



## Warner Whispers ~ April 2024



The CIA Board of Trustees held their first meeting of the new season last weekend and the excitement of participation of over a dozen board members was an extraordinary way to kick-off the season and what is hoped to be a productive year on the island. All agreements with the United States Military Academy at West Point and a final approval of the annual calendar is forthcoming. The board members and volunteers helped "open" the house and get the gift shop ready. The focus of the board is to drive membership and develop educational programs.

***Become a Member Today and get 10% off Gift Shop*** – Our membership drive is getting started for 2024 and we need you! For all new and returning members, we will offer the new-improved gift shop discount. Hopefully, you can join us on a Saturday that we're open to the public and peruse the shop yourself, but the discount will also apply at our online store.

### ***Welcome New Board Member, Will Felder***

Will joins us from Garrison, NY. He is an Executive Director in the Leveraged Finance Group at UBS where he originates and structures corporate debt financings. Prior thereto, he was an infantry officer in the US Army in which he is still active as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserves. Will holds a BS from the US Military Academy at West Point and both an MBA and a JD from Emory University. Will and his wife Kate have lived in Garrison for nine years and have two children, Jane and James. Will is the founder and Director of Tarjoman Relief / Tarjoman.org, a non-profit focused on the evacuation and legal immigration to the U.S. of Afghan



interpreters. He is a life member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Infantry Association, and the National Eagle Scout Association. He is a parishioner at St. Philips, treasurer of the Garrison Yacht Club, and also mentors veterans transitioning from active duty to civilian life.

### ***Guess the Queen: Did you think Queen Victoria?***



In 1846, the popular royals, Queen Victoria and her German Prince, Albert, were sketched in the *Illustrated London News* standing with their children around a Christmas tree. Unlike the previous royal family, Victoria was very popular with her subjects, and what was done at court immediately became fashionable. They may not have been the first to celebrate with evergreen boughs, that honor is attributed to Martin Luther, but certainly popularized this German tradition to her subjects and abroad.

## ***Volunteers Welcome***

**The historic gardens of Anna B. Warner on Constitution Island are in full bloom! We invite you to join us Thursdays from 10 am- noon to help maintain the flowers and, of course, pull the weeds. No experience necessary. We drive to the gate at the end of the Cold Spring Train Station (gps: 40 Market St.) weekly. You could join us once or every week.**

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