

Ballston Area SENIOR UPDATE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Seniors

What a great start we have had for the first half of 2026. The laughter and camaraderie that I have seen amongst all of you amazing folks brightens my days. I believe it does yours as well. The festive dinners, the dances, the trips, the crafts.... Everyday is an adventure as I walk through the doors of the Milton Community Center, into the Ballston Area Senior Center meeting place with smiles and waves from everyone.

Committees of volunteers are coming together and getting things done.

As we continue to grow as evidenced by one day in June, when there were nine new members. We meet every week for something different, monthly birthday treats, knowledgeable speakers, pizza, potluck luncheons, game days. stretch and flex every Thursday meeting day 10:00-11:15. I admit I've been slacking, but I imagine myself stretching and flexing.

All these events have people who make this happen. Still there is always a need for more to get involved. There is so much going on, I know time slips by, it always seems there is much to be done. Thank you so much to all the volunteers. We wouldn't be able to do it without you all!

As we move forward, I'm learning that this business is not just a business. It is a non profit organization with many details. I am learning as we go. It's a lot going on, fortunately I have a great team beside me with many years experience. I'm finding many things seem to be more easily said than done. First there is the idea. Is our group interested? We start to research how we can do our part, that sometimes may not move as fast as we might like. Dates don't match, schedules clash, permits may be needed, permission may need to be granted for use of a facility. We have rules and regulations that need to be followed. I am thankful for all of you who together make that work.

On the next game day, July 30, please come and play a random game. Many different card games and decks to choose . From Go Fish to Phase 10 and beyond. I'm looking for 3 Pinochle players. Draw teams. See me for game rules for any game you wanna play. Bring your own book of Hoyle if you like.

Summer has begun! Everyone be safe, have fun enjoying festivals, fairs, camping trips, boating, swimming, hiking, and whatever else may fill your heart with joy this summer! Smile and Wave.

See you in September.

Respectfully yours,

Earl Eaton

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FUN ACTIVITES

I will be contacting Heather soon to see if we can have another painting session with her in late July. More information to follow. Maybe a summer painting, or if you have another suggestion please let me know.

CRAFTERS



The Crafters have been busy, we made wind chimes and bird houses. Come into the Craft Room on any Thursday to see what has been made for you to buy, suggest something you would like to make, or even come and join our happy band every Tuesday from 10.00am.

Then Earleen led a group to make Fairy Gardens, each one different and great fun to do.



BALLSTON SENIORS' BAZAAR

Our Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 14th from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

WE NEED HELP TO MAKE THE BAZAAR A SUCCESS! Come to the meetings with ideas, and sign up to volunteer to help. There is a sign up sheet on the front desk every Thursday.

Earleen Van (Basket Chair) asks that people let her know if they want to make up a basket on their own or in a group. Also, donations towards a basket are welcome so that baskets can be made up closer to the Bazaar. These are some suggestions for baskets: breakfast, baking, pamper me, dog, cat, cozy night, wine and snacks, romantic gardeners, kitchen, kids, games night for adults and kids, movie night.

If you bring something in, please take it to the craft room and let Earleen know.

Thank you for all help and contributions.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events Committee will be celebrating summer on July 9th with a Stewart's Ice Cream Festival, including all the delicious toppings.

BINGO

Bingo will be played the second Thursday of every month at the Center at 1.00pm after the General Meeting ends. Members only.

Remember, the more people who come to play, the bigger the prize money will be!

WEDNESDAY PICKIN' SESSIONS

The evening sessions on the 1st Wednesday of the month will be July 1st and August 5th from 6.30 to 8.30pm. The afternoon sessions will be on the 3rd Wednesday and will be July 15th and August 19th from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

If you play an acoustic instrument and enjoy performing with others, come along to the Pickin' Sessions. If you enjoy hearing live music, come along and sing, clap or tap your feet. There's no entrance fee but snacks to share would be appreciated. Doors open at 6:00pm evenings and 12.30pm afternoons.

Contact: Email Earl Eaton Jr. at eeatonjr@aol.com for information.



DANCE

The music begins at 7.00pm and ends at 10.00pm.

On **July 11th** we will have a Rock & Roll band, the E Town Express.

September 12th will be the River Road Boys.

October 10th will be The Peaceful Country Band.

The entrance fee is \$7.00 and snacks, punch and coffee will be served. Snacks to share are much appreciated. Even if you don't dance, come and enjoy live music and socialize with your friends (don't forget the snacks!).

FESTIVE DINNERS

On Thursday 30th July we have a Fish Fry at the Centre, catered by the Neighborhood Kitchen—always delicious.

See Bernie and Diane for all the details.

2026 TRIP SCHEDULE

July 8th Lake George Steamboat Co. Mardi Gras Cruise on Lac Du Saint Sacrement.

Sign up: June 4th & 11th.

Resident Members: \$45.00, Non resident Members: \$55.00, Guests: Full Price.

Leave: 10.00 Return: 4.30

August 9th Woodstock Theater 'Crazy for You', by Gershwin, matinee. Meal after at The Pearl Moon Café.

Sign up: July 2nd & 9th.

Resident Members: \$60.00, Non Resident Members: \$70.00, Guests: Full Price.

September TBA Lobster Dinner at the Lobster Pot.

Sign up: August 6th & 13th.

Resident Members: \$45.00, Non Resident Members: \$55.00, Guests: Full Price.

Leave: 3.30 Return: 6.00

October 6th Octoberfest at Gavins.

Sign up: September 3rd & 10th

Resident Member: \$45.00, Non Resident Member: \$55.00, Guests: Full Price.

TRIP PROCEDURE

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

Dues for 2026 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.

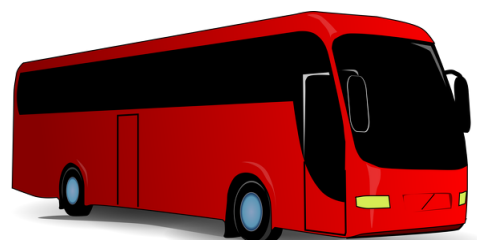
All payments by check only made out to BASC (if replacing cancelled seat, make payable to the member who cancelled).

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.





JULY

AUGUST

2 Donna Bishop	3 Daphne Belanger
3 Joan Carbone	5 Dunia Buchard
4 Neil C. Sscheuerman	6 Debra Howansky
5 Jim Frey	6 Janette Schmitt
7 Lisa Beretz	6 Michael Wein
7 Raymond Harris	9 Steve Otrembiak
7 Dennis Taylor	9 Letty Rudes
8 Sweeta Aulicino	10 Barbara Thurnau
10 Charles Higley	11 Marcia Casler
11 Elizabeth Delgado	11 Naomi Kruger
11 Alberta Sweet	11 Sharon Summer
11 Lisa Wojtowecz	12 Mark Preissler
14 Kristin Adams	13 Mary T. Carrier
14 Maureen Gadbois	17 Francine Dudka
14 Jacqueline Lamb	17 Helene L. Kerwood
14 Harold Rudnick	18 Jacquelyn Fleming
15 Dennis Askew	19 Peter Medick
15 Diane Koehler	19 Heather Stiassney
16 Peter Petrillose	20 Theresa Arpei
16 Layne Underwood	21 Andrew Burke
17 Glenn Becker	21 Rosemary Noonan
18 Clifford W. Hickok	21 Susan Porgari
18 Patricia Hickok	22 Valerie Frey
19 Renate Knapp	25 Doreen Donaghey
20 Peg Gifford	25 Roland Kump
21 Jean Carpenter	26 Ocala (Kelly) Kane
21 Dan Hunt	26 Robert McClements
23 MaryEllen Decker	26 Robert Miller
24 Lois Radke	29 Elizabeth Nagy
25 Denise Cudemo	29 Carole Schumacher
25 Fran Gailor	30 Shirley Welch
25 Marlu Sidenstick	31 Lillian Truax
25 Jean Taylor	31 Judith Zanella
26 Rosemary Barger	
26 Kathleen Eitzmann	
27 Donna Paynter	
27 Estella Simmons	
28 Lisa Jane Wein	
29 David Howansky	
29 Tom Laraway	



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Kelley Taylor
Joan Varney

*Our thoughts and prayers are with
the families of*



Rita Halter

Many apologies Doloris Blow, who did not pass as was stated in the last newsletter. We all wish you the best of health and many more happy years, Doloris.

At our Memorial Service, Jack Broderson sang his tribute 'Bobbie' to his wife Barbara who passed this year, to the tune of Amazing Grace. We all miss her very much.





SUMMER IS HERE!

The Ballston Spa Farmers' Market opened on Saturday **June 13th** from 9.00am to 1.00pm and will continue until Saturday **October 3rd** at Wiswall Park on Front Street.

This LOCAL market has been serving our community since 2003, promoting fresh produce and locally created crafts. Get there early during strawberry season to get the most delicious fruits (before I nab them all!).

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK

Free movies are shown at Wiswall Park on the first Friday at dusk (about 8.00 to 8.30pm).

July 3rd **National Treasure**

August 7th **A Goofy Movie**

September 4th **50 First Dates**

Bring chairs or blankets, round up the kids and grand-kids, grab a snack at a local store, (or bring your own) and have a fun, free, evening. Rain date the next night.



Barbara Hurley helped us make wool felted pictures (some are unfinished, like mine!). She has a quick project for us next time, details soon.

FREE CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Concerts are held at the Lions Music Park at Old Iron Springs Park on Front Street every Thursday evening from 6.00 to 8.00pm through the summer.

The line up is:

July 2nd Ballston Spa Community Band

July 9th Black Mountain Symphony

July 16th The Lustre Kings

July 23rd Fenimore Blues

July 30th Thee Mr. E Band

August 6th Union Fire Company Band and Annual Ice Cream Social

August 13th Diamond Cut Horns

August 20th Rain Date

August 27th The Protones

September 3rd Sirsy



Fun in the photo booth at the Seniors Luncheon in Saratoga City Hall.

Around the Town

Well, Summer is here – let's hope the weather understands that!

A lot of things happening around Town Hall. The new playground is well underway, and we will be adding two new pavilions to that area. Now that the Town Highway garage has moved to their new home on Rowlands Street, it opens up a huge area at Town Hall for improvements and more recreation space for the residents. If you're around Town Center, pull into the Town's parking lot and take a peek. We hope the new area will be open in early Fall. I'll keep you updated when we have the official opening and ribbon cutting.

Thought you might enjoy some upcoming 250 Revolutionary War Events happening this summer.

Starting June 1, the Saratoga County Airport will be displaying Revolutionary War Panels as well as one of the sledges used during that time to transport cannons. While you're there stop at the new Sunset Café.

July 8th, at 6pm there will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence at the County Complex on McMasters Streer in Ballston Spa.

August 2nd is the Annual Turning Point parade in Schuylerville at 2pm, celebrating the Victory at Saratoga.

Lastly, don't forget to mark your calendar for the Saratoga County Fair, July 21 st through July 26th . Seniors Citizens (65 and over) \$5.00 on Wednesday, July 22.

Busy Summer – have fun and as always, be SAFE!

Barbara



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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	Mahjon

Thursday

9.30am	Social Time
10.30-11.15	Flex & Stretch Chair Exercise
11.30	Lunch & Meeting.
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 518 920 4640, Alison for exercise at 518 288 3565, and Carol Moll for flex & stretch at 518 399 8926.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY

1st	Pickins'	6.30-8.30pm
2nd	Luncheon, Meeting, Board Meeting. Pizza tix, Trip tix.	
8th	Trip, Lake George Steamboat	
9th	Luncheon, Meeting, Bingo. Pizza tix, Trip tix	
11th	Dance, E Town Express	
15th	Pickins'	1.30-3.30pm
16th	Luncheon, Pizza, Meeting.	
23rd	Luncheon, Pot Luck, Meeting.	
30th	Fish Fry, tickets only.	

AUGUST

5th	Pickins'	6.30-8.30pm
6th	Luncheon, Meeting, Board Meeting. Pizza tix. Trip tix.	
8th	BBQ details to follow.	
9th	Trip, Woodstock Theatre.	
13th	Luncheon, Meeting, Bingo. Pizza tix. Trip tix	
19th	Pickins'	1.30-3.30pm
20th	Luncheon, Pizza, Meeting.	
27th	Luncheon, Pot Luck, Meeting.	