



The Greystone Connection

A Monthly Newsletter

Building the Greystone Community Together!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

The ushering in of 2020 has certainly been sobering. Two lights of the Greystone have gone before us and the tragic death of Kobe Bryant and the other lives lost really gave the punch with the reality of how fragile life is.

We bounce from one day to another, moment to moment stressing about things that a year from now we won't even remember. While we are being responsible thinking and planning for tomorrow, next month and even next year, today is the only lived experience we have. Nothing is promised, everything can be gone in a moment.

I know we don't like to talk about or face this reality, but we must.

Today, live life as best we can, tell our family members we love them, hug them longer, make peace with those we have had differences with, forgive yourself, rekindle the child in us to notice and enjoy the little things.

Bill



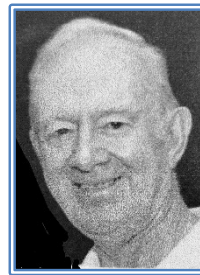
SIT AND CHAT WITH THE PREZ...

Come and join in an informal gathering with your neighbors in the Community Room on Monday, February 3rd at 7:30 PM. This get together is a time to share our thoughts, suggestions, what if's and just chat about ways to continue building our community.

A SAD START TO THE NEW YEAR.....

The New Year got off to a very sad start with the untimely and sudden passing of two of our long-standing and well-loved neighbors and friends.

GEORGE "SKIP" KEPPLER



On the morning of January 9th, The Greystone community lost a well-loved friend and neighbor, Skip. Although Skip was in a rehab center due to some recent health issues, his wife was preparing to take him home within a few days of his passing. He and his wife Arlene were quiet,

friendly and good neighbors. Deeply saddened by his passing, Greystone residents have only wonderful things to say about Skip. Mike Simons, Howard Schatz and George Heimberger say..... "What can you say about Skip Keppler? He was 'the salt of the earth.' He was always there to help. He was a family man. He was a God-fearing man. But most of all, he was our good friend...a friend that loved to sing. We'll never forget that St. Patrick's Day at Greystone Cafe when we first met Skip. He walked into the room with his son and took it by storm with his strong Irish voice. He was an encyclopedia of musical knowledge. Skip knew every Irish ditty, every show tune, every standard...and you didn't have to beg him to belt one out! When we visited him on his last day, we persuaded him to sing...and he did...oxygen tank and all. And for just a few fleeting hours, he was the Skip we knew at that St. Pat's Cafe...the guy with a song in his heart. We'll always remember Skip as "The Music Man" of Greystone. And now he's left us for a more heavenly place.. a place where he's singing with the angels. God Bless!" There is nothing more to say except that he will be missed. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife Arlene and his family.

DOROTHY CURTIN



There is no one residing at The Greystone who did not know Dorothy. She was the first one to introduce herself to new residents and was always there to help her neighbors, bringing meals to those bedridden and offering a cheerful, kind word and always being a positive, comforting force. For this reason, the shock of her passing on January 12th affected us all. Speaking to residents, it seems that all considered themselves to be Dorothy's "special friend", as this is how she made each of us feel. She listened, was interested in learning about her neighbors and their families, shared personal stories and was a bright light to all. A Greystone resident for over 25 years, Dorothy not only knew the present residents, but their children and grandchildren, as well. No party or celebratory event was the same if Dorothy was not present, bringing down her "specialty" hors d'oeuvres, dancing, walking around the pool distributing pretzel rods, or serving cocktails with lunch at her special table on the south side of the pool deck. A beautiful, elegant woman who always looked as if she was dressed for a party, it is difficult to imagine The Greystone without her. She was the shining "star" of The Greystone and her light will continue to shine upon us as we remember her and the good times we all shared. Our sympathy goes out to her twin sister, Julia, and her family. Dorothy will never be forgotten.

MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY

Maintenance Projects

It is winter but the maintenance projects continue....

- A committee has been formed to look into options to resolve the brown water issue.
- When security lighting is completed at south side entrance, the door will be made available for resident use.
- North fence was measured and approved for removal and replacement. As soon as the materials come in from order the work will be done.
- South fence spindles that were damaged have been replaced. Replacement of the commercial gate was approved and it will be replaced with a gate to match the existing fence.
- Back of building exterior project continues, even through the winter, and will be

completed in time for our pool deck enjoyment.

- LED lighting has been approved but awaiting information about the Con Edison rebate.
- Ongoing building maintenance.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Greystone continues to be financially sound. Although a 3% increase was necessary due to increase in various costs and services, our reserve is growing and our taxes are in our tax escrow account ready to pay when it comes time. We have enough money in our operating account to cover any ongoing daily expenses as they arise. All shareholders will receive their monthly financial statement in approximately a week, when it becomes available. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at greystoneconnections@gmail.com

WELCOME TO THE GREYSTONE!

The Greystone community warmly welcomes the following new residents....

Steven Rubenstein – Unit 207

Cary Schabert – Unit 721

We hope that you will enjoy living at The Greystone and all it has to offer and that you will participate in some of the many events that will be scheduled in the upcoming months.

EVENTS AT THE GREYSTONE AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Dinner Go Round...

The 2nd Greystone Dinner-go-Round was held on Saturday, 1/25/20 and the evening was a huge success - enjoyed by all who attended. Twenty-five residents signed up, appetizers, desserts, and wines were fabulous, and dinners hosted by 4 residents all got excellent reviews from the gourmets. The best part, however, was the conversation and getting to meet and spend time with neighbors whom we barely knew. A very special thanks to Denise Hughes and Susan Arnold for organizing, Glenn Carrozza for his unique vision in setting up, Howard Schatz for, once again, playing the keyboard for us and for all who participated in making this a lovely evening.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

There are several events coming up this month, to be held in the Community Room. They are as follows...

Sunday, February 2nd – Super Bowl LIV – San Fran 49ers VS Kansas City Chiefs. The event will take place in the Community Room. Doors open at 6 P.M. Game begins at 6:30 P.M. BYOB and favorite snacks to

share. Friends visiting? Bring them down! All welcome to watch the game with family, friends and neighbors.

Sunday, February 9th – Oscar Night At The Greystone- Our annual Oscar Night celebration comes early this year. Come to the Community Room and enjoy our own red carpet and champagne toast beginning at 7:30 p.m. In the past, Robin Bloom skillfully led our trivia game is unable to do so this year. We are lucky to have last year's winner Morty Rosenbaum, a true movie buff, agree to take on this role. Put on your thinking caps and come and enjoy the fun and maybe go home a winner with your own award. Watch the bulletin boards and front desk for information about other games and prizes. As always, wear your best or PJs - All are welcome....in any attire!

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR FURTHER EVENTS IN FEBRUARY!

IMPORTANT MEETING WITH GDC

There will be a meeting with GDC for the entire community that will take place in the Greystone community room on Thurs. Feb. 20th. This will be a meeting for not only Greystone residents but representatives from the neighboring buildings that will be affected by the tentative plans that Ginsberg Development has for the Metro North Parking lot at Greystone Station. The plan is to build a three level garage, the bottom level for local residents and the top two levels for residents of the 77 apartment building that he is planning to rest on top of the 3-level garage. This will affect parking, traffic, population density and will not be a benefit to The Greystone Community, nor the surrounding community, whether rental, coop or condo. Please check the bulletin boards for further information regarding this important meeting.

MONTHLY MEETINGS AT THE 4TH PRECINCT

Every month, a public meeting is held at the 4th precinct in Yonkers, which is located at 53 Shonnard Place. The meetings take place the 3rd Thursday of each month and this month the meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th at 7:30 P.M. It is an opportunity to air your concerns about the community at large....especially the problems with the 1100 building, lack of security at the Metro North station after dark, parking issues, etc. If you would like to have your voices heard, please plan on attending the next meeting.

GREYSTONE COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Anyone interested in joining Greystone's Environmental Committee to "green our building" please send your name and email address to Bill at President1085@gmail.com and you will be contacted.

GREYSTONE REACH OUT COMMITTEE

If you have a talent or skill you would like to volunteer in assisting anyone, regardless of age, who would like someone to talk to, would like a friendly "check-in" with a friendly knock on their door to see if they are O.K., or to get help with a service such as filling out forms, shop during an illness, write a letter for them, get tech support, legal support, etc. or if you are interested in receiving any of these services please send an email to Bill at president1085@gmail.com. All requests are confidential and will be matched up with the services needed.

THE GREYSTONE READERS' CIRCLE

The Greystone Readers' Circle will meet on:



DATE: Tuesday, February 25th

TIME: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

WHERE: Community Room

BOOK: **This Tender Land**
by William Kent Krueger

Over the course of one unforgettable summer, four orphans will journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. This Tender Land is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams and makes us whole.

. No need to RSVP. Hope to see you there.

ALL ARE WELCOME to Participate or Just Listen!!

MEDITATION AT THE GREYSTONE

Meditation at The Greystone will take place this month as follows....

Guided Meditation

Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month.

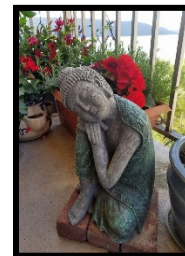
Thursday, February 6th

Community Room

Doors open 7:30.

Meditation begins at 7:45.

All levels of experience are welcome to participate. If you are new to meditation, consider beginning the year by trying the experience in the supportive company of friends and neighbors. Chairs are provided; feel free to



bring a mat, blanket or cushion if you prefer. The room can be chilly, so it is a good idea to bring a sweater. *All Greystone residents are invited to gather to sit in our group meditation.*

KNIT HAPPENS!

DATE: Wednesday, February 12th

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Community Room

All are invited to “Bring your yarn, needles and favorite drink”.

All levels and types of knitting are welcome

THRIFT SHOP

Many of us do our “Spring Cleaning” and then wonder where to drop off the unwanted clothes, small kitchen gadgets, sheets and towels, toys, etc. There is a small church, Zion Episcopal Church, on 55 cedar Street in Dobbs Ferry that accepts all these items for those in need. Just go to the side door of Parish Hall and ask for Gordon or Barbara on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday from 11 – 4. Operating hours are Thursday and Saturday 12noon until 4pm. Donate your unwanted items (furniture cannot be accepted) and help others who are in need.

JOIN OUR TEAM...

We live in a cooperative community which is very different than a condominium. In a condominium one owns their unit and common areas. In a cooperative one has an interest and shares in the entire building and has a contract/lease that allows us to occupy our units. A Board of Directors is elected to make decisions to run and care for the building in the name of the shareholders.

It is now approaching that time of year to start thinking about the upcoming May elections to fill 4 vacant seats on our Board of Directors. In approximately two months’ time we will be receiving information, asking those who are interested in serving our community as a board member to send in a resume to be placed on the ballot for election.

My mantra, “Building The Greystone Community Together” focuses on the fact that we are a community, “one for all, all for one”. It takes blood, sweat and tears to create community. We may not agree with everything that is decided but to become community it takes listening, discussing and finally compromising to do what is best for the total community. We also have guidelines which help us fulfill this shared community living and these are spelled out in the Proprietary Lease and our House Rules. Everyone should familiarize yourselves with these documents. They can be accessed on our website

at <http://greystoneonhudson.com/> or email me for a digital copy at president1085@gmail.com

With all this in mind, consider running for a position on the board. You may feel that you don’t have the qualifications or expertise to be on the board. Most who have run for the board in the past and present have felt the same way but learned and were guided through the process. If you have the desire, seriously think about running for a position and help make decisions and to “Build The Greystone Community Together”.

Compactor Rooms

We live in community at the Greystone. So, in consideration of each other *PLEASE* do the following so we do not attract rodents, roaches or other critters when disposing of our garbage. Your participation will be most appreciated.

- ✓ All garbage ***MUST*** be bagged and tied before putting into the chute. ***Push*** bagged garbage down the chute before closing the door.
- ✓ Please break down cereal boxes (Costco size) and to put in the bin,
- ✓ Pizza boxes must be broken down and thrown down the chute.
- ✓ Do not leave large items and large bags of plastic bottles in compactor room, place in the halls near the laundry rooms.

Driving through Garage

- ✓ Speed limit in garage is 10 MPH. It is very dangerous to speed through the garage.

COMMITTEES

Thinking of how you can get more involved in our community? Why not join a committee? A list of committees is posted on the Board bulletin boards in the mailrooms. Send your interest to president1085@gmail.com and your name will be given to the chair of the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN NEWSLETTER

If you have an event, happening, milestone, celebration, etc. that you would like to share with your friends and neighbors please feel free to contact us at greystoneconnections@gmail.com and you will be published.

OPEN MEETING DATES

The Open Meetings for 2020 will take place at 7:30PM in the Community Room as follows....

- March 9th
- June 8th
- September 14th
- December 14th

In addition, there will be “Meet the Candidates” night in April and the Annual Meeting in May. There will be postings of the dates and agenda in advance of the meetings.

Sit and Chat
Monday, February 3rd
at 7:30 PM in the
Community Room

February



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Ground Hog Day 2 SUPER BOWL 2020 6:00 PM- CR	3 Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY <i>Sit and Chat... 7:30 PM, CR</i>	4	5 Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM -LBY	6 Meditation- 7:30 PM - CR	7 Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY	8
9 Night at the Oscars, 7:30 PM- CR	10 Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY Closed Board Mtg, 7:30 PM, CR	11	12 Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY Knit Happens! 7:30 PM, CR	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!! Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY	15
16	17 ★Presidents' Day★ Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY	18	19 Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY	20	21 Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY	22
23	24 Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY	25 Reader's Circle 7:30 PM - CR	26 Ash Wednesday Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY	27	28 Walk Along Meet 8:30 AM, LBY	29

CR= Community Room
BR= Board Room
LBY= Lobby
L= Library

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