

**A Day to Remember (October 21, 2009)
(A Non-Poem)**

*The day was clear
The sun was bright and
The leaves were falling down
It was a day to remember*

*The water system went dry
No warning, no reason or rhyme
Drew and Ron were gone
Like ghost riders in the sky*

*Jim and Chris took the reins
Checked whatever they could
They checked all the mains
The pumps, the tanks, all good*

*Then finally Ron came back
Heard the sad tale of woe
And just before his heart attack
The water began to flow*

*It was a day to remember when
The water system went astray
No warning, no reason or rhyme
Well tomorrows another day*

Ron Arnstein...

**Goldens Bridge Day Camp Registration Forms Now Available
For Downloading From Our Website.**

Go to <http://goldensbridgedaycamp.com/> and click on "Registration Form".

Important Dates:

Session 1: June 28-July 23

Session 2: July 26-August 13

Early registration ends March 31, 2010.

April 1-June 25 is regular registration.

Final Payment and Medical Forms are due May 15, 2010.

Our goal is to go paperless for environmental and financial reasons. For these reasons NO forms will be mailed out. A confirmation EMAIL will be sent out once your registration and health forms and payment have been received.

If you have any questions please check our website or call the camp telephone number at 914-232-9488.

Please email me at info@goldensbridgedaycamp.com only if you want to be removed from this list or if you have any additional colony families who ought to be added to this distribution list.

Thank you,
The Camp Committee

Colony Art Show And Sale July 24, 2010

The Social Committee is sponsoring an art show and sale at the Barn this summer. Colony resident artists and their artistic friends are invited to participate. Enrolment forms can be obtained by contacting Martha Levites (232-4456). They may also appear in a future issue of Road Four and be posted on the barn bulletin board but the exhibition spots fill up quickly so it is wise not to wait.

Last year's event was surprisingly successful. The barn was packed with people enjoying the art and each other. A worthwhile charity was able to benefit because a portion of the proceeds were donated to it; 25% of each sale and 100% of the proceeds of the raffle went to the charity.

This year's beneficiary will be the Westchester Food Bank; a wonderful organization helping those in need across the county. The Food Bank for Westchester distributes approximately 5 million pounds of food annually including almost a million pounds of fresh local produce and eggs. In addition, the Food Bank rescues prepared and perishable foods from local restaurants, institutional cafeterias and supermarkets that would otherwise be discarded. They will have representatives at the event explaining how their organization works.

We plan on providing free wine and cheese (as long as it lasts) donated to the event by local shop owners and members of the community. Please write this date on your calendar and make an effort to be there. You will have a great time!

Drink Recipe from Dan Fast



Brandy Alexander (my version)

Combine in a blender:
1 part Brandy (any decent Brandy will do: I've used inexpensive to very fine, with little difference)

1 part Creme De Cacao (dark is best)

2 parts Vanilla or Chocolate Chip ice cream (coffee ice cream can be used; best with

vanilla or coffee chocolate chip)

Blend thoroughly; serve in whatever glass you like, fancy or plain, with a sprinkle of Nutmeg on top of each.

Damn, this is good!

Look for more cocktail recipes from Dan in future issues.



Karla Eisen—Beekeeper

Karla, daughter of Mera and Arnie Eisen, is a member of the Prince William (VA) Regional Beekeepers Association. They have received a grant from the Department of Agriculture to allow them to breed local bees and study and compare them with southern and Africanized bees. They hope to help homegrown bees, be as healthy and hardy as their foreign counterparts without being aggressive. Karla explained “We’re learning to raise bees from

our own bees. It’s a lost art that was no longer being taught.” Part of the process involves creating a starter hive having just 5 frames rather than the 10 in a normal hive. (Frames are what bees use to store their honey).

Karla and her colleagues want the public to understand that “honeybees are your friends. Don’t kill a honeybee if you see one. You shouldn’t be afraid if you see a bee swarm or if you have a bee in your home.” People often confuse honeybees with their less than desirable relatives; wasps, hornets,

bumble bees, and yellow jackets. It has been said that two out of every three bites of our food are attributable to the honeybee. Their pollination is required for fruits, vegetables, nuts, berries, and of course flowers. But they say to be careful around bees.

Karla has recently completed a written test and a field examination in order to earn her certificate as a certified Virginia State Beekeeper.

For information or help on beekeeping you can reach Karla at www.backyardfarmers@gmail.com

Sidney Davis 2009

Sidney Davis, a long time resident of this community, died this past November at the age of 95. I knew Sidney as my friend Ann’s father from the time I was 15 years old living in the Bronx. As a teen, I was just a little frightened by Sidney’s stern demeanor and strong opinions. As an adult, I came to admire Sidney for his intellect, his dignity, and for the love he showed his family and the kindness he showed to mine.

Before moving to Goldens Bridge, Sidney taught high school science at Samuel Gompers and then at Stuyvesant High School in New York City. After being summer residents here for some time, Sidney and Selma built their home on Lake Street in 1967. Then, once Sidney retired from teaching, the Davises moved to Goldens Bridge to become full time residents. They lived here for approximately 30 years.

Sidney was community president in the 70s and is remembered by many for being a strong and even-tempered leader. He attempted to make Executive Board meetings more pleasantly social and less adversarial. His ideas were always well thought out and clearly articulated.

Sidney may also be remembered by many for the active role he played in the lives of his grandsons David and Nathaniel Bigger, and his daughter Ann who lived just up the road on Lake Street. It seems entirely fitting then that the family legacy will be carried on by a great grandchild, Sophia Mae Bigger, born on February 10th to David and Jessica Bigger. So as one life ends, another life begins, representing a reassuring continuity in the Davis family.

Martha Levites

Bernard Birnbaum 2009

Bernard (Bernie) Birnbaum, who spent many of his early years in Goldens Bridge, died on Thanksgiving Day at the age of 89. Older residents may remember Bernie delivering milk back in the early days of the colony.

Bernie was a veteran newsman, working at CBS News since 1951. A producer of Sunday Morning since 1990, he received seven Emmy awards during his distinguished career. He covered many of the most remarkable events of the past several decades from political campaigns and the assassination of President Kennedy to Watergate and the Vietnam War.

Bernie served in Italy during

World War II. He received a Fullbright to study cinema in Rome where later, as a still photographer for MGM, he worked with such film directors as Rossellini, Fellini, and DeSantis.

Bernie married Ronnie Gutman in 1950; she died in 2005. He is survived by his two daughters, Deborah and Amy, and their families.

Barbara Jackson Beller 1928–2010

Barbara Beller, the first child of Frederick and Jenny Jackson and sister of Richard spent many summers in Goldens Bridge. Growing up during the depression years, Bobby had always dreamed of being a social worker. She completed her studies and began her career working with troubled adolescent girls and with the developmentally disabled. She dedicated the last thirty years of her professional life to helping youngsters with special needs and their families lead productive lives.

Bobby did not slow down after her retirement but continued to work with, among others, the Whitney Young Symposium of the NASW, to raise funds to provide scholarships for social work students. She is mourned by her

husband Jesse, her daughters Kathleen and Jane, and her grandchildren.

MEMORIES FROM A FRIEND

This is for Bobby and about Bobby, the friend I came to know and love. We met several years ago at a Now Book Club meeting. Neither one of us was able to decide whether or not we had met before but we shared a common bond, Goldens Bridge and Fishy (Millstein). So it was no surprise that a close friendship followed.

Bobby was a humanist with a sweet smile and a gentle demeanor that belied her inner strength and commitment to principles, an awesome combination. She was an avid reader and when I reminisced with other book club members their responses were incredibly similar. Perhaps one of her friends summed it up best. "She had a way of making me feel good and I felt as if we had been friends forever." Forever may not be long enough but I cherish our "forever" friendship and the wonderful memories even as I mourn my loss.

Muriel Millstein Weiss

Walter "Teddy" Jones 2010

In the proverbial tale of 3 blind men trying to describe an elephant, each ascribed the one part he touched, to being the whole. But can anyone of us individually know the true essence of another? I don't think so. But I do really believe that by collecting and connecting the myriad and the disparate fragments of a person's life, then and only then, can we come to know his or her true self.

Teddy:—Today in memory of all the roles and parts Teddy played in our lives, we pay tribute to him. How did we know Teddy? He was the beloved husband of Tina; the devoted father of Deidre and Cheryl; a loving brother and uncle; a believer in justice; the dependable community member; an iconic example of graceful ageing and the paradigm of a true friend.

My part in knowing Teddy was that of a friend. That started when he and Mac bonded together in their profound love for Goldens Bridge and in their deep enjoyment of one another. I wonder if it's kismet or something else that melded these two in their lifetimes, —and now, each one eulogized on the same date, February 22. Who can say?

One of the passions Mac and Teddy shared was in plotting attacks on garage sales sites. Every week-end early, and I mean early, they would go to the Bedford Diner for breakfast and then off to the hunt! When they returned Tina and I would exclaim, albeit not always with praise, about their coups. After each foray, Teddy was like a little kid let loose in a candy store

exulting in his prizes. His joy was infectious enveloping me in it by some sort of osmosis.

For Mac, Teddy, as his friend, could be counted on to help in and/or volunteer for any needed Goldens Bridge project be it sous maitre de' at the banquet, lender of tools for various chores or just simply to be his "go to" person. Someone with whom private thoughts could be shared. Teddy was that kind of man. And who can forget those mouth watering, finger licking spare rib barbecues that he and Tina hosted during the summers for about half of Goldens Bridge? None of that generic stuff from the A&P. This meat was personally selected by Teddy when he was in the business. Generous to a fault was Teddy.

And all that generosity of spirit continued for me after Mac died. I knew that I could depend on Teddy to check up on my well-being each winter week-end when he came to Goldens Bridge; to have him chain saw a dead tree near my house, (it really was a small one, Tina); to help in our tag sale; to volunteer for my "honey-do" list where there were never questions of "why" just questions of how soon did I want things done. I remember one time that a desk lamp that I have malfunctioned because of a bad switch. I brought the lamp in to be repaired. I was told it would be about \$60 to fix. Teddy was aghast at the price and told me he would take care of it, and he did. Today every time I turn on that lamp, Teddy's hand is there as well. There were many other displays of caring but the one I cherish the most, is that Teddy offered me his unconditional presence.

Each of us has had his or her own "touch" of a part of Teddy. And when we gather together all our fond memories, we come to know the composite wonderful being that he was. But that being said, Teddy was truly more, much more than the sum of his parts. Our eyes were opened. He shall be missed.

Mollie Arons, February 22, 2010

a tribute...
sweet strains of jazz
in summer's heat.
a back porch 'hey' and
chats amongst the bramble.
a hand reaches out
with his garden's bounty.
a glance, a wave,
a smile, a joke...
Teddy Jones,
our kind neighbor and friend,
you will be truly missed.
the fast family

Goodbye Ruth

Ruth Dorfman was a progressive who saw the world through a Marxist lens. The essential unfairness of our system, pitting working people against each other and their own interests, drove her up the wall.

She raised us to know we had a voice and a responsibility to use it.

The first demonstration she took me to (I was about seven) was a very peaceful one bearing witness to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Together, we went for several years, quietly vowing

'Never Again'. We also went as a family to Washington D.C. with Aunt Gloria to protest the Vietnam War with Women's Strike for Peace.

Ruth was not one dimensional. She loved to sing and dance. She and my dad met singing at Camp Unity and continued for many years with the Queens Interracial Chorus.

She looked forward to folk dancing each summer in Goldens Bridge. It was a real treat.

She took great pride in our accomplishments and encouraged us each to pursue our dreams.

After raising the three of us, she decided to reinvent herself. The ACE Program at Queens College was the answer to her long held dream ... a college education. Her world expanded and so did ours.

It brought new vigor to our family. She became a teacher and a world traveler, meeting new people and examining new ideas. She attended all of our concerts and art exhibits with great enthusiasm.

When Dad died, still in her early fifties, she continued her studies and finished her Masters Degree.

Naim became her fond companion and they traveled the world together.

Her Granchildren delighted her. Michelle and Deborah filled her with pride and, after discussing current events with them, she made sure they weren't swallowing any capitalist propaganda.

Before she knew it there were great grand children to brighten her days. Although she was slowing down, they would always elicit a smile and a tickle. Melissa's sweet voice, watching Abey and Izzy clowning in the park and being with her loved ones gave her great pleasure.

Mom lived 88 mostly healthy years and accomplished many of her goals. She loved her family, immediate and extended, and always encouraged their talents, ideas and education.

She was strong willed and, in fact, died the way she lived, with determination.

This was my mom, in a nutshell. One day, after dealing with some banking matters, she suddenly stopped in the street and exclaimed "I just had a terrible thought... if add my accounts to the increased value of the coop and the house in G.B., I might be a millionaire.... That's disgusting!!

I said "But, to have that money you'd have to sell your apartment and you would be homeless."

"Oh", she answered "that makes me feel much better".

Goodbye mom, you had a good run . We will miss you.

Remembering Grandma...

I remember Grandma teaching me to play catch on the front lawn.

Together, we ate stringbeans and snow peas in the garden.

Dinner at Grandma's was wonderful roasted chicken and terrible stringbeans.

She brought fire opals back from Mexico and showed us how they transformed in water.

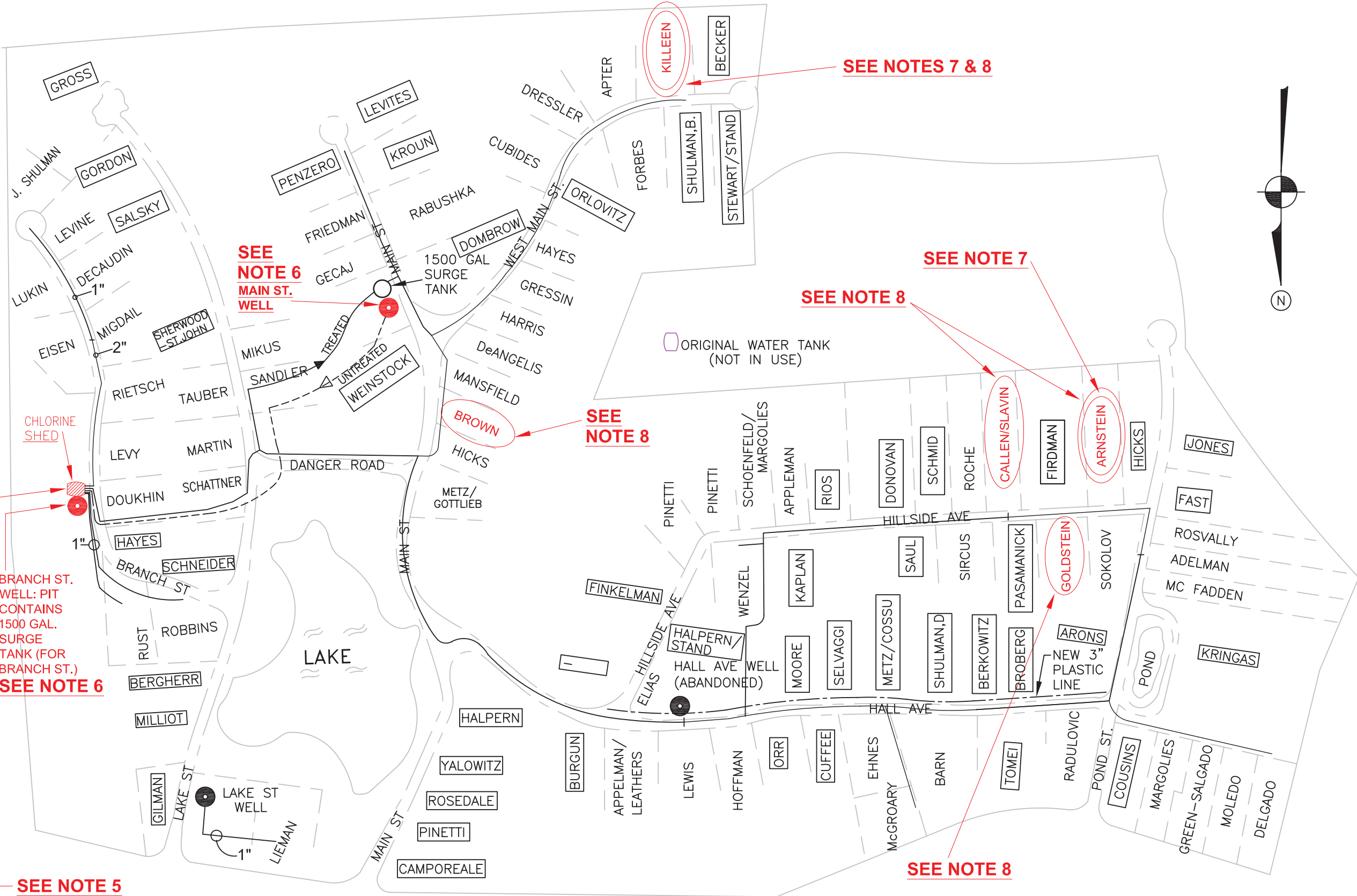
She helped me pass my Social Studies Regents (that was her subject) with patience and love.

She taught how to pick fruit. I miss her.

By Deborah Ruth Birnbaum

NOTES

- 1- The system splits into two independent sections, after leaving the chlorine shed:
A- Branch Street
B- Hall - Hillside - PMD - Main Street
- 2- All houses on the Colony Water System are indicated.
- 3- Houses (names) in rectangles have their own well, and are not on the Colony Water System. (Not all houses with wells are shown.)
- 4- Untreated water is pumped from the Main St. well, and the Branch St. well, to the Chlorine shed on Branch St., and treated at the Chlorine shed. It is then pumped into the system, and sent separately to Branch St., and to the Hall-Hillside-PMD-Main St. network.
- 5- THE CHLORINE SHED ENTRY POINT IS USED FOR: TRI-ANNUAL INORGANIC TESTS AND ANNUAL NITRATE / NITRITE TESTS.
- 6- THE BRANCH ST. AND MAIN ST. WELL PITS ARE USED FOR TRI-ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE ORGANIC TESTS (SOC'S AND POC'S).
- 7- TEST HOUSES FOR CHLORINE RESIDUALS AND FOR TOTAL COLIFORMS, ANNUAL HALOACETIC ACIDS AND TRIHALOMETHANE.
- 8- TEST HOUSES FOR TRI-ANNUAL LEAD AND COPPER.



LEGEND

- ← - UNTREATED
- ← - TREATED
- NEW, TREATED

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Colony Water System Distribution & Test Points	DRWG BM-002	REV 1: 7/05
I.D. #5903428		2: 12/09
		ARNSTEIN 7/05, 12/09
CERT #13652		



Beatrix Mahot Stewart-Stand received the citizen of the month award in her school. (She is in full day, pre-kindergarten in Brooklyn.)

Connie Weinstock is recuperating from recent knee replacement surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

FREE BOOKS! John Weinstock is giving away books. Fiction, Non-Fiction, Scientific, Coffee Table Books, etc. A large and eclectic collection. Give John a call at 232-8186 for more information.

AT THE LEWISBORO LIBRARY

April 10: Joe Crookston – A talented guitarist and banjo player, who has appeared at our barn, is performing at the Lewisboro Library at 8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30). Joe was chosen as a Falcon Ridge Folk Festival Most-Wanted Artist and was a finalist in the Mountain Stage NewSong Contest. In 2007, he received a year-long song writing grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. Admission price is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and children under 10.

May 1: The Walkabout Clearwater Chorus – A true “people’s chorus” made up of folks who love to sing and work hard at making good music will appear at the Lewisboro Library in South Salem on Saturday, May 1. Concert begin at 8 pm, doors open at 7:30 pm. Admission price is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and children under 10. Founded in 1984 with the help of folk music mainstay Pete Seeger, their repertoire ranges from boisterous sing-alongs to carefully crafted harmonious “music with a message.”

AT THE SOMERS LIBRARY

The Titanic. On Saturday, April 17th at 1:00 PM, the library will present a program relating to the wife of the Titanic’s designer, Thomas Andrews. Denise Vanaria will star as Mrs. Andrews. Hear her story of life, love & loss. The program features authentic artifacts associated with the Titanic and the Edwardian Era. The presentation is appropriate for all ages! Contact the library on the web at www.somerslibrary.org or by phone at 232-5717.

AT THE KATONAH LIBRARY

On Thursday, May 20th at 6:30 PM, the CrossTalk program will present the author and journalist Michael Gross and the star of the film “Avatar”, Stephan Lang. The CrossTalk programs, cosponsored by the Katonah Museum and the Katonah Village Library, feature two experts talking on unrelated topics. All CrossTalk events begin with a wine reception at 6:30, followed by the program. Proceeds support children’s programs at the Museum and the Library.

Prepaid reservations are required; please call the KMA for reservations, \$20 in advance \$25 at the door.

Board & Membership Minutes

GBCA Board Minutes October 18 2009

Present: Stand, Fast, Rosedale, Brown, Sircus, Orr, Levites, Bergherr, Eisen, Arnstein, Finkelman, Stewart-Stand, Gordon (one position vacant)

Absent: Shulman

The meeting came to order at 10:33 am.

September Board Minutes were read and accepted into the record as amended.

Rosedale will send the list of current Board emails to everyone and request acknowledgement.

Motion- Move board meetings to 10am- 12 in favor, 1 abstention. Passed.

Correspondence- Arnstein’s letter to the Board regarding legal authority of the water operator to perform emergency repairs was read into the record.

Levites: Our precedent is to do the emergency repair and then have the Board approve an expense greater than \$500 afterwards. Then we bring it to the Membership for approval. The intent is never to stop or delay emergency work.

Orr: Given the cost of components in the pump house, any emergency water repair would exceed \$500. Perhaps this amount should be changed in the Constitution.

Fast: Approval for an emergency expense for infrastructure repairs should be discussed and ratified at the next board meeting after the emergency occurs.

Bergherr: The Board does have responsibility for the water system. Board members could be sued if it was mismanaged.

Fast: The Board is the owner, not the operator of the water system. Both roles come with specific responsibilities and accountability.

Motion (Fast): Continue to follow established procedure for emergency water repairs and obtain financial approval at the next Board

meeting. 10 in favor with 2 abstentions. Passed.

Stand charged an ad-hoc subcommittee to draft language change for the Constitution so both the owner and operator of the water system can discharge responsibilities effectively while protecting the interests of both. Stewart-Stand and Eisen volunteered to work on this.

Committee Reports-

Bergherr, Arnstein, Stand and Carol Lewis met about the Association charging her for water. They came up with an agreement for review. We will move ahead on the deed portion of the agreement. Restoration details are tabled until we have recommendations from her engineer. Stand will monitor the situation and report back.

Finance- We are waiting to reconcile all camp-related expenditures until November 1. We will file papers to recover outstanding dues from Brennan. A letter was sent to DiAngeles requesting "payment in full". We did receive a letter from Daniel Apter from his new nursing home address containing a check. We will apply this amount prospectively towards his 2010 dues consistent with the decision from our last Board meeting.

We will work on finding a way to get permission for access to the Apter property so we can drain the water out of his house; the pipes will freeze and it is on the Colony water system.

Suggested to limit Colony employees to 40 hours, when possible, per week to avoid overtime expenses. We have some retroactive reconciliation to do with Brandon. Levites will coordinate with Orr.

Barn- Floors and stage support work will need doing in the spring. Piano will be moved at the Membership meeting.

Beach/Lake- Motion: Thanks to Georgann Stewart for her hard work and dedication coordinating the Beach Committee; she is now rotating off of this Committee. Gordon is seeking a new coordinator. He will try to call a meeting and get someone new to serve in this role. Gates at the Volleyball Court need to be closed.

Town- No report — Camp- No report

Environment- NYSEG is going to trim trees around power lines this month. — Hospitality/Social- No report.

Legal/sales- Rios property- \$280k mortgage is outstanding. 2 members contacted bank attorney- said that any transaction must be at auction or through our attorney.

Roads- There will be no town leaf pickup this year. Stewart-Stand is the Roads Committee liaison. Schmid is the Chair. Schmid continues doing a great job working with the Highway Department. Layoffs at the Town might affect road maintenance in 2010. Stewart-Stand and Schmid toured the Colony roads yesterday; the Highway Department has installed a drainage ditch to prevent runoff to the Cubides property. We need more Membership participation in the Roads committee. All are requested to keep driving speed down. We received a complaint from the Town about a couple of households blowing leaves onto the roads.

Maintenance- The dead tree was cut down at handball court for about half the cost of the initial estimate. Trees around the pump house have been marked. Anchors for the rafts are concrete discs sunk to the bottom of the lake, attached with chains. If we wait another year to order rafts, materials costs could rise up to 20% (\$1,000 per raft). Budgeted amount in 2010 is for replacement of 2 rafts.

Handball court: Orr had this facility looked over by 2 masons. They could not provide estimates for patching or incremental repair. If the wall was deemed to be important, they could attach wire lath and put up stucco for a few thousand dollars. Some suggested knocking the wall down and using the space as a basketball court.

Fire alarm pull stations should be installed at each exit of the barn. Materials and wiring could be supplied for about \$300. Then we would need to have the boxes and conduit installed with volunteer labor. Will explore what the code requirements are in order to minimize false alarms.

Outdoor work will be undertaken in spring of 2010. Phasing of remaining lower barn floor work remains to be discussed. We could spend an additional \$4,000 to complete the next phase of lower barn floor work, but that would leave us with only \$1,000 in the capital reserve fund next year- even with the recommended increase.

Road 4- There are very few submissions so far. Send pictures and stories to Sircus and Kroun. Depending on when the next issue is published, Road 4 may contain a notice reminding people that there is no town-wide leaf pickup.

Water- Work on the output part of the system, meaning that the new pumps, piping, control, and instrumentation of that part of the system, which is the major portion, is complete. There is still work to be done on the input part of the system, coming from the wells, and the chlorination system. Wireless controls are installed and working. The Health Department cited us for not supplying drawings of our upgrades and repairs in the pump house. We need to resolve this before we get our license renewed (before January 1, 2010).

Installing of a specialized device to read out usage more frequently will finish upgrades to the pump house. We could additionally install remote monitoring by Internet for ca. \$600/year. The Water Committee wants to observe how the new equipment is functioning before making further recommendations.

The Board thanks the Water Committee for handling the many recent maintenance issues. — Garbage- No report.

New business- none — Next meeting locations: — November- Sircus — December- Levites — January- Gordon

February- Stand — March- Shulman

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

GBCA Board Minutes November 22, 2009

Present: Stand, Rosedale, Brown, Sircus, Orr, Levites, Bergherr, Eisen, Shulman, Arnstein, Finkelman, Stewart-Stand, Callen, Fast

Absent: Gordon

The meeting came to order at 10:09 am.

Callen came to the meeting asking to rejoin the Board. He said he would make a stronger effort to attend meetings. Arnstein also spoke on his behalf. Bergherr moved to have Callen rejoin the board. The motion was seconded, and all voted in favor with one abstention.

Passed.

Revised liaison responsibilities will be finalized and posted before the next Board meeting.

October Board Minutes were read and accepted into the record.
Correspondence- none.
Committee Reports-
Finance- Camp accounts reconciliation remains to be done. We can still pay our bills this month while this is pending.
Papers will be filed regarding Brennan's outstanding dues before the end of the calendar year.
The DiAngeles and Rios situations are unchanged. Arnstein will talk to DiAngeles and explain that water shutoff is impending. We have recommended many solutions to him and received no response.
Another family in the community is experiencing sudden, dramatic health and financial difficulties. Fast suggested we establish a Hardship Fund to help households deal with these situations. Motion (Eisen) to set up a Hardship Fund for the Community into which members can make donations. Seconded, passed unanimously. There will be a space on bills for annual dues for a voluntary donation to this fund. A subcommittee was created to set criteria for disbursement of the funds. Levites, Eisen and Callen will serve on the subcommittee.
Moved (Fast): For payment of annual dues, we will allow a maximum 60 days past the March 1 due date on the bills (meaning May 1), before the water shutoff letter will be sent to any non-paying household. If no payment plan is created and no payment made, the water shutoff date is June 1. Seconded (Levites), passed unanimously.
Levites will ask Apter for permission to enter the property and drain water from the house in order to protect our water system; a failure in pipes at a house could result in back pressure and contamination for other water users. Apter will be notified that if access is not granted, we will shut off the water at the curb-cock.
Barn- Stand arranged for removal of some of the older wood floor. We could spend \$6,800-\$9,000 to pour concrete there, depending on whether we retain existing interior steps or make it all level. Stand, Orr, Fast, Arnstein and Brown will look over the situation and make specific recommendations. The original budgeted amount for this work was \$6,000. Motion (Stewart-Stand): For future engineering needs of the barn, it makes sense to expand the the barn floor repair project by add support to existing posts. The Board approves expenditure up to \$3,000 beyond budgeted amount- meaning a total of \$9,000- for lower barn floor repair this year. Seconded, passed unanimously.
A tree cited as a BOH violation last year has been removed.
Beach/Lake- Still no coordinator yet. Please send nominations to Gordon.
Town- No report
Camp- Excellent, detailed minutes from the last committee meeting were read to the Board. Authority for hiring and firing staff is being discussed. The committee plans on revisiting the mission statement and the handbook to reinforce the original, intended purpose of the Camp (environment and enrichment).
There was a suggestion for a modest tuition increase in acknowledgement of the significant Colony expense for new rafts.
The camp and colony web sites have been updated with pictures.
The camp is looking into insurance details surrounding camp-out nights. Bergherr will be consulted.
An Art specialist is needed. Stand suggested they have more music-related activities. Job descriptions are being created.
Environment- Some trees were taken down. An arborist can visit us to give recommendations on the beach. \$150 for the visit for the Cornell consultation. Motion- contract with Cornell seconded, passed unanimously.
Should extra funds be solicited from people who anticipate being major users of the handball court? There are discussions to proceed with the refurbishment.
Hospitality/Social- No report.
Legal/sales- No report.
Roads- Residents and tenants are asked to park all the way into their driveways and spaces, to allow for proper road maintenance and snow removal. Also, everyone was reminded about the rule requiring parking 75 feet back from Rte 138 when dropping kids off for the school bus. Perhaps a post or painted line could mark the spot. Roads were re-graded recently. Still discussing speed limits; we may be able to reduce it to 15 or 20mph now that State law has changed.
There was an article about road maintenance in the Lewisboro Ledger. This article may be partially reprinted in a forthcoming Road 4.
Maintenance- No report.
Road 4- There have been no new contributions since the last Board meeting. We will have some pictures, but text is needed.
We are thinking about ways to bring more people into Community events- especially people who do not normally participate.
Water- The 3 inch line on Hall Avenue has been hooked up. A number of leaks have been repaired.
Fast is working on getting the BOH drawings of our refurbished pump house system by December 31.
We are making progress with Carol Lewis. Finkelman will draft language for Stand indicating that the existing deed reverts to her since we are no longer using her well or pressure tank. Lewis wanted to consult with her engineer concerning restoration of her property.
Arnstein and Orr have not finalized plans for installing curbscocks for Lewis and Appleman/Leathers.
Garbage- No report.
History- No report.
New business- Revised language for the Constitution, designed to facilitate future emergency water repairs, is still being crafted. See October Board minutes for details.
Next meeting: December 20, 10am at the Levites residence.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 pm.

GBCA Board Minutes December 29, 2009

Present: Stand, Rosedale, Brown, Sircus, Orr, Levites, Eisen, Shulman, Arnstein, Stewart-Stand, Callen, Fast, Gordon
Absent: Finkelman, Bergherr

The meeting came to order at 10:09 am.
November Board Minutes were read and accepted into the record as amended.
Rina Slavin will attend on behalf of the Camp Committee when possible.
Stewart-Stand will serve as liaison for both the Camp and Roads committees.
Eisen will follow up on unresolved issues in all committees.
Correspondence- none.
Committee Reports-
Finance- We are down to \$16,900 to last until March 1. We are running close to the bone because of unpaid dues.
Levites needs help from Legal Committee on Brennan.
Partial payment of \$200 was received from DiAngeles. In order to consider having him work off any portion of his debt, we need to know that he has appropriate insurance. Stand and/or Arnstein will inquire. Motion: Eisen- Maintenance Committee should draw up a list of unbudgeted capital expenditures for consideration as payment in kind. Not seconded.
Motion (Shulman): DiAngeles must commit to a payment plan of at least \$400/month, with the first payment due January 15, 2010, or face having his water shut off. (seconded). 11 in favor, 2 opposed. Carried. Arnstein will deliver the news to DiAngeles.
Levites recommends that we consider adding a budget line for defaults in the future.
Barn- Brown is controlling mice over the winter, and looking into a possible donation of stage lighting equipment.
Beach/Lake- Gordon and/or a new Coordinator will work with Camp Committee on staffing. No coordinator has been named.
Town- No report.
Camp- Stand will forward a schedule of Board meetings to the Camp Committee. A representative from the Camp Committee will attend Beach Committee meetings. Both Colony and Camp budget lines for lifeguards were discussed. Information about camp has been made public on the camp web site, in Road 4, by email and will be announced by phone broadcast. Unfilled positions include an Art specialist and music specialist. Hiking, swimming, folk dancing will be scheduled activities. Martial Arts may be offered. A clay specialist is being sought and kiln fees determined. A Camp-out night must take place on Colony property. Most of last year's lifeguards are being contacted to see if they wish to return. The Camp Committee has suggested that the handball court be converted to a basketball court with one fixed and one adjustable hoop.
Levites: Budgeted amounts by both the Colony and Camp have not accurately reflected expenditures but camp revenues have historically covered the difference. The lifeguards end up being paid from a combination of Camp and Colony funds.
The Camp Committee is concerned that there could be a shortfall in budget this year. The minimum wage has gone up and there will be more enrichment activities but these will be factored into tuition. Fees have been finalized and tuition cannot be adjusted at this stage. Levites will contact Laure Milliot to clarify the two budgets.
The Camp hires an aquatic director (must be a lifeguard aged 21+); supervises lifeguards 10-4 M-F during camp. Other staffing and supervision issues are to be negotiated between Beach Committee and Camp in the same successful, collaborative spirit that has governed beach and camp operations in the past. This will be easier when the Beach Committee has a new chairperson.
Environment- Still working with getting prices on having an arborist visit us for recommendations on selective pruning of trees at the beach.
Handball court: 2 suggestions will be brought to the membership on January 31: Either take down the wall and create a basketball court, or restore the front side of the existing wall by pressure washing and painting.
Hospitality/Social- No report.
Legal/sales- No report.
Roads- State law allows us to reduce the speed limit on our dirt roads from 30 to 25mph. We could post lower suggested speed limits at our expense.
Maintenance- Lower barn floor work to be done next week.
Additional funds to reinforce the posts under the stage are not needed now- this work will be budgeted and done in 2010-11. All of these projects are using volunteer labor.
Rafts will be purchased in a week or two. Existing ladders would need to be brought to NJ if they were to be included in construction of the new rafts.
Other projects (mulch, beach sand) will be undertaken in spring.
Road 4- The Fall, 2009 issue is out. We have a start for the winter issue and are looking for more stories. Selected items from historic Colony minutes may be reprinted in future issues.
Water- The Committee has not met; a repair was completed at the corner of Hall and Hillside Avenues.
Apter- Heat is on at the house, so there is no immediate worry about pipes freezing and putting our water system at risk. The water has been shut off inside the house. The exact location of the curbcock is unknown. We have Apter's contact information and can obtain access to the house if needed. A friend of the family is working with Levites to maintain communication.
Finkelman looked over the deed relating to the Lewis property and the original agreement with Flamenbaum. Finkelman will write up a letter saying the Colony no longer has rights to the property where the well sits anymore. According to the agreement, the property then reverts to her. The charge for water will begin in spring of 2010, when the division between lines to her and her neighbor is done. Restoration of the property is to occur by next December. We are still working out details of how that will be done.
Eisen requested a comparison of expenses before and after the pump house upgrades.
Garbage- No report.
History- No report.
New business- A community-wide broadcast message will be sent out repeating Camp enrollment information.
Next meeting: Board- January 24, 2010, 10am at the Gordon residence.
Membership- January 31, 2010
The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.



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