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A Community of Willing Volunteers

Sutton Park is a community of people who volunteer their time and expertise to enhance the value of the physical property and enrich the quality of life within it for all of us. Below is a list of some of them and their contributions.

Sandy Beery, head of the Social Committee, whose other current members are listed in an accompanying article, have provided delicious food and entertainment set in pleasing milieu twice a year for many years.

Cynthia Arrington and Joni Dattilo, current members of the Welcoming Committee, meet all new residents and orient them to Sutton Park.

When some residents were dissatisfied with their windows, Esther

Blackman, Giuseppe Erba, Adele Gorges and Eileen Petrillo formed a Windows Committee, then spent months researching windows and vetting potential vendors. They wrote a report which was distributed to all resident owners and landlords. After the list of contractors was narrowed down, then Dick



and Sandy Beery visited three companies to find one which could be recommended to us as an approved vendor. Finally, Giuseppe Erba, Adele Gorges, Garry Mount and Stan Siwec polled owners and landlords to develop a critical mass of buyers, so that they could negotiate a volume discount. As a result eighteen homeowners made a significant investment installing new win-

dows, and the Board will use the same vendor within the next few years to replace faulty windows in the Common Areas. For new residents who might be interested in replacing their windows, hard copies of the report and information about the approved vendor are available from Garry Mount.

After a disastrous fire in 2015, Nancy Nurick, Adele Gorges and Linda Roth formed a Fire Safety Committee which consulted with the Rochester Fire Department to develop new written procedures for fire safety which were posted around Common Areas and distributed individually to all residents.

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A representative firefighter from the RFD talked with us at a public meeting and left written suggestions for fire prevention which were summarized in the *Sutton Park Press* for all residents who couldn't attend the meeting. The committee also researched new fire safety systems and interviewed potential vendors. Building on their work Spencer Cook, Adele Gorges and Bill Kelly are continuing research on up-to-date fire and security systems; they will evaluate available products and systems which the Condominium might install.



Maureen McCoy and Liz Cook are the permanent members of the House and Garden Committee which decorates the Library and Lobby, and adds beauty to our grounds. Among the many others who devote time, expertise and financial donations to this ongoing project are Giuseppe Erba, Mark Pierzynski, Mark Schork, Danielle Lubin, Cynthia Arrington, Joni Dattilo, Prudy Medina, Linda Lobb, Deb Clark and staff members Eileen McFadden, Stan Siwec, and Jamie Yeaw.

To solve the problem of the bicycle racks in the garage being so stuffed with bikes that there wasn't room for new ones, Anita Cohen and Adele Gorges started a Bike Committee. They inventoried the

bicycles, and donated abandoned ones to a local charity which repairs and distributes them to city residents. With the help of OSM Stan Siwec, they developed a registration system to keep track of all your bicycles stored in the garage.

Liz Cook and Eileen Petrillo updated our in-house telephone Directory, added an email list, and distributed it to every resident so that we can communicate with each other. If your email address, landline or cell phone numbers change, please let Liz know so that she can update them in the Directory, which will be revised every three months.

Eileen Petrillo spent months informing residents and negotiating with Greenlight, an innovative Internet Service Provider which provides high speed and high volume connections through fiber optic lines. She arranged several meetings open to all residents with representatives from the company, and she worked very hard to secure commitments from thirty-eight households, a quota of customers large enough for Greenlight to install their lines throughout our buildings. Greenlight's technicians are currently installing their lines so that homeowners

who are not one of the original thirty-eight customers can later start this service if they contact Greenlight and contract for it.

Patti Donahue, Adele Gorges, and Maureen McCoy have spent months rewriting and editing the *Residents Manual with Rules and Regulations*. Their efforts clarify some definitions, eliminate repetition, and simplify this document to make it much more readable. The Board is reviewing their final draft during February. All homeowners will have the opportunity to review it online at Realty Performance Group's website or in hardcopies during the whole month of March before the Board votes in April. Comments can be made to any Board Member or by placing a hard copy in the Board of Managers mailbox in the second class mail room.

This is a brief review of current committees and their ongoing projects, and I apologize to anyone whose contributions to the tangible and intangible value of our home were not celebrated here. If you would like to help on a committee, please reach out to current members. If you have an idea for a new project or a suggestion about enhancing Sutton Park, please contact the Board.

Garry Mount

Another Wonderful Evening

On November 16, 2019, Dick and Sandy Beery opened their beautiful home to forty guests, pampered them with gourmet snacks, fine wines and craft beers while a trio of polished performers treated them to a concert of Irving Berlin's works. Michael Lasser provided insightful commentary, Alan Jones sang, accompanied himself and Cindy Miller on piano, as they presented a repertoire of Irving Berlin's songs from different phases of his career.



Brothers. Having loved and lost his first wife, then finding joy again in a second happy marriage, Berlin in 1921 began composing slow romantic ballads. Cindy and Alan presented familiar ballads which expressed deep love, loss and longing from this era: "What'll I Do?", "How About Me?", "I'll Be Loving You Always" and many others.

A Russian Jewish immigrant, Berlin grew up in grinding poverty in New York City. According to Michael, he was a genius capable of anticipating musical trends, and then composed songs which became wildly popular.

From 1911 to 1921 Berlin specialized in Ragtime with its syncopated rhythms and lyrics. In 1914, he composed for his first Broadway show *Coconuts* starring the Marx

Berlin wrote for the *Zeigfield Follies* and then in the nineteen thirties composed for revues. Cindy and Alan presented favorites from this chapter of his career: "Heat Wave", "Summertime", "Easter Parade", and "How Deep is the Ocean?".

In the final part of the show the group presented Berlin's movie hits and standards from his last successful Broadway musical. From Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers' *Top Hat* Michael, Alan

and Cindy gave us "Puttin' on the Ritz" and "Cheek to Cheek". From Ethel Merman's *Call Me Madam* they sang the contrapuntal "You're Just in Love".

Michael, Alan and Cindy are a team whose respect for each other's talents and joy performing together enriched the evening. Dick and Sandy's guests were not only entertained but also developed a complete picture of Irving Berlin the artist and the man. The group will perform in Vero Beach and Sarasota during the winter and will return to perform Sunday May 10 Mother's Day at 2 PM in Kilbourn Hall. The program is sponsored by WXXI and is about the portrayal of women in songs leading up to Suffrage. It is titled *She's Good Enough to Vote with You: Songs from the Time of Suffrage*. Tickets will be available on the WXXI website. Look for announcements and don't miss it!

Garry Mount

Welcome New Neighbors

Welcoming Committee members Cynthia Arrington and Joni Dattilo have welcomed many new residents over the last several months and encourage you to get acquainted if you haven't already. Say hello to: Geri Album and Michael Israel (415); Marjory David (314); Ann Taylor (112);



Gail and Brad Yoshioka (001); James and Maria O'Brien (315); Stephen and Gretchen Lane (313); and Ken Emanuel (208).

Holiday Party 2019 and the Snickerdoodle Mystery

What can add even more festiveness to the Sutton Park Holiday Party than a good mystery? Many people, including Anita Cohen, Marilyn Enderby, Adele Gorges, Barbara Hantman, Nancy Nurick and Eileen Spence, added special treats to the Wegman's appetizers for everyone's enjoyment. But who left the tray of delicious snickerdoodles?



The committee who planned and arranged the event were Cynthia Arrington, Carla Bagarozzi, Michelle Bartell, Sandy Beery, Liz Cook, Joni Dattilo, Roxanne Richardson, and David Ruffo. Extra hands were there to aid them at

set-up and clean-up: Walt Burrows, Celia and Frank Carretta, Ok Nae Howe, Hildabeth Klein and Nancy Nurick. Thank you. Adding to the ambience were table linens from Mark Pierzynski and Giuseppe Erba, wine glasses from Eileen Petrillo, the water cooler from Liz Cook and the wine cooler/openers from Cynthia Arrington. Surreptitiously, Sean Kelly provided some good (I'm told) whiskey that was available at the wine station. But who brought the snickerdoodles?



to take photos of all the smiling residents who filled the Lobby throughout the evening to document the fun. Thanks to Maureen

McCoy for her making the Lobby bouquet and the Library look festive even before the party, and to David Ruffo, Celia Carretta and



Joni Dattilo for decorating the tree this year. Stan Siwiec helped

bring the tables and chairs upstairs in time for set-up, and Janet Mughtare helped throughout the event and with clean-up.

The committee wants to thank everyone for coming! They are especially interested in who brought the snickerdoodles and solve the mystery of the evening.

Sandy Beery

Drive Safely this Winter

Here are some safe driving reminders from the National Highway Traffic Administration:

Have these 5 items with you in your car all winter—jumper cables, snow scraper, snow shovel, sand or kitty litter, cellphone.

Keep your gas tank *at least* half full at all times. Full is better.

Keep your headlights on.

Plan your trips so that you have *extra time* because traffic will be slower than usual. Drive more slowly yourself.

Try to leave plenty of extra space between your vehicle and the one ahead of you.



Try not to brake or turn suddenly if you possibly can.

If your vehicle skids, *take your foot off the gas and brake*, and turn your wheel in the direction of the skid. Once you feel traction under your tires, straighten your wheel, and start out slowly in low gear.

Drive Defensively—Assume other drivers don't follow these tips. Assume the worst. Expect everyone else to be dumb, demented, distracted and/or drunk and to make mistakes which endanger you. You'll be right at least 50% of the time!

Heard Enough about the Laundry Room?

On issues of maintenance, machines not working properly, or the prospect of getting new machines:

We learned that replacing the machines in our laundry room would be very costly, and the new ones would need a service contract that would add to the expense of the operational costs; we'll pay much more for each load. Besides, the new ones are not built as well as the old ones; they have a more



limited "shelf life." Being mindful of that situation, we need to deal with these facts:

1. Machines wash better and don't fail to operate if they are not overloaded.
2. A regular wash only needs a pod. If using a liquid detergent, the cap indicates the "fill line" as the "first", or "number 1." Doing this will clean your

clothes, keep the machines operating smoothly and, by the way, save you money as well. An 88 fl.oz liquid detergent yields 58 loads. The laundry room is "Common Area", not your private space, so be considerate of others. Don't leave laundry unattended; doing so is causing other residents delays in getting their loads into the washers or dryers, as they prefer not to remove other people's wash. Remember to set your timer when doing laundry. We will all appreciate your courtesy!

Prudy Medina

Please, No more Reminders! Well, Here are just a Few...

The Doorpersons often receive over **45** separate packages in one day from several commercial delivery services and the USPS. Most of the packages are delivered after 2:30 PM in quick succession.

Please give the Doorpersons time to check the parcels in before they call you. Expect a call after 4:00 PM, and try to retrieve your package that same day if you possibly can because storage space is very limited.



manuever and clear space to pile the snow. If you have guests, tell the Doorpersons, so they know their cars, which may need to be moved.

Items not to put in the Recycle Totes: Styrofoam, plastic bags of any kind (grocery bags, plastic wrappers, produce bags from the produce section of supermarkets, *Saran Wrap*), glass bottles with liquids in them. Read the list on the top of the totes and in the recycle room on every floor.

Garbage Pickup - Early morning Monday and Friday
 Recycling Pickup -Thursday morning
 If you can, take your trash, gar-

bage, and recycling out by 8:30 PM the night before the pickups, so they can be removed by the Doorpersons before they leave at 10.

Items not to throw in the Trash Chute: glass, unbagged garbage, spoiled food, kitty litter, large objects.

Break up cardboard boxes, including big ones used for delivering appliances, before recycling them. Please do not put intact cardboard boxes in the dumpster.

Enough for now—Thanks for your thoughtfulness!

More from the whole staff:

It's winter, so please park your vehicles in the garage, so the plows have as much room as possible to

Staff Snapshots

Gary (“Googs”) Guagliardo was well prepared to provide Doorperson security services for us because he served for twenty-two years as a Monroe County Sheriff’s Deputy providing security at the Hall of Justice on Exchange Boulevard. He encountered people with all types of problems from all walks of life. Prior to that he had driven a truck delivering wine and liquor to local restaurants for sixteen years (one of his customers was long-time resident Ralph Masi, former owner of Ralph’s Cafe). Gary also served for six years in the Coast Guard Reserves and received an Honorable Discharge.

After he retired from the Sheriff’s Department, he delivered *Edible Arrangements* for seven years. He became familiar with Sutton Park Condo because he often delivered to Doorperson Miguel Boscan and to residents here, among them Anita Cohen.

Through four years of high school Gary threw the shot put and played football, which he also played for one year at the State University at Brockport. Now he plays volleyball for recreation and exercise. Gary owns a *Jetski*, has owned two boats in the past, and

is considering buying another. From his father he inherited some old used cars; and he picked out a 1967 Ford Galaxie, which he had completely restored. When he drives it to work on a sunny summer day, look it over; it looks to be in mint condition—just driven off the showroom floor!

Adane Alemu (“A.D.”) was born and raised in Ethiopia, but he had to flee during his second year of high school because his

country was embroiled in a raging civil war. He lived in Sudan for seven years before the International Institute sponsored his immigration to the U.S. After living in Buffalo for four years, where his first child was born, Adane moved to Rochester, where he and his family have lived for twenty-four years.

Both of his sons graduated from MCC and have successful careers in the automobile industry: his twenty-seven-year old manages a collision shop, while his twenty-five-year old is a car dealer. Mrs. Alemu is the Kitchen Manager of a City charter school, where she has worked for eighteen years. She also works privately in older people’s homes as a housekeeper and

home health aide. In addition to helping us here, Adane owns and runs a taxi company; but Uber, Lyft, and livery services have hurt his business. He worked before as a security guard and school bus

driver. He and his family own a home in Greece and formerly lived in their own home in Irondequoit. The family were long-time members of the New Hope Church and now worship in the New Life Ethiopian Evangelical Church, which is housed in the Bright-

on Presbyterian Church across East Avenue from Wegman’s.

Adane has a large extended family in Ethiopia, whom he stays in touch with and now visits every five years, although he made visits every two years when his parents were alive. Adane likes people, and what he most likes about Sutton Park is that people here are so friendly.



Try it and then Decide

Before deciding to run for a three-year term on the Board in October, a homeowner may join as a non-voting member for a year. As a non-voting member you can work on projects, attend study sessions and Board meetings, read documents, participate in discussions, express your views, and observe how decisions are made. You will enjoy the experience if you

like working with people in groups, have good listening skills, can speak your mind, can accept compromise, and agree to accept the will of the majority. The mission is a commitment to maintain and enhance the monetary value of our condo and the quality of life within it. To get started check the schedule of upcoming meetings on the bulletin board in the

Second Class mail room and email or call any Board member.

Garry Mount

Sutton Park's Social Events on Facebook

If you are on *Facebook* and would like to see photos from social events to which everyone in the Condo has been invited, sign up for the private page called *Sutton Park Social Events*.



The posts and photos are not limited only to events scheduled by the Social Committee but can include events held by the residents of Sutton Park to which everyone

is invited. A private page means that *only* residents of the Condo can be a member and see the posts.

Our page is not meant as a forum but as a chance to see photos or announcements about building-wide social events or events to which everyone in the Condo can be invited. For instance, the first posts were a multitude of photos from the Sutton

Park Garden Party of 8/25/19, photos from the 2019 Holiday Party, and an invitation from Evan Meccarrello to a concert performed by the Hochstein Alumni Orchestra, which he conducted at the school in January.

Dick Beery is the Administrator of the *Facebook* page, and you can email him at dbeery@3oaksretreat.com.

Sandy Beery

Words of Wisdom from Children

Never trust a dog to watch your food.- Patrick, Age 10

Never hold a Dust Buster and a cat at the same time.- Kyoyo, 9

Don't sneeze in front of your mom when you're eating crackers.- Mitchell, 12

Never tell your mom her diet's not working.- Michael, 14

When your dad is angry and asks, "Do I look stupid?", don't answer.- Michael, 14

If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse.- Naomi, 15

Never try to baptize a cat.- Eileen, 8

Never allow your three-year-old sister in the same room as

your homework assignment.- Traci, 14

Don't pick on your brother when he's holding a baseball bat.- Joel, 10