

ROUNDTABLE MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2017

PRESENT: Jack Marren, Chauncy Young, Don Emirbayer, Galen Powers, Bob Haggett, Deana Harrington, Dan Williams, Gary Sabin, Bonnie & Ross Ketone, Ellie Dawson, Petrea Rae, Kim DeLong, Kyle Webster, Meg Joseph, Dale Dewey, Mitch Donovan, Jack Marren, Kathy Rayburn, and Tina Kolaczyk

Kathy Rayburn welcomed everyone this morning.

Chauncy Young – Fishers Fire Department: A new commissioner, Kyle Fischer, has been appointed to a vacancy on the board. He will oversee buildings and grounds for the District. The district has taken delivery of a new quint truck and a Tahoe. One new firefighter has been hired.

Victor Hiking Trails: The group will be taking part in 3 events next weekend including 1 at the Parks & Rec facility in Victor. The maintenance schedule is being worked on. Work is also taking place on a grant for a bridge over a creek near Boughton Park. See Chauncy's handout sheet for more information on upcoming events for the group.

Valerie Knoblach & Melissa Knoblach – Finger Lakes Visitors' Center: Melissa is the media specialist for the Visitors' Center. Valerie passed out their new trade show piece. She urged everyone in the group to share their upcoming events with them on the website. They can be contacted by entering them on the website, visitfingerlakes.com. They can also assist with context and format or advertising of events. Just contact their office to get started.

Don Emirbayer – FLCC Victor Campus: The Spring Semester is underway. On February 9th, they hosted an IT Breakfast with local IT companies. The IT companies will be giving them information on how they can tweak the degrees they offer and possibly add some certificates. On February 10th, they will host Visit Friday with Livonia High School students who come to visit the Victor Campus. The students get a tour of the campus, see some demonstrations, and have pizza. On February 16th, they will host an evening workshop on Investing in Successful Retirement, and on March 1st will be a meet and greet with local technology instructors.

Galen Powers – Victor-Farmington Rotary: Galen introduced their club's incoming President Bonnie Ketone and her husband Ross. She will take over in July. Galen shared that the local club has recently hosted Rotarians from India, London, Austria, and Kenya. They are currently working on a project with the Library and another with Parks & Rec. Their major fundraiser for the year is coming up on April 9th at Ravenwood, The 16th Annual A Taste of the Finger Lakes wine, beer, and food tasting event. Tickets are now available.

Bob Haggett – Village Tree Board: Oak wilt seems to be under control locally and there will be a meeting in Cheshire tomorrow concerning this situation. If you have an oak tree, do not trim them between April & July to prevent the infestation. If you have a damaged tree, paint the wound area with latex paint. This was spread from moving firewood and there is currently a ban on moving firewood more than 50 miles. The emerald ash borer problem persists and there is a serious infestation in Victor Municipal Park. 75 of those trees will be removed and another 75 will be treated by injection to protect them. This is a costly venture, about \$2,000 per treatment. These treatments will need to be done every 3 years. The trees are being removed since they are infected and will be dead within 3 years and will fall over within another 3 years.

They are in the process of working on a grant for approximately \$14,000 through DEC and need assistance in writing the grant. They are also looking for 3rd parties to write to the DEC and Victor Village Board to support their efforts to secure this grant.

Deanna Harrington – Cancer Services Program: Free cancer screenings will be offered on March 6th at the Victor Library from 1-3 pm for people with no insurance or those with high deductible insurance. Contact her for more information.

Dan Williams – American Legion: Work is ongoing for the annual golf tournament in memory of Alex Davis. The funds raised will go to the Food Cupboard and Honor Flight this year.

Gary Sabin – Serenity House: Gary passed out flyers for the upcoming gala, My Big Fat Greek Gala, which will be held on March 4th at Locust Hill Country Club.

The event will feature a silent auction with 150-200 items, a live auction and dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$100 per person and music will be provided by Orient Express. This is the House's largest fundraiser of the year. Attendance is around 175 each year.

Bonnie & Ross Ketone – Victor Farmington Rotary: Bonnie & Ross introduced themselves and endorsed the Gala.

Ellie Dawson – Victor Farmington Library: Lynn Madden, the children's librarian, will be retiring in May. Ellie passed out the monthly events calendar. She also talked about a program where local artists display their artwork for a month in the Library. These artists have donated 1 piece each to be donated for a silent auction. Bids can be placed until February 14th when all the artists will be there and the auction winners will be announced.

Petrea Rae – Partnership for Ontario County: Their new office on Parkside Drive off Rt. 332 is now open. The Child Advocacy Center remains at their old location. Youth Clubhouse serves youth 12-17 and they will be having an Open House on February 13th at 6:30. They teach life skills to the kids and encourage the kids to stay away from substance abuse.

Youth Court is doing well and has 15 new members. Family Support Centers are also doing well and there are still a few spots available in Canandaigua. They provide solution focused therapy with 8 free sessions. There is a support group at the Wood Library in Canandaigua on Wednesdays also. This is for people dealing with loss due to addiction or mental health issues.

'No Where to Go' is still collecting winter clothing for the homeless in Ontario County at Prosecco's Restaurant on Rt. 332. If you donate warm clothing, you will receive 10% off your bill at Prosecco.

The Child Advocacy Center will hold their annual dinner on April 6th. The Substance Abuse Coalition will host the community drop box in September at the Village Hall parking lot. The exact date will be upcoming.

A Community Café will be held in Honeoye on February 16th. Petrea passed out a handout about that.

Community drop boxes have collected 1169 pounds of drugs so far. Our local box is located at Mead Square Pharmacy.

Kim DeLong – Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program: They will be holding an online fundraiser featuring Gertrude Hawk Chocolates. Details are available on the handout. Orders are due by March 10th for Easter delivery. The group will receive 50% of the sale amount and orders will be delivered directly to your home. Kim also passed out a flyer with all the upcoming events for 2017 beginning with the Pasta with the Ponies on February 28th.

Meg Joseph – Ganondagon: The Native American Winter Games & Sports will be held on February 25th regardless of the weather. There are many events planned for the day. It is free and open to the public. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per family. Many events will be held during Winter Break Family Fun Week February 21-24. These events are free with the Museum admission. Trail hikes will be held beginning February 16th. This is also free with admission to the Museum. On February 26th, a film – Neither Wolf nor Dog will be shown. A four - course white corn pairing will be held on March 23rd at Rio Tomatlin in Canandaigua.

Kyle Webster – NYS Parks: Kyle is the NY Works project coordinator and he manages projects at Ganondagan. The main project he is working on is grassland restoration at Ganondagan. The project is funded by a federal grant and another project is more invasive species management. They will be having a prescribed burn later this spring and there will be an informational meeting on February 21st.

A winter tree hike will be held during the Winter Festival and on March 18th. Both hikes are free.

Finger Lakes Prism, a partnership for invasive species in the Finger Lakes Region, has a program for free boot brushes to be installed at trail heads to help prevent the spread of invasive species in the area.

Dale Dewey -SCORE: On March 29th, SCORE will host the SOHO Show (Small Office Home Office). Dale sent more information on this event to Suzy and she has ticket information. SCORE has table space available to share for small start-ups.

The Small Business Association Women's Finance Boot Camp will be held on February 28th. Space is limited to 15 people for a 7-week course for women who have been in business for more than 2 years. This is a match-making event for capital and finance opportunities.

A Small Business Start-up & Survival workshop will be held on February 28th in Greece. This event is held numerous times during the year at various locations in the area.

Promoting Your Business on a Zero Budget is a 2-hour course that will be held on March 2nd at the CNB branch in Collegetown on Mt. Hope Avenue. A local finance guru conducts this seminar and tells how to use various methods with zero costs to boost customers and sales.

Mitch Donovan – Victor Chamber of Commerce: Mitch handed out a flyer with a listing of upcoming events, beginning with the Women of Excellence Awards on March 8th. They will be participating in the IT event at FLCC to promote the tech training available there.

Grant writing assistance is an area that many groups and businesses need help in and Mitch will be looking to explore this need.

Jack Marren – Supervisor: Thanks to everyone for attending and asked new members here today to be sure to leave their contact information with Suzy. Congratulations to Bonnie on her upcoming leadership role in Rotary. Thanks to the Rotary for their assistance with the construction of 4 equipment sheds for Parks & Rec.

On January 21st, there was a free e-waste collection event that was very successful. Jack hopes to have more of these throughout the County.

Jack will be meeting with Senator Funke next Friday. Please let Jack know if you have any concerns or needs that the Senator might be able to help with. The NYS Association of Counties is looking for correction of the problem of lack of collection of taxes from Airbnb, bed & breakfasts, etc. On-line sales continue to be a problem for tax collection as well. Pre-Paid phones do not get charged any taxes or fees also and this lack of funding does not come to offset the 911 fees.

Routes 5 & 20 in Geneva will receive state funding to make this a destination for visitors.

Kathy thanked everyone and reminded the group that the 13th Victor Business Awards will be held on May 4th. Please consider nominating businesses for these awards.

The next meeting will be March 3rd.