

## **ROUNTABLE MEETING – MARCH 5, 2010**

### **Jack Marren – Victor Town Supervisor**

The Serenity House Gala was last Saturday, and it appeared to be a very fun, productive fundraising event.

The High Street Capital Project Public Meeting was held at Town Hall last Thursday. The project information has been placed on the Town website.

The Town grants writing team has been established with 6 town employees. Three of them will be going to a grants training school in mid-March. Our goal is to conduct 90-95% of grant writing here at Town Hall.

FLCC will have their groundbreaking ceremony today for their new Student center.

Town Hall Employees have instituted a “Jeans Friday”, where a \$1 donation allows them to wear jeans. They raised \$50 for the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard in February.

The Volunteer Appreciation Day Pizza Event was held last week with approximately 100 volunteers and 5 local pizza parlors.

John Accorso suggested a Volunteer Fair to help promote Town organizations and solicit more volunteers to donate their time and talents. John will work with Kathy Rayburn to organize and schedule this event.

### **Dianne Parks – Victor Village Cemetery Committee and Victor Genealogical Society**

On May 22nd, the Victor Village Cemetery Committee will have their Bicentennial Celebration. The first burial in the cemetery was in 1810. The event will start at 1:30 PM. There will be a dedication of a memorial bench, a costume tour of the cemetery, Civil War re-enactments, cannons, and lots of other items. Local organizations will have tents there as well. Behind the Village Hall, there are some light posts that are not operable and they lean – the Village will fix these. Dianne thanked the Village for their help. The posters for the Bicentennial have been done. Invitations have been printed – they will go to people who are direct descendents of the people buried in the cemetery. Linda Smith has joined the Cemetery Committee and has contacted all of the churches in the area for publicity. Dianne submitted an article for the Spring Town newsletter on the event. They would like to put information on the Town website also. Babette thanked Dianne for all of her hard work. There has been a lot of collaboration from many organizations on this event.

### **Babette Huber – Town Historian**

The Town Board has agreed to start an Historic Advisory Committee. She has advertised for the 5-member committee. Babette passed out information on the committee. John Palomaki will be the liaison. Interviews will be conducted at the end of March. Babette would like to have diversified committee, and has asked people to spread the word that applications are being accepted.

### **Mitch Donovan – Victor**

They just did a ribbon cutting for Best Buy. Wal-Mart will have theirs on March 17<sup>th</sup> and Kohl's on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Longhorn Steakhouse and the Distillery will open in mid-April.

Mitch is writing a letter of support for Ganondagan to remain open amidst State parks budget cuts.

There are finance, membership, and development committees now on the Chamber. The membership committee will reach out to businesses on membership recruitment and retention.

The Board felt that they were under-represented in manufacturing businesses. They just signed on Ultra Electronics Flightline Systems (UEFS). They would like the Chamber to sponsor a manufacturing networking event, because UEFS is losing a few people due to lay-offs. Mitch will work on this and reach out to all those impacted by lay-offs in our community.

He is exploring the concept of a "Victor" Sister City campaign. Virtual and real trips will be planned.

Dawn Santiago-Marullo will replace Tim McEllerhan on the Chamber Board of Directors.

They do have an FLCC student as an Intern working with the Chamber.

### **John Summers – Victor Farmington Rotary Club**

The Taste of the Finger Lakes Wine and Food Tasting Event will be on March 28<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-4:00 PM - \$35 advance; \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at local Canandaigua National Bank Offices. Proceeds go to helping with community and international projects.

Camp Onseyawa at Camp Babcock-Covey – they are looking for donations to help sponsor handicapped children to attend camps there this summer. This helps provide fun activities and a camping experience for handicapped children, as well as give some time relief to their parents. They have sponsorship opportunities available.

### **Galen Powers – Fishers Fire Dept., Rotary Club**

The next Commissioner meeting is on 3/16. On 3/17, there will be a capital planning public meeting on what the Fire Department and Victor will look like in the next 30 years. They are looking for comments from the public to help design their capital plan.

They will be attending the Friends and Family event at Wal-Mart on Tuesday evening, where Wal-Mart will be presenting them with a grant.

### **Sue Stehling – Friends of the Railroad, Victor-Farmington Kiwanis**

Sue passed out the schedule of Kiwanis events for March. The Relay for Life kick-off is on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> there is a fundraiser for Golisano Childrens' Hospital at Eastview Mall.

Friends of the Railroad – The trolley building is ready for restoration. They are still working with the railroad to book excursions. They are working with Lehigh Valley Historical Society for a tour of the roundhouse. They are trying to educate people to help with the roundhouse restoration project. The Railfest is on 8/7. The Speeders will return on 8/14.

There is a St. Joseph's Day celebration at St. Patrick's Church on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. This is free event with meatless, all-Italian dishes.

### **Eileen Cash – Springhill Farm and Destination Victor**

She attended a Canandaigua Wine Trail meeting for the Plant Yourself in the Finger Lakes event. There will be a wine tour during the first weekend in May. Coupons will be sold for \$10 with a \$30 value. They will give away saplings to promote Get Green with New York at a dinner associated with the event – tickets are \$25 per person/\$40 per couple, and it will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

She is working with Tourism Alliance Group –they are targeting more tourism in the area. The majority of decision-making for tourism in the area is made by women in their mid-40's, and an average family income of \$80,000.

Tourism packages are huge. They are putting together one which will focus on what you can do in an hour in the Finger Lakes.

They are getting maps together for promotion outside of the region, and are hoping that local organizations will buy them to help offset the publishing costs.

There will be a Heritage Trail package from George Eastman House down to Corning package. Tickets for all historical sites included.

### **Tim Acquilano – Village of Victor**

Village elections will be on 3/16 – Tim Maher and Gary Hadden are running unopposed.

The Village Board passed the Cold War Veterans Exemption resolution. They are moving on with the annexation of Wildwood.

The Church St. reconstruction project is continuing. They applied for stoplight at Church St. and Rt. 96, but were denied by the DOT. More public information sessions on the project are planned.

They are finishing up on 2010/2011 Village budget, and anticipate that they will hold current tax rate.

They are updating the façade program for the village.

### **Terri Thon – YMCA**

Invest in Youth Campaign fundraisers are underway. They raise money for children and families in Victor community for programs for people who need financial assistance. All of the money raised stays in the Victor community. They are doing a Wine Tasting Event on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, with 50+ silent auction

items. The cost is \$25 per person/\$35 couple, and the event is from 2:00-5:00 PM. They have received major sponsors for the event.

In early April they will have a scrapbooking fundraising event.

### **Brian Emelson – Victor Parks and Recreation**

They are in the final stages of the Spring/Summer brochure – this will go out on April 26<sup>th</sup>. They will launch on-line registration for Spring/Summer events.

There are a few new Senior initiatives – they brought in 3 computers for senior use and will offer training classes.

The Quality of Life Task Force brought in 4 additional computers to the Victor Library.

Construction projects are underway – Victor Municipal Park will be opening on June 19<sup>th</sup>. They have a picnic shelter, a new playground, electrical service, and a fishing dock and platform.

The Town Board will be awarding a bid on Monday night for additional ornamental fencing for the Village Cemetery.

Additional kiosks and interpretive signs are being placed along Auburn Trail.

The Parks Maintenance Supervisor position is vacant right now. Jim Mattoon transferred to the Highway Dept.. Interviews are scheduled for mid-March. The position will be filled in early April.

### **Kathleen Houser Victor Historical Society, Valentown Garden Club**

Kathleen passed out schedules for speaker series. There will be a speaker the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. All talks have a historical and/or a horticultural basis.

They have the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of newsletter out. They have the Historical Society's reorganizational timeline listed. The Spring edition of the newsletter will be out in May before the grand re-opening of Valentown.

**They are looking for people to join their Board – if you know of anyone, please contact Kathleen.**

Meg Columbo has re-designed their website. Pat Charland has agreed to be the webmaster and will keep the website updated.

**Historical Society Wish list – they still need a large copy machine.**

### **Chauncy Young - Victor Hiking Trails**

Chauncy modeled the new Victor Hiking Trails volunteer T-shirts. They are selling Victor Hiking Trail hats for \$15 each to help fundraise for trail repairs.

They are busy getting ready for trail maintenance season. There is a bridge project with an Eagle Scout to connect Victor Municipal Park with Trolley Trail.

**The next Roundtable meeting will be on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall Main Meeting Room. Town Hall will be closed on Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> due to Good Friday.**