



Senior Moments

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Focus on Mike Crowley, a devoted bridge player.



Mike Crowley getting ready for a round of bridge.

Every week, a group of dedicated bridge players set up the Meeting Hall right after lunch and proceed to play bridge.

To the bridge players it is magic. To the rest of us, it's a puzzle. What are they doing and how does this game work?

One of the Old Guard's most devoted bridge fans is **Mike Crowley**. Mike has been a member of the Old Guard since 2009 and has been playing bridge on Tuesdays ever since.

Mike learned to play bridge from his parents when he was just 16 years old and has been playing for decades.

Old Guard members who are interested in learning the game should feel free to join the group on Tuesdays. There is usually a "non-competitive" table.

Arthur Howard celebrates his birthday in style.



The Old Guard's esteemed member, Arthur Howard, celebrated his 101st birthday at the October 17th meeting. Arthur was treated to a performance by the Show Stoppers, a group of seniors who love to tap dance-and celebrate birthdays. The dancers were sponsored by The Lake Isle Senior Center in Eastchester.

In Memory of Emil Finley



In November 2017, The Old Guard lost a long-standing and cherished member, Emil Finley. Emil was a founder and former chairman of ICEC (International Commodities Export Corporation) a chemical fertilizer company. He began his career in 1946 and continued his entire career with the same company rising to become its chief executive officer until he retired in 1993.

Emil was born in Krakow, Poland in 1921. In his late teens he immigrated to England and enrolled at the University of London. He interrupted his studies at the outbreak of World War II to enlist in the British Army and served in the army during the Battle of France. He was later evacuated near Dunkirk.

He transferred to the Royal Air Force and studied in Canada to become a navigator. He was trained to make night bombings which required the ability to locate pin-point targets. Later he participated in bombing missions over Germany and France. Emil was awarded the Cross of Valor for his efforts. After 30 missions Emil was eligible to be discharged, but, instead, he re-enlisted and flew a total of 55 missions.

After the war, Emil returned to Scarsdale, New York where he married and settled.

Later in life, Emil taught business courses and was a trustee at Marymount College in Tarrytown and was President of the Westchester Business Council.

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