

## **ROUNDTABLE MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2013**

Present: Sara Paduano, Ellie Dawson, Mike Stockman, Dan Williams, Mitch Donovan, Pat Tobin, Meg Joseph, Francine Andolina, Kim DeLong, Jack Marren, Suzy Paquin

### **Sara Paduano – Finger Lakes Visitors Connection:**

Several tour groups have visited the area and been hosted by the Connection during September. Various Victor hotels were highlighted. One of the Connection employees attended a Canadian I Love NY media tour and met a number of Canadian travel agents. A booking for groups coming to the Lilac Festival was set up for a Victor hotel. Their annual Marketing Day will be held next week at the Smith Opera House in Geneva where all the 2014 partnership programs will be introduced. Approximately 85 industry members will attend and a speaker will talk about different trends in the industry. The third installment of the Happiness Project Visitor Guide is being printed now and will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Jack inquired about a plan for Bristol Mountain to install an aerial Park as a result of a grant they received so they will have a summer attractions at the mountain. Sara reported that it would include rope courses, zip lines, etc. It is planned to open late next spring. Many attend the Fall Sky rides and this is hoped to be as popular. It is hoped that this will generate corporate business as well.

### **Ellie Dawson – Victor Free Library:**

The Library has had a busy September but October looks to be even busier. One of the part-time librarians at the library now is in charge of a new adult program for the Library. This might include book reviews, films, etc. Ellie passed out a new brochure for the programs. The website has been updated and the web address has changed.

In the spring the Ontario County Library System is planning a tour of libraries. There are 12 libraries in the County. The goal is to get people in all of the communities involved in the libraries and showcase what each has to offer.

Meg Joseph from Ganandagon asked how Monroe County Libraries tie into Ontario County Libraries. There are no residency restrictions so services are open to anyone from outside the area simply by presenting your Monroe County library card or drivers' license. Since there are many seasonal visitors, this makes the libraries accessible to them also.

**Mike Stockman – Victor Parks & Rec:**

October 26<sup>th</sup> will be the second Trunk or Treat held in conjunction with the American Legion. Last year was very successful. Christmas in the Village is coming up also and plans are underway to make it bigger and better this year with new activities including train rides. This will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 5.

Francine Andolina & Kim DeLong – Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program: Last month they held their big fund raiser and raised about \$30,000 which will cover care of the horses for about three months. Next year they need to try to build attendance.

Kim reported on the Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack. Tomorrow is their \$30,000 Charity Cup event. The charities that will benefit are Another Chance Pet Care, Gilda's Club, Compassionate Care, Daystar, Wayne Pre-trial Homeless Youth and the Victor YMCA. The top prize is \$10,000 and each charity is guaranteed at least \$2,000. This is the sixth year for this event and it is a favorite.

**Dan Williams – American Legion:**

HAVD was an awesome event and the Farm Market continues to be a popular event for the Legion. This year they also sponsored two baseball teams for the first time since 2009. The junior team won their 1<sup>st</sup> 14 games in a row and ended up in first place in their league and took first place in the district. They could only come up with a roster of 11 boys and because of an old rule from the state, could not have the team play in the state championship tournament. The senior team was not as successful in their games, perhaps due to the fact that school was still in session.

The Legion will again participate in Trunk or Treat with the Parks & Rec Department on October 26<sup>th</sup>. They are making some changes in the hours of operation of their snack bar.

**Mitch Donovan – Victor Chamber of Commerce:**

The weather for HAVD was not the best but that did not seem to keep people away as the event was very well attended. Thanks to Jack for participating in the dunking booth. \$461 was raised for the Invest in Youth program from the charge of \$1 per ball. The food court and entertainment area went well. A different theme is in the planning stages for next year and work continues with Park & Rec on the evening events.

The next event is coming up October 24<sup>th</sup> is the Techno Expo. It will be held at the FLCC Victor campus from 4-7 pm. There are many new firms here in the high tech industry and this event will showcase them and what they produce. Business people from Ontario and eastern Monroe County will be invited to attend. Mitch passed out free tickets to be distributed. Jack asked Mitch to reach out to the county IDA to invite Mike Manikowski to attend. Mitch has contacted similar groups to invite them to attend.

**Meg Joseph – Executive Director Friends of Ganondagan:**

Meg has been on the job for about 2 months. The groundbreaking for the new cultural center was held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The Lecture series will be held at Nazareth College. Details are available on the website. Canandaigua Treaty Day is coming up on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Friends have talked with Brian Emelson regarding having their Winter Games at Victor Municipal Park.

**Pat Tobin – Friends of Ganondagan:**

Pat passed around pictures of the groundbreaking and a sketch of the new building. This building is expandable and can be added on to as the need arises. Don Jeffries from Visit Rochester came from a tour and learned about the site. At that visit Whitney Carlton talked about the removal of the swallow-worth, an invasive plant species that hurts monarch butterflies. There is a migration highway for the butterflies over Ganondagon and there is a lot of this plant on the grounds. Help is needed to remove this weed. She is from NYS Parks Department and has worked all summer on this project.

Jack passed out the current newsletter from Victor Hiking Trails since Chauncy Young could not attend today.

**Jack Marren – Supervisor:**

It's budget time in Town Hall. There have been 3 budget workshops and a preliminary budget has been sent in to the Town Clerk. A public hearing will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> and a vote on adoption is set for November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Firemen's Breakfast has replaced the chicken BBQ. Thanks to the VFD for participating. Kevin Doran mentioned HAVD on the news the night before. Jack started the day opening the YMCA race, spoke at the Heritage Fair, did the dunking booth, the plaque dedication at Valentown and closed the day at the fireworks in the evening.

At the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Board meeting the Bicentennial Committee was recognized for all their efforts over the past year.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Parks & Rec held a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony.

Jack reflected on hearing the speeches with the history of the effort to build Ganondagon and all the history there.

Elizabeth Wende Breast Care is now open in Victor. This is another great opportunity for area women to receive quality health care locally.

On September 24<sup>th</sup> Jack participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Canandaigua Airport.

On the County level, budget workshops have been completed and it appears there will be a slight increase in county taxes for next year.

Jack also toured the new Geneva campus for FLCC. The County has purchased a building across the street from the old DeSales High School building and it will be the new home of the Geneva campus.

**Mike Stockman – Parks & Rec:**

Mike went on an Honor Flight trip this past weekend on Mission #31 as a guardian. The volunteers that participate are superb in what they do for the veterans. The group, 46 veterans including 2 women, ranged in age from 84 to 96. They were greeted in Baltimore by 150 Naval Academy students in their whites to

greet them. At the Rochester Airport there was between 300-400 people there to greet them. Honor Flight of Rochester will continue with Korean and Vietnam veterans.

A couple of final events - The Art & Wine Walk will be held tonight from 5:30-8:30 and there will be a book review at lunch time on Thursday at the Library.

Thanks to everyone for attending.

**The next Roundtable meeting will be on Friday, November 1, 2013 at 8:00 AM in the Victor Town Hall main meeting room.**