

Ballston Area SENIOR UPDATE

MARCH/APRIL 2023



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is coming! We have had a busy winter. We had 2 Festive Dinners and more are coming in the near future. Our dances and Pickin' Sessions are well attended and are gaining in popularity! We have Western dances scheduled for March 11th and April 15th.

Pot Luck lunches have resumed and will be held monthly, weather permitting! Monthly pizza is always a treat, too.

The pool players are growing in numbers and seem to be having fun! I love seeing that table in use.

The Mahjong players meet regularly and we sure enjoy our games.

The craft group meets on Tuesdays at 10.00am until noon and are always looking for new members. "No talent needed!" Come and enjoy!

Two of the laptops are locked onto the tables and available for use! A class will be started soon to teach anyone interested in coming to classes!

We have a St Patrick's Day dinner in March at the Embassy Suites in Saratoga. We also have a trip to AquaTurf for an Irish meal and Irish clog dancing!

Our monthly activity group has made greeting cards and have plans for more including jewelry and painting on glass.

IMPORTANT!

For March we are trying a new schedule:

1st Thursday; Fun day with game playing, bingo, visiting etc. before and after lunch.

2nd Thursday; lunch and a BASC meeting.

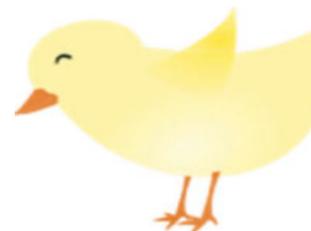
3rd Thursday: monthly board meeting after lunch.

4th Thursday; BASC meeting after lunch.

This schedule is on a trial basis for March and we will vote in April if we wish to continue or go back to our original weekly meetings.

I appreciate all the help from so many of you! YOU are what makes this group the wonderful fun that it is! We are always looking for volunteers, so please offer whatever assistance you can give to keep our organization functioning! Thank you for all your help and support.

Marge Bayer, President, BASC



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Here are the new Board Members for 2023.

Linda Elmer (Vice President), Marge Bayer (President), Mary Egan (Secretary), Meg Stevens (Treasurer), Barb Broderson (Membership), Francine Dudka (Director), Madeline Waller (Director), Neil Kennedy (Director), Bernie Putnam (Director).

BAZAAR

The Ballston Senior's annual Bazaar is back with all your favorite activities!

The date: **Saturday October 7th**

The time: **9.30am to 3.00pm**

There will be Vendors; the Kitchen, providing lunch for everyone; Baked Goods for sale; Smith's Orchard Pies; a Basket Raffle and 50/50; a Quilt Raffle; and items made by our Crafters.

All and any help is much appreciated, including help with setting up (Friday October 6th from 1.00pm), and clean up and resetting the room after 3.00pm on the day. Please contact anyone on the committee if you can help. Alison Bodle, Sue Heimburg, Diane Kennedy, Bernie Putnam and Madeline Waller.

THANK YOU.

TRIPS

We have had 2 fun trips recently to Rotterdam, the first to VIA Aquarium, and the second to Little Vegas Wedding Chapel and Theater. Here are some reminders.

How did Connie get in that tank? **ELVIS!**



Jean and Theresa got a toilet paper scarf and a teddy bear from Elvis. Lucky Ladies!



To all that donated and continue to donate birthday and Christmas cards.

St Patrick's Day Dinner

The St Patrick's Day dinner is on **Thursday March 16th** at the **Embassy Suites** in Saratoga Springs. The cost is \$15 for members and \$35 for non-members. Tickets will be on sale at the Centre on the 2nd and 9th March. It will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner, of course!

Reminder

Member Fees

Now Due

Use the Membership form on the backpage to pay your 2023 dues. If you're unsure if you've paid, call Barb at 518-885-4229. This is a home phone; do not text.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PICKIN' SESSION

Wednesdays March 1st and April 5th

Doors will open at 6.00pm; music at 6.30 'til 9.00pm. If you enjoy country/western, folk, bluegrass, gospel and contemporary music, mark your calendar. Come and enjoy a musical and social night out. Bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided. The Pickin' Session will be cancelled following Ballston Spa School District's weather closing.



Contact Jack at jack53brod@gmail.com or 518 885 4229 with questions or to volunteer to help set-up and tear-down.

Hear Ye; Hear Ye

New Event: Wednesday Afternoon Jam

The acoustic Afternoon Jam has been added to our event schedule for those who don't drive in the evening. All members and guests who enjoy bluegrass, country/western and folk are invited. The Afternoon Jam will be held the third Wednesday of every month 1:00pm to 3:00ish. Beginning on March 15th, April 22nd, etc., etc.

Contact: Jack Broderson

Email jackbroderson@gmail.com or call...not text...518-885-4229

DANCES

The dance schedule for the year is now almost settled. Here are the dates and bands:

- March 11th** Old Time Country
- April 8th** Peaceful Country
- May 13th** River Road Boys
- July 8th** Peaceful Country
- August 12th** Mac Linda Mac
- September 9th** Old Time Country
- October 14th** Peaceful Country
- November 11th** TBA
- December 9th, 31st** TBA



TRIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 14th

Aqua Turf, CT. St Patrick's Day meal and entertainment. Bus leaves: 7.15am Bus returns: 7.00pm

April 18th

Deerfield Inn, Mass, Candy Kitchen, Country Store & Butterfly Conservatory. Fee: \$35 resident, \$45 non resident, Guest full price.

The following destinations are tentative and subject to change.

May: Resort World Catskills, 2.00pm Matinee—Frankie Valley & 4 Seasons. Buffet.

June:

July: Log Cabin, Lobsterfest.

August: Lake George Holiday Inn, Dinner Theater.

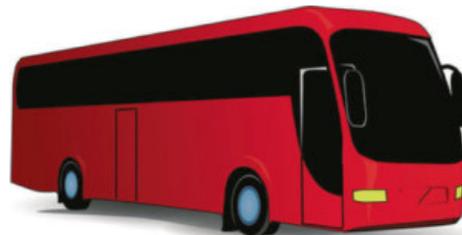
September: Wynthurst Manor, Lennox, Mass.

October: Finger Lakes, Corning Glass Works Museum and Dinner.

November: Possibly Woodstock Playhouse.

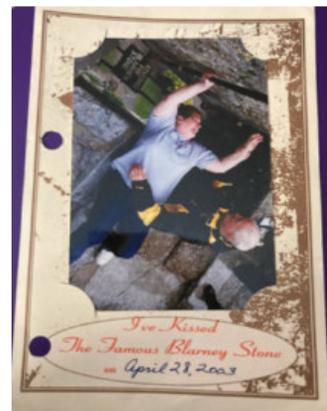
December: Proctors

Dues for 2023 must be paid 30 days prior to trip date. For more information, please contact the Trip Coordinators: Carol Moll 518 339 8926 or Mary Egan 518 630 6322.



Are YOU travelling this year?

Kathy Hedgeman went to Ireland in 2003 and kissed the Blarney Stone (that explains your wit, Kathy!)



Let me know if you have any great (outrageous!) vacation photos to share, we'd all love to see them.



MARCH

- 1 Larry A. Rafferty
- 2 Madeline Waller
- 3 MaryAnn Ewing
- 2 Gloria Ottavio
- 3 Norman Schultheiss
- 4 Meg Stevens
- 6 Denise Cusack
- 7 Joan M. Dreher
- 8 Maeve Smith
- 9 Pat Thomas
- 9 Patricia Rachiele
- 10 Lisa Jane Fucci
- 10 Caroline Reardon
- 11 Cele Jackson
- 11 Darlene Lebrecht
- 12 Lorraine Tesoriere
- 12 Eric Utermark
- 13 Phyllis Martinez
- 15 Mary Emano
- 16 Joseph Rossi
- 17 Ric Croft
- 18 John J. Cromie
- 19 Scott Ostrander
- 16 Karen Rhodes
- 17 Pat Cornell
- 18 Kathleen Parker
- 19 Janet Morin
- 20 Ellie Kelch
- 20 Louise Carlini
- 21 Joan Ottaway
- 22 Patrick Kelliher
- 23 Judith Spaulding
- 21 Kimberly Ryan
- 22 Barbara Ostrander
- 23 Kevin Johnson
- 23 Leon Tette
- 24 Shirley Strazewski
- 24 Alison Bodle
- 25 Will O'Brien
- 26 Becky Higley
- 26 Florence Lenz
- 28 Ruth Gorham
- 29 Nancy Kozlowich
- 29 Anne Spensieri
- 30 Donna Conley
- 31 Sarah Bogue

APRIL

- 1 Joanne Becker
- 2 Connie Marcy
- 3 Bernadette Tette
- 3 Cathy Green
- 4 Barbara Kerr
- 4 Arlene Peterson
- 5 Valerie Bellon-Halligan
- 5 Judy Stickles
- 5 Marion S. Rhude
- 6 John Muller
- 7 Michele Geissler
- 8 Diane Kennedy
- 9 Sheila Daignault
- 9 Judy L. Walker
- 10 Dottie B. Lapis
- 11 Pat Palmer
- 11 Marcia Cichon
- 11 Barb Thrane
- 12 Augusto Sarmiento
- 13 Stephen Cusack
- 15 MaryAnna Donato
- 15 Joe Tesoriere
- 15 Shirley Nichols
- 15 Mary Fekete
- 16 Ree Hale
- 16 Susan Polewczak
- 16 Collette Foley
- 16 Bert C. Grandin
- 16 Daniel Simard
- 18 Lorraine McPherson
- 18 Michael Andreadakis
- 19 Dorothy Suits
- 20 Connie Alonzo
- 22 Julia Roth
- 23 Tom Nestler
- 23 Robert Mellen
- 24 Patricia Serpenti
- 24 Kathy Hedgeman
- 25 Elizabeth MacMillin
- 26 Connie Boles
- 26 Aline Shipreck
- 27 Louis Fisher
- 29 Sandra Cross
- 29 Suzanne Bissonette
- 29 Joanie Hurteau
- 30 Jean Abeel

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| Robin Belanger | Mary Drake |
| Marilyn Phillips | Barbara Thrane |
| Gloria Ottavio | Virginia Humphrey |
| Sandy Cross | Lorraine McPherson |
| Barbara Millington | Al Feulner |
| Valerie Bellon-Halligan | Lizzie Feulner |
| Rick Daltilio | Georgie Bortell |
| Linda Pileggi | Patricia Burnham |
| Peter Pileggi | Joanie Hurteau |

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of



- Margaret Seeberger**
- Joan Darling**
- Marilyn Hegen**
- Ruth Geissler**

CHORUS



The Chorus sang Love Songs at the Center to celebrate Valentine's Day, great to see many people joining in with us. New members are always welcome, we meet Mondays from 10am to 11am.

Around the Town



Barb Kerr

Hello Everyone,

I'm sitting here writing this on Thursday, February 23-SNOW DAY. I believe it is the first day we have closed the Community Center this year. We have had a really mild winter, making it easy to get around safely.

Lots of activity here in the Town. Some of it is not visible yet but I'll try to fill you in on what's happening. Community Ambulance Corp has broken ground for its new facility at the very west end of the Town Halls parking lot. Since we haven't had much snow this year, the Highway Crew has been busy working on a walking trail. It starts in Kimball Park and winds around for about a mile. Easy walking for any resident that wants to enjoy the Spring weather when it arrives.

We are also working on a plan to move out fuel island up to the Rowlands Street site. Along with that we will be building a new cold storage building to replace the blue building here at the Town Hall property. This has been in the works for about three years and will be fully paid for with money that was set aside for that purpose.

Many of you may not know, but the Village owns Woods Hollow here in the center of the Town. We are currently in negotiation with the Village to purchase that property. If the purchase goes through we are not looking at any major changes. The plan is to keep the property forever wild so the residents can enjoy the natural beauty of the preserve. We will be keeping the trails cleared and may be adding some benches and picnic tables. If anyone has any questions or suggestions to what they would like to see please let me know or contact the Town Offices.

Only about a month, March 20, before Spring arrives. As usual I'm looking forward to nice weather. See you all at the next meeting, stay healthy and safe,

Barbara

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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| 10.00—12.00 | Crafts |
| 1.00—4.00pm | Mahjong |

Wednesdays

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| 12.30—3.00pm | Quilters |
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Thursday

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| 12.00 | Lunch & General Meeting, Bingo. |
| 1.00—4.00pm | Shooting Pool |

Fridays

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|---------------|---------------|
| 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.

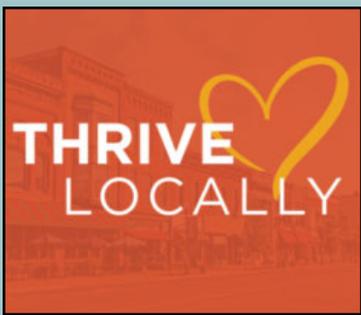
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH

- 1st Pickin's Session 6.30-9.00pm
- 2nd Luncheon, Bingo @ 10.00am, Gathering Day Trip sign up & Dinner ticket sale.
- 9th Luncheon/Meeting, Bingo. Trip sign up & Dinner ticket sale.
- 11th Dance—Old Time Country, 7.00—10.00pm
- 14th Trip to Aqua Turf, bus leaves at 7.15am
- 15th Afternoon Jam, 1.00—3.00pm
- 16th St Patrick's Day Dinner @ Embassy Suites
- 23rd Luncheon/Board Meeting, Bingo.
- 30th Luncheon/ Meeting, Bingo @ 10.00am

APRIL

- 5th Pickin's Session 6.30-9.00pm
- 6th Luncheon, Bingo @ 10.00am, Gathering Day
- 8th Dance—Peaceful Country, 7.00—10.00pm
- 13th Luncheon/Meeting, Bingo.
- 18th Trip to Deerfield Inn, 7.15am—7.00pm
- 19th Afternoon Jam, 1.00—3.00pm
- 20th Luncheon/Board Meeting, Bingo @ 10am
- 27th Luncheon/Meeting, Bingo.



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Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st 2023.

\$10.00 = 55+ years \$5.00 = Turned 80 in 2022 FREE = Turned 90 in 2022

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