

Ballston Area SENIOR UPDATE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As an organization, I feel that BASC has so much to offer our members. We have many opportunities to enrich ourselves and to share our talents. We have crafts, bingo, fun game days, chorus, exciting and varied trips, table pool, exercise classes, recognition of birthdays, festive dinners, picking sessions, dances and pot lucks. I hesitated to start a list because I have probably forgotten something. The important thing is that all these and any I missed are only possible because we have so many good members willing to share their time and talents. We all should all be grateful for their efforts on our behalf.

I have had the opportunity to be allowed to head BASC the past four months. There have been challenges and also rewards. One of the rewards has been getting to know the rest of the leadership of BASC. I have appreciated all the help and support they have given me in my assignment. I will miss the opportunity to serve as President. I appreciate the confidence that has been shown in me by supporting my candidacy for Director. I pledge to support the new President and Vice President in their new assignments. Together with the rest of the Executive Board we can keep BASC a wonderful place for all to meet and enjoy each others company.

Thank you.
Mike Andreadakis



Dear Members,

Hello everyone. When you read this we will be starting a new year. I am very proud and excited again to be your President for 2024-2025. I have lots of new ideas and activities for us to do. Scrapbooking, making journals, quilling (making Jewelry from paper strips) and also a garden committee, just to name a few. I have had discussions with board members about having a CASINO DAY, and also a board game afternoon. Also maybe even a CORN HOLE GAME tournament. So I have lots going on for you members.

Also, meeting in January you will see a new MEETING AGENDA, to which I hope will help our meetings flow better. Also at our first meeting we will have our INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. So please attend and show your support.

As always if you feel a need to talk, my door is always open. I look forward to having a good year, with lots of social activities to do. I thank you for all your support in the past, and also for moving forward.

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BASC BOOK CLUB

Our new Book Club enjoyed a successful year reading and discussing 6 wonderful books of assorted interest and look

ful books of assorted interest and look forward to the new year.

The club meets once a month at our convenience, due to busy schedules. Our next meeting will be held on January 23rd, 2024, at 1.30pm in the Senior Center.

Our date and time will be announced again at our regular meetings as well as in the E-blast.

Our lively meetings include discussion of the prior month's book. It is interesting to hear the different perspectives from our varied life experiences. Each member is then encouraged to suggest next month's selection, this provides for diverse choices and authors.

You are cordially invited to join us each month. Please contact Francine Dudka at 518 309 3114.

January 23, 2024 Selection-All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.



REMINDER



2024 Membership Renewal

Renewal rates for 2024 BASC Membership have increased the first time in over ten years. The new rates are as follows:

If member is 55 to 80 years –(will turn 80 in 2024) dues are \$15

If member is 80 to 90 years –(will turn 90 in 2024)... dues are \$10

Members who turned 90 in 2023 are life members and no dues are required. However, the renewal form needs to be filled out and returned to update or verify addresses, phone numbers, email, etc.

BASC's year runs January 1st through December 31st. According to Section 4.7. of the Bylaws: Annual dues must be paid by January 1st of each year to maintain active membership. If not paid by January 31st, member will be considered "INACTIVE" and shall not take part in organizational events until dues are paid.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This is a wrap up of all the activities that we celebrated in 2023.

In February there was candy for Valentine's Day. For Easter there was a fun game of Pin the Tail on the Easter Bunny and chocolate rabbits for treats. In May there were carnations for all the Ladies, and for Fathers' Day we served strawberry shortcake and the Gentlemen received lucky lottery tickets. In celebration of Independence Day there were red, white and blue fruit cups. Travers' Day was a hat contest and make your own ice cream sundae. Our Halloween party had a costume contest and cider and donuts. Pies were served to honor Veterans in November. A Christmas Stocking Contest with cookies and punch finishes up our year.

The Committee will have lots of fun things and lovely treats for you next year.

Marge won the funniest and Mary the prettiest Christmas stocking contest. Each received a beautiful poinsettia for their prize. Well done Ladies!

THE CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group is looking for new ideas from our members. What would you like us to make and sell? Would you like a workshop to make something to take home? Would you like to try a new craft? Please let the craft group know, your input keeps us going. If you know of someone who would like to teach a new and different craft, let us know.

Earleen Van

A group of us (plus my granddaughter) painted mason jars to become festive cookie jars. The next week a few of us made little angels, great fun except when the hot glue gun gets you!



WEDNESDAY PICKIN' SESSIONS

The afternoon Pickin' Sessions are back! The January Pickin's will be Wednesday 3rd from 6.30-9.00pm and Wednesday 17th from 1.00-3.00pm. In February it will be Wednesday 7th from 6.30-9.00pm and Wednesday 21st from 1.00-3.00pm. So.....



....come on down! Sing along, dance, tap your foot or bring your acoustic instrument and join the Jam. 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

So far, there is no dance in January, but there will be one on **February 10th**, the band will be announced in the new year, and the time will be 7.00 to 10.00pm. We are looking to have a DJ (or 2!) later on in the year for a change. Watch this space!



We had a wonderful, and delicious, Thanksgiving Dinner at the Vista restaurant at the Van Patten Golf Course in November. Picture below. Then another excellent Christmas Dinner in Saratoga at the Embassy Suites. Thank you, Festive Dinner committee.



TRIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 TRIP SCHEDULE—Subject to change.

No Trip in January.

February Little Theater, 'Peter Pan', lunch at The Ripe Tomato.

March Aquaturf, Irish Festival.

April Villa Roma, Barry Manilow show and 4 course dinner.

May Tiki, show and dinner.

June Theater—either Woodstock or McHaden.

July Lobersterfest, Log Cabin.

August Lake George, 'Shear Madness'.

September Newburg Mississippi Paddle Wheeler Boat tour and dinner.

October Adirondack Rail Road, Utica to Theron, lunch and 4 hour train ride, must book before 10/10.

TRIP PROCEDURES

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

Dues for 2024 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. Replacing can

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.



The new officers of our Board will be sworn in at the first meeting in January. Come and welcome them!

The Bazaar made a net profit of **\$3,974.44**, well done everyone, it was a great success. Let's hope we can make even more in 2024, please help achieve this by volunteering next year.



JANUARY

- 1 Sandra Cath
- 1 Sharon Smith
- 1 Michael Bouchard
- 2 Carol Meisel
- 3 Elizabeth Mabb
- 3 Mary McGrath
- 6 Bob Zink
- 7 Sally Snyder
- 7 Ginny D'Ambrogio
- 8 Rosemary Rhodes
- 10 Kevin Connolly
- 10 Mary Osielski
- 11 Louise Bean
- 12 John Gordon
- 13 Bridgett Kolinovsky
- 14 John Gadbois
- 15 Karen Kump
- 17 Linda Butchino
- 18 Madeline Miller
- 19 Marilyn Preissler
- 20 Betsy Chung
- 20 Mary Suits
- 20 Thelma Armer
- 22 Shirley Kelso
- 23 Barbara Nachbar
- 23 Robin Belanger
- 24 Virginia Vargas
- 24 John Tuohy
- 25 Diane Okonsky
- 25 Richard Okonsky
- 26 William Quinn
- 26 Joyce Harris
- 27 Anne McKenzie
- 27 Lynn Raucci
- 28 Earleen Van
- 30 Nancy Utermark
- 30 Dawn Heritage
- 31 Linda Mellen

FEBRUARY

- 2 Susan Brewer
- 2 Noreen McClements
- 3 Eleanor Tabor
- 3 Diane Northrup
- 5 James Bennett
- 5 Michele Mitchelle
- 6 Wayne Wales
- 6 Joan Keefer
- 6 Arthur Andle
- 6 Karen Millington
- 7 Elizabeth Bathgate
- 8 Rosalie Peters
- 9 Michael Davino
- 10 Georgie Bortel
- 10 Ruth Strack
- 11 Danial Buneo
- 11 Ed Moore
- 12 David Long
- 13 Marcia Hall
- 13 Mark Klompas
- 13 Patricia Patrick-Henry
- 13 Neil Kennedy
- 14 Sheila Quinn
- 14 Barb Broderson
- 14 Kathy Williamson
- 15 Bernadine Clancy
- 17 Nancy Czupil
- 17 Janice Harris
- 18 Barb Disinger
- 18 Anthony Zanella
- 18 Bernard Kudlacik
- 19 Hilda "Tilly" Carey
- 20 Terrance Preece
- 20 Sandy Baker
- 21 Mary Egan
- 21 Christine Whalley
- 21 Eileen Williams
- 22 Christine Thrane
- 22 Lena McMillian
- 23 Ronald Rhodes
- 23 Walter Stoecki
- 24 Barbara Millington
- 25 Julie A. Crandall
- 26 Terry Durant

June Walsh	Stella Bierwirth
Kathy Pelkey	Jean Spencer
Lester Cole	Ellen Fontaine
Cathy Stoecki	Walter Stoecki

*Our thoughts and prayers are with
the families of*



- Lindley Blackwood
- Agnes Ellsworth
- Patricia Haskell
- Stella Bierwirth
- Shirley Ettinger
- Bert Grandin

Ballston Area Chorus

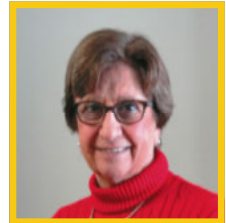
The Chorus will be starting a new program of Love Songs for Valentines' Day, a great time for new members to join us!

We sang our Christmas program at both the Homes of the Good Shepherd in Saratoga Springs and Malta (below), and also at the Festive Dinner. We were much appreciated and had a wonderful time at the Homes.



Once again, many, many thanks to Kathy Hedgeman and Sally Snyder who help fold, tape, stamp and address the newsletters with me. Very much appreciated Ladies!

Around the Town



Barb Kerr

Happy Holidays Everyone!

What a busy month, time just flies by with so much to do to get ready for the Holidays. Here at the Town, we have a lot on our plate. If you've been by Rowlands Street, you can see the progress of the Town's Highway Garage. As of today, the steel is up for the cold storage building and the area is ready for the new fuel island. Apparently, we are just waiting for the fuel tanks to arrive. Many people have asked what's a cold storage building? It is for storing trucks and Town equipment that don't require heated storage. When the new Highway building is done, that will have areas for offices, breakroom, and bathroom facilities for the staff, along with mechanics area and parking for trucks and equipment. I hope everyone agrees it will be a great improvement to our Town Center to have the garages moved and make room for more recreational space in the heart of our Town.

On behalf of the Town, I'd like to welcome all the new and repeat officers to the Ballston Spa Seniors. You have all taken on a huge responsibility and work to keep the organization running smoothly. Thank you for your dedication to the group and the community, and I look forward to working with everyone in 2024. If you have anything the Town can help you with, please feel free to contact me at any time. (518-369-5271)

Welcome **2024** and I'd like to wish everyone a Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Barbara

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

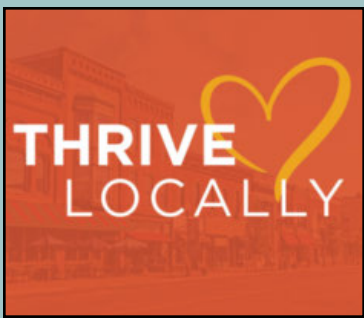
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TELEPHONE NUMBER	CELL NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

First name of spouse/significant other _____ Are they a member? Yes No
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INTERESTS: Chorus Music Jams Exercise Crafts Dancing Billiards Games Socializing

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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

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 518 885 8730, and Alison for exercise at 518 288 3565.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JANUARY

3rd Pickin' Session 6.30-9.00pm
 4th Luncheon/Bingo/Gathering Day
 11th Luncheon/Bingo/General Meeting
 17th Pickin' Session 1.00-3.00pm
 18th Luncheon/Bingo/Board Meeting
 25th Luncheon-Pot Luck/Bingo/General Meeting

FEBRUARY

1st Luncheon/Bingo/Gathering Day
 7th Pickin' Session 6.30-9.00pm
 8th Luncheon/Bingo/General Meeting
 10th Dance 7.00—10.00pm
 15th Luncheon/Bingo/Board Meeting
 21st Pickin' Session 1.00-3.00pm
 22nd Luncheon-Pot Luck/Bingo/General Meeting
 29th Luncheon/Bingo/Gathering Day

