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JANUARY 2022, Newsletter

Happy New Year

WHAT ARE VOLUNTEERS?

Volunteers are like Fords, they have better ideas.

Volunteers are like Coke, they are the real thing.

Volunteers are like Pepsi, they've gotta' have it.

Volunteers are like Dial soap, they care more: don't you wish everybody did?

Volunteers are like VO5 Hairspray, their goodness holds in all kinds of weather.

Volunteers are like Hallmark Cards, they care enough to give their very best.

Volunteers are like Standard Oil, you expect more and you get it.

But most of all, **VOLUNTEERS** are like Frosted Flakes,
THEY'RE GRRRRRRRRREAT!!!

B. Thompson

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

"VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER"

All BASCO Members are invited to attend

THUNDERBIRD LANES

NOON TO 3:00 PM

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!



JANUARY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Most activities are held in Rooms 21 & 24 at the Baraboo Civic Center.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 10-12 Mah-Jongg (21) 10-12 Mexican Train (24)	4 12:30-3 Bridge (24)	5 3:30-5:30 Trips Committee (24) 3:30-5:30 Ways & Means (24) 12:30-3 Cards 500 (24) 1-3 Woodcarving (21) 5:30-9:00 Evening Cards (24)	6 10-12 Mah-Jongg (21) 10-12 Art Club (24) 12:30-3 Sheepshead (24) Epiphany	7 12:30-3 Euchre (24)
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2022 BASCO FUNDRAISING EVENTS—Mark your calendars!

The BASCO Ways and Means Committee is excited to be organizing the following fundraising events.
All dates and events are tentative and subject to COVID-19 regulations

Volunteers are needed to help prepare food, set up/clean up, and work at the sites.

Watch for volunteer sign-up sheets at BASCO 2-3 weeks prior to each event.

Jan. 31	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner noon-3 at Thunderbird Lanes Reservations required!
April 16	Pierce's Drive-thru Brat Stand, Baraboo 9-2 also May 7, May 28, July 2, Aug 13
May 15	Pancake Breakfast 7am-noon at Thunderbird Lanes
May 19-25	New York trip (One bus full already)
July 12-17	Sauk County Fair
July 25-30	Pigeon Forge and Smoky Mountains trip
Aug. 19-21	Baraboo Steam & Gas Show
Aug. 21	Grand Marsh Corn 'n Tater Fest
Aug. 28	Pork Chop Dinner at Thunderbird Lanes
Sept. 3-4-5	Brat Stand at Ski Hi Apple Orchard and two more dates to be finalized
Sept. 11	Mollie B Concert, Reedsburg CAL Center
Oct. ?	Fall Festival Spaghetti Dinner
Nov. 14-19	Branson Christmas Shows trip

BASCO WISH LIST

- ◆ **CANNED SODA:** PEPSI, DIET PEPSI, COKE, DIET COKE, ROOT BEER, SIERRA MIST, MTN. DEW
- ◆ **BOTTLED WATER**



Would you consider becoming a **front desk volunteer**? The Center is open M-F 10-3, with 2.5 hour shifts in the morning or afternoon. Call the **BASCO office 608-356-8464** for more information to volunteer your time.



PREPAID CARDS

Here's an easy, painless BASCO fundraiser:

Kwik Trip prepaid cards are available for purchase at BASCO in amounts of \$25 and \$50. They can be used at any Kwik Trip store.

These cards make wonderful gifts for any occasion and a great way to help BASCO, as well. Free, hand-crafted gift card holders are also available with your purchase.

Call BASCO at 608-356-8464 and leave your name and number to make an appointment for purchasing your Kwik Trip cards.

BASCO ENDOWMENT FUND

Please consider making a donation to the **BASCO Endowment Fund** which is managed by the **Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin** (previously Greater Sauk County Community Foundation.)

Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law and provide an important resource to provide programs and activities at BASCO.

To learn more about donating to the BASCO Endowment Fund, please contact the Center at 356-8464 or call the Foundation at 355-0884.

NO JANUARY MONTHLY POTLUCK

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner instead! Next potluck **Monday, February 28**—bring a dish to pass and enjoy making new friends



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people like you.

J Fuchs

January 31, 2022

“VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER”

All BASCO Members are invited to attend
At Thunderbird Lanes from noon to 3 pm

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST -
NO LATER THAN JANUARY 20

**PLEASE CALL BASCO AT (608)356-8464
OR STOP IN THE OFFICE**

**There is no charge for the meal but
donations will be accepted.**



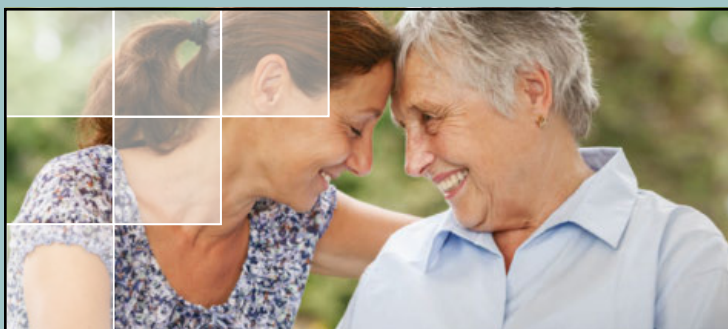
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President: Sandy Hayes

Co-Treasurers: Nora Schmidt and Manny Bolz

Vice President: Richard Knuth

Secretary: Dale Schwanke

Other Board Members:

Lillian Gates

Mary Vroman

Betty Telvick

Jeanette Bates

NOTICE OF BASCO ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGE

By-laws of Baraboo Area Senior Citizens Organization Inc. on July 5, 2015 adopted the Annual Meeting to be:

B. Meetings of Members

- 1. Annual Meeting—the Annual Meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held in December. The board of directors shall notify each member of the time and place of the meeting.

On December 8, 2021, at our Annual Meeting, **a motion was passed to change our Annual Meeting date to the second Wednesday of February each year.** The reason for this change is that then the previous year’s finances and budget would be complete.

The election for the new board members will remain on the second Wednesday of December each year. The new members on the board will be installed as of January 1 each year and will assist with the new budget.

Any questions or concerns on the change, please contact a board member.

Vice President Richard Knuth

2022 Membership fees—\$35.00— will only be accepted on Monday-Wednesday-Friday

Trip payments—\$100 down payment or payment in full will only be accepted on Monday-Wednesday-Friday (until we can get more volunteers to help in the office!!)





**SCRAPBOOKING
AND CARD MAKING
CANCELED INDEFINITELY**

Pat Sardeson

BASCO DISPLAY CASE

JoAnn Heiser is sharing her collection of The Wizard of Oz during the months of January and February. Stop in to see her books, etc.

Call BASCO if you have a collection that you would like to display 608)356-8464



BASCO BOOK CLUB

The BASCO Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. This month, they will gather on Monday, **January 10**, between 1:30-3 in Room 21. Join these lively and thought-provoking book discussions.

Book club review from the November club meeting: **Foe by Iain Reid**

This story takes place not too far in the future--but we aren't told when. Junior and Henrietta, married 5 years, live on an isolated farm--but we don't know where. They seem to be very satisfied with their life, even though "Hen" is not as contented as Junior.

A "government man (Terrance) from an OuterMore project" arrives to tell them that Junior is on the long list for going to an outer space Installation and he will find out in a couple of years if he is selected. Life goes on. Terrance returns to the farm a few times during this 2-year span to see how they are doing—even stays with them for quite a spell.

I had read the book before and really enjoyed it, so I was looking forward to catching clues (which I still missed) and to the expected discussion. Our book club had a very mixed response: 4 really liked it; 2 said a definite No; and the other 3 were on the fence. It's the kind of book that, after you finish, you feel the need to share your thoughts with someone.

I strongly encourage you to give this book a try. It is quite entertaining and you are encouraged to use your imagination. It starts out as a quiet tale, then tension builds up and it gets almost creepy. The author's writing style was unique, to put it mildly, but easily followed.

I am purposely being evasive on saying much about this book. I absolutely love this kind of story that encourages everyone to give his opinion and discuss those possibilities. We had quite a discussion with just about everyone giving some insight that the rest of us missed. I hope I've made you a bit curious. Let me know.

Review by Linda Baumeister

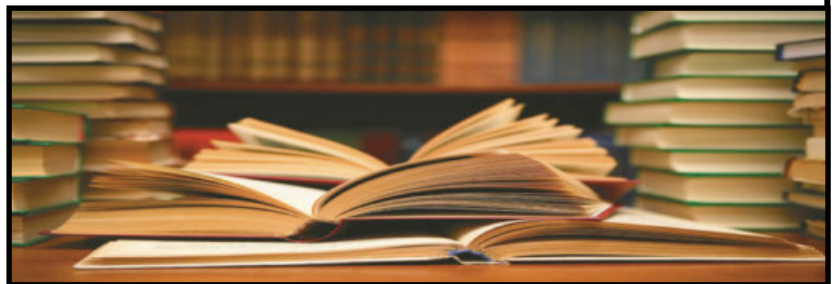
UPCOMING BOOK SELECTIONS

December: *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

January: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

February: *A Good Neighborhood* by Therese Fowler

March: *The Body, A Guide for Occupants*-Bill Bryson



Happy Birthday to all members who are celebrating birthdays this month!

Carol Hall	02	Laurie Zimprick	14
Linda Radl	02	Florence Gonzagows	16
M.J. Miller	05	Margie Feld	17
Kenneth Conway	08	Christian Philip Jauch	18
Lillian Gates	10	Ruth Baker	18
Una Teelin	11	Sandra Osgood	25
Sandra Hayes	12	Kathy Kienow	27
Glenda Volz	14	Norma Warrix	29

Birthday party gathering

Friday, January 14

10:30 to 12:00 noon

Room 24

Oak Park Place

are the sponsors

Drawing for GIFT CARDS (new)

December sponsor was

Thunderbird Lanes

(Thank you Toni & Jim Nelson)

Michele of Ardyth's Sew'nVac Shoppe spoke about variety of sewing machines, displayed samples of quilting, embroidery

MJ Miller entertained with Christmas songs!



John Kessenich of "The Grainery" will be the speaker at the January 14 party. He will be sharing what will be new for 2022 in vitamins and natural health.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 8, 2021

- ◆ We're all back to wearing masks in all building events
- ◆ New lease signed with Baraboo Parks, Recreation, and Forest Department for 2022
- ◆ \$1,400 from Baraboo Mystery Group will be used to purchase two new Mah-Jongg Boards and a refrigerator/freezer
- ◆ To accommodate all end-of-year financial statements, it was discussed to change the By-Laws to change the Annual Meeting from December to February
- ◆ Other Items: Calendar of 2022 events approved
Leftover pop to be sold at Senior Center
May seek out corporate sponsor for larger BASCO events
Three trips are scheduled for 2022

Dale Schwanke, Secretary

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 8, 2021

- ◆ Passed around sign-up sheet
- ◆ Board of Director nominations from the floor: Jeanette Bates and Kathy Groswehr
- ◆ Ways & Means 2021 summary in review presented. Richard Knuth was recognized for his Committee chairing and dedicated volunteers who helped carry things through
- ◆ Marjorie Cutting was recognized for her work with BASCO
- ◆ Newly elected board members: Nora Schmidt, Sandy Hayes, and Jeanette Bates
- ◆ Discussion to change By-Laws for Annual Meeting—to be held every second Wednesday in February, beginning in 2022
- ◆ Need to post and advertise for a new director

Dale Schwanke, Secretary

Letter from Past President Nora Schmidt

Twelve long months and another year is done. As President of BASCO, I would say we had a spectacular year. We made money, but we also spent money. We received a check for \$1400 from the Mystery Night crew of Baraboo. At our Board Meeting, we voted to purchase two new Mah-Jongg boards and replace our refrigerator. **We still have a problem with members not willing to run for the Board.** You only have to be at meetings for the Board 12 times a year and help with at least one committee.

We need more help with volunteers. If we can't get volunteers to man the desk, we may have to close the Center some days **which we don't want to do!** Let's all work together to make Sandy Hayes' job much easier. Let's make 2022 the best year ever.

Happy 2022 to all

2021 President Nora Schmidt



BASCO's long-time employee, Marjorie Cutting, retired December 31, 2021.

******* Thank you for all you have done for this organization!*******

BASCO needs to hire a new Director as soon as possible and is also seeking an Assistant to the Director. The Assistant's hours will be determined.

The Director position is 15 hours a week. Duties include:

1. Basic computer skills (WORD, PUBLISHER)
 2. Ability to maintain and organize filing systems
 3. Assist in maintaining current membership data
 4. Ability to work with diverse aging population
 5. Uses verbal and written skills to communicate with the public
 6. Enjoys being with people
 7. Must be able to follow directions from the BASCO Board of Directors
- The Assistant's hours and duties will be determined by the new Director.

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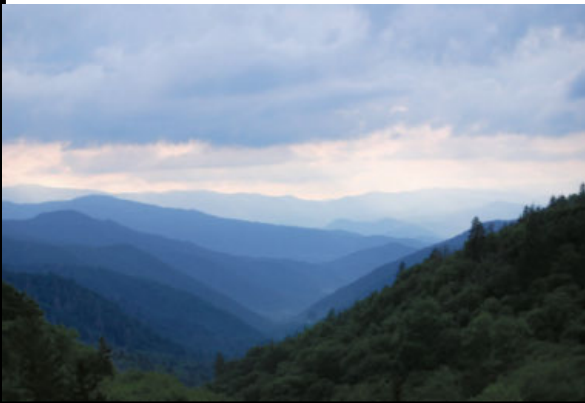
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Volunteers preparing for birthday party

BRANSON CHRISTMAS SHOWS

November 14-19, 2022

Information to follow



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I could never leave Wisconsin,
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