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## SPECIAL THANKS & INTRODUCTION

As a new resident and anxious to get acquainted with everyone here, I would like to first thank Ginny Phelps for the many years she spent publishing the Rivers Run Cottage Connections newsletter. She did a fantastic job and inspired me to somehow follow in her footsteps the best I can. I only ask that you help by sending me any information, photographs, suggestions, and ideas.

Let me introduce myself... My name is Barbara DeOca and live in Cottage 1602. Although I recently moved New York State, I am not what you would call a "newbie" to our lovely weather. I lived in Endwell during my high school years, went to SUNY Brockport and raised my family in Gates. In 1996 my husband and I moved to the Tampa, FL area where we lived for the past 25+ years. The weather is great, and the people are wonderful down there. However, once I found myself alone, I realized that family is the most important thing, so I have come home to roost. My 2 fantastic sons, 2 phenomenal daughters-in-law, and 3 of the best grandchildren possible (forgive me for bragging but that's what grandparents do) live in the area (Chili and Avon) so I plopped myself in the middle... 10 minutes to Chili and 20 minutes to Avon.

So that's me in a nutshell. Feel free to call me, text me, stop by my house or just shout out, "Hey you!" I look forward to many years of living here and getting to know each and every one of you.



Third Monday of each  
Month, 6:30 PM  
For more information  
Contact Jim Galvin

January's book is  
"And the Mountains Echoed"  
By Khaleo Hosseini



## REMINDER

Friday, Dec. 29, 2023  
Woman's Luncheon  
is CANCELED

For more information  
Contact Claire Gnazzo



## BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to reunite with your neighbors. On Thursday, January 18 at 4:00 PM we are planning a community dinner at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse. Located at 760 Jefferson Road, they offer a variety of salads, handcrafted burgers, sandwiches, tacos, and pizzas as well as slow roasted entries for dinner. If the delicious pasta dishes or Parmesan-crusted chicken makes you thirsty, you can pair them with a glass or wine, a mug of their handcrafted beer, or a tall, bubbly glass of soda. Of course, if you are still hungry after the delicious dinner, you can top it off with one of their scrumptious "Pizookies".

So let's gather together, and start the year off in a neighborly way! Contact Marilyn Carlson if you plan to attend.



A special thanks to Martin & Brenda Peters who so generously hosted an Open House on December 9. It was a lovely gathering and a time to share cookies and refreshments with our neighbors.



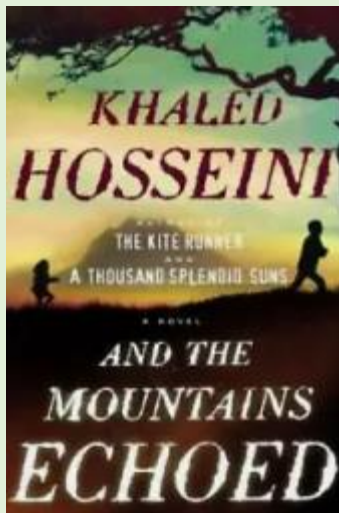
## PAWS for a Minute!

Even though I personally do not have a dog, I read this in the Penny Saver and thought I'd pass it along as a reminder in case you didn't see the article. Whether you have a large dog with a thick coat or a smaller one, all dogs can suffer a cold injury. Their paws and noses --- any exposed skin --- are at risk for frostbite. Hypothermia can be deadly, or it can permanently impair their immune system and overall health. A thick coat doesn't provide as much protection from the cold as one might think.

# BOOK CLUB



If you are new to RR and enjoy reading and book discussions, you might want to check out our Book Club. This group currently meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM either in person at cottage 1203 or via Zoom depending on individual comfort level or distance from Rivers Run. New readers are always welcome to join the group. Contact Jim or Charline Galvin and let the know if you want to be included



***And the Mountains Echoed*** is the book that has been selected as the read for January. It begins with a fable that a father tells his two children: A farmer who works hard to eke out a living for his family is forced to give up one of his five children to an evil giant. He and his wife decide to choose randomly, and the unlucky one happens to be their favorite son. Eventually, the farmer, half mad with grief, tracks down the giant and finds his son in a lush garden full of happy children, with no memory of his birth family.

## The Eclipse is Coming!

Yes, this is true.... On April 8 we in New York State will have a front row seat! I understand that people around the country are already booking up hotel rooms. But to get you started, there will be a lecture at RIT Osher on January 25. Dan Schneiderman, Eclipse Partnerships Coordinator of the RMSC will be hosting the lecture from 12:15 PM until 1:30 PM. And as you know, these lectures take place right in our neighborhood. What more can you ask for??!!



## ***DJD YOU KNOW....***

New Jersey has more Malls per square mile than any other US State. The state of NJ packs around 28 malls into its relatively small size (just 7,354 square miles of land area), giving it the most malls per square foot out of any state in America.

However, some of these malls have seen better days --- but even in an era of “dead malls”, Jersey is still getting new ones.



## **CRAFT & CHAT**

Now that winter is upon us, we can find it easy to isolate ourselves and hibernate inside our homes. If you are looking for something to do, the Craft & Chat group is a great alternative. It is open to all residents, male and female who enjoy sharing their crafty interests and talents with their neighbors and friends. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 1-3 PM, snuggled beside the fireplace and keeping warm in the Cove Club Room. Please note the time change to avoid conflict with potential meetings. Come join us even if you don't have a craft to work on. It's a great place to meet new people and make new friends.

This past Tuesday Ann Drenk showed us how to make Origami cranes. In spite of a little frustration on my part, they came out pretty good. Don't you agree?



## *Looking Outside Our Neighborhood*



If you're looking for something to do but can't find it within our community, how about branching out to other areas. Being new to Rivers Run, I have been researching community centers in other areas. This month I am going to highlight the Kodak Center

About 50 years ago I had the opportunity to attend the Kodak Theatre on several occasions. Things sure have changed over the years but it's nice to know that the Kodak Center has survived. The Center is not only a place to learn about Kodak – past and present – but it is also a great place of entertainment.

If you are interested in the performance, perhaps you can consider purchasing lounge passes. Located on the first floor of the venue, the Kodak Center Lounge seats up to 200 guests for an exclusive pre-show experience at select events. Some of the benefits of this would be to skip the lines, complimentary appetizers and access during intermission as well as the pre-show.

It's nice to know that they have free parking just across the street from Kodak Center. The entrance to the lot is located on W. Ridge Rd./Primrose St. Parking for people with disabilities is available across the street as well as the lot adjacent to the building (limited availability), accessible via the entrance on W. Ridge Rd./Palm St.

Following is a brief list of upcoming performances:

- January 17: "NEW ATE" Vir Das, Mind Fool Tour (comedian)
- January 20: Stayin' Alive: One Night of the Bee Gees
- January 26: Anthony Rodia, Totally Relatable Tour (comedian)
- February 1: KC and the Sunshine Band
- March 10: Masters of Illusion – The Live Tour

For more information, go to [www.kodakcenter.com](http://www.kodakcenter.com) or call 585-254-0181

## JANUARY 2024 Cottage Calendar

- **1/1, MONDAY, Game Day:** 2:00 PM, Mexican Train Dominoes - Cove; *Reservations are not required but if you think you might attend, please contact Jim Galvin 585-270-8145 so they know how to set up the room.*
- **1/9, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM - at Cove
- **1/10, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM – Peppermints Restaurant
- **1/15, MONDAY, Book Group:** 6:30 PM – Cottage 1203; Contact Jim Galvin 585-270-8145  
*Book of the Month: "And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini"*
- **1/18, THURSDAY, Community Dinner:** 4:00 PM - BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse,  
RSVP Marilyn Carlson 585-235-0935 by 1/15/24
- **1/26, FRIDAY, Ladies Lunch:** 1:00 PM – Olive Garden.  
Contact Claire Gnazzo 585-287-6009
- **1/23, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM - at Cove
- **1/24, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM – Peppermints Restaurant
- **1/27, SATURDAY, Wine Tasting:** 2:00 PM – Hosted by Karen Petras, Cottage 1803,  
Limited participants; contact Jim Galvin 545-270-8145; *(Cost will be determined once the wines & cheeses are purchased. The estimate is \$10-12 pp)*



- 2/11 Superbowl Party
- 2/25 Dinner at Lovin' Cup
- TBA Dinner & Movie @ Apple Cinema
- TBA Kentucky Derby Party

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