

Plattekill Times

SPRING 2007
Late March, April,
May

Message from the Supervisor

Soon spring will arrive, the trees and flowers will be budding and kids of all ages will be searching for eggs at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Time will "march on," and we'll proudly be viewing the Memorial Day Parade in Clintondale. Summer will usher in our Red, White, and Blue Concert and Fireworks extravaganza. If you haven't guessed it yet, my theme for this newsletter message is celebration. And we have plenty to celebrate!

- Hannaford is coming! As many of you have seen, ground has broken on this exciting project and I'm anxiously anticipating the grand opening in the fall.
- The park land acquisition of an additional 73 acres has been finalized and I want to publicly thank Councilman Brian VanDuser. His perseverance, time and effort on this important project should not go unnoticed. There is a lot to look forward to as we gather together as a community and decide how to use this valuable resource.



Hannaford Groundbreaking: L to R: Bill McAfee, Larry Cavazza, Bruce Loertscher, Cindy Delgado, Wayne Harris.

Our Town Code is now available and easily accessible via the Town's Web site. Please take a look at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>.

The Board and I have worked hard and have made tremendous progress towards improving our lives in Plattekill today, tomorrow and for generations to come. Much credit can also be given to many caring, dedicated citizens. As you read this newsletter, take time to mark your calendar, then gather your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy all there is to do right here in Plattekill.

Sincerely, Bruce Loertscher

Town Code Now on Web Site

The Town of Plattekill is pleased to announce that the Town of Plattekill Code has been added to the town's Web site at [http://](http://town.plattekill.ny.us)

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known as E-Code) enables anyone to easily search for anything within the Town Code from any computer linked to the Internet. This web version is highly searchable, with advanced search options, the choice of viewing the table of contents, a chapter view, or a simple key word search. For example, if you are looking for information about pools, and you enter the word "pool," it will list each chapter that contains that word, and how many times that word appears in that chapter. All you do is click on the chapter title, and it will bring you to the place within that chapter where that word appears. The Town Board hopes that the citizens of Plattekill find this new tool highly useful.

Code Updates:

Building Code: The Town Board officially adopted the new state mandated building codes after much discussion. Updates to the written code will be made and available on the Town's E-code, via the Web site: <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>.

Pool Alarms: Swimming Pool alarms are not only a good idea but they are now required by code effective 12/14/06. The new code states that any "residential or commercial swimming pool constructed or modified after the effective date shall be equipped with an acceptable pool alarm capable of detecting a child entering the water and of giving an audible alarm." For additional information contact James Brugger, Code Enforcement Officer at 883-7331.

Almost 100 Years Old contributed by Jean Poirier

In November, I was about to meet Roy Jensen, long-time resident and good friend of many of Clintondale, who was to turn 100 years old in December. Sadly, due to a bad fall, Roy didn't make it to his 100th birthday. He was only shy

by a few weeks. The Town was preparing to honor him as they did Flora Dawes in 2006 for her 100th birthday. The more I learned about this man, the more I was sorry I didn't have a chance to meet him. Born in Norway, Roy immigrated to the United States in 1925. In 1939, he married Marion Palmer, eventually settling down at the Palmer Family Farm on Milton Turnpike where they remained married until her death after 61 years of marriage. Never having children themselves, Roy and Marion raised their nieces Marlene and Annette when the girls lost their mother as teenagers. Roy liked all people and was extremely friendly. He was a life member of the Modena Fire Company, Methodist Church, and Rod and Gun Club. An avid hunter and fisherman, Roy loved the outdoors, and took part in those activities right up until his passing. He was one of those people who always stayed busy, working in his shop, building furniture, fishing, hunting, and making friends wherever he went. I am sorry I never got to meet Roy in person, but many who live in this region did know Roy. I will join them in honoring his memory and spirit.



Roy Jensen, in his late 90s, showing off his catch.

Autism Awareness

contributed by Jean Poirier

April is Autism Awareness Month, so in honor of those affected by this growing epidemic, I will briefly tell you what it is, how it affects children and their families, where one can seek resources and help, and how you – the reader - can help.

As found on the Autism Society of America's Web site (www.autism-society.org), "Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Both children and adults with autism typically show difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities. One should keep in mind however, that autism is a spectrum disorder and it affects each individual differently and at varying degrees - this is why early diagnosis is so crucial. By learning the signs, a child can begin benefiting from one of the many specialized intervention programs."

Early intervention is critical and comes in the form of services offered by the county in which you live. First, your pediatrician should be advised of concerns and the physician will often begin the process of getting assistance. In Ulster County, a child must be under the age of three to get services at the home, through early intervention. A child over the age of three would need to go through the school system in which he/she resides. The earlier you start with the services the better the child will do.

The Plattekill Public Library has many resources pertaining to autism available; too long to list here. And if they don't have what you are looking for, the staff will gladly help you get it, if available, through interlibrary loan.

Autism affects one in every 150 children, an alarming statistic that seems to be growing for unknown reasons. Those affected need compassion and understanding, not judgment. If you would like to learn more about Autism, many re-

sources are also available on the web. A good place to start is on the Autism Society of America's Web site as noted above. You can help by participating in the Walk for Autism taking place Sunday, April 29, 2007, 9 AM to 1 PM at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Check out the web site at www.walkforautism.com.

Mark Dooley Memorial 5K Race/ Walk and Dinner

On March 25, 2007, the Southern Ulster Rotary Club will sponsor the 2nd Annual Mark Dooley Memorial 5K Race/Walk and Spaghetti dinner in Plattekill. The event celebrates the life of former Plattekill resident Mark Dooley, who was killed in action in Iraq in 2005. Events begin with a Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 24th, 4 PM to 8 PM at the Plattekill Elementary School. Dinner tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children 6 to 12 years of age, and children under 5 are free. A Fife and Drum Corps will perform during dinner and after the meal in the gym. The Purple Heart Hall of Honor from New Windsor, a center that honors military service men and women, will be present during the dinner.

The 5K Race/Walk will take place on Sunday, March 25th with walkers leaving the Plattekill Firehouse at 8:30 AM and the runners at 9:30 AM. Registration for the race takes place the morning of the race at the Firehouse. After the last runner ends the race, a memorial service will be held at the Plattekill Firehouse in honor of Mark Dooley and other service men and woman who have lost their lives in the Iraq war. Rolling Thunder, a veterans group will read the names of each of the Hudson Valley residents who have given their lives in Iraq while performing their military service. The ceremony will end with the playing of Taps and lowering of the flag.

The Southern Ulster Rotary is still seeking volunteers to help serve and clean-up at the dinner, and to help out on race day. Proceeds from the dinner and race will go toward the Lieutenant

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Mark Dooley Memorial Scholarship Fund and local community projects. If you wish to purchase tickets, volunteer, or make a donation to the event, contact Vincent Petrocelli at 728-0038.

Plattekill Dog Control

Plattekill Dog Control is pleased to announce that our shelter received a \$168.85 donation from the Pedigree Adoption Drive. Pedigree Dog Food Company donates a portion of their proceeds to 4,500 animal shelters around the country. The program will continue in 2007 with donations to selected shelters nationwide. A big thank you goes out to Pedigree!

The first Animal Clinic of the spring season will take place on April 20th at the Town Garage, Rte 44-55, Modena from 4 PM – 6 PM. Your pet must be on a leash or in a carrier.

Amanda Dagostino and Taylor Robinson from Girl Scout Troop 478 are working toward their Bronze Award. Their community service project is collecting donations for the dog shelter. Look for their flyers and collection boxes and show them your support.

We continue to have a presence on Petfinder.com. Please visit the Web site at Petfinder.com, enter the zip code 12548, then select Shelter & Rescue Groups, then scroll to Modena for information regarding our clinics, lost or found pets and any dogs for adoption. Have a safe summer.

Plattekill Public Library Programs and Information

The library is offering a great variety of events that are free and open to the public. The newest addition is the **Friday Teen Video Games**. Due to its popularity, the program will continue to be offered most Fridays, during the months of March, April and May for kids 10 years and up, 3 – 5 PM! Check the library's calendar

online and the new **Teen Blog** at <http://www.plattekill.lib.ny.us/> or call the library at 883-7286 for more information.

The Reader's Book Club meets the 1st Friday of every month at 6:30 PM. Here are the upcoming selections. All are invited to join!

April – Read "Growing Up Sicilian and Female" by Sadie Penzato (author possibly attending the May 3rd meeting.)

May – Read "The Year of Magical Thinking, by Joan Didian.

Main events for March thru May:

Mar 22 – Movie "March of the Penguins" 6 PM

Mar 25 – Apr 8 Easter Goodies and Bake Sale at the Library

Mar 29 - Mother Earth Read-A-Loud presented by an Our Lady of Lourdes HS Honor Student, 6:30 PM

Apr 2 – Friends of the Library meeting at 7:30 PM

Apr 15th to the 21st is National Library Week!

Apr 19 - "Where the Wild Things Are" Read-a-Loud, 6:30 PM. A wild night of fun and crafts!

Apr 26 – Movie "FRAGGLE ROCK," 6 PM

Apr 30 – Deadline to enter the "How I Learned to Read" Essay Contest

May 5 - Free Comic Book Day at the Library!

May 17 – Super Hero Night, 6:30 pm. Comic Book, Super Hero, and Graphic Novel Fun! Dress as your favorite Super Hero.

May 21 - Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

May 24 – Movie "Nanny McPhee" 6 PM

As always, story time with crafts for children 2 to 5 years will continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 AM. We hope to see you there!

Friends Annual Meeting/Elections and Award Presentation

On May 21, 2007 at 7:30 PM the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library will hold an "Annual Meeting" and the group invites you to attend. The Friends are a group of volunteer citizens who advocate for the library and assist the library in achieving its mission and goals and help offer programs to the community. This is the one big meeting of the year and several things will take place this evening in May:

- Award Presentation for the "How I Learned to Read" Essay Contest

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Town of Plattekill Community Events Calendar

March

- Mar 22 – Movie, "March of the Penguins," 6 PM Plattekill Public Library
- Mar 24 – Pre-Race Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner sponsored by the Southern Ulster Rotary Club.
4 PM – 8 PM at Plattekill Elementary School. Adults \$8., Seniors \$6., Children 6 – 12 \$5., under 6 free.
This event is the kick off for the Lieutenant Mark Dooley 5K Race/Walk.
- Mar 24 - Family Fun Night 2007: Movie about "The Life of Jesus" - 6:30 PM - Refreshments will be served. Free Admission. Mount Triumphant Church of God, Clintondale.
- Mar 25 – Lieutenant Mark Dooley 5K Road Race/Walk. Walkers start at 8:30AM, Runners start at 9:30 AM.
Registration is done the morning of the race at the Plattekill Fire House.
- Mar 29 – Mother Earth Read-a-loud presented by an Our Lady of Lourdes HS Honor Student, 6:30 PM. Plattekill Public Library.
- Mar 31 - Easter Egg Hunt, 2 PM at Thomas Felten Community Park, Modena. Bunny Hop, Easter Bunny, and Easter Bonnet Contest for children of all ages. (Rain Date 4/1 at 2 PM)

April

- Apr 2 – Friends of the Plattekill Public Library monthly meeting, 7:30 PM at the library.
- Apr 11 – Plattekill Senior Citizen Bus Trip, "I Love Lucy Show," Waterfront – Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa. \$34. For trip information contact Sharon Beadle at 895-3135.
- Apr 19 – Plattekill Golden Years Bus Trip, Mohegan Sun Casino. Members \$30, Nonmembers \$32. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:00 AM. For trip information, contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.
- Apr 19 – "Where The Wild Things Are," Read-a-loud, 6:30 PM Plattekill Public Library.
- Apr 21 – Great Pumpkin Seminar, 10 AM, Pavilion, Thomas Felten Community Park, Modena with Dave Daryl, Master Gardener. Sponsored by TOPREC.
- Apr 21 - Kite Day and Air Fair, 2 PM Thomas Felten Community Park, Modena. Bring your own kite, Frisbee or any other type of non-motorized flying machine.
- Apr 21 - Family Fun Night: Movie on the Life of the Apostles, 6:30 PM, refreshments, free admission. Mount Triumphant Church of God, Clintondale.
- Apr 26 – Movie, "Fraggle Rock," 6 PM, Plattekill Public Library.
- Apr 28 - Cub Scout Pack 95 Spoon Supper Fundraiser at the Plattekill Fire House from 5 PM to 8 PM. A Spoon Supper is where different foods are made for the event and each spoonful is \$1.00. A tentative list of food appears on their Web site at <http://bsapack95.tripod.com>. For more information contact Assistant Cubmaster Jim Burriss at 566-9709.
- Apr 30 – Deadline to enter the "How I Learned to Read" Essay Contest. Friends of the Plattekill Public Library.

May

- May 5 – Jun 9 Softball Saturdays begins! 10 AM - 12 noon. Ages 10 - 14 yrs. Everyone plays. Details TBA.
- May 5 – Free Comic Book Day at the Plattekill Public Library.
- May 7 - Friends of the Plattekill Public Library monthly meeting, 7:30 PM at the library.
- May 17 – Super Hero Night, 6:30 PM at the Plattekill Public Library. Comic Book, Super Hero, and Graphic Novel Fun! Dress as your favorite super hero!
- May 18 - Plattekill Golden Years Bus Trip, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Catch Me If You Can." Members \$46, Nonmembers \$48. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:00 AM. For trip information, contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.
- May 19 - Family Fun Night: Free Gospel Concert 6:30 PM - Free Admission. Mount Triumphant Church of God, Clintondale.
- May 21 – Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library, 7:30 PM, Community Room (below library). All are welcome! (See article on page 4)
- May 24 – Movie, "Nanny McPhee," 6 PM, Plattekill Public Library.

For the purposes of this edition, only March, April and May events are listed. A full year calendar can be viewed by visiting the Town of Plattekill Web site at <http://town.plattekill.ny.us>. Submit your community event listing today! For additions/changes/corrections to this calendar, e-mail Jean Poirier at jeanp5@optonline.net or call 883-5284. This list was updated 3/14/07.

Community Notes

Ewald Makes Eagle Scout

Our congratulations go out to Jesse Ewald, who will have officially achieved Eagle Scout status in May 2007.

Modena to Host County Parade and Convention

Modena Fire Department will be hosting this year's Ulster County Volunteer Firefighters Convention on July 28, 2007. The day will consist of a parade, beginning on Freetown Highway and ending at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena, followed by celebratory events that day. A party at the Modena Fire House will finalize the celebration. Approximately 60 fire companies are expected to attend.

Spoon Supper Fundraiser

Cub Scout Pack 95 will have a Spoon Supper Fundraiser on April 28th at the Plattekill Fire House from 5 PM to 8 PM. A variety of dishes will be available and each spoonful is \$1.00. A tentative list of food appears on the pack's Web site at <http://bsapack95.tripod.com/>

Mount Triumphant Church of God would like to announce the following fundraising events:

Memorial Day to Labor Day - Jerk Chicken & Jerk Pork BBQ fund raisers - every Saturday in front of the church, 10 AM to 6 PM. Flea Market and Yard Sales, every Saturday on the church lawn: 10 AM to 6 PM. Flea Market vendors wanted! Yard sale and vendor booth space available for \$25.00 a day. Funds collected will help raise money for a new church. Call 883-6196 to sign up or email Pastor-RalphMTCG@Gmail.com.

Food Pantry in Need

The Mount Triumphant Church of God Food Pantry is in need of donations. Non-perishable foods and canned goods can be dropped off at the church on Saturday mornings. They are seeking a scout pack or troop to adopt them for their community service credits. Contact Pastor Ralph Cowan for more information at 883 – 6196.

Plattekill Head Start News, contributed by Mary Brady

Spring is almost here and we can't wait to get outside to play! We have learned so much over the last few months. We learned about taking care of our teeth – how to brush them properly and what foods we should eat to keep them healthy. We made Valentines, learned about our hearts and how they work, as well as new songs in Spanish. We have so much fun in school! If you have a brother, sister, or friend who is 3 or 4 years old, have them apply to our school. Parents can call us at 564-3262 or visit us at 51 Plattekill-Ardonia Road. Hope to see you next year!

Area Pet Clinics

After a brief winter hiatus, Laura Stein, DVM, of Main Street Veterinary Clinic in Cornwall-on-Hudson, will be offering mobile pet clinics to the public in our area. At these clinics, she mostly treats dogs and cats but can see other pets if you call her in advance of her visit. Typical services at these clinics include routine exams, vaccinations, and heartworms tests but you can also pick-up heartworm, flea, and tick products. Most shots are between \$10.00 and \$15.00. At the time of this printing, the following clinics are scheduled in our area:

Mar 18 – New Windsor Canine Sanctuary at Colby Kennels, Rt. 94, 4 – 6 PM

Apr 20 – Plattekill Town Garage, Rt. 44/55, behind Plattekill Town Hall, 4 – 6 PM

Apr 25 – New Paltz, Rt. 32 North, near the Recycling Center, 4 – 6 PM.

If you cannot attend a clinic, you can visit Dr. Stein at her Main Street Veterinary Clinic in Cornwall-on-Hudson. Call to schedule an appointment or ask questions: 845-534-3644.

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- A presentation will be made about what the Friends have accomplished since the new leadership started in July 2006
- New Friends will be encouraged to join
- Programming ideas from the public will be requested
- Registered Friends vote for officers of the Executive Committee
- Registered Friends vote to approve the updated By-Laws
- Refreshments will be served
- Win a door prize!

All currently registered Friends are asked to attend. Those interested in learning how they can join the Friends are welcome!

TOPREC NEWS

Contributed by Wayne Harris

The Town of Plattekill Recreation Department (aka. TOPREC) is pleased to report on some recent programs and tell you about upcoming events. Since many events take place at the Thomas Felten Community Town Park, please remember, alcohol and pets are not allowed there and the park officially closes at dusk.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Once again, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Thomas Felten Community Park in Modena on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 2 PM (rain date 4/1/07, 2 PM). The event will include an Easter Parade, Egg Hunt (age categories will include 0 – 4, 5 – 8, and 9 – 12 years), Bonnet and Cap contest (for seniors and children), a bunny hop and Jelly Bean Contest. Visit with E. Bunny and his horse Ben for a great Easter celebration.



Plattekill Youth Basketball

February 27th marked the final session for TOPREC's winter basketball program. From mid-November through February, 35 to 40 participants (ages 7-14) practiced skills and drills on the basketball court at Plattekill Elementary School on Tuesday evenings. Attendance was sustained throughout the season showing us that kids were enjoying the program. Doug Atkins of the TOPREC committee was the impetus for the program. He was assisted by volunteer coaches: Joe Fazio Sr., Joe Fazio Jr., Steve Betcher, Al Patel, and Jeff Jones. The group is hoping to expand the program next season.

March Madness!

On Tuesday March 6th an adult basketball foul shooting contest was held at the Plattekill Elementary School gym. The results were as follows for 24 foul shots: Male Overall: Jim Poirier with 20, Female Overall: Jean Poirier with 6, Joe Fazio, Jr. with 18, Brian Morgan with 16, Joe Fazio, Sr. with 15, Ralph Marchianda with 14, Doug Atkins with 11. Let's hope this grows and we host the second annual March Madness contest next year.

Great Pumpkin of Plattekill Contest

This year our great pumpkin contest will begin with a seminar on pumpkin growing by Plattekill horticulturist Daryl David on April 21st at 10am in the pavilion at Thomas Felten Community Park. Participants may register and receive information on growing pumpkins along with a packet of seeds. Don't miss this opportunity to get some pointers so you can compete at the weigh-in in October. Last year, hundreds of pounds of pumpkins delighted the official judges from the co-sponsoring Granges of Clintondale and Plattekill.

Kite Day (Air Fair)

On Saturday, April 21st at 2 PM TOPREC will sponsor a kite flying day. Prizes will be awarded to some lucky participants. Let's hope for a blustery day at Thomas Felten Community Park. Light refreshments will be available. Bring your own kite, Frisbee, or any other type of non-motorized flying machine.

Summer Camp 2007

This year's summer camp will meet Monday thru Thursday beginning June 26th and will end on August 2nd. The program will follow the same format as past years. Weekly swimming at the

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KOA, weekly field trips, sports and crafts will take place at Plattekill Elementary School. Registration will be held mid-May, with exact date TBA.

Softball Saturdays

Last year our “everyone plays” program fell victim to rainy Saturdays. This year the program will be held on Saturdays 10 AM to 12 noon at the Thomas Felten Community Park field. Beginning May 4th through June 9th, the program is for boys and girls ages 8-14 yrs. Softball Saturdays are designed as a “pick-up” game with fun and participation as the main goals. Come and have fun. Coach Angel Tadry will conduct the weekly sessions; parent assistance is encouraged. Registration will be in April.

Tri-Town Memorial Day Parade

This year the parade will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2007 in Clintondale. If you have participated in a TOPREC activity and would like to join in the parade, report to the TOPREC designated space in the line-up. The more the merrier. Last year’s tee-baller in a t-bird (’62 convertible) with Uncle Sam was a big hit. Follow the T-bird.

Sunset Serenade

West Point Jazz Knights will perform Sunday August 12th at 4 PM at the Thomas Felten Community Park. The event is free and open to the public.

Woman Rescued by Firefighter

On Saturday evening, March 10th, a brutal fire took hold of a multi-family home in the Town of Plattekill, on New Unionville Road. The Plattekill Fire Department was called, and Assistant Chiefs Robert Jackson and Robert Betanzos were the first on the scene. Flames were moving fast, already reaching the 2nd floor by the time first responders arrived. Neighbors told the firefighters that a wheelchair-bound, elderly woman lived in the lower level apartment. Through smoke and heat, Assistant Chief Betanzos stayed low, and found his way to the woman by the sound of her coughing. Picking her up, while in her wheelchair, he carried her to safety. The woman was taken to St. Luke’s Hospital where she is being treated for smoke inhalation. Several fire companies were called to the scene as the blaze grew and many tanker trunks were needed to put out the

flames. Water was not accessible in a nearby pond due to thick ice and the fire took several hours to put out. Fire Chief Chris Mancuso, along with the help of 125 other firefighters, got the fire under control and stayed on the scene until the early morning hours. Town Supervisor Bruce Lertscher said, “A life was saved that night. The Town of Plattekill thanks all of the volunteer firefighters for their dedication and hard work.” The cause of the fire is believed to be electrical. Do you have working smoke detectors in your home? Check them today.

Essay Contest

To celebrate National Library Week (April 15th – 21st) and the love of reading and writing, the Friends of the Plattekill Public Library invite area residents within the Wallkill, New Paltz, and Highland School Districts to enter the “How I Learned to Read” essay contest. Entrants are asked to submit a written essay, telling how they learned to read and what reading means to them. If someone special influenced the reader/writer, that can be included in the essay. Entrants must fulfill /select one of the following categories:

Elementary School Age (starting with the 1st grade) – length of essay 1 to 2 pages; Middle School Age – length of essay 1 – 3 pages; High School Age – length of essay 1 – 4 pages; Adult – length of essay 1 to 5 pages.

There will be four prizes awarded in total with a winner in each category. Three winners will receive a \$25.00 gift card and one grand prize winner will receive a \$75.00 gift card—all to Barnes and Noble. Each winner will have their essay published and available for reading at the Plattekill Public Library, on the library’s Web site, and winners will be announced in local papers. Winners will be presented their awards at the Annual Meeting of the Friends, set for May 21, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Community Room (below the library).

To learn more about the contest, pick up information at the Plattekill Public Library or visit the Library’s web site at <http://www.plattekill.lib.ny.us/> and click on the Friends link.

Senior Information

(Reminder – This newsletter is covering the months of March (end), April, May, and some of June. The next newsletter will come out in late May and will cover the summer months of June, July, and August.)

News from the Plattekill Senior Citizen Club submitted by Rita Acevedo

Our fantastic Trip Coordinator, Sharon Beadle, has arranged some great trips for us. For trip information, contact Sharon at 895-3135 or Mable Gordon at 883-9710. Here is what is planned for the next few months:

Apr 11 – Bus Trip, “I Love Lucy Show,” Waterfront – Lake Wallenpaupack, PA. \$34.

Jun 13 - Bus Trip, Broadway Show, Mt. Haven – Milford, PA. \$30.95

We would like to welcome two new members to our club, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Valenti. We hope they will enjoy their membership.

Recently, we lost a friend - Mrs. Evelyn Owen, a long time resident of Gardiner, passed away this November. Evelyn was born January 13, 1925 in New York City. She married Robert D. Owen in 1959 at St. Jacobs Church, Pike County, PA. Mrs. Owen was Alumni Director at SUNY New Paltz and was a tireless volunteer in charitable works for her church, food pantries, penny socials, and anywhere she was needed. Evelyn was Treasurer of the Plattekill Senior Citizens Club for many years. She was a loyal friend and will be missed.

Trips Sponsored by the Plattekill Golden Years Seniors - For trip information contact Mary Tierney at 883-7854.

Apr 19 – Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino. Members \$30, Nonmembers \$32. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:00 AM.

May 18 - Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills Play-

house “Catch Me If You Can.” Members \$46, Nonmembers \$48. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:00 AM.

Jun 13 - Bus Trip to Platz Brauhaus, Pomona, NY. Members \$38, Nonmembers \$40. Bus leaves Town Hall at 10:00 AM.

Senior Activities Coming Soon and “In the Works”

- Line Dancing, sponsored by the Golden Years
- Arts and Crafts, sponsored by the Golden Years

The Aloha Acres Social Club is an active senior community in our town and they often open their programs up to non-residents of Aloha Acres. They would like to announce the following upcoming events. Direct questions to Dottie Longbard at 883-0084.

Apr 18 – Big Band Show “Jersey Dreamers” at Brownstone, NJ. \$50.00 for nonresidents, includes dinner and the show. The bus leaves from Town Hall at 9 AM.

May 24 – Pomona Lobster Fest, sponsored by the Aloha Acres Social Club. The bus leaves from Town Hall at 9 AM.

May 28 – Memorial Day Service and Luncheon, sponsored by the Aloha Acres Social Club. 11 AM at the Flag Pole at Aloha Acres. They will offer a beautiful Memorial Day Service during which an Air Cadet Color Guard and bugler will be present and will play Taps. Ed Longbard will read the names of deceased veterans from Aloha Acres. A luncheon will follow at the club house. Those attending the service will be offered tickets to the luncheon.

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Unless otherwise noted, call the main number for the Town of Plattekill to reach anyone listed here.

Care-A-Van Starts in April

The Ulster County Care-a-Van will be showing up again in April for the spring season. The van operates from April 1st thru December 15th and offers free health screening services to all Ulster County seniors age 60+. Its purpose is to promote good health, prevent health related problems through education and early detection, inform seniors and connect them with available community resources. The services do not replace regular visits to your doctor, rather they should be made in between regular doctor visits to check on your current health status. Services offered include: Blood Glucose (Diabetes), Health Inventory (hgt., wgt., history), Hemoglobin (Blood test to measure iron/hemoglobin), Hypertension (High Blood Pressure), Stool Guaiac Kits (checks for blood in stool specimens), Urine Screening and Vision testing.

The Care-A-Van will be in nearby towns as follows:

Apr 3 – Freihoffer Thrift Outlet, North Putts Corners Road, New Paltz, 10 AM – 2 PM

Apr 10 – Rosendale Recreation Center, Rt. 32, Rosendale 11 AM – 3 PM

Apr 18 – Hannaford, Bridgeview Plaza, Highland, 10 AM - 2 PM

Apr 30 – Elsie's Meadow, 189 Third St., Walkkill, 10 AM – 2 PM

May 3 – St. Joseph's Church, 2 Hasbrouck Place, New Paltz, 10 AM – 2 PM

May 10 – St. Mary's Church, Rt. 9W, Marlboro 10 AM – 2 PM

For other dates and locations and for further information, contact the Ulster County Office for the Aging at 845-340-3456.

Kite Day and Air Fair

April 21, 2 PM

Thomas Felten Community Park

Bring your own Kite, Frisbee, or any other type of non-motorized flying machine.

Correction: In the Winter issue of the Plattekill Times, a Web site address was mistakenly cut off at the end of the article entitled, "Plattekill Transfer Station." The web address should have appeared as follows: www.SecondNatureRecycling.com.

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