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PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

Save Saturday, April 11 for an unusual evening of entertainment. 10964 is having its 2nd Goods and Services Auction and all items will be donated by you and your neighbors. Join the community at Andy and Helen Norman's house on Ludlow Lane - beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the 7 p.m. "pre-viewing" - and participate in the excitement of the bidding which will start promptly at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

To assure 10964's continuity into the future, call one of our Auction Committee members and donate a special item, a special service: Marlene Barba (6636), Joan Bracken (1765), Sylvia Devan (3656), Chris De Carlo (2324), Joan Hooker (5399), Karen Jefferies (1146), Marguerita Jellinek (7697), Eileen Larkin (6589), Jan Stark (1842).

TRUCKS AGAIN

The law is clear; no vehicle over 5 tons (unless making a local delivery) can enter Oak Tree Road between 9W and Rte. 340; there is a 10 ton limit on Rte. 340 and lower Oak Tree Rd. If the sight of a truck going east or west along Oak Tree Road makes your blood pressure rise, try the following (as some Palisades residents have, successfully): 1) follow the truck to its destination, call the police and ask that they be given a ticket for using Oak Tree as a short route to their destination, 2) contact the company directly (a staff member spoke to Mr. Johnson of Academic Press about their trucks using this route, he brought the matter before the executives of the company who in turn instructed their drivers to obey the law, 3) write letters to companies in the area (Bookbinders, Rockleigh Industrial Park, etc.). Ask them to comply with the law also.

Let 10964 know if you have further ideas or meet with success or frustration with the above suggestions.

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SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, some 250 school district parents crowded the South Orangetown Jr. High School in Blauvelt to respond to various plans and studies to reorganize the use of the districts 5 remaining school buildings due to declining enrollment. Some of the plans called for the closing of 1 or 2 elementary schools leaving the district with a high school, a Jr. high school and either 1 or 2 elementary schools. If 2 elementary schools were closed the plans called for a departure from the traditional K-5 grade arrangement to all K-3 in one school (Schaeffer Elementary in Tappan) and all 4-5 grades in a separate wing of the Jr. High School in Blauvelt.

The special public hearing was called for by School Board Members and Supt. Richard Olcott who listened while the Tappan Zee Elementary PTA objected to the closing of their school "which serves as a focus for young children in the communities of Palisades, Piermont, Sparkill, Grandview and parts of Orangeburg and would leave this side of the district without a single school."

The PTA and parents from the Tappan Zee Elementary area also joined with parents from other parts of the school district and the Teachers Association in further objecting to the change from the K-5 grade arrangement. The Cottage Lane Elementary School PTA (whose school in Blauvelt is slated to close on many of the proposed plans) objected to a grouping change of young children also, stating they wished their children to be kept together and their Principal and programs to remain intact regardless of which building they were located in. The Schaeffer Elementary School PTA stated they could not endorse any plan which did not give them information regarding the fate of their existing educational programs.

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CALENDAR

March 3	Storytime for Preschoolers (1 pm, Palisades Library)
4	Enamelling Workshop (4-5:30 pm, Palisades Library)
4	Exercise Class, fee: \$1 donation to Community Center (7 pm, Palisades Community Center)
4	So. Orangetown School Board Meeting (8 pm, Board Rm., Jr. High School)
5	Card Game Night at Our Lady of Sacred Heart (8 pm, Auditorium)
7	Saturday night Folk Dancing (8-11 pm, Palisades Presbyterian Church)
8-14	Girl Scout Week
10	Storytime for Preschoolers
10	Annual Girl Scout Dinner (Rockland Lake Manor)
11	Enamelling Workshop
14	Saturday Night Folk Dancing
17	St. Patrick's Day
17	Nostalgia & Musical Revue for Senior Citizens (2 pm, Rockland Center for the Arts)
18	Enamelling Workshop
18	Exercise Class
21	Saturday Night Folk Dancing
25	Enamelling Workshop
27	Philharmonia Players (8:30 pm, Sally Tomkin's house, off Washington Spring Road, Palisades)
28	Saturday Night Folk Dancing

BOYS AND GIRLS "LITTLE LEAGUE" BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Palisades-Sparkill T-Shirt League will schedule another late registration for spring play sometime in March at the American Legion Hall on Rte 340. Watch for date and time.

Parents are needed for coaching and assisting. Please contact Bill Larkin (6589) for information or to lend a helping hand.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 54

Troop 54 scout outing in January was a trip to New York City. The scouts had a tour of Mr. Roger James' office in the Bronx Criminal Court Building and while there witnessed the arraignment of a criminal suspect. They then went to the Museum of Natural History and the Hayden Planetarium where they saw the Laser Light Show.

February activities started with the Shatemuc District Klondike at Camp Bullowa. Two hundred seventy scouts representing 38 patrols put their skills to the test in competing against each other. Ten scouts from Troop 54 participated in the various events which included first aid, compass, tracking, fire building using flint and steel, lashing, knot tying and sled races across the lake. These scouts, in capturing 3rd place, earned 62 points out of a possible 75 and finished only 3 points behind the winners. For their amazing 3rd place finish they were awarded a traveling safety saw for troop use.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Girl Scout Week is March 8-14 (Troop members are reminded to wear uniforms when they attend religious services.) Scouting is now in existence for 70 years; national membership totals nearly 3 million girls and adults. Rockland County has 243 troops and just under 5,000 registered girls and adults.

Rockland County Council is having its annual dinner for adults and senior scouts on March 10 at Rockland Lake Manor in Congers.

NANCY HALL

INVITATION TO AN EVENING OF MUSIC (and wine)

Two Palisades residents - Frances Breer, violinist and Jackie Drechsler, Flutist - will perform with the Philharmonia Players of Rockland on Friday, March 27 at 8:30 pm. The concert will be open to Palisades residents and friends of the performers and will take place at the Sally Tomkin's house in Palisades, off Washington Spring Road.

This will be the first fund-raising concert given by the Philharmonia Players, a chamber symphony group of young professional and semi-professionals affiliated with Rockland Center for The Arts and funded partially by the New York State Council of the Arts.

Donations asked are \$25 per couple, \$15 per person and proceeds will go to benefit the Philharmonia Players, a non-profit organization.

For information call director Stephen Covello (358-0608).

PALISADES LIBRARY NEWS

Junior Fun Time...ENAMELLING WORKSHOP

Upon popular demand, we are repeating classes in enamelling. March: Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th at 4-5:30 p.m. Limited to 10 participants age 8 and up. Sign up before February 27th. Each of the 4 sessions will include fundamentals of enamelling as well as an introduction to the cloisonne method. Materials fee \$4.00.

Storytime for Preschoolers

March: Tuesday 3rd, 10th at 1 p.m.
For Armchair Gardeners

Come and dispel the winter blahs. The library has a folder bulging with seed catalogues. Inquire at circulation desk and plan your spring garden.

Tax Tapes

Ask the librarian for a cassette with step-by-step instructions to complete 1980 1040 and 1040A Income Tax forms.

Congratulations to newly elected trustees: Charles Felton, Sidney Hertzberg and Rita Norris.

And sincere thanks to outgoing trustees: Barbara Hovsepian, Virginia McCauley and Paula Silverman.

(School)

Board President Sylvia Baumel (Orangeburg), Vice-President John Kriz (Palisades), and Board members John Chute (Piermont), Ben Loiacano (Blauvent) and Martin Miller (Tappan) responded to parents by assuring them that all input and proposals from parents and committees would be considered in their deliberations which would begin at the end of February. The Board is hopeful they can reach a decision by mid-March in order to incorporate it into next years budget presentation to be voted upon on June 3.

BURGLARY FOLLOW-UP

An attempted burglary at a house on Oak Tree Road around 5:00 p.m. Owner surprised burglar -- police are looking for a station wagon with out-of-state license plate.

An attempted burglary at a house on Horne Tooke Road.

Please call police at 359-3700 if you see any cars in your neighborhood that appear suspicious. The police will respond and investigate.

(Trucks)

The accident last month along Oak Tree Rd. in which a 10 ton truck lost its brakes coming down the hill to the light at Rte. 340 - minutes before a school bus was due to pull out onto Oak Tree - is just the latest example of danger to life and property. In this case, the truck swerved to avoid cars and went up a 10 foot rock embankment damaging trees, telephone and power lines. Except for the problems the Kiely family have encountered (the trucking company is claiming no responsibility), we have been lucky.

EILEEN LARKIN

PALISADES SOCCER CLUB FIELDS TWO TEAMS

The spring 1981 season opens on a positive note for the Palisades Men's Soccer Club next month thanks to two important developments: 1) due to the conscientious efforts of hamlet resident John Converse, Jr., the club has secured a home field -- the Tappan Zee Elementary School on Route 9W; and 2) because of increased interest, the club will enter squads in two separate divisions of the Bergen County Amateur Soccer Association.

Tony Gerard, for the second consecutive season, is leading the team in scoring, chased by player-coach Jose Alvarado and half-back Ben Goldstein. Palisadians Chuck Felton, Kevin McNichol, Shawn Frederick, and Neville Clynes have all contributed to a record of nine wins, six losses, and two ties at the midway point of the season.

Last year's team made it to the third round of the league playoffs before being eliminated by the eventual champion, Clifton, N.J., by a 3 to 1 score on June 29 in Clifton.

Games will be played at 10 a.m. and noon on Sundays throughout the spring and early summer. Look for the schedule in next month's issue, or call one of the team members for details.

The Palisades, New York Soccer Club is a registered non-profit organization and desperately needs your tax deductible support. Contributions of five to fifty dollars are welcome, to help pay for uniforms, field equipment, and league fees. The mailing address is "Palisades, N.Y.S.C., P.O. Box 627, Palisades, N.Y. 10964." Thank you very much, and we look forward to seeing you at the games!

SHAWN FREDERICK (3194)
PRESIDENT

PALISADES SENIOR CITIZENS

The Palisades, N.Y. Senior Citizens are planning some exciting programs for 1981. We are inviting guests to address us on varied subjects, and so far our appeals have had a very good response. We are waiting for the warmer weather to have our guests speak to us, illustrate and or instruct their particular craft. We are fortunate that in Palisades we have a wealth of talent and that there are some who are willing to share their knowledge with us.

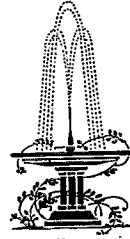
On occasion we have tried to show films in the center, but the lighting was poor and so it wasn't always too successful. We do enjoy films, so the Palisades, N.Y. Senior Citizens donated new shades for the windows on the east side of the center. Hopefully we will now be able to darken the main room for showing films.

In the future we are planning another rummage sale (tentative date is for May). If you have anything in good condition -- clothing, jewelry, bric-a-brac, etc. -- won't you save it for us. Since our dues just about cover the refreshment expenses, we try to subsidize our other expenses by these kind of events. More later on the rummage sale.

By now everyone knows when and where we meet and that you are most welcome to attend our meetings. We are all anxious to greet you.

LAURA E. EBMEYER
PRESIDENT

Your generous contributions have been coming in, as well as your notes of appreciation for the service that 10964 provides for the community. We wish to thank the following people for their checks this month: Drs. Sunthorn & Emorn Bunyaviroch, Mary & Jo Hubbard Chamberlain, Charles & Hiroko Felton, Robert & Alice Gerard, Marcus & Lillian Langseth, Hylde A. Marshall, Margorie Olson, Anne J. Sharkey, Margaret Sharkey, Paula Silverman, Margaret Stillman, Richard Sears, M. Llewellyn Thatcher, Josephine Thatcher, Nettie Van Aken and Mr. & Mrs. William A. Yuda.



These checks make it possible to pay the printer and the postage for our community Newsletter. The writing, editing and numerous other efforts to present a readable and interesting paper are achieved through the volunteering of time and energy of your staff and members of community organizations. It takes many hands to arrive at a successful end product. If you haven't already sent your check in, please do so right away. 10964 needs you!

CARD-GAME NIGHT

There will be a card-game night in the school auditorium of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Tappan on Thursday March 5 at 8 pm.

Come and enjoy a sociable evening of "Tappan Military Bridge" (a *very* simplified version of bridge). Everyone welcome. Everyone gets a prize. Refreshments served. Two instructors will be on hand to teach you, moving from table to table. \$3.50 per person (\$2.50 for Senior Citizens). Proceeds to benefit the school.

MARIE GUINEY

ARTS AND LETTERS

The work of WILBUR STREECH, nationally distributed serigrapher, is on view at the Belle Arts & Graphics Gallery in Nyack. Though his one man show ended the first of March the dramatic silkscreen prints he produces on his own press in his garage turned studio are a part of the gallery's permanent collection. A native of California who started his career as an animator for Walt Disney, Streech now finds inspiration in the woods outside his home in Palisades. He composes imaginary landscapes from photographs and sketches made while exploring the countryside, vivid landscapes which have caused one critic to proclaim him, "one of America's best serigraphers." The Belle Arts & Graphics Gallery, 10 So. Broadway in Nyack, is open on weekends from 12 to 4 and at other times by appointment.

After a February appearance on the Phil Donahue show, ELLEN GALINSKY is on a multi-city book tour to speak about her new book, "Between Generations: The Six Stages of Parenthood."

ORIEL KRIZ will be showing botanical art and objects at the antiques show in Wilton, Connecticut the weekend of March 21 and 22.

LYNNE AUBREY SEIDLER

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

As we all bustle about our houses fixing, insulating, renovating and just plain enjoying, let us not forget the beauty outside and all around us. Our small rural hamlet is unique and special. It is up to everyone living here to maintain the "Country" aspect of this place.

Please be considerate about rubbish disposal. Living here presupposes that we love this area, but dumping four months before our pick-up time just makes no sense at all.

There are piles of rubbish all around Palisades. Why? Our pick-up will be in the first week of May! Let's get rid of unsightly toilets and old mattresses now! If anyone has put something out too early, be neighborly and remove it. Take it back or take it away!

We have only three pick-up times a year: spring, summer, and fall. We can all check for our pick-up week in *Our Town* or call the Town of Orangetown. Let's cooperate with the Public Works Department and relish our little town even more than we already think we do!

JOSEPHINE THATCHER

UNCLASSIFIED

10964 welcomes news items, notices of births, marriages, awards, and any and all accounts of events which are important to you. Please call a staff member with your announcement or drop a note to 10964, Box 201, Palisades, NY. Deadline for April issue is March 10. (10964 reserves the right to edit material for publication.)

If at any time you do not receive your copy of 10964, call Eileen Larkin (6589).

SPECIALTIES

THE BLUE ONION (a gift shop). May I introduce myself? I am Magic Charles and I touch everything here with magic. Have you seen where Charles lives? 99 Main Street, Tappan (opposite '76 House). 359-0801. Closed Mondays.

CLOSTER PLAZA TRAVEL, Closter Shopping Center. Dale Botwin & Bobbi Ross will efficiently serve your travel needs. Call office 201-768-8405 or our homes: 914-359-6080....914-268-7972.

PRE-TEEN ACTING CLASS, sponsored by the Elmwood Playhouse, 16 Park Street, Nyack, N.Y. will be starting in March (Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:45). Basic acting techniques, improvisations, theatre games, scene studies from Broadway plays, how-to-audition. For further information, call Selma Tiktin, 356-6085.

SPECIALTIES ADS offer special services. CLASSIFIED ADS list items for sale, exchange, jobs wanted, houses for sale or rent, etc. Ads are free for Palisades residents. (Donations requested from businesses). Send yours to 10964, Box 201, Palisades, NY.

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