

# Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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### From the Editor

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Road Four is a community newsletter. If you have any news, be it personal or whatever that you would like to share, please send it to us.

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### Birth Announcements

• Please welcome **Diego Samuel Tauber** who arrived on Friday August 15, 2008. This beautiful

baby boy is the first child for Matt and Claudia Tauber (formerly of LA, now in Brooklyn, yay!), the second grandchild for Barbara and Richard Tauber and the second great-grandchild for Esther Schneider.

• Annette and Aaron Kroun

announce the birth of their 9th grandchild, **Ian Kroun Fleiss** born on November 10th at the White Plains Hospital. The baby weighed-in at 8 lbs, 15 ozs. Proud parents, Lori and Rich and big sister Jada are all doing well.

### Presidential Thoughts:

I have been trying to figure out how to get everyone to the April Membership meeting. Not just Board members; not just the same people who have been committed to our community's membership meetings, but everyone. What kind of issue would we like to discuss, or would be important to discuss as a Community? What would motivate everyone to come to that meeting?

Not to be pessimistic, but I would suppose that most of us, if not all of us, will be impacted by our shrinking economy. Some proportion of our membership is on a fixed income. We can, as a Community, work together to our own benefit, if we get everyone to work together. Whether its our contracting for services as a group (like water or garbage), or finding other areas where we can contract for essential services (like septic pump outs, homeowners and auto insurance or home heating oil), let's all meet on April 26th and toss around where we can toss our combined weight around.

Martha reminded me that as a Community we can also be powerful in working to better the world in which we live. We have elected Presidents (Obama and Stand

who will be receptive to working towards Progressive agendas: Peace (I hope), economic and gender fairness, working towards ending racism and environmental sustainability. We give a scholarship to high school students who engage in Social Action. We can set ourselves a goal for Social Action.

Georgann Stewart suggests a literacy program at our Barn. Martha Levites is continuing to think about what project might animate our community. John Bergherr, when he was President, instituted a system of road captains to call people reminding them of the meeting dates, and that helped attendance. What do you think? Please think about this, talk to your neighbors and get back to me.

Communally yours,  
*Eric Stand*

### "Dig-We-Must" Information from the Water Committee

It is New York State Law to require that any excavation done by machine be subject to notification requirements. To fulfill this obligation the Community Association has joined "Dig-We-Must" a non-profit organization that makes the required notification to all interested and impacted parties. To do this, they must be notified in advance of any excavation be it for water pipe maintenance, or by private homeowners for new septic tanks and fields, foundations or drainage constructions, etc. Most excavators (but not all) will notify "Dig-We-Must" in a timely manner but the party hiring an excavator

must make sure that notification is made.

The easiest and the best way for a homeowner who hires an excavator to do this is to notify Ron Arnstein (232-8260) with the following information:

1. Date of Excavation;
2. Location of excavation: (address and nearest cross streets)
3. Type of excavation: (foundations, septics, electric fences, etc)
4. Excavation method: (backhoe, excavator, etc.)

Ron will then forward this information to "Dig-We-Must" for general notification to all interested parties.

### **Dear Colony Friends:**

We would like to thank you all for your sympathy and support during this very difficult period of our lives. A special "thanks" goes to Arnie Eisen for the beautiful piece he wrote in Road Four about our Eric. We also wish to thank the Social Committee, Pearl Klainberg, Ricky Cousin, Ilan Lieman and Albie Gorn for the hootenanny in Eric's memory.

Eric loved the Colony and he gave back that love in song. His year, (or is it years?) as music counselor at the Day Camp were very important to him. He often told us about it. Of course, much of his interest in folk music dates back to his own time as a camper. Those were the days when Jean Mass was music counselor. She was an inspiration and role model for him. Around that time too, he began to study guitar with Saul Danoff. (We can't remember whether or not he studied with Eric Stand as well. Joan knows, she did.) Both of our boys spent many happy years in the Day Camp among good friends, absorbing the camp's strong suits in folk music and in swimming. They became proficient at both.

We are so fortunate to live in the Colony. Although we have not

spent enough time here during the past few years, when tragedy struck, the strong arms of the members pulled us close and held us tight. For that we are tremendously grateful.

With warmth and love,  
*Joan and Norm Levine*

### **Re: Obituary of Martin Balter:**

I had planned to notify Road 4 that Marty had died on April 27, 2008, at age 95, but so many other things cropped up that somehow I was overwhelmed. It is hard to accept the reality that after 59 years of being married to such a giant of a human being that he is no longer here.

Imagine how pleased and relieved I felt on seeing the eulogy that had been published in the Riverdale Press and right next to that of our dear friend Dinah Lukin! I'm still curious as to who submitted that eulogy that came from the Riverdale Press via the Manhattan College Resource Center. (I should mention that I remember when Suki Hamburg was born and now I see that her husband is the editor of Road 4.)

Goldens Bridge was a very important chapter in our lives and when we left the colony Marty arranged to receive Road 4 in perpetuity.

Thank you for publishing this lovely remembrance of my husband alongside that of Dinah's. Our condolences to her three children.

With best regards to all those who still remember us.

*Clara Balter*

### **Darfuris Hosted in the Goldens Bridge Colony**

On August 20th the Colony hosted the group, "Darfur Peace and Development Group". The mission of the group is "promoting peace, justice and sustainable development". They provide direct humanitarian aid to victims of the genocide in Darfur. It is a

non-profit, non-governmental, non-sectarian organization, founded in 2002 by a group of Darfuris in the United States.

Ongoing programs they support include the Darfur Schools Program, the Darfur Women's Center and the Solar Cooker Program, supported by advocacy and public education.

Our visitors, based in Brooklyn, focused on the school program with the showing of a film and talks by member of the group. Fourteen elementary schools in North Darfur and one in Chad are sponsored, providing teacher salaries, supplies and books for the education of 7200 children.

The original 3 schools started in 2005 and now each elementary school is coeducational and supports 1st through 8th grades. At the end of the final year there is a high school acceptance exam.

With most high schools located around the capital cities of Darfur, the Darfur Peace and Development group is trying to get more high schools established which would be accessible to rural children.

Two speakers from Darfur and a beautiful documentary film spoke movingly to the tragedy which is Darfur, and of the people who survive who continue to hope and work to educate their children even in the midst of chaos.

Some funds were raised at the meeting. If you would like to support these schools in the Darfur refugee camps send contributions to: DPANY P.O.

BOX 300405

Brooklyn, NY 11230

718-282 0108 Ext. 208

*Dorothy Schattner*

### **Carol Nordgren joins Music Conservatory of Westchester**

Prior to her appointment as Grants Manager at the Conservatory, Carol Nordgren was the Program Director for Silvermine Guild Arts Center in New Canaan,

CT, one of the oldest artists communities in the United States. An independent visual artist, Carol was formerly the Director of Exhibitions at the Washington Women's Art Center. She received a B.A. in English from the University of Illinois and is a Phi Beta Kappa member. She lives in Goldens Bridge with husband Russell Gordon, and daughter, Elyse, who recently graduated from Macalester College in Minnesota.

### **The Banquet**

The banquet this year was really something special and we have to thank Pearl Klainburg and those who volunteered to help make this affair a huge success. Everything went smoothly with clock-like precision. The whole affair proceeded from the beginning of the meal to the end of the festivities without a hitch. The food was delicious regardless of which entree was selected. Hats off to all for a wonderful job.

In addition to the gustatory delights, we were regaled by entertainment unique to Goldens Bridge. Addie and Gary Tomei were high-stepping and toe-tapping. They danced before a panel of judges, Ricky Cousin, Elisa Bond and Mollie Arons. The judges were lavish with their praise. It was a close race but top honors went to Addie and Gary.

*Mollie Arons*

### **Dan Fast Recovering Well**

Dan Fast recently went through surgery to have both knees replaced. We are pleased to report that he is doing well and will have completed all physical therapy by the middle of January. He believes his rapid recovery was due to his years of leg exercises.

### **Our Pride in our Colony and its Veterans**

*By Nat Yalowitz*

A bit of history hangs in our col-

ony barn. It was a time more than sixty years ago when we fought in a war unlike any before or since. We need to remember and celebrate our history and hold close to us what is most important. Such is the case with a group of Goldens Bridge members who fought in that war. I have long wondered about some of those veterans having known some of them over the years.

The more I thought of them and the plaque hanging in their memory the more I've concluded that honoring them and celebrating their contribution to our country is something worth thinking about and commemorating.

Some of them had fought in an earlier war in Spain where Hitler's Germany supported the Fascists. In the Second World War they again fought fascist Germany only this time they were victorious. Our veterans came from this community of progressive minded families.

There is much talk of patriotism, war, and personal and moral convictions in our lives today. Many people, especially some politicians and religious leaders, have made it their agenda to lecture Americans about our lack of such qualities. Many of these same people are found wanting as their own hidden misdeeds become known. True patriots don't have to wave flags; they show by their deeds who they are.

Our veterans were indeed a band of truth seekers and fighters against truly evil forces. They deserve to be praised for the true heroes they were. America has fought in many wars. Some of them were not justified like the current one in Iraq. Our WW II veterans knew they were fighting a war they believed in, one which our country had to win.

Those men were children of our first settler families who carved out a cooperative community in a part of Westchester County that

was not too friendly to them. At the same time that our enemy preached anti-Semitism and exterminated millions of Jews, Gypsies, and others, some here in the county expressed similar attitudes toward our first settlers.

Our colony has remained safe for its families and we continue to enjoy the happy place it provides for all of us. And we have shown that we are a patriotic band of people, ever since our early days. The early settlers and their veterans should be remembered and celebrated.

### **Moose Killed Crossing I-684**

On Wednesday, September 24, a moose was killed while trying to cross I-684, resulting in a 9-car crash. A moose was spotted previously in the Redding and Ridgefield, Connecticut areas. New York State Police were unsure if this was the same moose. They can usually tell one deer from another but moose were problematic. Unconfirmed reports indicated that the moose had wandered here from Alaska to attend the National Convention but lost its way.

### **Lewisboro to Increase Taxes**

The Lewisboro Ledger reported that The Lewisboro Town Board voted a 6.95% tax increase for its 2009 town budget. Although expenses decreased approximately \$200,000 the tax increase was due to a loss of revenue. The new budget was passed by a 3 to 2 vote.

### **Good News for GB Shoppers**

Among the duties of the County Department of Consumer Protection, one is to inspect items on store shelves for expiration dates. Failure of these inspections can result in a fine levied by the agency. Of the 63 stores inspected, the Goldens Bridge A&P was the only one that had no expired items on their shelves.

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Photo courtesy of Dana Sokolov

### **The Boston Tea Party it Wasn't**

Talk about Colony old-timers: Take a look at the picture above. The photo was taken this past summer during a tea party at the home of Selma Sokolov. Judging by some of the smiles I wonder if there was something else besides tea in their glasses. They don't wish to say how many years they have spent in the community but their combined ages would certainly add up. Appearing from left to right, Lola Metz, Suki Sircus, Esther Schneider, Selma Sokolov, Blanch Salsky, Mollie Arons, Frieda Halpern.

### **Water Main Leak on Hall Avenue**

The September meeting of the board was only sparsely attended. Half of its members were responding to a major water main leak in the middle of Hall Avenue. Those out for an early walk would have seen Ron Arnstein, Dan Fast, Mike Brown, John Bergherr, and Drew Orr standing at a huge hole in the street. Drew not only managed to get his backhoe there for a prompt excavation but helped the group identify the source of the leak. Repairs proceeded smoothly and water service was restored by early afternoon.

### **Long-Time GB Member Passes**

Just before going to press with our publication, we learned of the death of Jean Rios after a long ill-

ness. Jean was a long-time member of our community. She had lived on Hillside Avenue.

### **History Committee**

The map on pages 6 and 7 was first presented at a board meeting along with an original surveyor's map dated 1927. The surveyor's map shows that the colony property then included a section north of Route 138 extending from Route 22. It also included most of the present day shopping center. These parcels were sold early-on as well as a piece east of the pump house.

Some members of the board told of their own collections of memorabilia. This prompted a discussion about reviving the History Committee, with Gerry Sircus as the liaison to the board. Three members

have already volunteered but more would be welcome. Contact Gerry at 301-5507 or at his email address: [suki27@earlink.net](mailto:suki27@earlink.net).

### **Lewisboro to Get New Cell Tower**

Verizon Wireless was picked to erect a cell tower on town-owned land near the town park on Route 35. Lewisboro will receive rent from Verizon Wireless. The town is reviewing the need for an additional tower in the eastern end of Goldens Bridge to improve service for that area.

### **Two Chairs Missing from Barn**

Michael Brown reported that two of the new folding chairs are missing. If anyone has knowledge of their whereabouts, please call Mike at 232-9081.

# Sheila Berkowitz September, 2008

There are some relationships that are short-lived and some that go on and on. Ours was one that endured. A lasting friendship that survived, spanning many decades. The friendship that existed between Sheila and the both of us was one that lasted for 57 years. Her passing has left a void that can never be filled. Sheila will always be part of us.

Sheila and we go back many years. The two of us first met Sheila at Camp Kinderland in the early 50s. Annette and I were 11 years old and Sheila 12. The next four summers were spent together at summer camp. They were fun years for the three of us. Getting out of the hot city and into the country was a treat for all of us. We looked forward for the end of the school year and the start of camp.

However, we never shared the same bunk. The three of us together caused so much mischief that the counselors and group leaders thought it best to keep us apart at night. When the three of us got together, we were trouble. The friendship that developed during those summers did not end when the summer was over. They continued during the rest of the year. Since we all lived in the in the same neighborhood in the Bronx, it was easy for us to spend time together most weekends. As the years passed, we developed a strong bond that would continue into adulthood.

What began in Camp Kinderland and the Bronx had come full circle, ending in Goldens Bridge. As teenagers we often came to Goldens Bridge to visit a close friend of ours, Barbara Gladstone. In those days not many people lived in Goldens Bridge all year long and Barbara was viewed as a pioneer. Many years later, as adults, with children, we rented here. Goldens Bridge seemed an extension of Camp Kinderland. Many of the social and political experiences of camp were shared here.

We all married about the same time. Our children were born within months of each other. There was a bond that kept us connected throughout our lives. This was a highly unusual relationship. We remained friends, and our children became friends; even some of our grandchildren.

Our relationship was not always joyous in the sense that every life has its good and bad times. But there was never a good or bad time when the three of us were not there for each other. The three of us go back a long way. We grew into adults, married and started families. We saw our children grow into adulthood, have children of their own and we became grandparents. And we still remained close. This was a bond that lasted.

It is difficult to describe the sense of loss that we feel. Our hearts go out to Sheila's family. We were indeed fortunate to have shared Sheila with them.

Sheila, we love you and will always miss you.

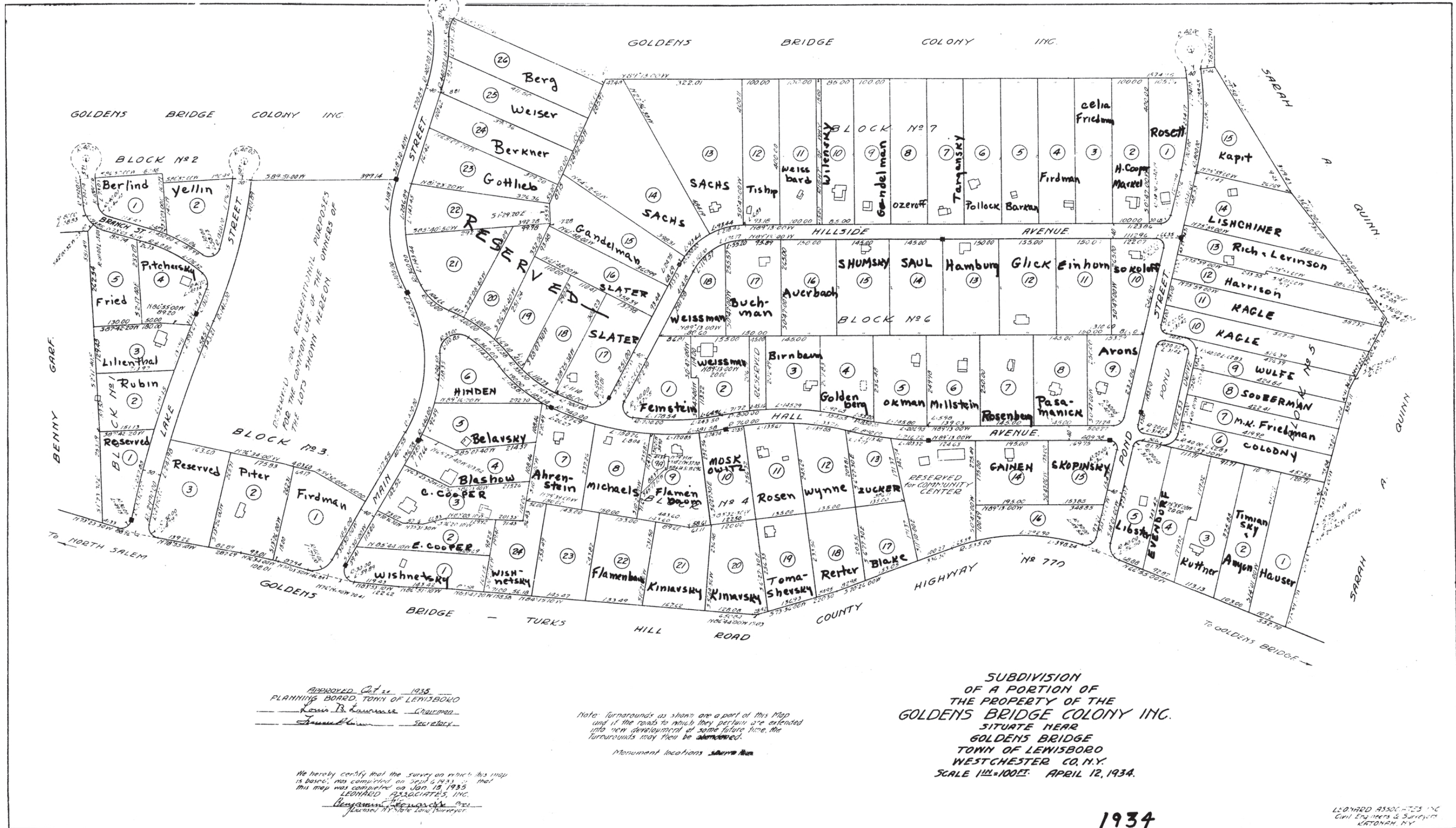
*Annette Kroun, Judy Migdail*



Judy Migdail · Sheila Berkowitz · Annette Kroun



Judy Migdail · Annette Kroun · Sheila Berkowitz



APPROVED Oct 22 1935  
 PLANNING BOARD, TOWN OF LEWISBORO  
 Louis B. Lawrence Chairman  
 Samuel Blum Secretary

Note: Turnarounds as shown are a part of this Map and if the roads to which they pertain are extended into new development at some future time, the turnarounds may then be abandoned.  
 Monument locations shown here

We hereby certify that the survey on which this map is based, was computed on Sept 6, 1933, and that this map was completed on Jan 13, 1935.  
 LEONARD ASSOCIATES, INC.  
 Benjamin J. Schwartz  
 Licensed Professional Surveyor

SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COLONY INC. SITUATE NEAR GOLDENS BRIDGE TOWN OF LEWISBORO WESTCHESTER CO. N.Y. SCALE 1/4" = 100 FEET APRIL 12, 1934.

1934

LEONARD ASSOCIATES INC  
 Civil Engineers & Surveyors  
 NATIONAL CITY, OHIO

Those who attended the last membership meeting had the opportunity to see a framed copy of a 1934 map of the colony property showing the ownership of the lots at that time. Frieda Halpern provided the map and Drew Orr enlarged and framed it. It was of great interest for most of us to review the map. The colony was smaller at that time; West Main Street

and Danger Road didn't exist yet and Branch Street and Lake Street were much shorter than today. A large open area is shown where the lake is now located. Swimming took place in the Pond, clearly seen on the map on the west side of Pond Street. Each lot is identified by the owner at the time.

The recipe for this issue was submitted by Frieda Halpern. It can be used as a main dish or as a side to a larger meal.

### ZUCCHINI PIE LIKE A QUICHE

- 2 Zucchini, unpeeled and diced, about 3 cups
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 cup Bisquick
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 tsp marjoram
- 1 tsp parsley
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper



Mix all together until well coated. Pour into well-greased pan or large pie dish. Bake at 350 degrees

until golden. If desired sprinkle shredded mozzarella or parmesan cheese on top before baking. The editors and our readers appreciate these rcipies. Please continue with your contributions.

### FOR SALE

Len Caust used to be a terrific woodworker. Now he is getting rid of his entire workshop.

The contents include a professional workbENCH, router and router table, electric saws and drills, as well as many other tools, steel shelving, etc.

If you think you might be interested, he is asking \$500 (negotiable) for the entire contents.

Call: 232-3981

### WATER EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR THOSE USING COLONY WATER

To report a leak or other colony water emergency:  
 RON ARNSTEIN ..... (914) 232-8260  
 PAT KILLEEN ..... (914) 232-4931



# Board Minutes

## GCBA Board meeting minutes 9/21/2008

Present: Stand, Fast, Rosedale, Schmid, Sircus, Levites, Gordon, Finkelman, Ehnes

Excused (Water line repair): Orr, Arnstein, Brown

Absent: Eisen, Callen, Bergherr

The meeting came to order at 10:10 am.

August Board Minutes were read and accepted into the record.

Correspondence- Letters from Mike and Faye Lieman and the Rios family were read into the record. John Plassmann, power of attorney for Rios, will be handling correspondence surrounding Colony business.

Committee Reports:

Finance- The 2008-9 budget was distributed, amended slightly, and then approved unanimously. The Board approved going forward with shutting off water to Delgado and Gecaj in light of dues non-payment; also agreed to attempt to obtain Confessions of Judgment from Rios and DiAngeles.

The Board endorsed Levites' suggestion to reach out to members with payment plans about their obligations.

Barn- no report

Beach/Lake- Russell Gordon is the new liaison from the Board.

Town- Report omitted\*

Camp- Jim Callen is the new liaison from the Board.

Environment- Peter Ehnes is the new liaison from the Board.

Hospitality/Social- no report

Legal/sales- The fence on Gecaj property needs to be moved. Stand to speak with Gecaj before action is taken.

Roads- Report omitted\*

Maintenance- no report

Road 4- Report omitted\*

Water- No report

Garbage- No report

Next meeting: October 12, 10AM at the Teen Center

\*Some reports were lost by the Secretary during electronic file transfer.

## GCBA Board meeting minutes –DRAFT 10/12/2008

Present: Stand, Fast, Rosedale, Brown, Schmid, Sircus, Orr, Levites, Bergherr, Eisen, Gordon, Arnstein, Finkelman, Callen

Absent: Ehnes

The meeting came to order at 10:11 am.

September Board Minutes were lost in a computer mishap- will be reconstructed, and distributed electronically. 9 votes by email will be sufficient to approve.

All committees are asked to come up with a few goals for 2009.

Correspondence- none.

Committee Reports-

Finance- An updated report was distributed.

A check from Delgado was delivered incorrectly, so they are trying to meet their obligations.

Stand talked to Geoff Gecaj- he agreed to move the fence on the nursery acre and has agreed to mail in a check. We are still waiting to receive it. Arnstein will pursue picking up the check if it has not been mailed already.

\$10,675 is the total of outstanding dues as of this meeting. If none of this is received in 2008, withdrawals from the capital fund in 2009 might be required to make up the balance; we may need to prioritize expenses.

Our deposits are insured and safe.

Barn- Lower barn floor work has been started; old material was removed, new slab was poured. Step between rooms, walls, floors, closet, shelves now need replacement. Callen will work with camp to determine optimal storage of art supplies.

Beach/Lake- There is still a question about waterfront requirements for having a working defibrillator on the premises. The Board recommends going ahead with purchasing or leasing; details of such, and storage/access requirements, are delegated to the Beach Committee. New shrubs, bulbs and other garden improvements are in place thanks to George and Martha Levites, Frieda Halpern, Georgann Stewart-Stand, Maggie Hayes, and several others.

Camp- No meeting called. Laure Milliot submitted the Camp budget for next year.

Environment- No report

Garbage- No report

Hospitality/Social- Bergherr is still working on details to see if it will be possible to set up free yoga classes; sustained interest may be a problem. Chess nights are the 3rd Friday of the month in the barn. All ages are invited to participate in chess nights.

Legal/sales- Becker is renting, not selling her house. Finkelman has a list of "pool" members who want to be notified when houses are up for sale.

McFadden sale status uncertain.

Maintenance- Grass cutting work has been done around the dam; we may raise the curb on the north side of the beach entrance to reduce water incursion. Orr is working up a plan for floating dock refurbishment. We should develop or revive the Barn Use Agreement- including cleaning procedures and materials. Any cleaning materials used must not leave a residue; Orr recommends a solution of white vinegar and water. Camp should also be made aware of proper cleaning procedures and materials.

Lots of possible maintenance projects to pursue- especially relating to the barn and boathouse.

Some minor outdoor barn maintenance projects will be pursued next spring. Eisen asked for a list of recurring maintenance jobs and issues, including the person or committee responsible.

Road 4- Contributions were numerous in the summer, but have fallen off in the fall; the establishment of a history column was suggested. Discussion of existing archives- we have both paper and digital materials. Possible installation of an exhibit case in the barn. Sircus will investigate the possibility of reviving a history committee.

Roads- A few roads in Lewisboro near wetlands, not in Goldens Bridge, were selected for treatment according to Pennsylvania guidelines. A new guard rail is being installed on Pond Street near route 138. Road material still needs adjusting- it includes some ceramic tiles. This will be addressed by the Town. More trees have been identified for removal. About half of those initially identified are on people's property, not Colony land- but threaten roadways and other public facilities. A list will be distributed to the Board at our next meeting.

Town- No report

Water- The new 3 inch line on Hall Avenue has been pressurized and it is holding; hookups to houses will be done in springtime. We are still planning for shed improvements.

Beach house was mistakenly classified as hazardous, because others install chemicals in those types of installations (ie. Pool houses). This has been rectified, and none of our facilities are now classified as hazardous.

As the operator of a public water utility, we will publicize specific language linking dues non-payment and water shutoff in Road 4 and on the wiki or web site.

Those who use hose vacuum breakers should remove them before winter.

New business: Proposal to move meetings to 10:30 to accommodate Callen's work schedule. Agreed.

Request to contact Lola Metz regarding her tenant's storage of trucks and other heavy equipment off of her property, and at a safe distance from the lake unless he's actively engaged in servicing the Colony or its members. There was a spill of diesel fuel at this location.

Stand would like to hold an expanded membership meeting, with food, drumming up attendance by going house to house. We will need an agenda or discussion item to bring in more members.

Any digging or excavation in the Colony should be reported to Arnstein per State regulations.

Next meeting: November 16, 10:30am at Sircus' residence.

Following meetings, all Sundays at 10:30am, will take place at:

December 21: Levites

January 18: Stand

February 15: Gordon

March 22: Eisen

April-August: Teen Center

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm.

### **GCBA Membership meeting minutes –DRAFT 10/12/2008**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008

Minutes of August 24, 2008 membership meeting were read by the president.

The president mentioned that Shelia Berkowitz passed away three weeks ago. There will be a notice in Road 4.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE**

Ron Arnstein contacted the Health Department and got them to reverse their position concerning the beach house. They had previously required the beach house to be treated as a potential source contamination to the community water system. The Health Department now classifies this structure as non hazardous. Therefore, annual inspections will not be required.

#### **LAKE REPORT**

Our lake was inspected and a preliminary report received. The inspection found nothing that would prevent us from dredging the lake. The town may recommend prohibiting the use of fertilizers in lake communities and that septic tanks be pumped annually or semiannually. Eric pointed out that the septic fields are old & clogged and that the "plume" moves about 30 feet a year towards the lake.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Colony's financial position was reviewed;

Community checking       \$22,876

Camp checking               \$5,458

Capital improvement       \$20,430

Water cap fund              \$47,692

Outstanding dues \$7,829.

There was a discussion of options open to us to collect past due dues. Martha pointed out that we have had higher past due balances than this in the past.

The treasurer read a detail of the 2008 capital expenditures.

2009 BUDGET

The summary page showing the calculation of household dues was reviewed. All categories show a reduction of dues for 2009 from 2008 amounts. The treasurer then reviewed the budget detail and explained various increases and decreases from the prior year.

Some changes from the prior year are as follows:

- \* Land Surveys of \$850 will be done due to a fence encroaching on Colony property by about 15 feet. A discussion ensued and Eric asked Jeremy Metz to organize a work group to move or remove the fence. Jeremy agreed to do this.

- \* Bank Charges includes credit card service fees. Last year these amounted to \$1,344. The benefits of having this facility are earlier collection of dues, more interest income and possibly less legal fees.

- \* Sanitation is up about 3%. They had not raised their fees in about two years.

- \* Landscaping is increasing due to the need for one extra cut early in the season.

The capital budget was reviewed. The treasurer pointed out that our past due dues will have to be collected in order to carry out all of the projects. Freda Halpern made a motion to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Jerry Sircus and carried unanimously.

#### CHAIM DUBNO'S PLAQUE

Chaim's plaque was displayed and there was a discussion as to where to mount it. The water shed was rejected because no one would ever see it. Ron recommended that it be mounted somewhere in the barn and this is what will be done. A dedication ceremony will be held at the April membership meeting in the barn.

#### WATER SYSTEM RENOVATION

Because the water systems renovation is being treated as maintenance (a system users' cost) rather than a capital expenditure (a cost shared by the entire community) a question as to the fairness of the allocation of these costs has arisen.

It was decided that the allocation of water costs will be included as an agenda item for the next membership meeting.

#### CAMP

Judy Fast reported that the community is searching for someone to coordinate the camp activities next spring.

#### ROADS

Mark Schmidt gave a roads report. There will be no town leaf pickup this year. The membership thanked Mark for his work getting the town to install a guard rail on Pond Street. Now that the town has been given more control over speed limits, Mark will ask the town to reduce the speed limit on Colony roads to 20 MPH from the current 30 MPH. Lake Street culverts will be worked on by the town to lessen road runoff into the lake.

A member asked if something could be done to make the pedestrian walkway to the train more user friendly by removing the guard rail. It was pointed out the DOT is adamantly against this.

#### BEACH

The new rafts will be aluminum but have wood decking so they will not be hot to the touch.

#### BARN

The floor on the west side of the barn's basement is now cement slab. The teen center movie screen is up. The barn floor has been polyurethaned.

#### ROAD FOUR

Jerry Sircus displayed some old framed Colony maps. He suggested that these maps and other historical documents could be mounted somewhere in the barn. Jerry would like to reconstitute the History Committee. Molly Arons, Freda Halpern & Pearl Klainberg agreed to be part of a newly reconstituted History Committee.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

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