



TV GUIDE BUREAU CHIEF AND CONTROVERSIAL TENNIS PLAYER AT ARTS ON THE LAKE

Journalist Neil Hickey and Dr. Renée Richards, both Kent residents, will have a “Conversation on the Occasion of their Recent Books” at Arts on the Lake, Saturday, June 27, at 8 pm.

In his long career as a premier journalist Neil Hickey has interviewed five U. S. Presidents, spent a day with Bob Dylan, traveled Europe with Henry Kissinger and walked through a mine-field in the war to liberate Kuwait. He was the NY bureau chief of TV Guide, when it was the nation’s best-selling magazine, and is a former editor of the Columbia Journalism Review.

Dr. Richards' life as the first athlete to play successfully in professional sports as a transsexual and then to coach Martina Navratilova to titles in all four grand slam tennis championships has come back in the news recently as a result of Caitlyn Jenner. Although as a noted eye surgeon she has written a textbook on eye muscle surgery, Dr. Richards is better known for two autobiographies, “Second Serve” and “No Way Renée.” In a recent GQ interview she said, “My life is ‘You can't make this stuff up!’”

“As long-time Kent residents and supporters of Arts on the Lake, we felt this would be a good time to get to know our famous neighbors better,” said James Shearwood, Director of Theatrical Programming at AotL.

Hickey brought out “Adventures in the Scribblers Trade” earlier this year and Dr. Richards brought out “Spy Night & Other Memories” late last year. “Spy Night” chronicles a life apart from her notoriety, starting with a German spy suddenly appearing at summer camp during WWII.

As Hickey reports in “Scribblers Trade,” they met as neighbors in Kent and have played tennis together for 20 years.

Following the “Conversation,” both will be available for questions and book signings.

As a special event presented by the members of Arts on the Lake, the Hickey-Richards evening is open to the entire community. Reservations to rsvp@artsonthelake.org or (845) 228-2685 are encouraged. There will be no charge to attend.

Arts on the Lake is located in the Lake Carmel Arts Center, 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

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