

## Reporting Meeting of 8 November 2021

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** 11/1 Club Assembly  
**This Week:** 11/8 Moxxi Women's Foundation with Executive Director Leslie Swedish  
**Next Week:** 11/15 Nemece Designs with Artisan Jason Nemece  
**Coming Up:** 11/22 Saratoga Soul Brandtville Blues – Carol Daggs  
11/29 *No Monday Meeting*  
11/30 **Tues.** Community Holiday Parade @ BHBL HS  
12/4 **Sat.** 9 AM *Things Of My Very Own Work* at 249 Green Street Schenectady  
12/6 Wellspring with Maggie Fronk  
12/13 Holiday Party [Placeholder]  
12/20 Ice at the North Pole with Tom Day

Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 pm. Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom ID# and Password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower and Dan Stec.*

*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves*

### MOXXI WOMEN'S FOUNDATION — Leslie Swedish

Leslie Swedish is the Executive Director of the Moxxi Women's Foundation and the owner of Moxxi Coffee Company on which the foundation is based. She defines Moxxi as a force of character, determination or nerve – also as tenacity of purpose, grit, bravery and resilience. The coffee company offers blends as unique as you are – woman owned – small batch craft coffee. For every item sold it contributes \$1 to the Foundation to invest in ambitious women who are the champions of their own story by issuing grants and other initiatives.

Leslie has been a real-estate agent and a tattoo artist in the past, often competing against men with stronger resources. Her life experiences have led to her seeking ways to help other women make their way in their worlds. The Moxxi Womens' Foundation was the result.

Through grants and other initiatives, monetary support and networking opportunities needed to further transform their lives and help them reach new heights are provided. Financial help is in the form of micro grants of up to \$1000 and occasional larger grants of up to \$10,000. Recipients are typically women launching small businesses and artists starting out. One aspiring athlete was assisted. The information required for small grants is pretty simple. Many more questions are asked at the \$10,000 level.

In addition to funding from the coffee company, grant money is raised through membership in the foundation and from sponsors.

Leslie went through difficult times in establishing the coffee business, had had no board experience herself, but created a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation with its own board which was a serious learning experience. In consequence, the foundation offers training in small business operation and in deflecting harassment while avoiding offending customers. She has had fun with the coffee company, but is fulfilled by the foundation.



### CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual Holiday Party is still in planning for 12/13 but not yet finalized. Covid concern continues. Linda LeTendre reported difficulty in making contact with Mike at the Charlton Tavern. Some favor going virtual on Zoom.

Darlene Bower discussed a social meeting on Saturday 11/20 at 10 AM, a walking tour of Anchor-Diamond Park conducted by Town of Ballston Historian, Rick Reynolds taking about 2 hours and 15 minutes. She has created this as a Facebook event, with consequent publicity for the club.

Darlene has also created the Saturday 12/4 working party at *Things of My Very Own* as a Facebook event, feeling that it is good to be contributing time as well as money.

Attention was drawn to the Board meeting scheduled for 11/11.

Mike Brewster discussed preparation for the 11/30 Holiday Parade. He requestrd help from club members with set up starting at 4 PM.

Happy Dollars were collected by Mike.

Reported by Fred Bailly