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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 49 Years

A Message from Our President

February is a time when much of the natural world is dormant. But at the Beacon Sloop Club things are anything but dormant. Preparations are underway to welcome Folk and Blues legend Guy Davis to the clubhouse. Mr. Davis will entertain us with his unique brand of music and storytelling. For those who are unable to attend, permission has been given and plans are being considered to record this exciting event.

This performance is part of the Winter Lecture series organized by Alan Thomas and Steve van der Merwe. On March 17th, Captain Sam Merrett, skipper of the carbon neutral Sloop Apollonia will address the issues surrounding carbon neutral transport. On April 2nd, Sarah Mount, DEC Project Education Director, will present All About Eels, a look at these valued linchpin denizens of our local waters. The presentation will be conducted on a Saturday so school-age children can participate. Joyce Hanson, the coordinator of the Films That Matter series, arranged an on-line viewing and discussion of the revealing film The Story of Plastic, which was enjoyed by 100 registered viewers, 309 page views and 899 viewers on Facebook. The film was followed by a lively on-line discussion led by Dr. Megan J. Wolff, Beyond Plastic Policy Directory. Many excellent ideas and questions were offered along with several suggested action steps.

After a year-long hiatus, sailing classes are tentatively scheduled to resume this spring under the expert leadership of Coordinator Wayne Chernik. Details will follow.

As threats to our environment persist, The Beacon Sloop Club continues as an environmental leader, protecting the Hudson River and its surroundings. In addition to welcoming guests aboard our sloop Woody Guthrie and inviting them to enjoy the wonders of the river, we provide sailing lessons to the community. We feature films and lead discussions about environmental threats such as the dangers of plastic. We invite experts such as Sam Merrett to discuss the advantages of carbon neutral transports. We participate in environmental actions including marshalling public support and leading direct actions to close polluting power plants.

We inform others about threats to our environment through the guidance and advice of Environmental Coordinator Tom LaBarr. And we introduce the next generation to the wonders of our majestic river and an appreciation of its treasured inhabitants by hosting programs such as the DEC Eel Project. All this is all done in the spirit of joy and fellowship.

As Dr. Megan J. Wolff, our *Story of Plastic* discussion leader observed: "The only way to stay in this fight is to connect and find humor and community." That's what we do.

Stay safe! Be well!

Rob

Inside this issue:

An evening of music and remembrance, what to do about plastic, upcoming events, and much, more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, February 22, 6:00 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, March 4 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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dedicated to cleaning up the Hudson River and its environs. Our main focus is	BSC Committee Chairs and Contacts					
the Beacon , Fishkill and Newburgh area. Members meet the first Friday of every month at the Sloop Club Building located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along. The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.	Building: Community Relations: Environment: Environmental Tent: Festival Music: Festival Publicity: Finance: Grants & Dev. Harbor Membership Mooring Manager: Harbor Communications Lecture Series Membership: MLK Day Monthly Music: Musical Outreach: Newslatter:	David Eberle Tom LaBar (Tom Elliott Mark McNutt Susan Berliner Joyce Hanson Alan Thomas James Malchow Ben Fiege Jeremy Baum Steve van der Merv Alan Thomas Alan Thomas Bonnie Champion Ken Miller	(845)527-8671 (914)907-4928 (845)463-4660 908)405-1433 (845)764-5884 (914)213-5353 ve (914)879-1082 (845)463-4660 (845)463-4660 (845)255-6436 (201)376-1316 (201)376-1316	davideb@aol.com intraining_99@yahoo.com davideb@aol.com <u>labarrt@gmail.com</u> tomelliott789@gmail.com joycehanson@mac.com acthoma@yahoo.com jpmalchow@gmail.com jeremybaum@jeremybaum.com vandermerwede@yahoo.com acthoma@yahoo.com acthoma@yahoo.com bonniejchampion@gmail.com powwow187@aol.com powwow187@aol.com		
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, February 4, recorded by Tom Elliott

[This meeting was held virtually on Zoom].

Ken Miller sang about a groundhog eating in the garden, and Rob called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Aaron gave the December Treasurer's report, sharing his screen with all attending. The report is in this newsletter, below. Rob thanked Aaron for his report.

Woody Report: Captain Steve said the Woody is snug in Haverstraw. Asst. Maintenance Manager Max has been working on maintenance details. Plans include adding small vent holes in the afterdeck near the traveler, and forward on either side of the cockpit. This will allow the boat to breathe better. Questions came up about rainwater coming in, and this led to a technical discussion of types of holes and "mushroom" vents. Rob thanked Steve for his report.

Bldg. Committee: More split firewood sized for the wood stove is needed at the Clubhouse. Ken said he can cut some during the week, and Susan asked him to contact her when he's coming down so she can help with the wood. Steve has short logs that need to be split, and Greg offered to do the splitting. Captain Tom has kindling in his wood shop bins that he will bring down, and maybe a few bigger pieces, too.

Lectures: Alan reported that the *Beyond Plastics* streaming event had 100 registered viewers, 309 page views, and a total of 889 people were reached by the event. Next up is the **Thursday, 2/10/22 program and performance by Guy Davis live** at the Clubhouse at 7 pm. Alan has helpers lined up for set-up, sound, and lighting. Bonnie will handle vaccine checks as guests arrive. Alan asks that all registered guests please release their tickets if they are unable to attend. On **March 17th at 7 PM a virtual presentation** by Captain Sam Merrett about carbon free transport on the Hudson River and the *Schooner Apollonia* will be presented. On **April 2, All** *About Eels*, a live, youth-oriented program hosted by BSC, will be a presented by **DEC educator, Sarah Mount**. The time will be determined soon. There will be one or maybe even two additional programs in April or May.

Publicity: Joyce told us that in the past we have often taken out an advertisement in the Clearwater Gala program booklet, which helps Clearwater and gives the club visibility. This year's honorees include Jim Kricker and Tom Lake, both of whom have been involved in Sloop Club activities over the years. Captain Tom said he had received an inquiry from Ann Todd Osborne of Clearwater, asking if we would like to have an information table at the Gala event. Greg suggested we might want to offer an auction item for the event, which also enhances publicity. This led to a discussion of several ideas that will be pursued at the next Executive Board meeting. Joyce Hanson moved that the Club purchase a half page ad in the program booklet for \$250.00. Tom LaBarr seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Clearwater Update: Rosemary told us that the Clearwater is in Scarano's Boat Yard in Albany, and the ambitious winter work is going well. The plan is to be back in service on the Hudson by the 2nd week in May. There is no news on 2023

Revival at this point. Greg added that the new Executive Director, David Toman, is now in the office working with staff and meeting with committees. Rosemary says he has hit the ground running, and although there is a lot to do, things are looking up. She added his knowledge of financial management is a key part of his experience.

Environmental Report: Captain Tom told us that the Danskammer plant project is giving us one last chance to add public comments, this time as part of the appeals process. He encouraged us to register by February 11 on the DEC site to make comments, which will begin to be heard on February 15 at 5 pm. Individuals can write letters, too, which must be received by Feb. 22. See details on the Club's Facebook page or the DEC site.

Announcements: Ken told us his friend, Bob Booth, a member of the National Maritime Historical Society located in Peekskill, told him of plans developing there for a reenactment event in 2025. The scenario being considered needs a boat and he wonders if the Woody might be available. Things are only in the early planning stages now, so we will keep in touch. Susan told us that Betty Harkins is still recovering at Mohegan Lake Rehab and Restorative center and welcomes visitors. Now visitors need to have a negative Covid test taken in the last 24 hours in order to visit. Bonnie told us she is preparing an article about the MLK Essay Contest from last month for the Beacon Free Press and the Highland Current, as well as the BSC Broadside. She will send it out next week.

With no further announcements, Rob adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm, and the Circle of Song began.



The Spirit of the Hudson Gala returns as a live event this year with Covid-19 protocols in place.

Founded in 2015, Clearwater's Spirit of the Hudson Gala is held annually to recognize and honor extraordinary contributions to the protection and celebration of the Hudson River and its watershed by individuals who exemplify the values and spirit of our founders. Hudson Valley Environmental Related News



More On Danskammer

Danskammer has appealed the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) October 27th decision to deny their fracked gas power plant its air permit. Folks will come together on Feb. 15th to again voice their opposition to the expansion of this plant. You still have time to write, or call the governor's office after this date, regarding your opinion on this matter at: Scenic Hudson.org and www.stoptheplant.org

Orangetown begins a food waste collection pilot program

Orangetown is in southeast Rockland County, land purchased from the Tappan Native Americans in the late 1600's. The town hopes this collection program project continues in the rest of Rockland. In December, 920 pounds of food scraps were collected. A state law effective this year encourages the recycling of food waste which will reduce waste, and greenhouse gases (decomposing food produces methane, a greenhouse gas), and save money.

The town will supply the biodegradable bags for free, but the residents must join the program, separate their food waste, and drive the bagged waste to the 15 green bins at the Highway Department facility in Orangeburg. "Examples of waste include coffee grinds, meat, bones, fish, pasta, fruit, chips and bread." (S. Lieberman, Rockland/Westchester Journal News 1/27/2022).

Clean Water Funding Will Help Residents of Putnam Valley and Kent

Funds were allocated to clean up Super Fund sites, and clean water that was contaminated in such areas as Putman and Kent. \$400 million is scheduled this year to address contamination, such as identified at the Putnam Valley Elementary School. This was identified through water testing at local schools for such compounds as PFOA and related PFOS.

A second identified contaminated site is the former Kent mine which operated from the mid 1800s to 1918. Kent is in the north-central part of Putnam County, once populated by the Wappinger tribe. Miners extracted arsenic ore for the creation of such products as pesticides and pharmaceuticals. Then years later houses were built on the site, and soil around 10 residential properties surrounding the entrance to the mine were found to contain arsenic. The City of Newburgh will also obtain funds to create jobs, eliminate PFOA contamination in their drinking water supply, and replace lead lined water lines. Recent water lines removed dated back to 1887(A. Gilman Mid-Hudson Times, 1/27/22).

The City of Newburgh is Looking for Volunteers for A Study of PFAS Compounds

Washington Lake was found contaminated in 2016 by high levels of PFAS, exceeding federal standards, because of run offs by the fire protecting foam used at the Stewart Air National Guard Base. This lake was the primary source of city drinking water. Researchers are looking for 500 adults and 150 children, who drank the water between 2005 and 2016, to participate.

The study will be conducted by the University of Albany's School of Public Health. Some of the health effects that will be studied are high cholesterol levels, changes in liver enzymes, lower vaccine responses in children, behavioral and developmental outcomes in children, increased risk of high blood pressure or preeclampsia in pregnant people, and small decreases in infant birth weights (C. McKenna Recordonline 2/8/22).

Submitted by:

Nora Gallardo, Beacon Sloop Club Member



Thank you to all who attended *The Story of Plastic*. It is our hope that we all will be motivated to take follow-up actions based on what we heard in this lecture/ film. For more information or training:

- https://www.beyondplastics.org/
- <u>The Story of Plastic</u> documentary film
- PBS Frontline's *Plastic Wars*
- Plastic Atlas: <u>Facts and Figures About the</u> <u>World of Synthetic Polymers</u>, Heinrich Boll Stiftung.
- <u>The New Coal: Plastics and Climate Change</u>, <u>Beyond Plastics</u>, October 2021.
- Rebecca Altman's article in the *Atlantic*, "<u>How Bad Are Plastics, Really?</u>" Jan 3, 2022.
- David Sayer's <u>plastics wiki</u>, an amazing assemblage of browsable information on all aspects of the plastic pollution crisis
- <u>*Plastic: A Toxic Love Story*</u> (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- <u>Thicker Than Water, The Quest for Solutions</u> <u>to the Plastic Crisis</u> by Erica Cirino (Island Press, 2021)

"Are We Keeping the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream Alive?"

The Southern Dutchess Coalition and the Beacon Sloop Club celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. annually by sponsoring a parade, a program, and an essay contest.

The theme for this year's essay was: "Are We Keeping the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream Alive?" The youngsters who responded to that theme did so thoughtfully.

"Martin Luther King tried to make the world a better place, but that's a lot of work," wrote Landon Soltish. Indeed. Landon along with other 5Th graders from Glenham Elementary, Andrew Caporale, Manasvi Gupta, Weston Hetrick and Zyaire West joined Nicholas Ferris, a second grader at JV Forrestal Elementary as contest winners this year. Each essay contest winner received a \$50 award.

Andrew Caporale believes, like Dr. King, that we should not be judged by the outside, but by the inside. Caporale wrote, "It doesn't matter how tall, how small, the color of our skin or hair, diseases or not, we should all be treated equally. Just like Martin Luther King, Jr., I will use this in my life by never being mean to anyone."

The youngest winner at just seven years old., Nicholas Ferris, Jr. wrote, "MLK was all about God and love. Color is not important. Love is important. I think Martin Luther King would want me to show love." Ferris continued, "Right now, everyone is not treated equally. I still see a lot of bad things happening in this world. I know God can fix it - and He wants to. Until then, I will do my part and be kind to everyone by showing love and respect so we can live in a more peaceful world."

Manasvi Gupta feels that Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches still inspire people today to fight for what they believe in. Gupta wrote, "I believe that all people should be treated equally because no one has the right to act more superior than the other because they think of themselves as different. In my book, no matter the similarities or differences, I try to include everyone. I keep Dr. King's dream alive by treating everyone the way I want to be treated. The Golden Rule!"

Landon Soltish wrote, "Martin had six principles based on nonviolence and love which guided his life. This man believed that love could conquer all. I can use his principles to become a better person. . . . I can try to make my school a better place by joining the Student Council. I can make posters for food drives. We can raise money for good causes and to get new playground equipment."

Zaire West had a more critical "take" on the world today. He wrote, "I do not think people today are keeping Dr. King's dream alive. People are still dying. There are still riots and protests for equal rights. . . . I plan to help. I talk to everyone. I play with everyone. I don't treat anyone diff1erent. I'm kind to everyone. I try to live by Martin Luther King's dream."

Weston Hetrick believes that the ideas Dr. King discussed in his "I Have a Dream" speech 58 years ago to over 250,000 people are still important today because racism and discrimination still happen. Hetrick wrote, "It is our job to be good citizens. Dr. King believed that we should treat people the way that we want to be treated. I try to do this in how I treat my teachers, classmates, friends, and teammates. This is how I am keeping Dr. King's dream alive. It is my dream that by the time I have a family of my own that discrimination will be a thing of the past." The Southern Dutchess Coalition and the Beacon Sloop Club congratulate the winners and all the students who submitted essays. They also thank the following contributors to this year's essay contest: teachers Mrs. McGinley, Mrs. Chrisville, Mrs. Taylor, and Ms. Reilly who encouraged their students to respond to the essay; Susan Berliner, Bonnie Champion, Joe Chernek, Margaret deHeus, Vicki Fox, and Gail Moran, who carefully read and considered each essay; Konstantin Doren for making the certificates; Kristen Schwartz and the Rhinebeck Bank for their generous \$300 contribution for the awards; and the parents and families of the student writers.

In Memoria

This week we mourn the loss and celebrate the lives of two long-time members, each in their own way a pillar of the community.



For more than thirty years Flora Jones brightened our meetings and events with her good humor and optimism.

A social worker by trade, she was always hopeful for the future and invested in making the world a better place. Growing up in the Jim Crow south, she had a unique

perspective that benefited us all. We will truly miss the chance to sit with her to chat and learn. She anchored us to the Beacon community and will be greatly missed. Our hearts go out to George and all who cared for her. A little bit of Flora's literary side can be found here:

https://youtu.be/p00N5qvrEzU



Connie Hogarth meant so much to the Beacon Sloop Club. Her life as an activist, fighter for justice in so many arenas, and force for peace is legendary amongst all who knew her. While the accolades pour in from all points, we remember her as a friend and colleague and celebrate her deep care for humanity. Her presence

conveyed a sense of purpose and was a constant reminder of who we are and why we are here. No one can replace Connie, but she left a bit of herself in all of us to spur us on.

Lest we forget, she was also a stalwart volunteer, and master of whip cream. You can find a tribute here:

https://youtu.be/GVtKQEZXEOY



A huge thank to Guy Davis for participating in our Winter Lecture Series. His performance was inspiring and uplifting, spurring just a flood of thoughts and memories. He was a true friend to Pete and Toshi, as were many of the folks in the room, and his tribute was heartfelt.

The night was cathartic on so many levels and for so many reasons. After two years of lockdowns, stridency and stress, the value of coming together and reaffirming the link to our roots and values cannot be underestimated.

Thank you for all those who helped with set-up and takedown, and a special shout out to Aaron for sound and Martial Davis for video support.

How could we keep from singing?

A video of the event is available for a limited time at:

https://youtu.be/ESGkMU8Pqqk

Please be respectful of Guy's copyrights and do not post to social media.



Clearwater Presents: A Discussion with Black Environmental Industry Professionals

🔽 Thursday February 24th, 2022

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM ET

Register now for this free virtual panel!



OUR PANELISTS:

Megan Lung



Tanasia Swift



Cunningham





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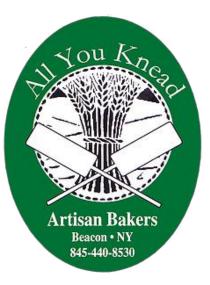


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The Beacon Sloop Club, inc. Profit and Loss December 2021

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Income		
Contribution, Gifts, Grants		3,100.69
Woody Nickles		20.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$	3,120.69
Gross Sales of Inventory		90.00
Investment Income		54.24
Interest-Money Market		1.03
Total Investment Income	\$	55.27
Membership		
Paypal		325.00
Snailmail		785.00
Total Membership	\$	1,110.00
Total Income	\$	4,375.96
Gross Profit	\$	4,375.96
Expenses		
Bank Expense		
Paypal		9.91
Total Bank Expense	\$	9.91
Facilities		
Equipment		295.32
Utilities		111.00
Total Facilities	\$	406.32
Other Expenses		
Donation		2,192.50
Website		19.39
Total Other Expenses	\$	2,211.89
Total Expenses	\$	2,628.12
Net Operating Income	\$	1,747.84
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Opening Cash Balance 12/1/2021	\$	100,715.17
Closing Cash Balance 12/31/2021		102,463.01
Change in Investment Value	\$ \$ \$	541.69
Total Balance 12/31/2021	\$	103,004.70
Unrestricted	\$	77,271.85
Restricted (total)*	\$ \$ \$	25,191.16
B & S Rozinsky Fund 12/31/2021	\$	22,330.22
Board designated funds	\$	10,003.57





WOODY NICKELS

Bring your deposit containers to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope.

A&A Redemption Centers

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You can save time by counting your cans and bottle before you go to the center. Put them in a clear bag labeled with the quantity.

Please rinse all your containers! dorenk@outlook.com 845.591.0126

Current Calendar

Please Note:

While we much prefer to have in-person events and meetings, we are carefully monitoring the Covid situation, rules, and recommendations. All events are subject to change. Check your email and the BSC website for updates.

> BSC Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 22 6:00 – 8:30pm At the Clubhouse

Clearwater Presents: A Discussion with Black Environmental Industry Professionals Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30 pm online

> Clearwater Webinar "Turning Data Into Action," with Tracy Brown. Mar 2 @ 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Learn more and register

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting Friday, March 4 ⋅6:30 – 10:00pm At the clubhouse

BSC Lecture Series: The Schooner Apollonia Thursday, Mar. 17 7:00 pm Online <u>Register Here</u>



Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or James Malchow to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.

> BSC Lecture Series: All About Eels Saturday, Apr. 2 At the Clubhouse Bring the kids!



2022 SPIRIT OF THE HUDSON GALA

APRIL 3, 2022 3:00-7:00 PM Honoring Tom Lake and Jim Kricker Music by the Bernstein Bard Trio

If you are not able to attend you can still contribute or participate in the online auction.