

## ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2016

PRESENT: Jack Marren, Kathy Rayburn, Mitch Donovan, Mary Duprey, Galen Powers, Elizabeth Saeva, Mike Stockman, Cheryl Coppola, Beth Thomas, Don Emirbayer, Chauncy Young, Sue Stehling, Dale Dewey, Elly Dawson, Bob Haggett, David Lee, Jake Chard, and Suzy Paquin

Jack welcomed the group.

**Kathy Rayburn – Economic Development:** The Business awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday May 5th at Cobblestone. Nominations are still being accepted.

The Merchants' Group will be hosting the Beer & Chili Walk on Friday, March 11th.

**Mitch Donovan – Victor chamber of Commerce:** The women of Excellence Awards Dinner will be next Thursday, March 10th. Mitch listed the nominees.

New this year will the tables for local non-profits and volunteer organization to use for recruitment. Currently there are about 6 groups who will utilize this opportunity.

In April, they will host an event to bring students and parents together with local manufacturers to showcase careers in manufacturing.

**Mary Duprey – Victor Garden Club:** Flowers have been ordered for the pots and hanging baskets in the Village as well as for the beds at the 4 corners areas. New this year will be flowers in front of Town Hall. The Plant Sale is the first Saturday in May. The new sign project is underway with the sign to be put up in April and the flowers planted in May. The cost will be around \$9,000; \$7,000 of which goes to the sign and the remaining \$2,000 for flowers and lighting. Donations are welcome and the levels of contribution are \$1,000 platinum level, \$500 gold level and \$100 bronze level. Jack mentioned a request from a resident for the flowers to be in the school colors of blue and yellow/gold. Mary said they had researched those colors and found that they are not as showy and pretty as the colors they have chosen to go with.

**Galen Powers – Victor Farmington Rotary:** The Club's next focus is the Taste of the Finger Lakes fundraiser to be held on April 10th. Five food vendors and 10-15 local wineries, a craft brewery and a cidery will be in attendance. A flyer was sent to Suzy for the community calendar on the website.

Mitch can make a connection with Blue Toad Cider for the hard cider.

**Elizabeth Saeva - Serenity House:** Their Annual Gala will be held next week, March 12th at Locust Hill Country Club. And they will be manning a table at the Chamber's Women of Excellence dinner.

**Mike Stockman – Parks & Rec:** The Winterfest/Grand Opening was a big success even with the extreme cold weather. All outdoor activities except for the fireworks had to be cancelled, but there was a large crowd for the indoor events.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 12 at 10 am and the department is stuffing between 3 and 4000 eggs for the event. Last year there was 8” of new snow that day!

The 6th Annual Week for Honor Flight will be May 6-13th. Last year over \$21,000 was raised for a total of over \$50,000 raised over the last 5 years. The Memorial Day parade will be on May 30th. The Concert Series will start on June 9th with the Community Band, June 16th Fever, July 7th Frank’s Rat Pack and concluding on July 21st with Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra. Each concert will have a food truck or vendor and ice cream. They will be held at Victor Municipal Park.

Mike spoke earlier this morning at the Kiwanis meeting and related the same information.

**Cheryl Coppola – Happiness House, Ability Partners:** Cheryl was here today in place of Mary Boatfield, Director. They are part of Cerebral Palsy Rochester. They are new tenants in Victor at 10 East Main Street. They are coordinating their Annual Autism Walk on April 23rd at Eastview Mall and expect about 550 walkers. They will also be on site at the Mall all that week.

**Beth Thomas – Victor Farmington Food Cupboard:** Beth passed out flyers with upcoming events. They are however, desperate for volunteers and have 4 shifts that are in need of more volunteers. Please check the website to volunteer.

They are trying to get more kids involved this year and will be speaking at the schools to encourage this. Suggestions are for gardens to supply fresh veggies, collect grocery bags, collect bottles and cans, a Peanut butter drive and others. These are all outlined on her hand-out. Teens are also being encouraged to participate with activities such as a can sculpture.

The 40 Hour Famine from the First Presbyterian Church starts tonight, the Otto Tomotto’s fundraiser will be held on May 23rd, the Summer Food Program will be on Saturdays from July 9 to August 27. On August 27th there will be the clothing give-away and snack pack distribution. No site has been determined for that as of yet. Volunteers are needed for all these activities.

Jack encouraged those present to consider volunteering and to attend the Otto Tomotto’s fundraiser.

**Don Emirbayer – FLCC:** Don is taking over for Tracie Archie. Work has begun on the fall schedule. The campus recently hosted a TEAM event, which is a STEM activity.

The Geneva Campus Center will have its grand opening and ribbon cutting event on March 11th. The campus has previously been held in an old high school there and now they have a new building.

Mechatronics is a new program that starts next week. It is a 12 week program where they can gain entry level skills and possibly jobs with local manufacturers. Empire State College will begin holding classes as well. Jack inquired as to whether any students utilize public transportation. He told Don about a survey that is available and they are looking for feedback.

**Chauncy Young – Fishers Fire District:** They have lost another volunteer who is moving out of state and 4 new fire fighters have been hired and are in training now at the Fire Academy in Montour Falls. Their annual audit is also underway. The FFD looks forward to be a part of the Emergency Services Program that the Town has received a grant for.

**Victor Hiking Trails:** He passed out a packet of information with a listing of upcoming events and projects. Trail maintenance sessions will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. An Open House meeting will be held on March 10th at Town Hall to present VHT's Strategic Plan. On March 19th there will be a fundraiser at Uno's. A special hike at Ganondagan will be held on March 26th with a presentation from Ganondagan following the hike. The group will also be presenting their Strategic Plan to the Conservation and Planning Boards this month.

**Sue Stehling – Kiwanis:** Upcoming presentations include Dale Dewey from SCORE, John Palomaki Jr. and the St. Patrick's Dinner on March 12th at St. Patrick's Parish Center.

**St. Patrick's Church:** They will be hosting the St. Joseph's table, a meatless dinner, on Sunday March 20th after services. Also on March 13th the Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast, Irish tunes by the Victor Community Band will be performed after the 10:30 Mass with dancing by the Young School of Irish Dance.

**Friends of the Railroad:** Their annual membership meeting was held in early February. Maria Rudinski, an Ontario County Planner, spoke about the importance of the railroad along the Route 96 corridor.

**Dale Dewey – SCORE:** Each month they sponsor workshops for small businesses. The cost has been reduced to \$29 for a half-day session and \$49 for a full day session. They are held at the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce. There are a number of workshops coming up and all are listed on the materials he handed out.

On April 20th the Small Business Show – SOHO, will be held at the Floreano Convention Center in Rochester.

Counseling has been expanded into Wayne and Livingston Counties. Any NYS resident who is on unemployment can apply to the SEEP program to establish a new business while continuing to receive unemployment benefits. The director of this program will be coming to speak to the SCORE membership and give them information how they can advise these individuals.

**Elly Dawson - Victor Farmington Library:** Elly passed out the March calendar of events. There is now a Little Free Library at the new Tops Market in Farmington. Next week the VCS Art Display will be at the Library and there will be a reception on March 12th.

**Bob Haggert – Village Tree Board:** There will be an Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting on School Street with the help of high school students. They will be planting about 16 trees. The Village will be receiving the Tree City USA designation on March 30th.

This Board was created as a result of the severe tree trimming that took place in the Village. There are now regulations in place and future trimming will be done under the supervision of the Village and this Board.

**David Lee – Ontario County Tourism/Visitor's Connection:** They are looking for nominations for their bi-annual Legacy awards. The deadline is March 25th. National Tourism week is May 1st through 7th.

The Annual Literature exchange will be May 24th from 1-3 pm, location to be determined. Tourism Action Day was held in Albany on March 1st with meetings with Local representatives.

**Jake Chard – Senator Funke's Office:** The One House Bill is coming up before the Legislature soon. They attended the Parks & Rec opening festivities also.

**Jack Marren - Supervisor:** Jack welcomed the new attendees at today's Roundtable and asked them to give their contact information to Suzy. Suzy has also been working on the Town's Spring Newsletter.

Later today Jack will attend the Women Making America Award Ceremony in Seneca Falls. County Administrator Mary Krause will be receiving that award.

Twenty students from the University of Guelph, Ontario are touring the county and will be in Victor to meet with Katie Evans and tour the new Parks & Rec facility.

The Public Safety Study met earlier this week, with the fire chiefs from Victor & Fishers, 911 representatives, Victor Farmington Ambulance, State Police and Ontario County Sheriff's Department, Commissioner of the FFD and the Village Mayor were in attendance. There were 5 responses to the RFP and that will be narrowed down to 2

and interviews will be held later this month. This will provide guidelines to all involved agencies.

March is a very busy month with all the activities presented today.

Kudos to Kathy Rayburn for all she does to promote activity and is involved in many areas of growth and promotion. She chairs an advisory committee for public transportation for the County and is on a Governor's Regional Council for Economic and Workforce Development.

Have a great month and good luck with your events.

**The next Roundtable meeting will be on April 1, 2016 at 8:00am in the Victor Town Hall main meeting room.**