

Road Four



Road Four Summer 2017

*Founded in 1927
Goldens Bridge Community Association
Celebrates its 90th Anniversary**

*See calendar for date

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NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Summer
2017

THE COLONY NEEDS YOU!

The community executive board elections are coming this summer and we need candidates. We all have a stake in the future of the community and it depends on members taking part in important decisions going forward.

We meet on the second Sunday morning of each month. If you can donate that small amount of your time to the community please contact:

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If you need an absentee ballot for the August 28, 2017 Executive Board elections, please contact Georgann Stewart-Stand **IN WRITING** at: 23 West Main Street or Georgann@stewartstand.com. All absentee ballots must be received by the secretary by August 26, 2017.

Summer 2017 Social Calendar By John Bergherr

Life in the Social Committee is like one endless summer. One social season blending in with the next. In November we are already meeting to discuss next summer's social calendar. By late April the calendar is completed and Gerry is asking me to write an article about it. This year's calendar is similar to last year's with events requiring community participation included for most Saturday nights. If you have any suggestions for Saturday night entertainment, please let me know (John 232-9404). Eventually we may run out of seascapes to paint, stories to tell, favorite dishes to cook and maybe even songs to sing!

Folk Dancing

Jim Gold will be back instructing and leading us starting on June 30th through the next four Fridays in July. Then he is gone until Friday September 1st. The Beers will not be returning this summer. They have retired and we are still looking for a permanent replacement. In the interim, two couples from outside the community have agreed to be substitute instructors for most of August.

They are regulars when Jim is here and have some of their own music and dance steps. Jim is lending them some of his music as well. So it won't be all new steps to learn. Sounds like a lot of fun but it may be slightly outside the comfort zone for some dancers. I'm looking forward to it!

Saturday Nights

The season starts off with our July 4th BBQ on Saturday, July 1 at the Beach, weather permitting. Sizzling hotdogs, hamburgers and chicken will be ready by 6:00! The Volleyball BBQ is on August 5th also at the Beach. This year the barbeque will be followed by a performance by the contemporary pop band Jake & The Mountain Men. Again, BBQ starts at 6:00 with music at 8:00.

Wilson Collazo will be back with his Latin band on July 8th. They were a great big hit last year! Many couldn't resist the urge to get up and dance to their Latin rhythms. Pray for a cool night.

The biggest event of the Summer will be on July 15th when the Colony celebrates its 90 birthday. Activities start at 2:00 at the barn including food and drinks, historical photos hung around the barn, a slide presentation taking us from the Colony's early years to present, a tour of the community, a giant group photo at the beach and finally back to the barn for dinner followed by stories and entertainment. Posters, with more details, will be up around the community as the date approaches. We've gained many new members over the past several years. This will be an opportunity for them to hear stories from people whose decades of association with the Colony have helped preserve its traditions.

Paint Night will be on July 22nd. This year there will not be a children's program. Last year the children all decided to paint with the adults. So this year we will have a few extra brushes and they can assist the adults following the directions of our Paint Night instructor. Food and wine will be served to the adult painters. Soda and snacks will be available for the kids. In true Colony fashion, painters are free to follow their own creative path and paint whatever they want. The "freelancers" are a welcome and fun part of the night. Reservations are required because there is a limited amount of easels and supplies. If you want to paint call John 232-9404 to reserve an easel.

The *Bat* is back on July 29th. The *Bat* is the Colony version of the NPR show *The Moth*, short true storytelling. Each story is supposed to be about a specific topic and be five minutes in duration. Question: How well do

you think Colony people stick to those rules? So this year we won't have a topic but hopefully Martha will remember to bring the hook! Listeners are also important so even if you don't have a story to tell on Bat night, come and listen to those of your neighbors. It's a unique experience for both listeners and story tellers alike. If you have a story you would like to share with us call Martha at 232-4456.

On August 12th The Colony will experience its second Karaoke night. Last year it took a while and a few beers for singers to get up on the stage and share some of their favorite "in the shower" songs with us. But once it got started they couldn't stop singing! I have heard that since then many of them are anxious to do it again. There will be a keg of beer and Natalie will be warming us up. And if that isn't enough I'll be up there singing. Consider yourself warned!

At the book review last summer, the group decided to meet every other month to discuss a book rather than wait for summer. This would give us more opportunities to get together and enjoy an evening sharing our ideas and reactions. The book we have chosen for this sum-

mer's meeting is *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for 2017. The date is Thursday, August 17th at 7:30 PM in the Barn.

Finally, on August 19th we will have our Cook-Off. This year it is a "Locavore" event. Each dish must contain at least one locally grown ingredient (fruit, vegetable, herbs, honey, etc.). There will be two categories, appetizers and desserts. Last year this event was a lot of fun and it was a great way to socialize. Towards the end of the evening there is voting for best in each category and show as well as other criteria. This year we have lots of time to talk and think about it. Anyone interested in participating should call Jill Kaplan at 513-256-3437 who is the point person on this event. So, on August 19th have a light dinner and come on down to the barn for tasting and voting.

Two and a half years ago the Social Committee reached out to the younger generation and asked what it would take to get them down to the barn on a Saturday night. Their ideas seemed sort of crazy at the time. But, we were committed to being open minded and to change. So far, it seems to be working. ❖

Goldens Bridge Colony 90th Anniversary Celebration

On July 15, 2017 Goldens Bridge Colony will celebrate its 90th Anniversary!

The day's events, starting at 2pm, will include greeting old friends at the Barn and Beach, music and other entertainment, and a Colony Walk. A buffet dinner at 6pm. and entertainment will begin at 7:30.

And to help us plan for dinner, RSVP to Pearl Klainberg (pearl.klainberg@gmail.com). To reach as many folks as possible and to make this a really memorable event, please "share" this invite.

We hope to see you on the 15th!

The painted poetry shown,
titled "My Anger is a Fire,"
was created
by Rose 'Moo' Howard.*

Anger is like a fire.
My anger is a fire.
Your anger is a fire.
I was taught, don't play with
fire. Fire will burn you.
When we see fire,
we know what to do.
When we see anger,
we don't know what to do.
We are afraid.

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We are afraid.

Anger is a fire.
Anger grows. Anger blazes.
Anger destroys.
Some people are on fire.
Their anger is a fire.
We see them.
We see them burning.
If we can work with fire.
Then we can work with anger.
We can learn.

When I am on fire.
I make a choice.
I stop.
I breathe in.
I listen. I seek out the source.
When I breathe out,
my anger is transformed.
My anger becomes a flame.
Tended, it is a beacon.
My anger leads to peace.

My anger is a fire.
I tend my fire.
I am aware of it; I do not feed it.
I do not let it consume me.
I am not afraid.
It brings me closer to my truth.
I choose to let it burn, small and
bright. I guide it.
I warm myself by it, and it
lights the way.
I become a beacon for peace.
My anger is a fire.
I tend my fire.

Poem by Izzy Weitzman*

Izzy is a long time Writopian. This is his second piece submitted to *The (Parenthetical)*, an online magazine that was founded in 2010 by Writopia Lab. It publishes and celebrates the completed, polished works of Writopia Lab writers from across the country. Izzy likes to write funny and poignant stories and poems. In addition to writing, he enjoys making games on Game Star Mechanic.

“Thou shall eat thy cereal, for thou cannot and will not run the kingdom without thy corn flakes.”

Now thou shall wake up,
And thou shall wake up at the time thou is supposed to wake.
Thou shall eat thy cereal,
For thou cannot and will not run the kingdom
Without thy corn flakes.

Now thou shall listen to thy subjects.
Thou hates this part,
For thy subjects are insolent.

Now thou shall eat lunch in thy royal palace,
And thy lunch shall be a turkey egg and a small omelet,
From thy local peasants’ market.

Now thou shall oversee the construction of the new tower.
Thy tower is over thy budget,
And is three weeks behind thy schedule.

That is what thou shall change.
When thou shall tosseth thy foreman into thy dungeon,
For thy foreman plays miniature golf on thy job.

Now thou shall have dinner,
For thou is hungry after thy foreman incident.
Thy father says he should have lost his head.
Thy father is an imbecile, but he is a beloved member of thy
royal council,
So his head is secure on his neck.

Now thou is going to sleep,
For thou is very, very tired.
And thou knows this shall happen tomorrow,
And thou will hate it all again.

*Izzy is the grandson of Judy and Dan Fast

My Grandmother’s Tree by Senna Levy*

Minds are like trees.
They grow and grow
With leaves like thoughts
And branches like memories
All clinging to the strength of the trunk.

Every thought wants to grow
Longing to fly
But some never soar
Just drift down to the ground
To be buried in the snowfall of another year.

My grandmother’s tree is old.
So many leaves have fallen
The memories fading
As the trunk is infested
by the insects of old age.

My grandmother reaches and claws
Trying to grab all the memories and thoughts
That slip through her fingers
As if she knows
That this is her final autumn

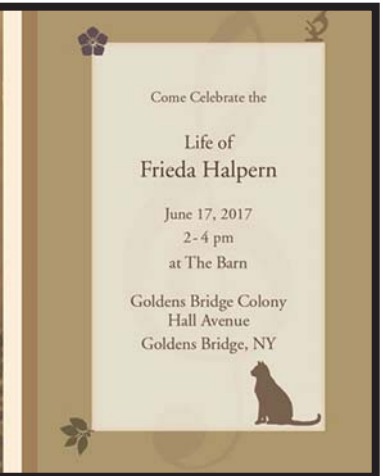
Almost gone now
My grandmother’s tree is barren.
Her final leaves are waiting to fall
Last tattered remnants
Of the sapling she once was.

Soon, the snow will come.

*Senna, age 11, is the great-granddaughter of Esther Schneider



Leo Kaplan, a long time community member, passed away on Monday, May 22. He resided in an assisted living center in Ridgefield, Ct. where he and his wife Tillie had been living for the past year and a half. He had been under hospice care for the last couple of weeks. His son Harry suggests that we all raise a glass and make a toast to Leo as a decorated veteran of WWII and of life. Just a short time ago. Leo celebrated his 93rd birthday surrounded by family and friends.



There will be a memorial for **Maggie Hayes**, July 22, at the Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Garden in North Salem at 5PM.

Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden
28 Deveau Road | North Salem, NY 10560-2115 | 914-669-5033 | www.hammondmuseum.org

Simply Speaking by Abey Weitzman

Human relationships are based on communication, verbal and nonverbal. Every conversation is filled with tone and timing, facial expressions and body language.

Precise word choice is easily overshadowed by eye contact or lack thereof. The right smile denotes sincerity or sarcasm. What happens when this is missing, or worse, not socially appropriate? What if the person waits so long to respond that the conversation has moved on or ended? It is simple to tell someone that you need more time, but what if they leave before you can tell them? Speaking is the most commonly used method of expression, and when it is not viable interacting with others becomes difficult.

People who cannot speak are labeled “nonverbal.” This might lead you to think that they communicate nonverbally. Ironically, the same disabilities that interfere with speech impact facial expression, body position, and eye contact. The muscular disorders that impair speech by impacting the tiny muscles that control lip and tongue position also make it difficult to form a grin or frown. A movement disorder can prevent intelligible speech; it can also cause flailing limbs that keep friends at a distance. Nonverbal communication is complicated,



even for “nonverbal” people.

The reason I can explain the challenges of being nonverbal is that I find speaking impossible because I cannot coordinate

my muscles. I use two different computerized communication systems. The school I attend has many students with communication problems who are also wheelchair users, which both affect our interactions. Some of us speak unclearly, some of us speak with soft voices, and a few, like me, do not speak at all. Often we are surrounded by adults who, like Heisenberg, alter our conversations just by observing. Sometimes we can escape them, by speeding away in a power chair. We are severely disabled and completely normal. Our technology is like a universal translator, driven by switches, eye gaze, and jerking screen touches.

Communicating with people by using assistive technology is complicated, but a casual environment offers opportunities. The constant banter in the lunchroom is a chance for students to speak freely. There is no set topic, but it is a short list—weekend plans, annoying teachers, and unappetizing school lunch all make the top 10. Staying in the loop only requires that you stay on topic. It is never a bad time to critique the meatloaf or plan a trip to the movies. Looking across the lunchroom or down at your plate is expected. Being quiet while you eat is common. A kid with a speech delay could just be chewing with his or her mouth closed. Knowing what is expected allows a person using assistive technology to prepare a conversation starter. It may not be the most meaningful conversation, but I find a simple “Did you see the Mets last night?” can make the difference.

Of course, some conversations have more at stake than ERAs and

RBI. When is the right moment to declare your love? Is it before or after the first kiss? Do you start with an introduction or dive right in? How can you plan for a spontaneous, magical moment? If that already seems complicated, try doing it through a computer with a mechanical voice. Conversations about feelings are usually expressed with gestures and proximity, which is difficult while accessing a computer.

If we can overcome this disadvantage with carefully chosen words, a loving relationship can grow. Sometimes written expression can remove the unspoken component and simplify things by reducing misunderstandings. Writing poetry is good practice for communicating with assistive technology. Both require care in word choice to produce declarations of great meaning with few words. Poems are the perfect way to tell someone you love them. They are written in advance, eliminating the risk of a poorly chosen sentiment. Similarly, assistive technology users can prewrite their messages to reduce the risk of tiring and choosing their words for efficiency and speed over precision and impact (it can be tempting in the moment to use short words in an attempt to keep up).

Writing using assistive technology is usually slower than the pace of conversation. This can result in more than one person communicating simultaneously, which is complicated to follow. Email can simplify this by reducing the cacophony and changing the response time expectation for everyone. By normalizing the delay, the nonverbal person can be included.

Finding ways to normalize assistive tech is easy compared to translating nonverbal cues. The most complicated nonverbal cues are facial expressions. Sometimes a smile is perturbing. It can be a smirk, a rapid open mouth, or a malicious grin. It is most disconcerting when words don't match the face. Happiness felt on the inside, whispered and arrested between ventilator breaths, accompanied by a face without expression, is difficult to understand because it is hard to hear and impossible to see. Laughing communicates happy feelings to your companions without a word. Yet if the time is not right, laughing can be inappropriate or even cruel. Depending on the situation, it can ruin a blossoming friendship if isn't explained. The potential for hurt feelings and disappointment is always present for someone who can't start or stop looking happy.

Sometimes, I cannot stop laughing. It starts with something funny, but then I can't stop. My friends understand the difference between my real and prolonged laughter, but many casual acquaintances do not. Having assured themselves that they “know” me, people will misinterpret it as a response to something amusing they didn't see or hear. In fact my laughter is not meaningful in any way if it lasts more than a minute or so. Each time someone misconstrues my laughter I feel like my translator is broken. Having trouble understanding my “response” can lead to others taking the conversation in the wrong direction.

Communication is a two way exchange, speaking and listening. While expressing my thoughts can be challenging, receiving others' can have problems as well. When you have a secret, who do you share it with? The best secret keepers don't tell. Perhaps people who can't talk are the perfect confidants. They are good listeners. They don't interrupt. They don't offer unwanted advice. Very few “speaking” can do all that. Nonverbal people hear it all—confessions and complaints, hopes and heartaches. But not every secret should be shared. In the moment, emotions seem clear and eternal. In a day or

two, we are less in love, dejected, bereft, or elated. The intensity fades but few retractions are spoken. "I feel fine" is not a secret, so you don't need your secret keeper to talk to. Nonverbal people hear all of the drama and things better left unsaid, but miss the everyday discussions. Listening to secrets is complicated. Sometimes hearing things you don't want to hear is uncomfortable, like being force fed. Hating something you can't stop makes you feel vulnerable even if you are not in danger yourself.

If being nonverbal makes me feel vulnerable, sitting in a wheelchair I can't control makes it worse. Posture and proximity help define relationships. Being close enough to touch someone implies intimacy, power or both. Actually touching may be welcome or offensive. Delineating one's personal space requires tiny adjustments—closer, closer, stop—like backing a van with a trailer into a car's parking space. A person must use real-time sensing and processing of their location as well as the other person's comfort level. There needs to be continued sensing and adjusting as the conversation develops. This is effortless for people with good social skills and control over their body. For a person with my disability, these adjustments are impossible to coordinate, which interferes with the conversation instead of supporting it.


Being in a wheelchair also makes eye contact complicated as "walkers" change their elevation throughout the day. Even when you can't tell someone to be quiet, you can give them a look that says it

all—but they have to see you. Often people with height challenges are overlooked, literally. The nonverbal are even less likely to catch someone's eye from a seated position.

Having difficulties like these would lead many people to give up, retreating to isolation amongst a crowd. It is simpler and less of an emotional risk. However, the risk is completely worth it; the reward is indescribably valuable.

If verbal friends can understand what makes it complicated for a nonverbal person to communicate, they can find ways to make it simpler. They can wait for an answer, even if it takes a while. They can focus on the words instead of the way someone looks and sounds. They can keep quiet company, allowing silence without judgement. Those who are nonverbal can make the effort to communicate even when it is difficult. They can choose their words with care to be sure their feelings are clearly expressed, no matter what their body language says. They can be good listeners. Friendship emphasizes what is important and meaningful, over what is common and ubiquitous. Speaking fewer quality sentences is more helpful in expressing feeling than an hour of blabber. In all these ways, anyone can build a relationship.

Abraham Weitzman is a 13-year-old New Yorker who loves Mel Brooks, Edgar Allen Poe, and Sherlock Holmes. He enjoys traveling and staying home. This article first appeared KidSpirit magazine. He is the grandson of Judy and Dan Fast.



Congratulations to Our Recent Grads
Hannah Callen graduated from Stonybrook School of Dentistry. Dr. Callen is now a dentist.
Emma Callen graduated from Colorado College with a degree in English and Poetry
John Jay High School Graduates
Christian Ehnes will be taking a gap year
Paris Hicks is off to Boulder College in Colorado
Avi Shulman will be attending Northwestern University, McCormack School of Engineering in Illinois
Oliver Smith is going to SUNY Oswego in N.Y.
 We wish them the best and know that they will make us proud.

Fabric Art on Display
 Martha Levites standing in front of her fabric art on display at Northern Westchester Hospital. For those not familiar with the term "fabric art," it is a style of art using fabric, yarn, and other fibers and embellishments to create a piece of art. It focuses on the labor involved as part of its significance.

















New Residents
 Welcome Elliot Sokolov (actually third generation member) and his partner, Zingi Mkefa to the community. They are already becoming active in the book group. Both are excited to be living here at the Sokolov house at #1 Hillside Avenue. They also have a wonderful dog named Augie so if you see them around the Colony be sure to say HI.





Sam and Selma Sokolov celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on May 23, 2017 with an epic day of family festivities including a trip to a sculpture garden and great food at 2 excellent restaurants.

AUGUST 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Kids' Movies 1 7:00 	2	3	Folk Dancing 4 Cindy & Michael 7:45 	Volleyball & BBQ-Jake & The Mountain Men 5 6:00 	Take a Hike with John Bergherr Time TBA 6 
7	Kids' Movies 8 7:00 	9	10	Folk Dancing 11 Instructor TBA 7:45 	Karaoke Night 12 8:00 	13
14	Kids' Movies 15 7:00 	16	Book Club in the Barn 7:30 <i>The Underground Railroad</i> by Colson Whitehead 17	Folk Dancing 18 Cindy & Michael 7:45 	Cook-Off Locavore (appetizers/desserts) 19 8:00 	20
21	Kids' Movies 22 7:00 	23	24	Folk Dancing 25 Linda & Michael 7:45 	26	27
28	Kids' Movies 29 7:00 	30	31			

SEPTEMBER 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				Folk Dancing 1 Jim Gold 7:45 	Banquet 2 7:30 	3



Kanlaya and Matt's baby

This beautiful baby is Ty William Cauli, born on January 20, 2017. His proud parents are Kanlaya and Matt Cauli who live on Pond Street.



BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

GBCA Board meeting minutes January 8, 2017

Present:

Rina Slavin: President, Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Martha Levites, Carol Nordgren, John Bergherr, Mike Brown, Drew Orr, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies

Absent: Gerry Sircus, Roman Broberg, Joy Radulovic, Mera Eisen,

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

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 12/11/16 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, corrected and accepted as corrected.

2- Financial:

Financial Report:

The current Financial Report as of 11/12/16 was read by Adam.

M&T Bank	\$ 21,213
M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 1,019
M&T Camp Account	\$ 10,471 (Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 22,796
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$163,165
Total	\$218,664

There are currently 5 members in arrears. The Rios property lien is being updated and the County is moving to repossess the property. Apter is disputing charges. There is an apparent discrepancy between Town tax billing and GBCA billing, which is being resolved. Efforts to contact Sherwood-St. John have so far been unsuccessful.

3- Committee Reports:

A- Sales & Legal:

Fred reported that the closing on the former Mansfield property occurred on 12/28/16, for \$100,000. The property was purchased by the Muza's.

Jeremy reported that the Selvaggi property has been taken off the market, and may be going into foreclosure.

Dan read a letter from Nic Pinetti, the owner of the property at 33 Hillside Avenue, in which Nic stated that during the review of the final survey of the property and construction on same by the Town Building Inspector it was discovered that a portion of the recently constructed wall on the east side of the property is on GBCA property, and that the Building Inspector stated that therefore Nic must remove that portion of the wall. Nic stated that he would like to avoid removing the wall, since it required a great deal of work to construct, and will work with the GBCA to provide an amicable solution, including giving the wall to the GBCA. Nic apologized to the GBCA for the problem.

Martha moved, seconded by John, to accept the gift of the portion of the wall that is on Colony property, with the proviso that he will maintain the wall. After some discussion Martha withdrew her motion and moved, seconded by John, to have the GBCA Secretary answer Nic Pinetti's letter, thanking him for his offer to give the wall to the Colony and stating that the Board wishes to work with him resolve the issue, starting with a survey to determine the exact nature of the problem. All in favor except Drew abstaining. Motion carried.

B- Water:

Ron stated that a leak was repaired.

John reported on his discussions with our insurance company pertaining to our insurance coverage of the water system and Water Operator. He stated that we have \$1,000,000 in liability coverage and a \$5,000,000 Umbrella, for a total coverage of \$6,000,000. This applies to the water system and an employed Water Operator. John stated that he has not yet received an email confirming this from our insurance company. It was the sense of the Board, on John's recommendation, to have our insurance agent attend a Board meeting in the Spring to go over our insurance coverage in detail.

C- Barn:

Mike reported that he has 2 requests for the use of the Barn by community members in April. He stated that the Barn exterior renovation committee is still seeking bids. Dan will re-send the bid package to all Board members, some of whom may be able to find contractors interested in the project.

D- Beach:

Martha reported that as of now we have a possible one lifeguard, and the Beach and Camp committees are looking for more. Avi Shulman may be available for the latter part of August. Martha stated that the Beach committee wants to have 3 community members to act as on site liaisons to the lifeguards at the beach. Rebecca Adelman and Maggie Bloom have volunteered for this, and Mike Brown agreed to be the third. The Beach committee is working on putting together a simplified set of rules for the beach to guide the Beach liaisons.

E- Camp:

Rina reported that the Camp committee is considering canoe painting and/or a mural on the boathouse as Camp activities. Board opinions on these projects were mixed.

F- Communication:

Drew is issuing "goldensbridge.org" emails to any community member who wishes to have an email for community business and notifications separate from their personal email.

G- Lake:

Dan reported that DEC has amended their original permit to cover the use of the volleyball court for de-watering, and that we still have not received anything from ACOE. Martha stated that Eric Stand has resigned as the GBCA representative to the Town Lake Committee. Eric served in this capacity for the last 14 years, and deserves a rest. The Board thanks Eric for this service to the community. Martha stated that we need to find someone else to take over this job. The Board is looking for a volunteer. Rina will contact Community members.

H- Social

John reported that the Social committee wishes to commit \$1500 towards a 90th Anniversary celebration.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

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 Sokoloff 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 it's 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 meeting minutes February 12, 2017

Present:

Rina Slavin: President, Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Martha Levites, , John Bergherr, Mike Brown, Roman Broberg, Joy Radulovic

Absent: Gerry Sircus, Mera Eisen, Drew Orr, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies, Carol Nordgren

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

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 1/8/17 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, corrected and accepted as corrected.

2- Financial:

Financial Report:

The current Financial Report as of 2/12/17 was read by Adam.

M&T Bank \$ 93,240

M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund) \$ 1,020

M&T Camp Account \$ 9,613 (Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve)

M&T Water Capitol \$ 22,798

M&T Capitol Improvement \$163,178

Total \$289,849

There are currently 45 members in arrears as of 2/1/17, and 10 members who have set up payment plans for 2017. A lien will be placed on the Apter property, since they now owe several year's back charges and have been unresponsive to efforts to contact them. Efforts are being made to contact Burgun and Sherwood-St.John, both of whom owe back charges. A lien will be placed on the Sherwood-St.John property and they will be notified of our intent to do so by certified mail. Adam suggested that we place a lien on the Gecaj property in the very near future unless he has paid his charges, due to the fact that Gecaj has never paid without being dunned with water turn off threats. Dan so moved, seconded by Martha. All in favor except Joy and Adam abstaining. Motion carried. Adam will consult with our attorney on the subject of liens for Gecaj and other members in arrears.

Adam stated that he needs contact information for Sandler and for several new members who have recently purchased homes in the community. He will contact Jeremy, who receives the contracts, and Fred, both of whom are away at this time.

3- Committee Reports:

A- Insurance:

John reported that Chuck Gohn, our insurance agent, will be attending the April Board meeting to review our entire insurance situation, with particular attention to the water system.

B- Social:

John raised the subject of the GBCA possibly establishing itself as an immigrant Sanctuary Zone and / or Community. It was pointed out that our community does not have the resources to provide an actual sanctuary for a family. Rina and Martha will investigate further.

C- Beach:

Martha reported that there has been no change in the lifeguard situation.

D- Camp:

Rina reported that the Camp committee may have found a Waterfront Director. The person in question is planning to get their certification. The committee is also looking for full time sports and nature counselors.

E- Water:

Adam reported that Patrick DePaula is moving forward with obtaining his Water Operator certification.

F- Barn:

Mike reported that Eric Stand will be getting re-involved with the exterior renovation work, and that the committee is still looking for a supplier of Hemlock and for contractors to bid on the work.

G- Communication:

Roman reported that he is working with Drew on putting together a complete GBCA email list on Google Docs.

H- Lake:

Dan reported that there has been no movement on the ACOE permit. He has heard nothing further from Kellard-Sessions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary

GBCA Board meeting minutes March 12, 2017

Present:

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

Absent: Mera Eisen, Joy Radulovic

Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes:

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

2- Financial:

Financial Report:

The current Financial Report as of 3/12/17 was read by Adam.

M&T Bank	\$125,369
M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 1,020
M&T Camp Account	\$ 11,830 (Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 22,799
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$163,191
Total	\$324,209

There are currently 43 members in arrears as of 3/12/17, with 12 members who have set up payment plans for 2017. A discussion ensued on the non-payment situation. Adam stated that our attorney has advised that, according to our constitution, we must place liens on all members who are in arrears. Martha moved, seconded by John, to send a letter to all members in arrears notifying them that if their community charges have not been paid within 30 days of their receipt of said letter the GBCA will file a lien against the member's property for the arrears amount plus all interest and all fees associated with the filing of the lien. In favor: all except Adam abstaining. Motion carried.

A letter from Ms. Bielin-Soultanian was read in which she stated that since they are being billed for garbage collection, and did not know that it was included in the Colony charges, they would like to have their garbage picked up and asking how to go about it. The Bielin-Soultanians own an undeveloped lot at the end of Main St., and are billed for 1/2 unit with no water (summer unit). Jeremy moved, seconded by Ron, that a letter be written to the Bielin-Soultanians stating that they can place their garbage in an appropriate shelter at the end of Main St. during the period from 6/15 to 9/15, and noting that our attorney states that property can be transferred to the GBCA without affecting his mortgage situation. All in favor except Dan, Martha, Roman, and Carol abstaining. Motion carried.

3- Committee Reports:

A- Water:

Ron reported that the system is being routinely maintained.

B- Beach:

Martha reported that we have one lifeguard and one person who may be getting their Waterfront Director certification, and that the committee is advertising locally for lifeguards. Martha stated that the question of the Beach liaison unlocking the boats when there is no lifeguard on duty had been raised in committee. No decision was made pending insurance information.

John stated that the Beach cleanup is scheduled for 6/10, with 6/17 the rain date, and that he would email and robo call the community.

C- Barn:

Mike reported that he has received a bid from a painting contractor for the south and east sides of the Barn.

Rina reported that she spoke to a contractor who is restoring a Barn in the area and who is interested in looking at our Barn and will be coming to look at it in 2 weeks.

Mike also reported that he has 6 Barn reservations from community members and that there will a dumpster in front of the Barn the last weekend in April. It was pointed out that many people toss items into the dumpster without compacting them in any way, resulting in an overflowing 1/2 full dumpster. Roman, Mike, and Jeremy volunteered to monitor the situation and help people utilize the facility in a sensible manor.

D- Camp:

Rina reported that the Camp committee had a very successful Open House at the Goldner-White residence, and that they have a music counselor who needs a temporary residence.

Frieda Halpern's family has offered to donate playground equipment for the Beach in Frieda's memory. Drew will send BOH required playground specification to Rina to forward to Theo Stewart-Stand, who will provide a design for Board review.

E- Communications:

Roman reported that he is still working on the GB email list.

F- Environment:

Roman reported that he is discussing with the Camp the installation of pallet assemblies, to be filled with soil, and used to grow root vegetables.

G- Lake:

Dan reported that ACOE has notified us that a personnel reduction in their office has left them with a serious backlog, which translates to a further delay in starting our lake project.

H- Roads:

Fred reported the roads are reasonably good condition. The Town has been attentive to our roads, filling in and spreading large gravel in muddy areas.

I- Sales and Legal:

Jeremy reported that the Dombrow property is going on the market. No price has been set yet.

J- Social:

John reported that the Summer season schedule is almost set and that there will be an Art night. The 90th Anniversary committee is looking for pictures for the celebration, which will be copied and returned.

K- Road 4:

Gerry reported that they need the summer calendar by mid May, if possible so as not to delay the coming issue.

Good & Welfare:

Martha reported that the Westchester Board of Legislators has advanced a bill for an Immigrant Protection Act. She suggested that those interested in supporting the bill call Francis Corcoran (914-995-2810) and ask him to support the bill. Martha noted that the Town of Bedford is committed to protecting immigrants. Martha will draft a letter from our community expressing our support.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.