

Ballston Area SENIOR UPDATE

November/December 2024

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



We are looking at the end of 2024... how did that happen? Ballston Area Seniors have had a busy and productive year. November and December are exciting times of the year. November brings our Annual Bazaar and Thanksgiving. December is time for the Christmas holidays. We have experienced our first frost... time to warm up your car and de-ice your windows. I need to remember to make time for this. Yuk!

Our Annual Bazaar on November 9th is coming together. We have 28 vendors coming as well as a number of our activities. A Bakery with homemade goods, Craft sales, Basket raffles, a Thrift Room, Books and Puzzles as well as a Cafe... come shop and have lunch with us. I am so proud of the effort put forth by our members,

The Town of Milton invited us to take part in their Trunks and Treats event for Halloween. Madeline Miller volunteered to set up and decorate a table for BASC... She then bought a "pail" of goodies for the event. What a good sport Madeline and her volunteers are!

Every Newsletter I like to mention a few of our committee members for their efforts. Alison Bodle and Carol Moll keep us in shape with their exercise classes. Doris Fredette is the "coffee angel" ... we have coffee, tea and hot chocolate ready every week when we come in for our meetings. Sue Brewer is putting out crafts for sale every week as well as chairing the Craft Room... she is dedicated. We cannot forget quiet Sharon Laviska who faithfully reports on members who are ill and who have passed away. This is very respectful.

I wish to thank everyone who has come to meetings, volunteered and supported BASC.

Francine Dudka, President



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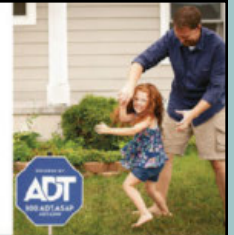


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SPECIAL EVENTS

There will be no Special Events in November.

In December we will celebrate Christmas on Thursday December 5th with Christmas cookies. There will be a competition for the Funniest Santa and the winner will receive a gift card.

FESTIVE DINNERS

We have 2 Festive Dinners soon. The first is our Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 14th at the Hilton Garden Inn at 30 Clifton Country Road, Clifton Park. The price is \$15.00 for members and are for sale until Thursday 7th November. There will be no tickets for sale at the door. Doors open at 11.15am.

The Christmas Dinner is on Thursday December 12th at the Saratoga Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. The price is \$15.00 for members and will be for sale November 21st and December 5th. Doors open at 11.15am. No tickets at the door.

ELECTION OF 2 DIRECTORS

There will be an election of 2 Directors to sit on the Board for 2025.

If you wish to stand for 1 of these places, you must give your name and a letter stating why you wish to stand to Sue Heimburg at the Thursday meeting. We will also take nominations from the floor on Thursday November 7th, candidate must be present and accept their nomination at that time. Then on Thursday November 21st the candidates will read their letters to the members at the meeting, and then the nominations are closed.

The vote for the new Directors will be on Thursday December 5th before the meeting, and the winners will be announced at the meeting once the votes have been counted. The winners will be sworn in during the first meeting in January.

Ballston Spa Seniors Annual Fall Bazaar Saturday November 9, 2024 9.30am to 3.00pm Town of Milton Community Centre 310 Northline Rd, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Come to our fall Bazaar and get into the Holiday Spirit. There will be vendors of all kinds. Baked Goods, Crafters, Books and Puzzles and a Thrift Room. A Quilt Raffle & 50/50 Raffle. Also, Baskets of assorted items, Gift Cards and services will be raffled. The Country Café will be open for lunch, tea and coffee and soft drinks

Books and Puzzles

Things are moving along nicely. Everything is on schedule. Just a reminder that when donating books and puzzles for the bazaar to please make sure books are in good condition and no missing pieces from the puzzles. Please tape the boxes closed. Give donations to Doris Fredette on Thursdays. Also my contact phone number for the craft group has been changed to 518-920-4640 for Earleen Van.

Thrift Room

The Thrift Room is accepting gently used, clean donations from October 15th. This is an opportunity to clear out all those items just sitting around your house, cellar or garage. Dishes, glasses, canning jars, tea kettles and purses are just a few ideas. All items will be offered for a small fee or donations, our goal is to sell out! Please contact me if you have questions...

Judy Mulvey 518-775-6772

Naomi Kruger 518-859-7660



The Chorus love to take their programs out to the Home of The Good Shepherd in both Malta (above) and Saratoga Springs, we always get a warm welcome. New members are always welcome to join us, we will be singing Christmas songs at Seniors on December 19th.

WEDNESDAY PICKIN' SESSION

Evening sessions will be held Wednesday, November 6th and December 4th. Doors open at 6.00pm; music starts at 6.30pm and ends at approximately 9.00pm. Pickin' Sessions are open to the public.

Take a few hours and join in the music. Sing along, dance, tap your foot or.... bring your acoustic instrument and play along. There's no entrance fee but snacks to share would be appreciated. Doors open at 6:00pm.

Contact: Email Jack at jackbroderson@gmail.com or call 518-885-4229 with questions, suggestions, or comments.



DANCES

Saturday Dance Date

December 14th. The River Road Boys are playing their usual mix of Country, Rock & Roll and...Polkas! They have promised to play Christmas songs as well.

Admission to all dances is now \$7.00

No one under the age of eighteen will be admitted.

Please come, socialize and enjoy an early Christmas party.



2024 TRIP SCHEDULE

November 6th Adirondack Winery, Queensbury. Sandwich Board Lunch, then a tour of the winery with a guide. Music Bingo to end the day.

Bus leaves: 10.00am Bus returns: 3.00pm

The Committee have had many suggestions for places people would like to go in 2025, and are now working on that for the New Year.

TRIP PROCEDURE

Trips leave from the Pool room entrance at the Community Centre.

Dues for 2025 must be paid 30 days prior to trip date. The sign up dates will be on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays.

Masks must be worn when requested.

Resident member-lives within Saratoga County, all others considered non-resident.

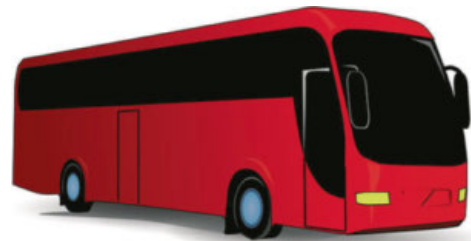
All payments by check only made out to BASC (if replacing cancelled seat, make payable to the member who cancelled).

Member can sign up one other member as seat mate.

Sign up on first come/ first served basis.

Cancellation: If member cancels before the head count is turned in, they will be refunded. Trip Chairperson contacts first member on wait list. If no member on wait list, member may find a substitute. If substitute is a non-member, pay guest rate. If no replacement after head count is turned in, no refund.

For more information, please contact the Trip Coordinator: Mary Egan 518 630 6322.



Some Funnies to Enjoy (or to make you cringe!)

Why does Santa have 3 gardens? So he can Ho-Ho-Ho.

What do Snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosted Flakes.

What did the Ghost eat at its birthday party? Ice Cream.

What animal always goes to Heaven? An Angel fish.

What animal could Noah not trust? A Cheetah.

What do you call an Artic cow? An Eskimooooo.

What is a cat's favorite color? Purrrrple.

What condiment has wings? A butter fly.

Why was the broom late for work? Because he over swept.



NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

1 Stanley Dsouza	1 Arthur Steeves
2 Alice Nunes	2 Ruth Armbruster
3 Lucille Gallagher	3 George Solan
3 Mary Drake	3 Sheryl Forshey
5 Clara Scotti	3 Helen Marshall
5 Judy Cooper	4 Loretta Barnes
5 Charles Crawford	4 Kathy Stanislawsky
6 Diane Regulinski	5 Jean Spencer
7 Dolores Blow	7 Robert Sharp
8 William Heimburg	7 Kathleen Knight
8 Eleanor Fitzgerald	7 Susan A. Heimburg
8 Diane Hrebinczak	8 Bruce Carlton
9 Brenda Perkins	8 Jon Fayad
9 Mona Clear	9 Charlene McAvoy
10 Linda L. Elmer	10 James Polewczak
11 Rose Marra	10 Howard Waller
15 Pamela Houde	10 Jean N. Keehan
15 Judith Lopez	10 Donna Dardaris
16 Doris R. Fredette	11 Karen Dussault
16 Diane Coburn	11 Debra Cottrell
18 Gloria Frizzi	12 Jeanette Galusha
18 Larry Parker	12 Virginia Humphrey
18 Carol Frederick	13 Heidi Merrithew
19 Marilyn Moore	14 Priscilla O'Boyle
19 John Marcy	15 Louis Tuminello
20 Carl Thurnau	15 Richard Zito
21 Carol Thomas	15 Harold Stewart
23 Sharon LaViska	15 Richard Daltillio
25 Kathy Anthony	18 Joan Hutt
26 Deborah Spackman	19 Betsy Rose
26 Patricia Carlton	19 Jacqueline Traver
26 Al Sommer	20 Phyllis Kuczek
26 Jere Blackwelder	20 Frances Many
27 Martha Desiato	21 Cynthia Angel
28 Jeanne Cusack	21 Nellie Johnson
29 Helen Saunders	22 Madonna Powell
	23 Mary Lou Casey
	23 Thomas Nabozny
	24 Mary Beth Wing
	25 Bonnie Bagan
	25 Karen Groff
	26 Barbara Zeller
	26 Mary Price-Bush
	28 Jim Cummings
	28 Barbara Doane
	30 Marsha Wright
	30 Allen Burke



Kathy Stanislawsky
Maddy Jo Powell

Marcy Casier
Melanie Howard

*Our thoughts and prayers are with
the families of*



Toni Dybowski
William 'Bill' Ford
David C. Morris
Ruth Strack
Mary 'Maggie' Smith

DECEMBER (CONT)

31 Elizabeth Riley
31 Doug Brown
31 William Hanger



The Crafters offered a Witch Hat making class and we all had fun doing this. They have so many good things to decorate with, it was hard to choose!



ELVIS WAS IN THE HOUSE—DONNY ELVIS THAT IS! We had a great afternoon being entertained by Donny Elvis who sang all the old favorites (and even Sweet Caroline!), and crooned to many of the ladies. He gave scarves to several ladies, including Lucy and Mary. And that amazing peacock pantsuit!

After his show we had a delicious chicken barbeque dinner provided by the VFW 358. A wonderful afternoon.

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership year runs January 1st through December 31st, 2024

Renewal rates: Age: 55 to 80 - \$15.00; Turned 80 in 2023 -\$10.00. Turned 90 in 2023 free
Enclose check (payable to BASC), membership card and a stamped self addressed envelope and mail to
Barb Broderson, 48 Edmund Drive, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Dues may be paid at Thursday meetings at
Community Center 10am to noon. Call 518-885-4229 with questions.

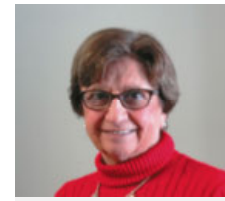
Prospective members must register in person at a Thursday meeting between 9:30 and noon. 2024 dues
are \$15 regardless of age. PLEASE PRINT

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STREET ADDRESS		APT. No.	CITY
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First name of spouse/significant other _____ Are they a member? Yes No
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ing
Trips Hiking Book Club Cards Volunteer HOBBIES: _____

Around the Town



Barb Kerr

Hello Seniors,

Well, I guess Fall has finally arrived. Time to get out and rake the leaves or just take a nice walk in the crisp Fall air. In my case I get my walk in while raking, two in one!

November is a busy month here in the Town Hall. It's time for our 2025 budget, which can be found on the Towns Website if you would like to take a look. November 3rd is Daylight Savings, so don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour. November 5th is Election Day, please everyone get out and vote for the candidate of your choice. We not only have National Elections, but State and Local also. Be informed on all the candidates, your vote really matters.

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day to remember all the men and women that serve to protect our Nation. Be sure to say "Thank You" to our Veterans. Town Hall will be closed on that date.

And finally, who could forget Thanksgiving November 28th, a day to get together with friends and family to overeat and be thankful for the blessings we enjoy. Don't forget Friday, November 29th, Black Friday, and the beginning of the Christmas Season (although from the looks of the stores the season started before Halloween). Town Hall will be closed on both November 28th and November 29th.

Guess that's all for this edition. Enjoy the nice weather while we can and see everyone at our meetings on Thursday.

Barbara

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays

9.00am—12.00	Shooting Pool
10.00am—11.00am	Chorus
11.15am—12.00	Exercise

Tuesdays

10.00—12.00	Crafts
1.00—4.00pm	Mahjong

Wednesdays

12.30—3.00pm	Quilters
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Thursday

8.15—9.00am	Flex & Stretch Chair Exercise
12.00	Lunch & Meeting, Bingo.
1.00—4.00pm	Shooting Pool

Fridays

11.15am—12.00	Exercise
6.30—9.00pm	Shooting Pool

If you would like to take part in any of these activities, please call Dan Buneo for pool at 518 309 3093, Earleen Van for crafts at 518 920 4640, Alison for exercise at 518 288 3565, and Carol Moll for flex & stretch at 518 399 8926.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOVEMBER

6th Pickins' 6.30—9.00pm
7th Luncheon, Meeting, Bingo. Nominations from the floor for new Directors.
8th After 1.00pm set up for the Bazaar.
9th Bazaar 9.30—3.00pm
14th Festive Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn in Clifton Park
21st Luncheon, Meeting, Bingo. Nominees for new Directors to read letter of introduction.

DECEMBER

4th Pickins' 6.30—9.00pm
5th Luncheon, Meeting, Bingo. Special Events Funniest Santa competition and cookies. Vote for 2 new Directors.
12th Festive Dinner at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga.
19th Luncheon, Meeting, Bingo. Chorus to sing Christmas songs at 12.30.
HAPPY CHRISTMAS, SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR.