

## Reporting Zoom Meeting of 11 April 2022

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** 4/4 Attorney Pam Starsia – Estate Planning  
In Person at Pizza Works and on Zoom

**This Week:** 4/11 Virologist Eric Yager – Covid Pandemic

**Next Week:** 4/18 Dr. Sam Jackson SUNY Albany  
Hybrid: Zoom or Pizza Works. Burnt Hills

**Coming Up:** 4/25 Social/Guest Night/Pints for Polio at  
Frog Alley Brewing Sch'y - In person

**Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 pm.**  
Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer  
Zoom link 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 & Dan Stec.  
Find us at bhblrotary.org and on Facebook*

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

### ERIC YAGER – COVID PANDEMIC UPDATE

Dr Eric Yager returned to speak to the club delivering an update on Covid 19, as the world enters the third year of the pandemic. He earned his B.Sc. in Biotechnology at the Rochester Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences at the University at Albany. He is an Associate Professor with a focus on Microbiology, at the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, serving as the Director of the Pre-Pharmacy Program.



Dr Yager worked from the same deck of 70+ slides which he had used last week talking to a group of professional health workers in Saratoga Springs. He offered a copy of the slides to the club for our future study. Expect their distribution by Darlene Bower.

The major topics covered included:

1. Review of the latest Covid-19 vaccine products and available data on their respective safety and efficacy.

2. Explain how emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants may impact vaccine efficacy and future vaccine development.
3. Discuss clinical considerations that guide the use COVID-19 vaccines and boosters in children and adolescents.
4. Identify barriers to COVID-19 vaccine confidence and create effective communication strategies when conversing with patients about COVID-19 vaccination, particularly in children and adolescents.

A lively question and answer period followed the presentation.  
Some takeaways:

1. The pandemic continues with US deaths just short of one million to date. Eventually it will become part of the background of living, but we are not there yet.
2. Vaccination is very effective in preventing serious illness and death in most people and needs to be encouraged.
3. Get your second booster shot when eligible.

### CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New member Laura Kriegal was welcomed to the club. She is a founding director of Camp Stomping Ground, where the club has been doing recent volunteer work.
- Darlene Bower announced a successful Best Buddies walk on Sunday 4/10. Four hundred dollars was raised by the club.
- 4/25 Pints for Polio/Social/Guest Night @ Frog Alley Brewing in Schenectady. Darlene is arranging rides for those who need it.
- Frog Alley will be returning \$1 to the club for each pint of beer ordered.
- Our Community Drive-Through dinner at the BHBL HS by Spartan Catering, is set for 5/18. Italian food will be featured. Club members were urged to help.
- A fund raiser is scheduled 4/22 at Camp Stomping Grounds (time to be determined). The club has volunteered to do the cleanup.
- Dr Sam Jackson's 4/18 talk to the club will focus on far-right anti-democratic groups active in the US.
- Dan Stec urged members to make direct payments supporting the club in lieu of Happy Dollars, while we meet by Zoom and Hybrid. Give some relief to Mike Brewster!

*Reported by Fred Baily*