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Linda Elmer

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone. We are starting a new year and have several challenges ahead of us. But we are resilient, as we have been around long enough (ha-ha) to know how to handle everything. So here we go.

At our last meeting I announced that we would be having pizza for lunch again. Please find more info on this inside the newsletter. Also, we are going to start our 50/50 raffle and our attendance raffle again. These will begin at our March 4th meeting, starting at 12 noon. We are trying very hard to get back to normal. This is a good start for us.

Barbara Kerr updated the seniors at our meeting that The Town of Milton has finally approved a bid for roof work at the old town hall. Work is scheduled to begin in March and they are looking to get out of the Community Center in July.

Saratoga County has set up a form on their web site for signing up for a Covid vaccine shot. This is not an appointment for a shot, your name gets on a waiting list and when vaccines are available, they will call you to set up an appointment. More information about this is inside the newsletter. A side note on the vaccines, when you get your shots you will be given a card that says what kind of shot you got and when you got it. Please do not lose this card, put it in a safe place. Later on, you may need to show proof of vaccination to attend certain events or activities.

As always please remember to be safe and stay healthy. I look forward to the day when we can all get together again in our Community Center. See you soon and may god bless you all.

Your President BASC

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DRIVE THROUGH DINNER

The next Drive Through Dinner will be a St Patrick's Day Corned Beef dinner on **Thursday March 18th between 3.45 and 5.00pm at our temporary meeting place, the Gym on Treble Ave near Hannafords.** Tickets will cost \$6.00 (checks only please) for members and \$16 for non-members. One dinner per person. Tickets will be on sale on **Thursday March 4th and Wednesday March 10th between 2.00 and 4.00pm at the Gym,** where we can socially distance and wear our masks. Membership dues must be paid for 2021. The menu is corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots, with a side salad, roll and butter and a cupcake (green of course!). If you cannot come to buy tickets, please call me and I will make sure you can still get the tickets.

Alison 518 288 3565

The Committee is looking to organize another dinner, maybe BBQ Chicken, for May 13th, more details when they are confirmed in the May/June newsletter.

MARCH 'TRIP' TO LONGFELLOWS

The March Trip will be a St Patrick's Day celebration at **Longfellow's on Thursday March 11th and will feature the Carol Lawrence Dancers.**

Call Carol 518 339 8926 or Barb 518 885 4229 with any questions.

The Trip Committee will be meeting soon to discuss ideas for trips in 2021, more details either by email or in the next edition of the newsletter.

The Ballston Spa Farmer's Market will be running again in 2021 from June 12th through September 30th, Thursdays from 3—6pm and Saturdays from 9am—1pm. There will be a new location at the **Brookside Museum, 6 Charlton Street,** as Wiswall Park is due to be redeveloped. More information closer to the opening, including the Summer Concerts being held at Old Iron Spring Park.



This photo is of Neil Kennedy when he was 3 years old. Isn't he cute!

One day, Einstein had to speak at an important Science Conference. On the way there he tells his driver who looks a lot like him:

'I'm sick of all these conferences. I always say the same things over and over!'

The driver agrees, 'You're right. As your driver, I attend all of them, and even though I don't know anything about science, I could give your speech at the conference.'

'That's a great idea,' says Einstein, 'Let's switch places then!'

So they switch clothes and as soon as they arrive, the driver dressed as Einstein goes on stage and starts giving the speech, while the real Einstein, dressed as the driver, attends it.

But in the crowd, there is one scientist who wants to impress everyone and thinks of a very difficult question to ask Einstein, hoping he won't be able to respond. So this guy stands up and interrupts the conference by posing his very difficult question. The whole room goes silent, holding their breath, waiting for his response.

The driver looks at him, dead in the eye, and says:

'Sir, your question is so easy to answer that I am going to let my driver reply to it for me'

Thanks to Mary Egen for this chuckle.

BASC UPDATES

Next meeting March 4th, at 12 noon. We are planning to have pizza for lunch. It will cost \$3 for 2 slices of the same kind of pizza and a drink. If you would like to have pizza, please call me at 518 885 4839 or Barb Broderson at 518 885 4229. You may bring your own lunch if you would rather do this. NO SHARING! You may also email me at lle12020@nycap.rr.com or email Barb at barb53brod@gmail.com. You will need to sign up for the pizza by the morning of Monday March 1st, as I will be ordering that afternoon. We are having another Drive Through Dinner, the details are on page 3 of this newsletter. The 1st sign up will be on March 4th, 2—4pm or when you come to the meeting.

Thanks to some volunteers we are going to start our meeting raffles again, so look forward to the 50/50 raffle and the attendance raffle. Thank you, guys, for stepping up.

Alison Bodle will be our liaison with the BSBPA.

VACCINE UPDATE. As stated in my letter, the Saratoga County website has a form to sign up for the Covid vaccine. This is not an appointment form; you are submitting your name to be added to a list saying you need a shot. When vaccines are available, they will call you to set up an appointment. If you don't have a computer, please call me and I will sign you up and send you a copy of the form. My phone number is above so please call if you need help.

Our second March meeting will be the 18th, 12 noon, and this is also the date for the Drive Through Dinner pick up.

Linda

MAKE A WISH

I met a magical fairy yesterday who said she would grant me one wish. I said, 'I wish to live forever.'

The fairy replied, 'Sorry, I'm not allowed to grant that particular wish.' So I said, 'Fine! Then, I want to die on the day Congress is filled with honest, hard-working, bi-partisan men and women who act only in the peoples' best interests.' She flew off, right after calling me a 'crafty jerk'!

He-he! Thanks to **Neil Kennedy**.

REST IN PEACE 2020

The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing. 2019—stay away from negative people. 2020—stay away from positive people.

The world has turned upside down, Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay home.

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came home and told my cat. We laughed and laughed. I never thought the comment 'I wouldn't touch him/her with a six foot pole' would become a national policy, but here we are!

I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet, or should we just keep washing our hands?

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I am getting tired of the Living Room. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & ask for money.

Thanks to Rick and Sally Snyder for this hilarious look back.

IRISH DIVORCE?

A man in Ireland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says: 'I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing, forty five years of misery is enough.'

The son screams: 'Dad, what are you talking about?' 'We can't stand the sight of each other any longer,' the father replies. 'We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her.'

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. 'Like hell they're getting divorced,' she shouts, 'I'll take care of this!'

She calls Ireland immediately and screams at her father, 'You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we will both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing. DO YOU HEAR ME?' and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. 'Done! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way!'

Thanks to Neil Kennedy for this sly Irish tale.



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1	Madeline Waller	1	Christine Crollius
1	Larry A. Rafferty	2	Connie Marcy
3	Dorothy Matties	3	Bernadette Tette
4	Frances Reed	4	Arlene Peterson
4	Meg Stevens	4	Barbara Kerr
6	Joan M. Dreher	4	Anthony Capone
6	Denise Cusack	5	Judy Stickles
8	Maeve Smith	5	Marion S. Rhude
9	Shirley Dussault	8	Diane Kennedy
9	Pat Thomas	9	Judy L. Walker
9	Patricia Rachiele	10	Dottie B. Lapis
10	Nanette Gause	11	Jeanette Marshall
10	Caroline Reardon	15	Joe Tesoriere
10	Cecelia Jackson	15	Shirley Nichols
11	Darlene Lebrecht	15	Mary Fekete
11	Edward Charnews	15	MaryAnn Donato
12	Sue Schwadron	16	Susan Polewczak
12	Eric Utermark	16	Bert C. Grandin
12	Phyllis Martinez	16	Collette Foley
14	Phyllis Ryan	16	Daniel Simard
15	Mary Emano	19	Dorothy Suits
15	John J. Cromie	21	Carol Harrington
15	Joseph Rossi	22	Julia Roth
15	Ric Croft	23	Judy Thomas
16	Karen Rhodes	23	Robert Mellen
16	Ike Wallace	24	Kathy Hedgeman
16	Pat Cornell	25	Doris Sheffey
19	Janet Morin	25	Elizabeth I. MacMillin
19	Margaret Mellander	26	Aline Shipreck
20	James E. Staulters	26	Corrinne Boles
		29	Suzanne Bissonette
20	Joan Ottaway	29	Linda Smith
20	Ellie Kelch	30	Mariann Hyde
20	Louise Carlini	30	Jean Abeel
20	Judith Keehan		

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20	Patrick Kelliher	28	Donna Gant
21	Kimberly Ryan	29	Jeanette Kiuber
22	Barbara Ostrander	29	Anne Spensieri
23	Shirley Strazewski	30	Donna Conley
23	Leon Tette	31	Barbara Jordan
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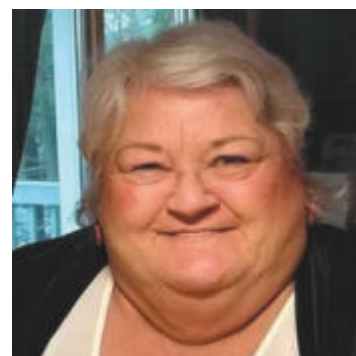
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Andrea (Andi) Simard
Jacquelyn Royal
Janet Hersh
Ann Hefferman
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Elaine Hickok

ANDI SIMARD

Dan Simard has asked me to pass on his thanks to the many friends who sent him cards, flowers and condolences after the death of his wife, Andi. He is very grateful for your thoughts. With her warm and bubbly personality, and the great food she brought to lunches, she will be greatly missed.



Around the Town

Hope everyone is doing well, it certainly has been a terrible winter. But Spring is just around the corner. Things are moving along here at Town Hall (aka Community Center). The Board has accepted the bid for the roof at Town Hall and repairs should start in March. I will try to keep you updated as we move forward.

Some happy news from Milton. Back in early January I'm sure you all saw posters around Town about a missing dog. Her name was Bizzy and her owners spent days trying to find her on Stone Church Road and around the Airport. Thanks to many volunteers and Milton residents she was found safe in the Fair Oaks development. This showed me what great neighbors we have here in our Town. People would just stop along the road and try to help. Her young owners were overjoyed when she was found. Thank you again to all the great residents of Milton and volunteers from around the County.

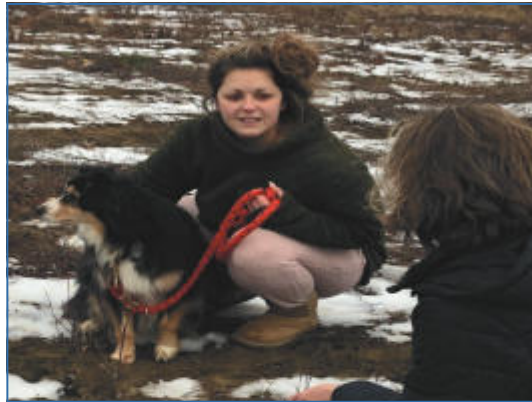
Our Highway Department has been working hard to keep our Town roads safe for all of us. Give them a thumbs up if you see them working around town. Let's hope they don't have to do too much more plowing for their sake and ours. I realize how difficult it is to get find a vaccination locally. If you are one of the lucky ones that have an appointment, why not try to help other Seniors. There are many that don't have access to the internet or the ability to search. Please reach out to your neighbors and friends to see if you can assist them in finding a local source for a Covid-19 vaccination.

Everyone Stay Safe, Think Spring and Happy Easter,

Barbara



Barb Kerr



Bizzy has been found!

This story is from Pat Cornell about her dog, Bear.

Bear (aka little black bear) was a rescue from South Carolina. My daughter picked him up from the shelter and he is very close to her, following her around, and being allowed to share the bed with her and her husband. He is easily scared of any little noise and runs to another room, and he barks if he sees anyone touching someone else. Well, guess what? As he has gotten older he has decided he likes his grandmother (me). Every once in a while he will hop on my bed at night to sleep with me, and is doing it more and more (I love it). In this day and age with everything going on, he makes my life happy. I think an animal is great company and you get to love them like a family member.

Thanks for sharing this story about your GrandFurKid, Pat



This beautiful photo is of Peter Medick and Susanne Millias on their wedding day, August 15th 2020. They met at a Seniors Dance on December 9th 2019, introduced by Diane Kennedy. Congratulations to you both, we wish you much happiness.



2021 Membership Dues / New Member Application

Membership dues run from January 1st through December 31st. Please attach check (payable to BASC), your BASC membership card and a self addressed, stamped envelope and mail to Barb Broderson, 48 Edmund Drive, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, or pay at the Thursday luncheon meetings 10:00am to noon. Please note any life events or address changes.

DUES SCHEDULE

Note: New members \$10.00 upon sign-up regardless of age

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11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Stretch & Fit, Exercise

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9:00 a.m. to noon	Crafts
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Woodcarving
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Billiards
12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Wii Bowling
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Mahjong, Cards, Board Games
2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	Healthy Bones for Life

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Crafts, Cards, Billiards
11:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Lunch, Meeting, Bingo

Friday

2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	Healthy Bones for Life
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Games & Cards

I would like to thank Sally Snyder and Kathy Hedgeman for helping me fold, stick, address and stamp your newsletters every 2 months, without them it would probably take me days! So thank you Ladies, it is much appreciated.

Also Barbara Broderson who sends me the birthday and Membership news, and any last minute items.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

4th Meeting at Hannaford Plaza, 12 noon, pizza and a drink. (See page 4 BASC Updates for details, must let Linda know as numbers are limited due to Covid)

4th Tickets for sale at meeting or between 2.00—4.00pm for the Corned Beef Drive Through Dinner

10th Tickets for sale for the Corned Beef Drive Through Dinner 2.00—4.00pm at Hannaford Plaza.

11th Longfellows 'Trip' and entertainment.

18th Meeting at Hannaford Plaza, 12 noon.

18th Pick up Drive Through Corned Beef Dinners at the Hannaford Plaza between 3.45 and 5.00pm.

APRIL

1st Meeting at Hannaford Plaza, 12 noon. Possibly burgers for lunch, details later.

15th Meeting at Hannaford Plaza, 12 noon.

