

SENIOR MOMENTS

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YEAR OF THE RAT

CELEBRATING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Richard Jackel, Vice Chair of the Outside Activities Committee poses in front of the sumptuous feast prepared for The Old Guard at the David Chin restaurant in Armonk. Kudos to Richard and committee chair Bill Kaung for arranging this event.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we enter this new decade, I am very excited to be the President of the Old Guard. The Old Guard is a vibrant organization and always continues to evolve. We have added a new position of Communications Officer to our board to help get our message out in a consistent manner both internally & externally. We have also planned many new outside activities and have added many new additions to our weekly speaker series.

Bob Dougherty

DATES TO REMEMBER:

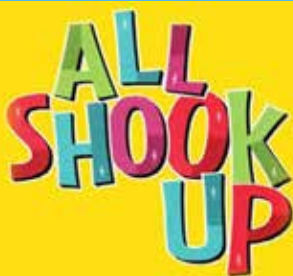
Join us on **Thursday, April 23rd** for a matinee performance of *All Shook Up* at the Westchester Dinner Theater. Cost: \$65.00 which includes a meal and the show. If you are interested please email Bob Dougherty at bobd740@msn.com as soon as possible.

Save the date and get entitled to a discount on your auto insurance: **Driver Safety Course on May 22, 2020** at The Ethical Culture Society building. Details to follow.

Weekly Winter Activities: Bowlers Needed

Monday Bowling: 10 am - 12:30 pm Contact - Phil Horner

Wednesday Bowling: 10 am - 12 pm Contact - Lloyd Cort



Set to the hits of the King of Rock and Roll himself, Elvis Presley, this musical will have you dancing in your "Blue Suede Shoes" all day long. Inspired by Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, the music is all Elvis, and the result is an afternoon of hilarious and enchanting 1950's fun.



GIVING BACK: SUPPORTING CHARITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

LLOYD CORT

Raising funds for the Salvation Army

In tribute to the late Chuck Squires (an Old Guard past President) who undauntedly was a Salvation Army bell ringer for over 25 years, I was honored to receive the baton from him to continue the outreach work during the Festive Season. The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 with a mission of Social Justice and Charity. Last year, with the assistance of Old Guard members, Glen Gordon, Julian Leventhal, Paul Schneiderman and myself, we solicited donations at the Westchester Mall and raised approximately \$1,800. A competition is arranged among other organizations, clubs and individuals as to who will net the highest daily contributions. Hopefully, the Old Guard will be the winner again. The winner will be announced at the annual Breakfast meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel in White Plains on April 4th.



Collecting shoes for Soles4Souls

Soles4Souls was organized as a disaster relief organization after philanthropists and shoe executives provided footwear to those most impacted by the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. I first became acquainted with this charity by Chatterton Hill Church minister Rev. Dr. Bonnie Miller, who played a very significant part in this project. I expressed its importance to the Old Guard of Westchester which became one of their many important projects they support.

As of today, Soles4Souls have distributed over 30 million pairs of shoes in all 50 US states and 127 countries. Undoubtedly, every single one of those pairs makes a difference in people's lives.



HIGHLIGHTING OUR WEBSITE

ALAN STERN
WEBMASTER

Before I took over the website, I really had never given much thought to how a website was constructed or to what its functions were. Since then I have come to view the website in the following way. The website provides members with up-to-date information about the organization and can be accessed using computers, tablets and smartphones. It is a source for all types of information. You can learn about both upcoming and previous programs that you might have missed. On the website you can find a direct link to the site where the videos of the past programs can be viewed. Information about weekly activities as well as upcoming activities can also be seen on the website.

The website is one of the tools that provides information about us to the extended community. It can be accessed 24 hrs a day and is an important tool in attracting new members. It provides information about who we are and what we do as a group. For this reason it is important that we post information in a timely fashion. By doing so it shows the wider community that we are an active vibrant group. As an example people can learn about activities we participate in as well as community service that we do.

As I mentioned previously I did not know anything about constructing or maintaining a website when I agreed to take over the job. On a personal level, the website has given me an opportunity to expand my knowledge and learn how to do something that I had never done before. It is for this reason that I urge all members to not be afraid to try something new, whether it is joining a committee or an activity. Who knows, you might learn something new about yourself just as I did.

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