

# STONEBRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

## To Our Membership from the Executive Board

### June 22, 2020



In our Women's Club communication to our membership dated June 8, four of our Executive Board members were introduced to you through their brief biographies. We are now presenting the backgrounds of our remaining five Officers.

As you peruse these biographies, you may discover we have somewhat similar or even very diverse backgrounds, experiences and interests. We are hopeful that these biographies will be the springboard which establishes a fresh connection, sparks a stimulating conversation and launches a lasting friendship between us. Enjoy getting to know us and, when we gather together again, please share something about yourself so we may enjoy getting to know you! Let's allow these connections and conversations to transform acquaintances into friends.



#### **JUNE VARDARO, TREASURER**

June Vardaro was born in Newark but grew up and went to school in Union, New Jersey. After graduating from Union High School, she attended Wilfred Academy and worked as a hairdresser. Eventually, June became a stay-at-home mom with her 3 children. She considers that the most rewarding and important career of all. She later worked as a bookkeeper and then as an Administrator Assistant.

June and her husband, Tom, moved to Stonebridge in November of 2009 where she quickly got involved in the Women's Club. She became a member of the Executive Board that same year and eventually served as Vice President, President, Sergeant-at-Arms, Treasurer and Mentor. June also served on many committees and as Co-chair of the Activities Committee.

June enjoys canasta, Mah-jongg, music, happy movies and spending time with family and friends.



### **SANDIE BOWEN, TREASURER**

Sandie Bowen is a true Jersey girl. She grew up in Cranbury, lived in East Windsor and moved to Stonebridge in 2014. Sandie went to college in Delaware where she earned an AS Degree in Merchandising and worked as the manager of the Budget Department at John Wanamaker's. When she was 40, she went back to college and earned a degree as a Paralegal. In 2002, Sandie went to work in her husband's company in the Accounts Receivable Department and continued there until she retired in 2017.

Sandie joined the Women's Club in 2014 and has worked on various committees, most recently on Membership. She also belongs to the Italian-American Club and volunteers as a Baby Cuddler at the Children's Specialized Hospital.

Her interests include canasta, golf, pickleball, bowling and dancing at the Jam Sessions. She is most proud of her children, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren!



### **BONNIE SILLECK, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Bonnie grew up in Trenton and lived there until 1968. She did some traveling but eventually settled back in New Jersey where she received a BS degree in Accounting. For several years, she managed an accounting department in a manufacturing facility. After that, she and her husband founded Windsor Software Group, a computer software company, which still operates today.

Bonnie moved to Stonebridge with her husband, Bill, in August 2013, and she quickly joined the Stonebridge Women's Club. She served as VP, President and Advisor. Bonnie is currently serving as Corresponding Secretary. She also participated in and co-chaired the Volunteerism, Fundraising and Activities Committees.

Outside of Stonebridge, Bonnie is active in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's fundraising, RAVE reading in the schools and the Bonnie's Kids program at the Senior Center. She views her family and friends as most important to her, but she also loves traveling, bowling, canasta and billiards.



### **RAQUEL DeMILLIO, RECORDING SECRETARY**

Raquel was born and raised in Floral Park, Queens, enjoying school and especially the escapades as a snare drummer in the OLS Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps. After completing 22 years teaching elementary school students with special abilities, Raquel became an administrator, culminating with 9 years as a Principal in Flushing, Queens. In her lifetime, Raquel says there is nothing better than to have experienced the joy of students' growth and accomplishments, especially when they are sometimes challenged by their capabilities.

Raquel and her husband, Jim, completed their search for a wonderful 55+ community when they found Stonebridge in August, 2016.

Raquel now enjoys traveling, walking, exercise classes, knitting, embroidery, playing billiards, bowling with The Cobblers, tutoring in the summer at the Monroe Library and helping with Bonnie's Kids, Monroe High School students with special abilities. Raquel lovingly tends to her many house plants and also enjoys seasonal outdoor gardening. Of course, she loves the visits from her 4 children and 3 grandchildren!



### **STEPHANIE LEVINE, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Stephanie was born in Brooklyn and lived there, as well as in Bayside Queens. She moved to Stonebridge with her husband, Don, almost 8 years ago from their home in Staten Island. She always remembers Don saying, "I wake up in heaven every day." They both loved it here!

Stephanie worked for MetLife and a Textile Company handling government contracts. After having children, she worked for a company which provided transportation for executives in Manhattan. She worked her way up to Director of the VIP Gold Division, planning transportation needs for business ventures as well as weddings and special occasions. Stephanie has served on the Executive Board in the Corresponding Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms positions.

Stephanie has always enjoyed the time spent singing and dancing with her husband's large Greek family and camping almost every weekend. She loved every minute of it! Stephanie's main hobby is reading.



We hope you have enjoyed becoming more familiar with all the members of our Executive Board through the publication of these biographies. We look forward to seeing the welcoming smiles of all our members we have missed so much!