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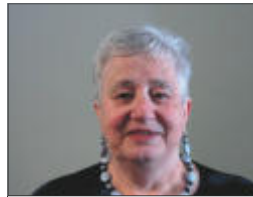
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Linda Elmer

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone. Well we've made it thru the winter and hello spring. I hope all of you are safe and healthy. Thank goodness for spring. I have bluebirds in my bird houses already. I had three clutches of baby blue birds last year and am I looking for more.

### Here are a few happenings going on in May:

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** meeting, there will be Pizza for lunch. Please call Linda Elmer and register for meeting and give your order of what you want for your pizza.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**. Mothers' Day, don't forget those moms out there.

**On May 11<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday from 10-4 at our temporary home at the Gym in the Milton Plaza we have scheduled a **DRIVER SAFETY CLASS**. This is an offering to members of BASC only, and the cost is \$10.00. Please call Linda Elmer at 518-885-4839 to sign up. Masks and social distancing are required.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**, Also please don't forget to sign up for our drive Thru BBQ from Dinosaur BBQ in Troy. More info inside this newsletter.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** Our memorial service will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, before our meeting. I have asked Bert Grandin to officiate the ceremony for us and he has agreed. We did not have one last year so this one will be special.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>** don't forget the free box lunch program at the Community Center. From 11am -1pm. For all seniors.

**May 31**, Memorial Day-fly your flags at half staff until 12 noon honoring those who fought and gave there lives for this country.

### Happening in June:

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** Meeting day at 12pm and pizza for lunch. Please call Linda Elmer and register for meeting and give your order of what you want for your pizza.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** Next Board meeting at 10am. All are invited and also a general membership meeting at 12pm.

There is a lot of information in this newsletter so please read it carefully and feel free to call me anytime with questions or issues. We are starting to try and open up more all of the time, so stay tuned.

God Bless you all , and God Bless America  
Linda Elmer, BASC President.



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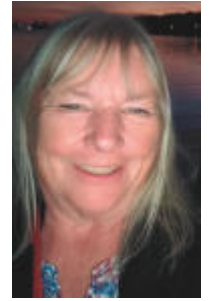
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Kathy Eitzmann is our latest Board Member, Welcome Kathy!



I have been in NY state for 31 years. I am a Nebraska born farm girl. While studying at the University of NE, I met and married Murray Eitzmann. Starting our family in Columbus, OH, we moved from Nebraska to Sweden to Wisconsin and then to NY. We have 2 children, a daughter & son, plus an 'accepted' son from Russia. We have 1 grandson and 5 grand-daughters.

We enjoy boating, volleyball and spending time with family/friends.

I am honored to serve the BASC as a Director. If you have any questions or want to know more about BASC committee opportunities please give me a call. 518 376 3648.

**The Ballston Spa Farmers' Market** will open on June 12th every Saturday from 9am—1pm and Thursday from 3pm—6pm through September 30th. New location is at the **Brookside Museum**, 6 Charlton Street. There will be new vendors as well as our favorites from previous years.

The free outdoor movies have been chosen, They are: **'Trolls'** on June 4th; **'The Croods'** on July 2nd; **'Frozen 11'** on August 6th; and **'Pets 2'** on September 3rd. These dates are all First Fridays with many stores staying open later. The movies will start at dusk (about 8.30pm) in Wiswall Park, back up location at Old Iron Spring Park.

The free Concert in the Park series has been announced as well, Thursday evenings from 6pm—8pm at Old Iron Spring Park. The line up is:

July 1st **Ballston Spa Community Band**

July 8th **Erin Harkes**

July 15th **North and South Dakotas**

July 22nd **The Lustre Kings**

July 29th **The Rogues**

August 5th Annual Ice Cream Social with **The Union Fire Company Band**

August 12th **Sirsy**

August 19th **Geo Beat**

**Do come and support our local market and activities, look for the colorful birdboxes and shop our local stores.**

**NOTICE OF ILLNESS OR DEATH**

We all want to know how our friends at Seniors are faring, and Sharon Laviska has been doing a wonderful job of sending out cards for a number of years to those who need them.

If you know of anybody who is ill, in hospital, or has passed, please contact her so she can let us all know. Her phone # is 518 885 1891 and her email address is sharonlaviska@yahoo.com. Thank you Sharon.

**TO ADULTS 55 AND UP**



**Free Paper Bag Lunch**

**Pick up under the portico at Milton Community Center, 310 Northline Road between 11:00am and 1:00 pm Mondays, April 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Mondays, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS**

There will be a Defensive Driving Class taught by Leon Tuttle on **May 11th at The Gym from 10.00am—4.00pm**. The cost for members is \$10.00. Please call Linda Elmer at 518 885 4839 to register.

On July 20th, 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping out on the moon, 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind' were televised to Earth and heard by millions. But, just before he re-entered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark, 'Good luck, Mr Gorsky'.

Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Soviet or American space programs. Over the years, many people questioned Armstrong as to what the statement meant, but he just smiled. On July 5th 1995, in Tampa Bay, Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26 year old question about Mr Gorsky and this time Armstrong answered because his Mr Gorsky had just died and he felt he could now answer the question.

So who was Mr Gorsky?

In 1938, when he was a kid in a small mid-western town, he was playing baseball in his yard with a friend when the friend hit the baseball into the neighbors yard under their bedroom window. His neighbors were Mr and Mrs Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, he heard Mrs Gorsky shouting at her husband. 'Sex! You want sex? You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!'

It broke the place up!

Thanks to Mary Egen for this funny, and endearing, article.

Here are some lovely photos of what the Crafters have been working on for Earth Day and Mothers' Day. They will be on sale at the general meetings. I bought a pot and marigolds seeds to plant with my grand-daughter. Thank you Crafters.



## TRIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trip Coordinators: Carol Moll and Barb Broderson

See insert for more information

### JUNE 18th

The Mansion of Saratoga for dinner. Musical "Nonsense" A zany, wholesome, hilarious musical revue presented by the Little Sisters of Hoboken, Nonsense is a heavenly delight! The show is a fundraiser put on by the Little Sisters of Hoboken to raise money to bury sisters accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia (Child of God).

Sign-up: **May 13 3:30pm to 5pm** at Center, Pool Room Entrance.

**May 20 10:30 to noon** at The Gym at Hannaford plaza.

Pick up and return times and menu to be announced. Fee: \$35 resident; \$45 non resident; \$60 Guest

### JULY 21

Friesians of Majesty, Vt; Lunch at New England House.

Sign-up dates: **June 10 and June 17** at The Gym at Hannaford Plaza **10:30 to noon**

Pick up and return times and menu to be announced. Fee: \$35 resident; \$45 non resident; \$60 guest.



Questions? See the insert for more information, and if you still need help call Carol @ 518 339 8926 or Barb @ 518 885 4229.

**Thank you, Carol and Barb, for organizing this years trips, I know many people have really missed our outings and are very excited to 'go places' again!**






<u>MAY</u>		<u>JUNE</u>	
3	Diane Balla	1	Barbara J. Grandin
3	Evelyn Laraway	1	Joseph Goss
3	Sander Bonvell	2	Sheila Edgar
4	Eileen E. Lisieski	2	Laura Neal
4	Carol Moll	3	Gretchen Nenno
5	Marie Thorne	4	Holly Staulters
8	Anne Sylvester	4	Gail Oliphant
8	Donna Earl	5	Vivian Owens
10	Patricia M. Preece	5	Betty Rosenberry
11	Joan Smith	10	Agnes Calicchia
12	Cathee Burke	10	Mick Czupil
13	Don Ambrose	11	Robert Gomez
13	Noreen Pompa	12	Jean Montgomery
13	Suzanne Brunelle	14	Bernard Joiner
14	Zofia Sobocinski	18	Kathleen Hermans
14	Carolyn Hallenbake	19	Simone Buneo
15	Sarah Stock	19	Rita Halter
16	Bonnie Kean	20	John Muller
17	Anne Schworm	22	Diane Griffin
17	Nancy Ruzzo	23	David Elmer
18	Margaret M. Thomas	23	Frank Pepe
18	Susan Hommell	26	Carl Melander
18	Millie Mosher	26	Pat Palmer
21	Marie A. Ahl	27	Lora May
21	Mary Lou Cotton	27	Francine Dion
22	Barbara J. Staulters	27	Mary Lou Mundell
22	Patricia Tarnawski	27	Susanne Medick
23	Jim Morris	28	Judy Dalby
24	Dawn Bunyan	29	Agnes Ellsworth
24	Monica Larin		
26	Frances Mabb		
28	Karen A. Damico		
28	Patricia Pimentel		
28	John Walts		
29	Agnes Pompa		
30	Leona Dauphin		
31	Clifford Hickok		

Debra Howansky  
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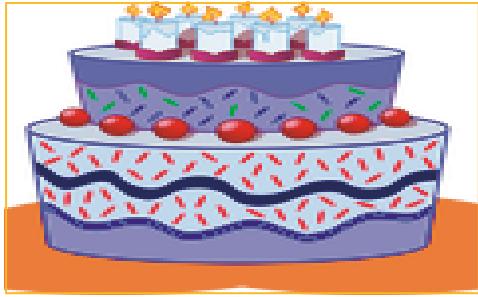


Alice Mabb  
 Richard Putnam  
 Mary Brooks

**DRIVE THROUGH DINNER FROM THE-DINOSAUR BBQ**

Due to various reasons, we decided to go with Dinosaur BBQ instead of Brooks BBQ. The pick up date is **Thursday May 13th from 3.45pm—5.00pm**, under the portico at the Community Center. The menu is half chicken split, St. Louis cut ribs, coleslaw, mac and cheese, honey hush cornbread, and a choc chip cookie. The final day to buy tickets is **Thursday May 6th from 10.30am—11.30am at The Gym** before the meeting at noon. The cost to members (fully up to date) is \$6.00, and for non-members is \$16.00. Checks only please, no cash.

Please contact me if you need any help to buy tickets, phone # 518 288 3565 or email [alison\\_bodle@hotmail.com](mailto:alison_bodle@hotmail.com).



# Around the Town



**Barb Kerr**

Happy Spring Everyone-if it is really Spring!

I know by now everyone has received the news about Town Hall. At the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting MJ Engineering announced we will be back in Town Hall by the end of the year! I personally could not believe my ears. Apparently I have been getting the wrong information. From now on I will be handing out all information I receive concerning the Town Hall rehab. That will include hand-outs, design information and emails I receive. I cannot tell you how disappointing this news is to me and I am sure the whole community.

Now for some good news. We will not be having our Annual Fishing Contest this year. (too many Covid restrictions) but I will oversee stocking the 4H ponds and the pond in Woods Hollow with trout. I plan on stocking at the end of April. The Town will post all information on its Webpage and Facebook page. The pond in the front of the 4H building is great for young children, 12 and under and extremely easy to access. So, gather up the grandkids, your fishing poles and a few worms and enjoy a day fishing. If any of the young ones are successful, please take a picture and send it to Town so that we can share it with the everyone. I will give you more information at the next Senior Meeting.

Stay Safe and Healthy,  
Barbara

## Weekly Activities

### Mondays

9.00am—12.00 Pool

### Tuesdays

10.00—12.00 Crafts

### Thursdays

12.00 noon General Meeting at the Gym, first and third Thursdays of the month.

1.00pm—4.00pm Pool

### Fridays

6.30pm—9.00pm Pool

If you would like to take part in any of these activities, please call Dan Buneo for pool at 518 309 3093; and Earleen Van for crafts at 518 855 8730.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### MAY

**6th** 12 noon. Meeting at The Gym, pizza lunch, pre-order with Linda, 518 885 4839. Last day of ticket sales for Dinosaur BBQ from 10.30—11.30am before meeting.

**11th** Defensive Driving Class at The Gym, 10am—4pm. Pre-Registration required.

**13th** Drive Through Dinner pick up. Dinosaur BBQ. 3.45—5.00pm under the portico at the Community Center.

**20th** 12 noon. Meeting at The Gym, bring your own lunch. Memorial Service led by Bert Grandin, remembering all our friends who have passed in 2019 and 2020.

**Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th** free boxed lunch pick up under the portico at the Community Center from 11am—1.00pm.

### JUNE

**3rd** 12 noon. Meeting at The Gym, pizza lunch, pre-order with Linda.

**4th** First Friday in Ballston Spa, free movie ‘Trolls’ at Wiswall Park.

**12th, 19th, 26th** Farmers’ Market at Brookside Museum, 9.00am—1.00pm.

**17th** 12 noon. Meeting at The Gym, bring your own lunch.

**17th, 24th** Farmers’ Market 3.00pm—6.00pm

**18th** Trip

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## Temp-Return Service Requested



### 2021 Membership Dues / New Member Application

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

#### DUES

#### SCHEDULE

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

\$10.00 = 55 to 79 years in 2020

\$5.00 = Turned 80 in 2020

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Anniversary Date: (day, month & year) \_\_\_\_\_ Is spouse a member? \_\_\_\_\_