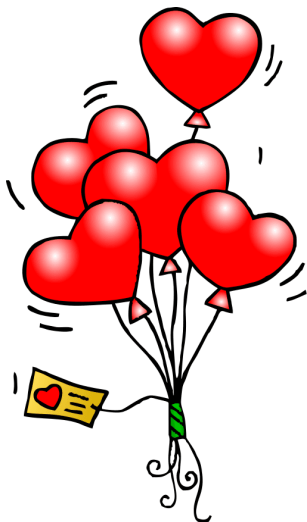


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Osher Lifelong Learning Center

One of the founders of the Osher Lifelong Learning Center was Marge Pfaudler who had the vision to establish a relationship with the Rochester community beyond RIT. The residents of Rivers Run, are very fortunate to be located close to where the Osher lectures are held. Let's take advantage of that. Listed below are the scheduled the free lectures for February. To register for a lecture, call 585-292-8989.

Feb. 1 – Taking Charge of Change: The Rochester Area Community Foundation; Lecture by Simeon Banister, President, and CEO of RACF.

Feb. 8 – It's More than a Theatre: Geva's "Sticky Connectivity" Programs and symposiums strengthen relationships with existing patrons and partners helping to form new connections --- the kind of sticky connectivity that endures.

Feb. 15 – Susan B. Anthony: On the Road Again!?
Deborah Hughes will share the vision, progress, and design concepts for the new interpretive center.

Feb. 22 – The Sinking of the SS Athenia
Doris Adamek, daughter of John Garland who survived the sinking of the ship, shares her father's story based on his prelude to WWII.

Feb. 29 – The Future of Urban Education
Dr. Adam Urbansky, President of the RTA and VP of Am. Federation of Teachers will give a presentation.



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

February's book is
"Tom Lake"
By Ann Patchett



REMINDER
Woman's Luncheon
1:00 PM
Last Friday of the Month
For more information
Contact Claire Gnazzo
585-287-6009

Lovin' Cup



Located at 300 Park Point Drive in Henrietta, the RR community is planning their February 15 dining out at the Lovin' Cup. For everyone's convenience, we are meeting at 4:00 PM. This restaurant is a carefully crafted full-service restaurant, bar, and a unique music venue serving burgers, fun appetizers, salads, soups, to name a few of their selections. They also offer an extensive micro-brewed beer selection, wonderful wines, and specialty cocktails. The Lovin' Cup has live entertainment most nights of the week, including trivia, beer and wine tastings and more.

For reservations, please contact Marilyn Kastner at kastner2@rochester.rr.com or 585-235-0935.



Phillips European

This month the women have decided to hold their luncheon at the Phillips European Restaurant. Many guests consider this to be their favorite lunch restaurant while others find it a perfect retreat for dinner after a busy day. Let's see what you think about it.

We are meeting on Friday, February 23 at 1:00 PM. For reservations, please call Claire Gnazzo at 585-287-6009.

Carpooling is welcomed and encouraged.



2024 Rivers Run HOA Meeting Reminder

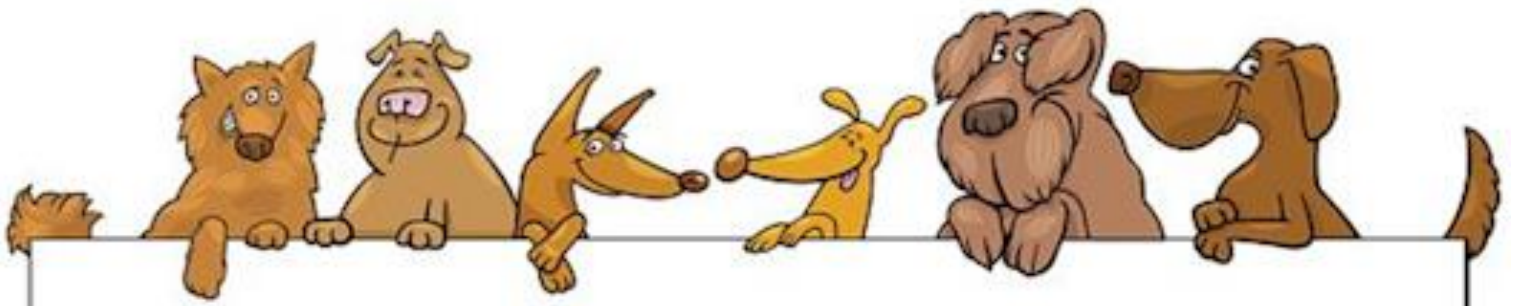
RR HOA Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM and will be held via Zoom or in Greenwood Cove's 1st floor Lecture Hall. They will be communicated via email prior to the meeting. Dates of the HOA are:

February 13
March 12
May 14

July 9
*September 10
(*Start time 5:00 PM, Annual HOA Meeting followed by RR Board Mtg.)

November 12

NOTE: The date and/or time are subject to change, with ample notice.



PAWS for a Moment

Who's the boss in your house? You or your adorable dog? You're familiar with that look your dog gets when he or she is requesting attention, some of your dinner, or just a little eye contact — the one that pulls at your heartstrings?

That look requires two muscles that connect the brow to either edge of the eye. Most domesticated dogs have these muscles. Humans respond much more positively when animals have features, such as widening eyes, that remind us of human infants, and dogs use those muscles far more often when a human is paying attention. It's likely that those muscles evolved specifically because they gave dogs an advantage when interacting with human beings.



SOLAR ECLIPSE.... Monday, April 8, 2024

This is a once in the lifetime event for most people... the perfect eclipse right above you. It will begin at approximately 1:52 PM when the moon starts to block out the southwest side of the sun. The moon will continue to block out more of the Sun until totality, when the sun is fully blocked by the moon. It's important to know that although wildlife may be more sensitive to changes in light due to a solar eclipse, it should not pose any particular risk to dogs. But just to be safe, maybe you should keep your pets inside the house.

You still have an opportunity to learn more about an eclipse....

February 12 at 11:00 AM, Henrietta Senior Center
NASA Ambassador Jim Porter will present "**Eclipse 2024**"
For more information or reservations, call 585-334-4030.



January 1 – Mexican Train Dominoes

Although the earliest mention of dominoes is from Song dynasty China (1232-1298), modern dominoes first appeared in Italy during the 18th century. The name “domino” is probably derived from the resemblance to a kind of carnival costume worn during the Venetian Carnival, often consisting of a black-hooded robe and a white mask. There are several versions of the game, one of which is Mexican Train Dominoes.

A special thanks goes out to Jim and Charline Galvin who graciously hosted a couple tables of Mexican Train Dominoes in their home. Although I personally had only played the game a few times prior to the get together, I found it most enjoyable because of the other players. We had a great time, and should this event happen in future months, I encourage you to join us.

I wouldn't miss it!



Looking Back at January



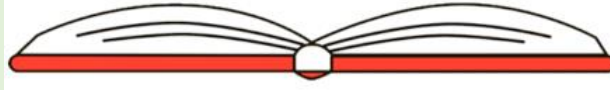
Chinese New Year Saturday, February 10



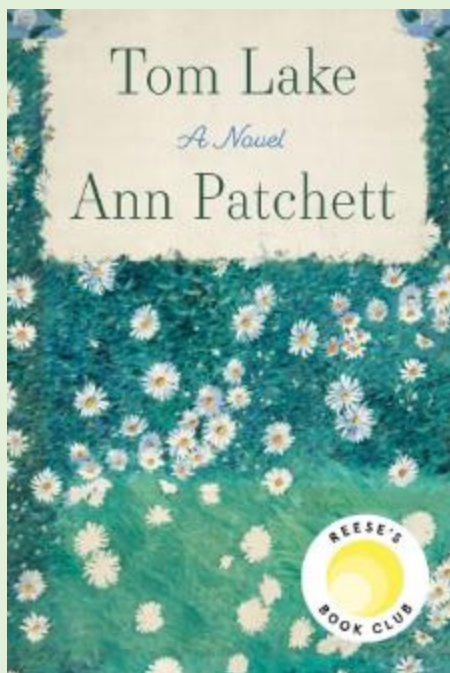
Chinese New Year falls on different dates each year as it follows the lunar calendar. In 2024, CNY begins on Feb 10 and continues for 15 days with the Lantern Festival marking the end of the celebrations. It is one of the most important and widely celebrated festivals in Chinese culture. It marks the beginning of the lunar new year and is a time for family reunions, cultural festivities, and the welcoming of a new year with hope and optimism.

It is the year of the dragon. Each year the Chinese zodiac is associated with an animal sign, and the Dragon is considered a symbol of strength, courage, and good fortune.

BOOK CLUB



The RR Book Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM to discuss the current book selection. You can either attend in person at cottage 1203 or join the group 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 at 585-27-8145 and let them know if you want to be included.



“Tom Lake” is the story about Peter Duke who went on to be a famous actor. It is a story about falling in love with Peter Duke who wasn’t famous at all.

In the spring of 2020, Lara’s 3 daughters return to the family’s orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake.

Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores the means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.



CRAFT & CHAT

The “Craft & Chat” group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, in the Cove from 1:00-3:00 PM. An email is sent out to everyone reminding them of the get together or informing them that the meeting has been cancelled. Here are some examples of our “crafty” projects.



DJD YOU KNOW....

Since February 19 is Presidents Day, here are a few things most of us didn't know about Abraham Lincoln.



- 1 - President Lincoln was known to respond to insults with jokes.
- 2 - He grew his beard at the suggestion of an 11-year-old girl.
- 3 - Lincoln let his cat eat at the dining room table.
- 4 - His Top Hat was a place where he kept documents.
- 5 - The device of attaching air chambers to the side of the boat was patented but never actually worked.
- 6 - The Gettysburg Address was less than 275 words.



7 - Lincoln's views on slavery were complicated and evolving. He supported a slow, gradual end to the system in which slave states would voluntarily free their enslaved people in exchange for financial compensation by the government. He also supported "colonization movement" which encouraged the formerly enslaved to leave the United States for settlements in Africa, Latin America, and elsewhere. And while he believed Black people had the same "inalienable" rights to freedom as white people, he did not initially support the idea of equal political and civil rights for Black Americans.

8 - He was an accomplished wrestler. He competed in about 300 wrestling matches and lost just one.



Looking Outside Our Neighborhood

The Little Theatre



The word "Theatre" is often used instead of the word "Theater" to distinguish between art house cinemas and the more common variety. Theatre is an older form of the word, though both words share the same literal meaning. The Little uses the older form both to make this distinction and due to the age of the theater itself.

The **Little Theatre** known as "The Little" is a movie theatre located on historic East Avenue in downtown Rochester. Founded in 1929, The Little is one of the oldest active movie theaters built specifically to show films in the US, serving as an alternative venue for cinema of higher artistic caliber than what was popular at the time. The Little typically shows films that never make it to the large theater chains, either due to lack of publicity, popularity, exposure, or content that is too risky and/or inappropriate for larger audiences



The Little also offers live musical performances from local musicians, a rotating art gallery of local artists, and a cafe. The Little has become part of Rochester's extensive theater culture. Rochester has a rich history in cinema, being the home of the Eastman Kodak company and the George Eastman Museum. The Little Theatre Film Society holds film festivals throughout the year, many of them hosted at The Little. The theatre is well known by any serious cinema patron in Rochester for providing an alternative to standard Hollywood commercial fare.

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)

For more information, go to www.thelittle.org or call 585-258-0400

RR Chili Social Dinner
Thursday, February 29, 2024
4:30 PM - Lecture Room at Cove

There's nothing like a warm meal and warm friends on a cold February day. Let's get together and socialize over a hot bowl of chili with all the fixings.

BYOB

For reservations call Lynn Musgraves 303-918-8638

FOOTBALL SQUARES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Whether you are a football fan or not, Sunday, February 11 is a big day here in football land. If we can't root for the Bills, at least we can root for the score. An RR blast will be sent out shortly by Lynn Musgraves with the details. The cost of a square is \$2.50 but feel free to purchase more than one.... and GOOD LUCK!

FOOTBALL SQUARES

COST PER SQ _____

TOTAL PAYOUT _____

PAYOUTS

1st Quarter _____

2nd Quarter _____

3rd Quarter _____

4th Quarter _____

Team: _____

Team: _____

FEBRUARY 2024 Cottage Calendar

- **2/1, THURSDAY, Superbowl Squares; Available for sale @ \$2.50 ea.**
Contact Lynn Musgraves 303-918-8638
- **2/11, SUNDAY, Superbowl Squares results announced**
- **2/13, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM - at Cove
- **2/14, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM – Peppermints Restaurant
- **2/15, THURSDAY, Community Dinner:** 4:00 PM – Lovin' Cup,
RSVP Marilyn Carlson 585-235-0935 by 2/12/24
- **2/17, SATURDAY, RIT Hockey:** 7:00 PM – Polisseni Center; 585-475-4121
- **2/19, MONDAY, Book Group:** 6:30 PM – Cottage 1203; Contact Jim Galvin 585-270-8145
"Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett
- **2/23, FRIDAY, Ladies Lunch:** 1:00 PM, Phillips European Restaurant
Contact Claire Gnazzo 585-287-6009
- **2/27, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM - at Cove
- **2/28, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM – Peppermints Restaurant
- **2/29, THURSDAY, RR Chili Social Dinner – 4:30 PM, at Cove Lecture Hall**
RSVP Marilyn Carlson 585-235-0935 by 2/25/24



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