

# Ballston Area SENIOR UPDATE

## November/December 2020



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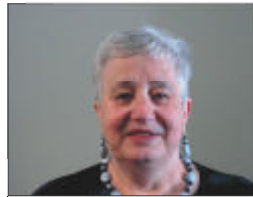
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Linda Elmer

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone.

What a year this has been. I hope all of you are wearing your masks, social distancing and washing your hands often. This pandemic is just dreadful. I would not have believed that I would go through something like this in my life time. I have not heard of anyone in our group having the Covid19. So keep up the good work.

Now down to business. You will find in this news letter copy of our most recent board meeting minutes. Yes our board meetings are always open to the members, but right now we do not have a space big enough for everyone. We are working on that. We expect the town to be out of the building by January 1st. If and when we open you need to understand it will not be the same as usual. We can only accommodate 50 people at a time in the building. But we will figure it out. Also there will be no one from the public allowed at any events now and then. All activities are for members only. Per our insurance we are not responsible for the public.

Right now your board is working on arranging off-site events. Maybe another drive through luncheon or diner. Be sure to know even though we are not officially reopening we are still moving forward to try and provide for the members, by having events off site. If you think of anything that you believe we can do, just give me a call. I would love to hear from you. I would love to hear from you anyways. My phone number is 518-885-4839.

Now to end this letter on a good note, we are finally going to receive our subsidy from the Village of Ballston Spa. We will receive a check for \$10,200 after November 10th, which is when the checks for November are issued. Hooray for us.

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

Your President BASC

Linda Elmer

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### DRIVE THROUGH DINNER

The Drive Through Dinner Committee are organizing another event, this time a turkey dinner, again from Mom & Pops, on **Thursday, 3rd December.**

The menu is: turkey, mashed potato, stuffing, creamed corn and gravy, with a salad and dinner roll with butter.

The cost is: **Members \$5.00 Non-Members \$13.00 One meal per member.**

The times to buy tickets (**CHECKS ONLY** please, made payable to BASC) are **Thursday 12th November** and **Thursday 19th November** between **12 noon & 2.00pm** in the Pool/Card room of the Community Center. Masks must be worn.

Dinner pick up will be from **4pm—5.30pm on 3rd December** under the portico at the front of the Community Center.

The deadline for ordering tickets is **Friday 27th November.**

Call Alison 518 288 3565, Sue 518 885 8037 or Madeline 518 885 8281 for help or information.

### MOTHER'S LEMON MERINGUE PIE

3TB Corn Starch  
1 1/4 cups of sugar  
1 1/2 cups of boiling water  
1/4 cup lemon juice (2 lemons)  
1 TB grated lemon peel

Stir ingredients until well mixed, adding water gradually. Cook on high heat until boiling, lower heat and boil slowly until it thickens. You must cool the filling thoroughly to the touch. Pour the pie filling into the pie shell. Add the meringue and bake until lightly brown.

#### Meringue

Beat 3 fresh egg whites until stiff, add 6TB of sugar.

### PEPPER RELISH

1 Hot Pepper	Grind vegetables and
6 Green Peppers	pour water over, drain
6 Red Peppers	well. Cover with boiling
6 Onions	water for 5 minutes and
	drain again.

Now add:

1 1/4 cups of sugar  
3/4 cup of vinegar + 1/2 cup of water  
1 1/2 TS of salt  
1 1/2 TS of dill  
1 1/2 TS of pickle spice

Boil for 5 minutes, fill the jars (makes approximately 9 1/2 pints.) Drain again through a slotted spoon. Water bath them for 15 minutes, i.e. the jars must sit in the pan completely covered with boiling water.

Thanks to Diane and Neil Kennedy for the recipes.

Board Meeting for October 16th 2020 @ 7pm

Missing are Marge and Rick & Bernie Putnam

Meeting started with Madeline Waller giving the September Treasurers report:

Income \$ 947.01

Expenses 3,963.96

Ck Bal 26,728.50

As of this date no funds have been received from the Village of Ballston Spa. UPDATE-ON 10/23/20 I RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, WE ARE GOING TO RECEIVE OUR SUBSIDY FROM THE VILLAGE. WE WILL BE RECEIVING OUR CHECK SOMETIME AFTER THEIR MEETING ON 11/10/20. IT WILL BE FOR THE FULL AMOUNT \$10,200.

The schedule for collecting dues for 2021 will remain as usual. Unpaid 2019 dues members will be removed from the active list.

After much discussion about the amount of logistics required to open the craft and pool room rooms, the board is still in agreement to stay closed until January unless something changes. A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Alison to have a January opening, Motion Passed UPDATE MORE NEWS TO FOLLOW ON THIS, WE MAY HAVE FOUND A MEETING PLACE. STAY TUNED.

When we reopen it will be for ( 50 ) members only, with 6 members only in the craft and pool rooms, Alison would like any mail in info regarding voting elections for the news letter. She would like names of any interested in running for office.

It was brought up that that there were (4) guest to (one) member for the Longfellows dinner, with a waiting list of BASC members left out. The members on the waiting list will be called first for the next event.

Barbara & Carol are going to research information for another off site dinner, to give to the board for an OK!! Alison was given the OK to get information on another drive through dinner.

Sue renewed our CD's.

Eric is still picketing on his own.

Meeting ended 8.15pm.



## TRIPS

Mary Carrier has informed the Board that she has stepped down as one of the two Trip Coordinators. Mary along with her husband, Don, have overseen our trips for many, many years. When Don passed, Mary continued to find new as well as favorite venues for our members. Thank you, Mary, for the great trips you've provided to us. With Mary's support and help, Barb Broderson will be taking over her responsibility as a Trip Coordinator working in conjunction with Carol Moll.



## PUNS FOR EDUCATED MINDS

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

A midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts, in feudalism it's your count that votes.

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine,

# Thanksgiving

## Lunch Jokes

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What's a pumpkin's favorite sport?

A. Squash



What's the best thing to put in a pumpkin pie?

A. Your Teeth



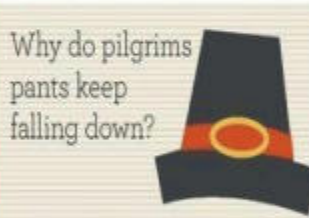
If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A. Pudding



What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo?

A. Turkey that can quack (twice)



Why do pilgrims pants keep falling down?

A. Because their belt buckles are on their head



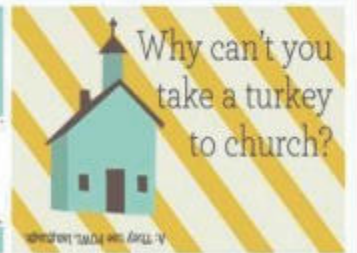
What did baby corn say to mama corn?

A. Mmmk popcorn!



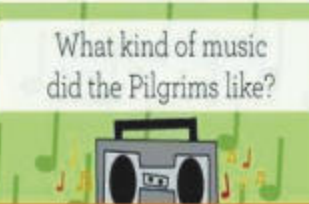
Why did they let the turkey join the band?

A. Because he had the drumsticks



Why can't you take a turkey to church?

A. They use PUM, no pump!



What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?

A. Because they had the drumsticks



What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

A. Because they had the drumsticks

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving that once again you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

Thanks to Neil Kennedy for these clever puns!



## NOVEMBER DECEMBER

1 Stanley Dsouza	2 Ruth Armbruster
1 Valentine Miller	3 Joe Bless
2 Alice Nunes	3 Helen Marshall
3 Patricia Palmateer	4 Loretta Barnes
3 Sandra Johansen	6 Alphonse Defillippo
4 Blanche Mandel	7 Susan A. Heimburg
4 Madeline Caprara	8 Jon Fayad
5 Judy Cooper	8 Bruce Carlton
5 Patricia LeBlanc	9 Charlene McAvoy
6 Clara Scotti	10 Howard Waller
7 Arlene Ida	10 Donna Dardaris
7 Sharon Quinn	10 James Polewczak
7 Dolores A. Blow	10 Jean N. Keehan
8 Eleanor Fitzgerald	10 Lorena A. Rutkowski
8 William Heimburg	10 Judy Naylor
9 Mona Clear	12 Jeanette Galusha
9 Josh Greenman	12 Judith Cromer
10 Linda Elmer	14 Priscilla O'Boyle
10 Lindley Blackwood	14 Bill Thorne
12 Ellen Hansen	14 Ann MacMurray
15 Judith Lopez	15 Mary Brooks
16 Diane Coburn	18 Thomas M. Jurcsak
16 Doris R. Fredette	20 Phyllis Kuczek
18 Gloria Frizzi	21 Nellie Johnson
19 Debra Woodworth	22 Carol Mello
19 John Marcy	23 Mary Lou Casey
19 Sheila Serhan	25 Helen R. VanPatten
21 Carol Thomas	25 Karen Groff
23 James, Jr. Gant	25 Bonnie Bagan
23 Cheryl Richardson	27 Ruth Geissler
23 Kelly Busch	28 Jim Cummings
23 Sharon A. Laviska	30 Rosalind Brayman
23 Rachel Baum	30 Catherine Robens
25 Kathy Anthony	31 Doug Brown
26 Patricia Carlton	31 Elizabeth Riley
26 Jere Blackwelder	
26 Al Sommer	
28 Joseph J. Stapf	
28 Jeanne A. Cusack	
29 Robert Swayne	

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**

Earl Manning

Carl Melander

Gary Wachunas

Murray Eitzmann

Mick Czupil

Robert Mellen

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families of*

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Laura Mitchell

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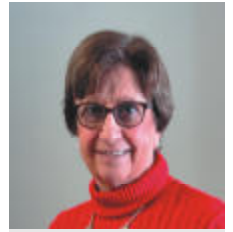


Louise Carlini says "My sweet Sheltie, Simon, is 13 1/2 years old. He has been my best friend all these years. Here he is, peeking at me."

He is very cute, Louise!



# Around the Town



Barb Kerr

## Around the Town

Happy Autumn Everyone,

Not sure who believes in old wife's tales, but if it is any indication of how the winter is going to be, I have a huge amount of leaves and acorns down in my yard. If that is any indication, we could have a long winter!

At Town Hall aka Community Center, we are still trying to relocate our offices so the Seniors can start to plan for future events. The pool/card room along with the Crafts Room are empty and our new Maintenance Supervisor, Tony Anderson is sanitizing every morning. He has also put spray bottles of sanitizer and towels in each room. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to meet Anthony and Charlie, his new employee. I know they both will be extremely helpful and willing to work with the Senior group. I hope everyone can start using these rooms soon. Please remember safety first, masks, social distancing and follow the rules, sign in and temperatures. This will assure we can all enjoy some of the activities we have all missed for the last eight months.

I am looking forward to the Holidays, although I am sure they will be different this year. As of this writing, I am not sure what events will take place this season or what has been cancelled, but I will try to keep everyone updated. Just remember, let's all support each other, include someone that maybe alone or just send a card to let them know you care. Let us keep the spirit of the Holidays alive through this difficult time.

Stay safe and hope to see everyone soon,  
Barbara

## 2021 ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD

There are only 2 positions up for election as Directors for 2021, Alison Bodle has served 2 years and wants to run again, Bernadette Putnam has decided to step down from the Board. As of today only 1 person has put their name forward for the open position, that is Eric Utermark. If no one else puts their name forward, these 2 people will be elected, but if you are interested in running as a Director you have until December 5th to let either Alison Bodle (518 288 3565) or Linda Elmer, President, (518 885 4839) know.



Eric Utermark has put his name forward to run for one of the two Director positions open on the Board of Directors. Eric has been an active member since he joined BASC early January, 2019. He's volunteered for the American Red Cross for over ten years and is a certified CPR instructor. He's a 15 year member of the Burnt Hills Fire Department and has held many positions including Lieutenant, Safety Officer & Accountability Officer. He is a retired South Carolina Deputy and also a retiree from GE in Schenectady. Eric feels he can bring fresh ideas and energy to our organization.



Alison Bodle is running again for a position as a Director on the Board of Directors. She has been a member of BASC since 2013, and participates in the Chorus, Quilting group and Exercise classes, as well as being the Newsletter Editor. As a Director she has been in charge of the yearly Board Elections, but is willing to 'get stuck in' to anything else that comes her way.



## 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**

\$10.00 = 55 to 79 years in 2020

\$5.00 = Turned 80 in 2020

FREE = Turned 90 in 2020

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Live in: ☐ Town of Milton ☐ Village of Ballston Spa ☐ Town of Ballston ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Single ☐ Widow/Widower ☐ If Married Spouse: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

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

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#### **Mondays**

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Chorus
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Stretch & Fit, Exercise

#### **Tuesdays**

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



A reminder that the Dinner Theater at Longfellows is on Saturday 14th November.

There are 2 seatings, at 10.45am and 2.30pm.  
Remember to wear your mask and follow all Covid Guidelines.

Another Dinner at Longfellows is being organized, more details inside this newsletter with a sheet to fill in to choose your meal and time to attend.

The sign up dates for both this and the Drive Through Dinner will be Thursday 12th November and Thursday 19th November between 12 noon and 2pm.  
Longfellows sign up will be inside the front entrance as before, and the Drive Through Dinner sign up will be in the Pool/Card room.