

Rivers Run

Cottage Connections

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Osher Lifelong Learning Center

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Thursdays 12:15 - 1:30 PM

Feb. 6 – Recent Discoveries About Planets Orbiting Other Stars: Presented by Michael Richmond, Professor, School of Physics and Astronomy, RIT; As director of the RIT Observatory, he has spent quite a few nights there measuring variable stars and supernovae. He will share his particular interest in exoplanets after his return to RIT from study in Japan where he worked with astronomers to build a special wide-field astronomical camera.

Feb. 13 – BRICS Expansion and the Future of World Order: Presented by Kate Washington, Adjunct Professor, U of R's Simon Business School; BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa) is an important global economic evolution that is significant to the current geopolitical landscape, and we will discuss the historical and emerging significance for the participating countries and the implications for the challenge to the dominant currency.

Feb. 20 – Re-Entry After Incarceration in Rochester: Perspectives, Barriers, and Why it Matters; by Elizabeth Martinez, DeShawn McLamore, and Lisa Buscemi--Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach; the presenters will explore the misconceptions surrounding incarceration and re-entry, the critical barriers that individuals face, and the values that drive their work.

Feb. 27 – Behind the Scenes at the Library: Presented by Adrienna Pettinelli, Director of the Henrietta Public Library; People who work in libraries know them to be vibrant places bustling with many different types of people who walk in with wildly different, and sometimes conflicting, needs. Adrienne will share stories from her 26-year career and give you a peek into what public libraries are today and how they have (and haven't) changed over the last few decades.



Third Monday of each month,
6:30 PM

For more information
Contact Jim Galvin

February's book is
A Short Philosophy About
Birds by Phillippe J. Dubois



REMINDER

Woman's Luncheon
Olive Garden
Friday, Feb. 28 @ 1:00 PM

For more information
Contact Claire Gnazzo

Women's Luncheon
Friday, February 28 @ 1:00 PM
Olive Garden
532 Jefferson Road
585-292-0590

I'm sure all of you are quite familiar with Olive Garden so I'll just give you one you one bit of interesting information. The one dish that is NOT real Italian is Chicken Scampi. Scampi is the plural version of "scampo", which is a small crustacean that is reminiscent of a lobster or a prawn...NOT CHICKEN!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Claire Gnazzo at 585-287-6009 or cgnazzo@outlook.com.



Monthly Dining Out
Friday, February 14 @ 10:30 AM
Steve's Original Diner
1100 Jefferson Rd.
585-471-5129

Because of the usual weather and early sunset, we have decided to try something different. How about a pancake for breakfast? Steve's Original Diner is noted for their 36 kinds of pancakes as well as a wide variety of breakfast items.

They do take separate checks, are handicap accessible and can accommodate a group seated at tables/booths situated close together.

RSVP to Barbara DeOca, 813-892-1219 or bdeoca@aol.com.

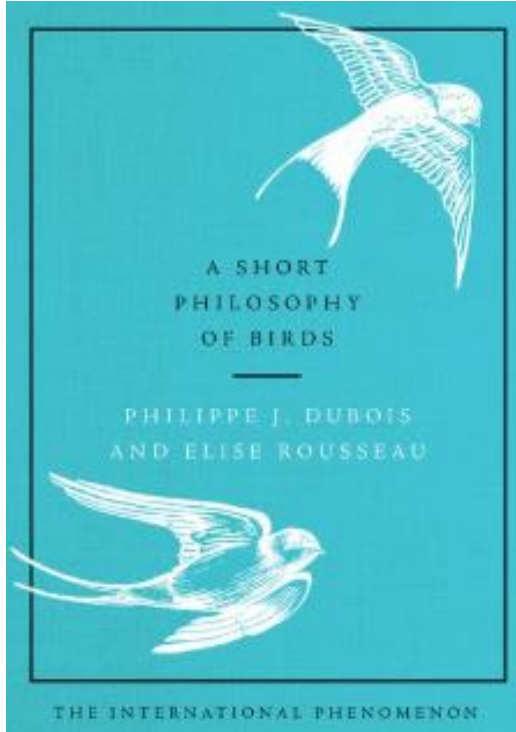
The **Geneseo Community Players** will be presenting their next performance on Saturday, February 22 at 2:00 PM at the McCarthy Auditorium, Geneseo Central School, 4050 Avon Road, Geneseo, NY. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased beginning February 9 by preordering via email at www.geneseocommunityplayers.com or at the door.



12 Angry Jurors is set in a jury room where the fate of a young man accused of murder rests in the hands of twelve ordinary people. The play exposes the jurors' prejudices and preconceptions as they deliberate. This powerful exploration of the American Justice system is brought to life with a diverse case, adding fresh perspectives and a contemporary lens to this timeless story.

I plan to attend this performance. Please let me know if you are interested in joining me.

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will be meeting in the sunroom of Jim Galvin's house at 1303 Rivers Run on Monday, February 17 at 6:30 PM.

There is so much we can learn from birds. Through twenty-two little lessons of wisdom inspired by how birds live, this charming French book will help you spread your wings and soar.

We often need the help from those smaller than us. Having spent a lifetime watching birds, Philippe and Élise – a French ornithologist and a philosopher – draw out the secret lessons that birds can teach us about how to live, and the wisdom of the natural world.

Along the way you'll discover why the robin is braver than the eagle, what the arctic tern can teach us about the joy of travel, and whether the head or the heart is the best route to love (as shown by the mallard and the penguin). By the end you will feel more in touch with the rhythms of nature and have a fresh perspective on how to live the fullest life you can.

New readers are always welcome to join the group. Please contact Jim or Charline at 585-270-8145 and let them know if you want to be included.

3 Facts About Cardinals

- 1. Cardinals are typically the first bird to visit feeders in the morning and the last to visit in the evenings.***
- 2. During courtship, affection is expressed by the males feeding their females seeds in a method known as "beak to beak." ❤️***
- 3. The average lifespan of a Northern Cardinal is approximately three years due to the hazards they face, which include predators, disease, accidents, and starvation***



FRIDAY BY THE FIRE WAS A SUCCESS!



The turnout was great for our first “FBTF” at Shirley and Ken’s home. Lynn and David hosted the second one and Ellen & Mick held it the 3rd week. Barb DeOca (1602 RR) is hosting it on January 31. It’s such a wonderful way to end the week. There’s no question that our RR neighbors are the best!

We have decided that hosting this gathering in someone’s home is more intimate, warmer and convenient so this is the plan. Notices will go out via e-blast regarding the scheduled location. It’s on my calendar as a MUST DO!!! See you there!



**TIME:
4-6:00 PM**



DID YOU KNOW - - - Bananas Are Actually Berries



Yes, bananas are botanically berries. To be considered a true berry, a fruit must develop from a flower that contains an ovary. Bananas form from nearly foot-long flowers that meet the criteria. Fruits must have 3 layers: an outer skin, a fleshy layer, and an interior that holds two or more seeds. While commercially grown bananas don't have seeds, their wild counterparts do.

CRAFT and CHAT

2nd and 4th Tuesday
1-3 pm
Cove Club Room



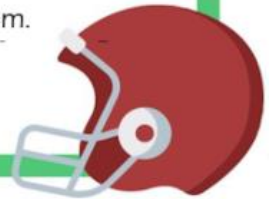
get together
to talk about projects,
work on a craft, get great ideas, and
enjoy each other's company!



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9 @ 6:30 pm

Mike Horyczun will be running a Super Bowl squares board. Donations are \$1.00 per square. If you are interested in participating, Mike can be reached at 203-521-4726 or mikehoryczun@gmail.com.

GOOD LUCK!



CONCLAVE!

What a great turnout and spectacular time we all had at the Cove to watch the movie, *Conclave*, on Saturday afternoon on the 18th of January. Greg made his delicious caramel corn and the Hospitality Committee supplied us with white cheddar popcorn. Everyone brought their own beverages. A special thanks to Lynn who spent many hours downloading the movie and making sure we could get it to play on the Cove television.





Valentine's Day

Valentines Day dates back 2000 years in Ancient Rome.

On February 14 the Romans would have been midway through a 3 day party known as the Feast of Lupercalia. Participants were drunk and naked. Men sacrificed goats and dogs, then slapped women with the hides. The practice was supposed to aid fertility.

No one is entirely sure who St. Valentine was.

Some say St. Valentine was a priest and physician who lived in Rome but was killed by the emperor because he was secretly wedding lovers as a tactic to get them out of the military service. Others say he was a Bishop in Terni, Italy. Adding to the stories, there was yet another Valentine who lived in Africa and died in February.

St. Valentine is the saint of more than lovers.

Whoever St. Valentine was in human form, he's also the patron saint of beekeepers, fainting, travelers, and people with epilepsy.

A Pope initiated Valentine's Day to tamp down un-Christian celebrations.

Pope Gelasius was against the raucous of the Feast of Lupercalia so he canceled it once and for all. He replaced the offending holiday with something more wholesome and declared February 14 the Feast of St. Valentine.

The first Valentine's note was sent in 1477.

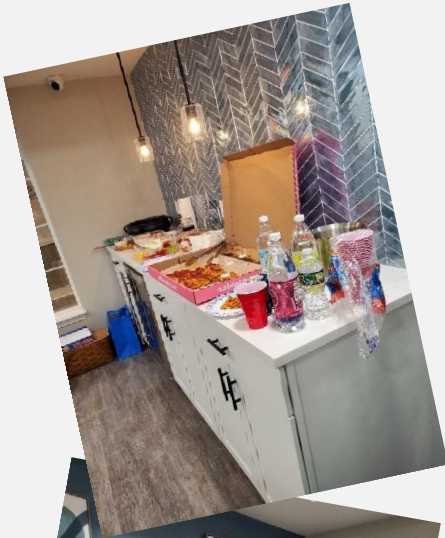
Myth has that the French Duke of Orleans sent the first Valentine to his wife who was imprisoned in the Tower of London.

The oldest printed card dates back to 1797 adorned with cupids, flowers and a verse.

*"Since on this ever Happy day,
All Nature's full of Love and Play,
Yet homeless still if my design,
Tis but to be your Valentine."*

Game Day was a HUGE success!!!

A special thanks goes to the RR Hospitality Committee for supplying the pizza. That is not to minimize the efforts of our other generous attendees who supplied drinks, snacks, pastries and cookies. We had 3 tables going... poker, Rummikub, and Mexican Train Dominoes. Those who were unfamiliar with the games, had the opportunity to learn something new. It was a wonderful way to spend the first day of a new year. This is definitely a REPEAT event for February.



GAME DAY CONTINUES!!

Saturday, February 8, 2:00 PM @ the Cove

Because we all had such a fun time, we're going to host another Game Day this month, with a twist. Instead of Pizza, we're going to have "munchies". Please feel free to bring your favorite snack and of course your own beverage of choice.

Michael Horyczun will be hosting a poker game and we will have Mexican Dominoes, and Rummikub available as well. If you have a game you think the group would enjoy, feel free to bring that along as well.

Things to do in Rochester

- Feb. 1-9: ***Nina Simone: Four Women*** at Geva Theatre
- Feb. 1-9: ***Footloose*** at Greece Athena High School
- Feb. 1-16: ***Black & White Invitational*** at Image City Photography Gallery
- Feb. 1-16: ***Gypsy*** at Old Farm Café Theatre
- Feb. 1-16: ***The Mouse Trap*** at Blackfriars Theatre
- Feb. 2: ***From the Big Bands to Broadway, The Beatles, and Beyond*** at West Herr Auditorium Theatre
- Feb. 5: ***Tree of Hope Foundaton Night of Comedy*** at The Carlson
- Feb. 7: ***Seconds from the Flame - Ceramics Sale*** at Flower City Arts Center
- Feb. 7-23: ***Dutch Connection*** at George Eastman Muusum; display of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, etc.
- Feb. 22: ***12 Angry Jurors*** by Geneseo Community Players
- Feb. 25-Mar. 23: ***Little Women*** at Geva Theatre



February 2025 Cottage Calendar

- **2/6, THURSDAY, Osher Lecture:** 12:15-1:00 PM, *Recent Discoveries About Planets Orbiting Other Stars*
- **2/7, 14, 21, 28, FRIDAY, Friday by the Fire:** 4-6 PM, location TBD, an e-blast will come out weekly with the location
- **2/8, SATURDAY, Game Day:** 2-4:00 PM at the Cove, BYOB and a snack (optional)
- **2/9, SUNDAY, Super Bowl Sunday:** 6:30 PM
- **2/11, TUESDAY, Craft & Chat:** 1-3:00 PM at the Cove
- **2/12, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM at Peppermints Restaurant
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- **2/26, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM at Peppermints Restaurant
- **2/27, THURSDAY, Osher Lecture:** 12:15-1:00 PM, *Behind the Scenes at the Library*
- **2/28, FRIDAY, Ladies Luncheon:** 1:00 PM, Olive Garden, contact Claire Gnazzo 585-287-6009

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