

Reporting Meeting of 6 December 2021

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 11/22 Saratoga Soul Brandtville Blues – Carol Daggs

This Week: 12/06 Wellspring with Maggie Fronk

Next Week: 12/13 Zoom Holiday Party

Coming Up: 12/20 Ice at the North Pole by Tom Day

12/27 No Meeting

01/03 Darlene will give RLI recap –
New meeting time 6:30

01/10 The Long Road to U.S. Citizenship
by Jan Owen

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.

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Maggie Fronk: Wellspring

Past President Gregg introduced Maggie Fronk from Wellspring. Wellspring is the domestic violence and sexual assault services organization for Saratoga County residents and for sexual assault services for Washington County residents. Wellspring supports survivors by providing emergency shelter, a 24 hour hotline & live chat, counseling, long term housing assistance, case management and more. All of Wellspring services are free, non-judgemental and confidential. They

operate the only shelter in Saratoga County. Maggie outlined the services available to people in a precarious situation. They include basic needs: employment assistance, pantry items including food and personal items, emotional needs, legal advocacy and programs to help people to become self-sufficient. Their 24-hour hotline receives approximately 1700 calls per year of which approximately 1000 are abuse related. Wellspring reaches out to the community by conducting programs at their new location in Malta on Route 9 as well as going to schools to educate people about what services are available to them. In non pandemic years they give presentations to between 4,500 & 6,000 high school students per year. The services are primarily utilized by women, women with children and pets and some men. A good question and answer discussion followed.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Darlene announced that our meeting on January 31 will be held at Pizza Works on Route 50. It will be both in-person and virtual. Plans are still being finalized.
- Linda announced that the Dec. 13 Holiday Party will be virtual and she needs to know via email who will be attending.
- We were reminded to send our voluntary Happy Dollars to Steve Geene or drop them off at Gil's.

Reported by Pete Parker