charged, for the previous 3 years.

3- Committee Reports:

A- Nominating: Mike reported that Rina, Dan, and Adam will be running again for their respective positions, Martha will be running for Vice President with Ron running for at large, and that there are a total of 12 members running for 6 at large seats. Mera announced that she is not running for the Board. Mike moved, seconded by John, to thank Mera for her more than 20 years of service to the community. Carried unanimously.

B- Sales & Legal: Jeremy reported that there has been no closing as yet on the Migdail property at 20 Branch St.; that our option was waived on the Dombrow property at 34 Main St., which is being sold for \$414,000 to Mark Haynes.

Martha distributed to the Board a 2 page document containing proposed changes in the procedure for selling property within the Association. Martha moved, seconded by Mera, As a temporary measure until an amendment can be made to our by laws the following will be instituted: As a matter of course, if the community has been notified 7 days in advance of a property going on the market, the Executive Board will waive the option to buy said property. Dan moved, seconded by Ron, to table this motion for discussion at the next Board meeting due to the Board having insufficient time to consider the document which had just been distributed. In favor: All, except Martha, John, Mike, Fred opposed. Motion to table carried.

C- Lake: Eric reported that he had a request to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to approve the required changes in their permit, or to issue a new permit, which needed to be signed by the President of the association. Rina signed the document. Eric stated that, if the ACOE permit is returned in time, the work on the lake at the intersection of Hall Ave and Main St., and at the concrete dam would start in October.

Mike reported that he has received an estimate of \$1600 to take down 13 dead trees near the lake along Main St. Mera moved, seconded by Roman, to spend the \$1600 to take down the 13 trees. All in favor except Fred opposed. Motion carried.

D- Insurance: John reported that he is still working on getting the information together on changes to our insurance.

E- Barn: Mike reported that we are still looking for additional bids on the exterior renovation work. Eric has been too busy to follow up on the wood situation, but Mike will contact him about moving forward with this.

A discussion of possible internet access, combined with telephone service, at the Barn ensued. Adam stated that the cable company had priced the combined service at \$50 to \$60 per month, and Verizon's price for FIOS service was between \$90 and \$100 per month. Adam pointed out that we are now paying Verizon over \$60 per month for telephone only service. Rina stated that it would be very good for the Camp Director to have internet access due to the fact that parents seem only able to communicate with the Camp by email. Dan stated that the service within the Barn must be wired only with no wifi available, to which the Board agreed. Dan will install whatever wiring is needed to accomplish this.

F- Camp: Rina reported that the Camp season is going very well.

G- Beach: Martha reported that the Waterfront Director is excellent, but some of the younger lifeguards were poor, and that she is working on the problem, and may have to fire one. Martha stated that something needs to be done in the near future with the path(s) from the gate to the beach.

H- Social: Rina and Gerry reported that the 90th Anniversary celebration preparations are going well, with approximately 200 people coming as of today.

I- Roads: Fred reported that the Highway Department is only doing emergency repairs to the roads during Camp season.

J- Road 4: Gerry reported that they are looking for material, and that they are down to about 80

copies being sent out by mail. Most people are getting Road 4 by email, where they get it in color.

K- Water: Ron reported that the generator was repaired after the ant invasion and infestation

L- Communications: Roman had no report.

M- Environment: Roman reported that he has a group of volunteers pulling out vines around the community.

6- Good & Welfare: Roman will put up signs within the community advertising the coming Membership meeting.

Fred and Dan will get more information on rumored changes to the Affordable housing project proposed for the area south west of our community.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

## **GBCA Membership Meeting Minutes July 30, 2017**

The meeting was convened at 11:15 AM.

Present: 26 Voting Members and approximately 10 other community members.

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 30, 2017 Membership meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

A discussion ensued over the concept of waiving the reading of minutes from past Board meetings. Dan Fast moved, seconded by Ron Arnstein, to waive the reading of Board minutes at this, and all future, Membership meetings due to them being posted on the Goldensbridge.org website and appearing in Road 4. Martha Levites made a substitute motion, seconded by Faye Lieman, to make room on the agenda of future Membership meetings for discussion of past Board minutes. In favor: all, except one opposed. Motion carried.

2- Financial:

Adam Huggard, Treasurer, gave the financial report as follows:

Bank Accounts:

M&T Bank - Operating:	\$ 29,591
M&T Savings (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 1,020
M&T Camp Account	\$ 58,399
M&T Capital Improvements	\$163,246
M&T Water Capital Improvement	\$ 22,803
Total:	\$375,058

Adam noted that we have 5 members in arrears vs. 9 last year at this time.

Adam explained that the Board had allocated \$1600 for removal of dangerous trees. Eric Stand moved, seconded by Pearl Klainberg, to approve the expenditure of \$1600 for tree removal, with the money to come out of the Operating Account. In favor: all except one opposed. Motion carried.

3- Nominating Committee:

Georgann Stewart reported that we have one person running for each officer's seat, and 11 people running for at large positions. The floor was opened for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor, and nominations were closed at 11:50 AM.

A discussion of what to do in the event of a tie vote ensued. John Bergherr moved, seconded by Georgann, to use a coin flip to decide. In favor: 10. Opposed: 16. Motion defeated. Hannah Yates moved, seconded by Dan Fast, to let those involved decide on the method to resolve a tie vote. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn and it was the consensus of the Membership to have the Nominating committee decide how to handle possible ties.

4- Other Committee reports:

Water: Ron Arnstein reported that the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report was available for all to read, and he urged all members to do so. Printed copies of the report were available for the taking on the table at the front of the meeting.

Camp: Annette Kroun reported that Camp is going well, but there may be a deficit of up to \$11,000. It was noted that a similar situation existed last year at this time, and the Camp posted a surplus of \$3,000. John Bergherr moved, seconded by Jeremy Schneider, to cover a possible Camp deficit of up to \$11,000 from Community funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Beach: Martha Levites reported that swim instruction has been excellent this year; that we have 2 excellent lifeguards and 2 mediocre life guards, who will not be re-hired.

Lake: Rina Slavin reported that we have received a packet containing the ACOE permit. Eric Stand reported that he has contacted Pristine Waters, the contractor that was low bidder on the Lake work, and that they will be starting work in mid October. Eric also stated that the additional \$5,000 allocated by the membership for cleaning of the sand in and around the crib swimming area would probably be sufficient to clean up that space.

Senna Levy reported that there are phragmites in the lake on the Lake Street side, and that they need to be dealt with ASAP as they are an invasive species, which can spread quickly.

Roads: Fred Margolies reported that he had spoken to some of the parents parking at the ends of the roads to pick up their children with varied success. Fred stated that the Highway Dept. was planning to do work on Hillside Ave. this coming week. He will again remind them that work on Hall Avenue and Main Street must be postponed until after Camp.

Social: 90th Anniversary Celebration: Barbara Tauber reported that it was a rousing success, with \$1600 spent out of the \$3000 budgeted.

John Bergherr reported that a Banquet committee needs to be formed if the Banquet is to happen, and a food vendor must be found. Several people volunteered, and it was suggested that the same vendor be used that did the 90th celebration. A committee was formed.

Road 4: Gerry Sircus reported that they have sufficient material for the Fall issue, but are always looking for more material.

Sales & Legal: Jeremy Metz reported that there was nothing new to report.

Environment:: Nedda Schoenfeld suggested that a plaque be placed at the Lake commemorating Maggie Bloom's gardening. Nedda Schoenfeld moved, seconded by Martha Levites, to have the community post a plaque for Maggie's Garden at the Lake. Passed unanimously. Martha Levites and Georgann Stewart volunteered to handle this.

Communications: Martha Levites reported that the committee is working on a community directory, which they are hoping will be ready for the August Membership meeting.

Scholarship: Martha Levites reported that there has been a great deal of response from John Jay H.S. students for both Scholarships, and that some excellent work has been submitted.

Good & Welfare:

It was reported that Tillie Kaplan, a long time community member passed away last week. The community offers their condolences.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, at 12:40 PM. Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary.



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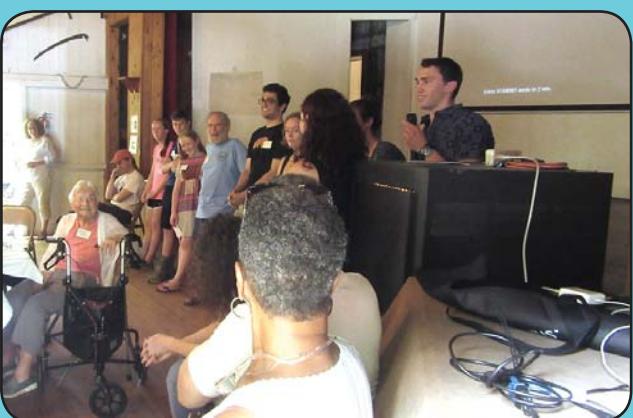
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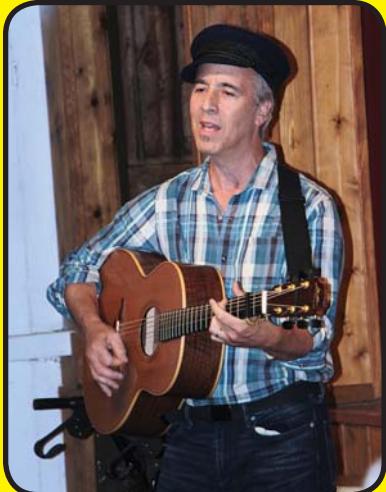




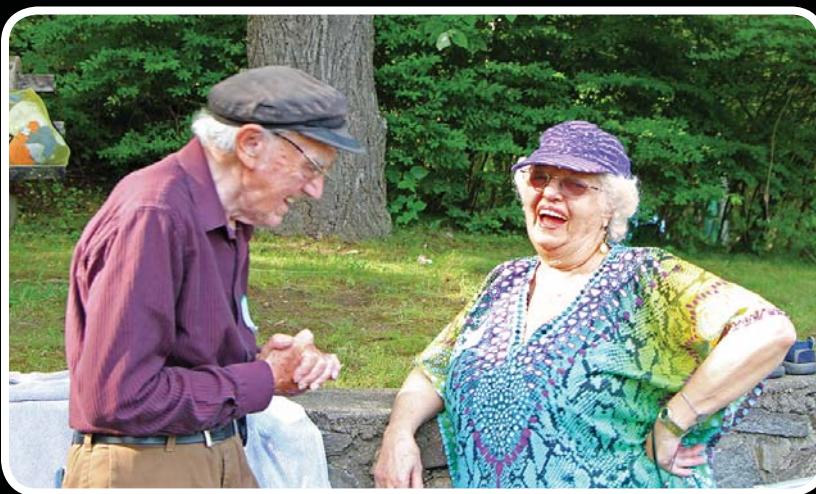
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