

# Senior Moments

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## COUNTY CHIEF SWEARS-IN OG'S

### 2018 MANAGEMENT TEAM

#### Lauds OG's Community-Oriented Ethos

The OG 2018 Management team, led by Lloyd Cort, was sworn in by County Chief Executive, George Latimer, on January 2. Also taking the oath of office were Al Dold, First Vice President, Glen Gordon, Second Vice President, Harold Selden, Recording Secretary, and other members of the OG Board of Directors.



Mr. Latimer lauded the community-oriented ethos of the Old Guard. OG members were actively involved in the communities they live in.

Lloyd presented a certificate of appreciation to the out-going President, Gene Kava.

Mr. Latimer referred to the ideological divide that existed not only in the county but the entire country and regretted the

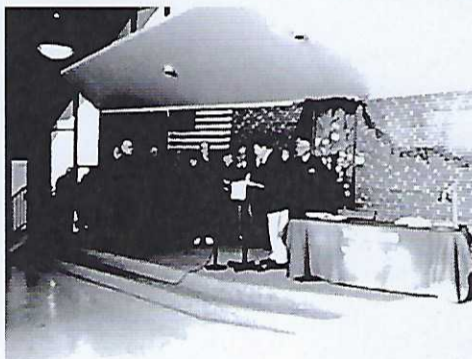
absence of channels of dialogue to resolve the ideological issues. He also emphasized the need for preserving the county's tremendous natural and man-made resources such as parks, swimming pools, golf courses and the Kensico Reservoir.

In his remarks, Lloyd pledged to "maintain the integrity, vision and mission of the Old Guard of Westchester as envisioned by its "Founding Fathers."

"Friends," he added "keep sending me email about the trials of aging. They mistakenly assumed that I am aging. I inform them that

I plan to

stay young with the Old Guard of Westchester...For us Happy hour is not taking a nap ....We realize that life has an expiration date, but guess what? We are much too busy to check that calendar."



**N. Aggarwala**

## IN MEMORIAM

# WE REMEMBER THEM

From January 2017 to March 2018, the Old Guard mourned the loss of following 15 members.



Peter  
Agoston



Leigh  
Levitt

At the rising of the sun and its  
going down,  
We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and  
the chill of winter,  
We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and  
the rebirth of spring,  
We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies  
and in the warmth of summer,  
We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves  
and in the beauty of autumn,  
We remember them.

At the beginning of the year  
and when it ends,  
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will  
live,  
for they are now a part of us,  
As we remember them.



Dick  
Terker



Leslie  
Cheiken



Emil  
Finley



Richard  
Hirsch



Bernard  
Sharp



Lester  
Schwartz



James  
Thresher



Jay  
Schwab



Arnold  
Zisselman



Gerry  
Moch



Harold  
Gillett



Robert  
Whitaker



John  
Morley

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# **A FUN-FILLED EVENING**

*by Glen Gordon*

The Scarsdale Golf Club, situated on a plateau, provides a very broad view of the golf course, with its balcony facing the "green" and expansive manicured lawn. It provides an ideal place for special events such as the Old Guard Dinner Dance which was held there on September 28, 2017.

The event commenced at 6: 00 PM sharp. Valet parking eliminated the need for walking from the parking lot to the Club. One hundred and twenty four well dressed members and their wives and invited guests attended the event. Named cards alphabetically placed at the entrance to the ballroom allowed for easy seating.

## **SEVENTIES' MUSIC**

Members were photographed as they entered the cocktail room by our in-house photographer, Steve Loewengart and his crew. The pictures were displayed at our regular meeting the following week, and they were done professionally. Hats off to Steve who is always willing and able to step in and provide a valuable service.

Anil Budram, DJ, greeted the guests with tantalizing music reminiscent of the Seventies. The members were

immediately engaged by the flow of events. Cocktail hour started on time with the serving of well prepared and tasty crab cakes, truffle risotto, duck spring roll, crispy shrimps, smoke salmon and many more delightful treats. An open bar with wine and assorted liquor was also available. There is no doubt that the crowd was captivated by the ambience and beauty of the venue.

## **LAUGHTER & PLEASANTRIES**

Those who chose the balcony to relax with wine in hand expressed amazement as to the beautiful vistas. It was reminiscent of a lodge tucked away in the Adirondacks far from the suburbs. The rooms were filled with euphoria as the members embraced each other with glee. There was laughter and pleasantries all around.

At 8:00 PM all were seated at twelve tables. decorated with center pieces by none other than our resident experts: Gwen Cort, Roberta Graham and my wife Thelma Gordon who are members of the Parkway Garden/Parkway Holmes Garden Club. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their time and effort. The décor incorporated colors depicting fall.

As Chairman and Master of Ceremonies, I had the distinct pleasure of making the

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introductory statement extolling the virtues of the Old Guard and the benefits to its members. The Old Guard song was then sung after which the meal was blessed by Reverend Bonnie Miller. I introduced the President, Gene Kava. He welcomed members and their guests and thanked those who contributed to the success of the event. Gene recognized the deserving Man of the Year, Paul Abramson. Russell Oakes was also recognized for his hard work in preparing for our weekly meeting.

#### **MEMORABLE MUSIC/**

#### **OUTSTANDING DANCERS & DINNER**

The rest of the evening was truly memorable as the dinner was remarkable and enjoyed by everyone. D.J Anil Budram kept us on our feet with music that was appropriate for the audience. He was fearful of venturing outside of age appropriate genre, even though he was encouraged to do so. However, there were some outstanding dancers on the floor. Of note, Phil Horner and his wife who demonstrated their youthful enthusiasm reminiscent of the Sixties.

I appreciate the support of those who attended and hope to see them next year. I believe it was a very successful endeavor in every aspect, even though it provided little revenue for the organization. My hope is that those who missed this event would be enticed into attending in 2018.

## **INDOOR BOWLING**

### **A SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

The Old Guard men's indoor bowling league concluded a successful fall season with eight three-man teams vying for the championship. Alan Stern, Larry O'Neil and Art Miller were the winners, easily outpacing the rest of the field.

Individual leaders included Mike Incantalupo (highest average: 149) followed by Larry Ungar (148) and Julie Cohan (147). Alan Stern bowled the highest game (208) followed by Larry Ungar and Steve Auerbach, each bowling a 201. Mike Incantalupo had the highest series (511) followed by Art Miller with a 508.

Other awards included Denver Boston who bowls from a standing start and still kept better than 87% of his balls out of the gutter; John Michaels who had a strike while rolling his ball down the alley at 3.9 mph; Frank Baker winner of the "you're killing us" award for bringing his team a victory by bowling 97 points above his average.

Perhaps more important than the scores was the makeup of the league, The median age of our bowlers was 81.5 years including one over 90 and six others 87 and above. We may not win any prizes for our scores but when our age handicap is added to our official league bowling averages, it turns out that we bowl pretty well.

**Paul Abramson**

## OG'S HISTORIC FIRST: TWO CENTENARIANS



**Joseph Fuchs**



**Arthur Howard**

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### **GOLF 2017**

## **INJURY-INDUCED CHALLENGING YEAR**

*by Bob Dougherty*

This past year was challenging as more golfers were unable to play this year because of injuries or other physical problems. The golf season also got off to a slow start because of weather related cancellations but we still managed to play on 13 occasions. There were weeks where we couldn't get one foursome together to play. We persevered, however, and had a very enjoyable season.

The last two weeks of the season, we decided to break with an Old Guard tradition and play some of the Westchester public courses instead of playing across the river at the Rockland Lakes Executive Course. The main reason for this experiment was to determine if we could reasonably play these courses and also because a few Old Guard members had said they

would like to play with us if we played in Westchester. The experiment was a success in that we were able to comfortably play both the courses at Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake.

Our two most successful golfers this year were Russell Oakes and Phil Horner. Phil had both the low average for the year with a 76 and a low game score of 70. Russell was our most improved player by lowering his season average 3 strokes from last year. He also had the lowest game under average by scoring 8 strokes under average. Russell also had the most birdies for the season with 3.

We look forward to the 2018 season and hope that by playing the Westchester public courses, we may attract additional Old Guard golfers.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

# **VARIED SKILLS AND TALENTS**

***By Ed Hardy***

**We welcomed 22 new members since the beginning of last year. Fifteen of them were born in New York City. Graduates of City College of New York and New York University were well represented among the new members. Many already have become actively involved in our numerous committees.**

John Daskos, a Hartsdale resident, is a CCNY graduate. He has had a long career in club management. He was general manager of the Quaker Ridge Country Club for 25 years, and worked as managing director of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. John was a major in the New York National Guard for 18 years. He volunteers at White Plains Hospital and has served on the executive board of the Westchester Alcohol and Drug Dependency Council.



William Spiro graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and has law degrees from Brooklyn College and NYU. He lives in Mamaroneck, where he has been active in community service. Much of his business life was as a certified public accountant, with expertise in taxation.



Lester Parower, who lives in Larchmont, is a CCNY graduate. His business career has been as a certified public accountant. He is a Navy veteran, serving from 1953 to 1961.



Edward Copelin, a Florida resident, was inducted as an inactive member. He is a friend of Julie and Greta Cohan, and usually spends November visiting them. His degree from Purdue was in chemistry. He worked for Union Oil and later was a chemistry teacher.



Mike Holstein has a BA degree from Brooklyn College and an MA from NYU. He worked for many years at the New York City board of education. A Hastings resident, he has been active in community affairs, including 12 years on the local board of education.



Leslie Cheikin graduated from Fairleigh Dickenson University and received an MBA from NYU. A resident of Rye Brook, he joined the Old Guard in early 2017. His career was in moving and transportation businesses. He passed away in later that year.



George Daisley, a Scarsdale resident, grew up in Trinidad and St. Vincent. He graduated from the University of the West Indies with a degree in civil engineering and worked in engineering as a career. He may be the only member interested in cricket.



John Kaufman, from White Plains, has degrees in engineering from Amherst and MIT. He served two years in the Army. He held financial positions with the Scarsdale and White Plains Jewish Community Centers and also was in the clothing business.



John Hiensch graduated from C.W. Post College and the NYU Stern Business School. He was an Army officer from 1968-1971. He has worked in several financial positions and most recently was with the Port Chester Industrial Development Authority, where he lives.



James Zafiros, from White Plains, is a graduate of NYU. He has a long career in the media field, including NBC television, WNYC Radio, Westwood One and RNN Television, primarily in sales. He is a board member of the Brook Hills Association.



Dennis Rudin, who lives in North White Plains, has degrees from Western New England University and Iona College. He has been a high school social studies teacher. Dennis has a regular cable television show that can be viewed on local channels.



Joseph Marino of West Harrison grew up in Westchester. He has worked in the County Department of Environmental Facilities since 1986. He attended Sullivan Community College.



David Pfeffer, who graduated from CCNY and has a law degree from NYU, lives in New Rochelle. He worked in several law firms and was senior partner in one of them. His expertise is patent law. David was village justice in Roslyn Harbor N.Y. for 25 years.



Herbert Rosenstein, a Greenburgh resident, is an Army veteran. He also graduated from CCNY and NYU law school. Among his career jobs he was a lawyer for the State Liquor Authority and the Social Security Administration. He also worked as a hearing reporter and was an administrative law judge.



Leonard Zavlick of New Rochelle is a graduate of Hunter College and NYU with degrees in mathematics. He was a teacher, assistant principal and computer consultant during his career in New York City schools.



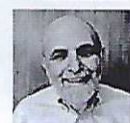
Alfred Spiro lives in Scarsdale. He is a graduate of NYU and received a medical degree from the University of Bern. He served as a senior surgeon with the U.S. Public Health Service. He worked at Montefiore Hospital and was a professor of neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.



Stephen Auerbach, who lives in Hartsdale, graduated from Hofstra University. He worked in sales management, primarily in the food brokerage business.



Frank Baker holds a BA degree from Vanderbilt University and MA and PhD degrees from Northwestern. He is a Scarsdale resident. He worked in the medical field, as an administrator, teacher and researcher at such places as New York Medical School, Johns Hopkins and Harvard Medical School. Psychology was a specialty.



Martin Molot, also from Scarsdale, is a Syracuse graduate. He has a law degree from NYU, specializing in taxation. He served in the Army.



Martin Ozer of Hartsdale practiced law for more than 50 years. A CCNY graduate, his law degree is from Harvard. He also is an Army veteran. He is a part-time tax consultant. He was vice president of the Grace Harbor Association in Kings Point.



Matthew Coffey, a White Plains resident, is a graduate of Holy Cross and holds advanced degrees from Fordham and SUNY. He served in the Navy in Viet Nam. His career was in telecommunications. He is on the advisory board of the White Plains senior center and a member of Disabled American Veterans.



George Curtis of White Plains had a lengthy career in finance, with a degree from Pace College. Among several positions, he was an auditor for Price Waterhouse. He served in the New York National Guard.



## MAN OF THE YEAR

# PAUL ABRAMSON

*Frank Alpert*

At the meeting Tuesday, September 26, Paul Abramson was recognized as the "2017 Man of The Year". The award was also announced at the Dinner Dance two days later to reach as many members and wives as possible. Paul first heard of the Old Guard at a meeting of the Larchmont Lions Club sometime after the millennium. Chuck Wielgus (Old Guard 1998-2004) would sometimes speak of the qualities of



our organization, and Paul did not realize the hook had been planted. When a half-dozen years later, Larry Ungar (Old Guard 1996- ) invited him to join, Paul decided the time had arrived.

### **"Revolutionized Bowling"**

Paul joined the Old Guard in 2009, and quickly got involved in almost everything. He joined bowling, and revolutionized the sport by introducing an "age-adjusted" score. He suggested to the then-President an idea for a discussion group that became Timely Topics. He was elected to the 2011 Board of Directors and progressed from "At-Large" through 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Program Chair to President in 2014.

Paul believed that once someone joined the Old Guard, we have an obligation to

remember him as part of the group even if he moved away or resigned. This led Paul to start developing ways of staying in touch with those he called Alumni.

As provided in the Bylaws, Paul became part of the Nominating Committee in 2014, became Chairman in 2015, and still has two more years on the Committee. If you get a call from him, you are expected to say YES.

### **Search Committee**

There came a time that it was necessary for the Old Guard to leave MUMC and find a new meeting place.

Paul was an essential member of the search committee and an active member of the committee to move all our belongings. Then after a couple of years, he repeated the entire process as we went from the Woman's Club to Ethical Culture Society. To do this once is stellar; twice is heroic. He is now believed to be one of two people who have a key to every room we use.

Each year, the prior winners of the award select a member who has made significant contributions to the Old Guard over several years, not just the past year. The first Man of the Year, in 1976, was our founding President, Robert Henderson. Paul Abramson is the 42<sup>nd</sup> Man of The Year, and joins a distinguished fraternity.

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Frank Alpert , Man of the Year 2013