

**MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP**

Barb Broderson

Membership Secretary

A special thanks to all who have donated Christmas and birthday cards this past year. Although we live in a world run by digital communication, a card sent through postal mail can mean a lot to the recipient. They can even mean more than an email, an e-card or even a phone call sometimes. Receiving a birthday wish through the mail usually brings a smile to one's face and uplifts one's spirits. My supply of birthday cards is dwindling. I'm asking everyone to look through their cabinets and donate any birthday cards they can spare. We have over 430 members and each member is sent a card. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call me at 518-885-4229 or email [barb53brod@gmail.com](mailto:barb53brod@gmail.com)

I've received many Christmas cards from members addressed to BASC. I'd like to share a few with you

From Evelyn Marshall, a member since 1992, ... "Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Now living in Tulsa, Ok. Miss being with you."

From Dolores Blow, a member since 1994, ... "Thank you all for the birthday card and keeping me informed with the newsletter. Joined the "Seniors" here (Poughkeepsie, NY). It is run by the Town employees...but no sit down lunch. Miss you!"

And a beautiful card from our own Mary Carrier, a member since 1998 and a trip hostess for many years. "Thank you to each one of you for being part of my trips over the years. I really enjoyed having you along for the ride. I'm so glad we each got to enjoy those trips....I'm praying 2021 will be 100% better! My love goes out to each and every one of you!. May you all have many "blessings" in the new year. God bless all my senior friends"

***Just a few quotes to think about in this time of Covid.***

"Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." — **Marie Curie**

"When it rains, look for rainbows; when it's dark, look for stars." — **Oscar Wilde**







## JANUARY FEBRUARY

2 Margaret Ekblom	1 Jacquelyn Royal
3 Elizabeth A. Mabb	2 Noreen A. McClements
3 Barbara Macey	2 Susan Brewer
5 Jennie Talbot	4 Sue M. Rafferty
5 Fred Harris, Sr.	4 Antoinette Godlewski
7 Sally Snyder	4 Emma Ryhal
7 Margaret Defillippo	4 Christine Jasikoff
8 Rosemary Rhodes	6 Karen Millington
9 Kathy Lewis	10 Ruth Strack
13 Bridget Kolinowski	10 Herbert Boynton
14 James E. Daley	11 Ed Moore
15 Mary Phillips	11 Daniel Buneo
17 Linda Butchino	13 Neil Kennedy
18 Madeline Miller	14 Barbara Broderson
19 Marilyn Preissler	15 Bernadine Clancy
20 Thelma Armer	16 Evelyn A. Marshall
20 Mary Suits	17 Janice Harris
25 Diane Okonsky	17 Fred Emano
25 Richard Okonsky	17 Nancy Czupil
26 Joyce Harris	18 Anthony Zanella
28 Earleen M. Van	18 Bernard Kudlacik
28 Patricia Burnham	19 JoAnne Niemeyer
30 Robert Albright	20 Ellen Monticup
30 Thomas Walkowicz	20 Terrance R. Preece
30 Nancy Uttermark	21 Eileen Williams
31 Linda Mellen	21 Mary Egan
	22 Lena McMillan
	23 Ronald Rhodes
	24 Mary Grant
	25 Julie A. Crandall
	26 Terry Ann Durant
	28 Susan Croft
	28 Irene Whitney

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Well, apart from MaryAlice Donlon and myself, no one has any resolutions or remembrance of any!

MaryAlice wants to forget 2020 (Oh Yes) which was a particularly bad year for her, and resolves to stay healthy in 2021.

I am going to try a resolution I never managed to keep 4 years ago - I resolve to stop procrastinating, and I will start in January...or maybe February....

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ronald Rhodes  
Rosemary Rhodes  
Deborah Spackmann  
Fred Harris, Sr.  
Sander Bonvill

John Marlow  
Maeve Smith  
Joan Vandal  
Ric Croft  
Teddy Malamug

### Barry Finley has sent me a message to you all:

I have begun painting again, after a 50+ year hiatus, and I want to show my work. I'd love for fellow Seniors to be able to see it. However, I have no idea how to exhibit them.

If anyone has any ideas for an exhibition space, or wants to help me get them on to the internet, or even how to attach photos of them to an email, please contact me.

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### SENIOR NEWS

On November 14, 2020 the Ballston Area Senior Citizens organization subsidized a luncheon at Longfellow's Restaurant. There were two seatings of 50 people each, it was an excellent luncheon.

A Murder/Mystery play by the Adirondack Players was performed.

On December 3, 2020 the Ballston Area Senior Citizens organization subsidized a second Drive Through Dinner. One hundred fourteen (114) members participated in the drive through dinner. Mom & Pops Restaurant supplied the turkey dinners, and they were excellent. Hopefully we can organize another dinner in the new year as they are so popular, and we can't have our weekly luncheons.

The Town of Milton is still occupying the Community Center, but we did get two small rooms back, the pool & craft rooms. According to COVID-19 rules for social distancing and seating we can have 6 people in each room.



Congratulations to Andi Simard who won an Oscar for her performance in the Murder/Mystery - she was the murderer!



# Around the Town



Barb Kerr

I'm happy to see the Seniors have a place to meet. It's not home but I hope it's a workable solution for now. Thank you to the Boghosians for helping by donating space for the Ballston Area Seniors to meet. If there is anything the Town or I can do to make our temporary home more comfortable please do not hesitate to contact me, I will do my best to help.

I attended a Planning Board meeting last night. There is a new project being considered for our Town Center. NAPA owner is asking to build a new store on Rowland Street between Cumberland Farms and the Ballston Bank. This will be a nice addition to Milton. People have also been asking about another project on Rowland Street closer to the Village. A new housing development was before Planning for that area. I believe its approximately thirty-five homes. This has not received final approval so the developer will have to present further information. These projects take a lot of planning, public hearings etc. so we will probably see movement closer to Spring. I will try to keep everyone updated on projects around the Town and most important to all of us all the progress on our Town Hall.

I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Holiday Season. I personally am looking forward to a much better 2021!

Please stay Safe and Healthy,

Barbara

## MIKE'S PONDERINGS

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I found out most people die of natural causes.

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your 2 cents in' but it's only 'a penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going? (Taxes)

Once you're in Heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up about every 2 hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON tv?

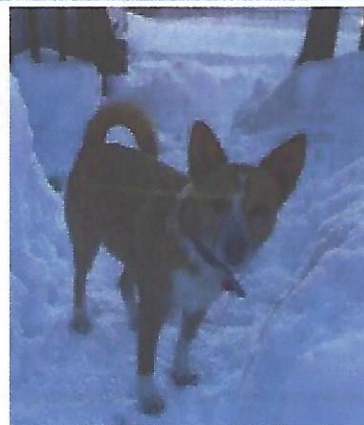
Why do people pay money to go up tall buildings, then put money in binoculars to look at objects on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change?

They're going to see you naked anyway!

How did the man who made the first clock know what the time was?

Thanks to **Neil Kennedy** for the thought provoking laughs.



This is Kallie, my rescue cattle dog, wondering what the heck happened overnight. Luckily my daughter was able to 'plough' her way through the snow (by wading) to give Kallie a circuit to run.

Randy Pausch was a renowned computer science professor but that didn't carry much weight with his mother. After he got his PhD, she introduced him to friends by saying, 'This is my son. He's a doctor, but not the kind that helps people.'

His new hybrid car was my friend's pride and joy. He was always bragging about it and boring his buddies to death. As he was giving us a ride one day, he pontificated, 'They should have a special lane for people who care about the environment.'

'They already do,' came a voice from the backseat. 'It's called a sidewalk.'

Thanks to **MaryAlice Donlon** for sending me these laughs.