A Message from Our President

The New Year brings exciting news: we are finally realizing our dream of an endowment fund! The Sloop Club has received an anonymous $10,000 donation to honor the memory of our dear friends and longtime volunteers, Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky. James will be heading up our effort to manage and grow the fund. At the donors' request, it will be called The Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Endowment Fund, dedicated to sustaining the Woody Guthrie. With this fund in place, we will finally be able to work toward financial independence for the Woody. The donors, also longtime friends and BSC members, hope this fund will serve to remind us always of "the love and dedication that Bonnie and Saul brought to the Sloop Club, and are hoping it will inspire others to contribute to an even stronger endowment." Our current goal is to reach $25,000, which would enable us to invest in a Community Foundation Nonprofit Organization Fund. Let James know if you're interested in working on this project.

The thermometer dips below freezing, but the Woody floats in water kept iceless by its bubbler in Haverstraw Marina - part of our new proactive approach to winter maintenance: preventing premature aging of the (mostly new) hull by avoiding the yearly stress of shrinking and swelling, caused by taking the boat in and out of the water. Winter maintenance is underway, and it's toasty and warm under the greenhouse in the sunshine. Come on down! No skills needed. Plus it's a great way to learn the boat and make new friends. Pot luck lunch and lots of good companionship! Contact Steve V. if you would like to be added to the email list for updates.

Our wonderful Winter Lecture Series kicks off Thursday, the 11th, and promises to keep us educated and entertained with monthly lectures through the winter and spring. Come get warm by the fire and learn something new!

As always, the Sloop Club will carry on Pete's tradition of a strong presence in Beacon's Martin Luther King Day celebrations – come join your friends and neighbors at the Springfield Baptist Church Monday morning for a daylong celebration of our great peacemaker.

See you there!
Susan

Inside this issue:
Cold feet and warm hearts marching, a pipeline victory, keeping the Woody warm, and much more…. photo by Jean Noack
BSC Membership Form

Name _______________________________ Street Address ____________________________________________
City __________________ State ___ ZIP _____ Phone ___-___-______ Email __________________________

Membership donation $_________ Renewal ___   New Member ___   Save Our Sloop Fund donation $_________

Membership suggested donation $25.00. Minimum of $10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!

If you can’t afford the minimum, the fee may be waived.

Newsletter format (check one): Printed E-mail Please consider e-mail it saves money and paper.

Additional Members at this address__________________________________ Email________________________________
__________________________________ Email_________________________________

Would you like information on Clearwater Membership? If so, how? __________________________

Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club  P.O. Box 527  Beacon, NY 12508

Link to Online Renewal: http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html

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The Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the Hudson River and its environs. Our main focus is the Beacon, Fishkill and Newburgh area.

Members meet the first Friday of every month at the Sloop Club Building located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along.

The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher, Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz,

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Song -
Somewhere Over The Rainbow was sung in memory of Francis Cott, who passed away in December, peacefully at 93. Then we sang Happy Birthday to Rosemary Thomas.

Welcome -
Susan Berliner welcomed 2 new people from Minnesota and Pleasantville, NY

Treasury Report -
November Opening: 87,282  December Closing: $81,060
Next month, Aaron will have a budget to be approved.
In response to a question, Aaron said we do not have fire insurance as we don't own the building.

Multrum -
Susan said we have no one actually taking care of it and asked if someone was willing to keep it stocked and cleaned. No volunteers yet.

Lecture Series -
Alan Thomas said the series is starting Thursday January 11th with David Rocco speaking about the "Indestructible Man", a WW2 navy captain who died in a plane crash on Mt. Beacon. He had some posters for people to post. He said the full program is ready. It will be Tuesday, Feb.6; Thursday, March 8, April 12 and an evening in May. Please come. Thanks to Steve VanderMerwe who did half the work.

Endowment -
The Beacon Sloop Club received an anonymous donation of $10,000 in memory of Saul and Bonnie Rozinsky's love and dedication to the club. They were hoping to inspire others to donate. Dan Rozinsky was thanked for attending tonight's meeting to represent his family. He expressed his thanks for this beautiful gift.

MLK -
Bonnie Champion has been working on Pete’s last big project. On Monday, January 17, there will be a Martin Luther King Day parade. Transportation is available. The day will start with breakfast at 8:30, followed by an opening ceremony in the Church at 9:30. The parade will begin around 9:45. There will be a lunch afterwards.

Woody -
Steve Schwartz said the Woody is in the water at the Haverstraw Marina with a bubbler around it. He would like to see someone visit it and report back. It will have to leave the Marina by March 31.
The sails were taken to East Boothbay. The main sail will be patched. They recommended a sail cover.
Loose ends are being tightened up and the boat should hit the 2018 sailing season in good shape.
Sailors are needed for the crews and the program needs some restoration.

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Clearwater March for the Ocean

The sloop Clearwater will host a Clean Water Forum on June 9 aboard the historic tall ship on the Hudson River to deliver a message of concern from the people of the Hudson Valley for protection of our global waters during the March for the Ocean (M4O), a nation-wide organized by Blue Frontier Campaign to demand water protection. These local efforts are made possible through the continual support of Clearwater’s members, donors and partners who have helped the organization stay afloat despite the challenges of environmental and education work today.

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For more info:

http://www.clearwater.org/latest-news/clearwater-march-ocean/
Martin Luther King Day Parade

Can you believe this is the fifth year? I guess that makes it a true tradition. Once again, we thank Bonnie Champion for leading the activities and rallying the Sloop Club.

On a cold, but beautiful day, we again delivered our message of hope and inclusiveness to the community, local political leaders, and the world. It was a clear, joyful, and uplifting demonstration that Dr. King’s dream is alive and his legacy is appreciated as more than a day off, as Pete intended.

Thank you again to all who marched or helped behind the scene.

Volunteer for Revival

Please click here for all volunteer information and applications. The Early Bird Application period ends on February 26. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Richards at volcoord@clearwater.org or 845-265-8080 x 7160.
The Woody Report

The Woody weathered the cold snap snug and ice free, thanks to bubblers and our custom built frame and tarp. Our rugged volunteers have been checking her regularly, salting the deck and bilge, and clearing snow.

Before you know it, the Woody will be back in Beacon and we will need all of our crews and some new recruits to be ready for an early start to the sailing season. If you are interested in joining a crew or helping out in any way please contact a captain or Woody sailor. There are many jobs for all skill levels.

On the eve of Apollo 11’s launch, during the summer of 1969, civil rights leader Ralph Abernathy marched to Cape Canaveral to demand that funding proposed for NASA be redirected towards urban problems plaguing minorities in America’s cities.

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Dr. Maher has been a Verville Fellow at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, a Kluge Fellow at the United States Library of Congress, and a recipient of a History of the Scientific Exploration of Earth and Space Research Award from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

We could use a few volunteers to come early and help with set-up.

Anyone interested in taking juggling lessons in Beacon on a Sat. morning starting late Feb. or early March please email:

Tony Duncan tonylearns@gmail.com or phone 917-363-7509
A huge thank you to author and sloop club member, David Rocco, for kicking off The Beacon Sloop Club’s 2018 winter lecture series with, The Indestructible Man-The True Story of a World War II Hero “Captain Dixie”.

He told the story of Navy officer Dixie Kiefer, who was an instrumental player in major battles in World War II. Kiefer was the executive officer on the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown at both the Battle of the Coral Sea and Battle of Midway. Later, as captain of the carrier USS Ticonderoga, he was critically wounded by flying shrapnel.

In 1945 was killed along with five other Navy men in an airplane crash on Mount Beacon. David described the history of the crash site, and his efforts create a permanent memorial to those men and two other Navy aviators who lost their lives in another crash nearby in 1935.

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**Constitution Pipeline Petition Denied**

Last week the Federal Energy Regulation Commission ruled against the project. The company was attempting to have last year’s decision by New York State denying permits overturned.

Governor Andrew Cuomo released a statement saying, "No corporation should be allowed to endanger our natural resources, and the Constitution Pipeline represented a threat to our water quality and our environment. I commend the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for ruling in favor of New York’s efforts to prevent this project from moving forward.”

The company said that it would seek to have the matter reviewed again by federal regulators.
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| Opening Cash Balance 12/1/17 | 90,539.68 |
| Closing Cash Balance 12/31/17 | 81,006.95 |
Executive Committee meeting, Tues., Jan. 30, 7:00pm., at David Eberle’s

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting, Feb. 2 – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

Clearwater Pot Luck, Fri. Feb. 9, 5-8 pm, Kingston Homeport, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston NY

Clearwater’s Spirit of the Hudson Gala, Sun. Feb. 11, 3:00-7:00 pm, The Garrison, 2015 US 9, Garrison, NY

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON: I’m Not Your Negro Fri., Feb. 23, 7pm., Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY

Reminder:

For most people January is renewal time, so please send in your membership forms. Also, it’s a good time to update you contact info, and think about electronic vs. print newsletter delivery.

As always, we will accommodate if the yearly fee is a burden. The money is important to us but our people are so much more valuable.

So…

Please renew. Our strength is our people and we need each and every one of you to carry out our mission.

And…

Bring a friend!