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MGCA Summer Picnic

DATE & TIME: **Sunday, July 28th @ 3:30 pm**

3:30 pm ----- Suggested Arrival Time (or earlier if you want time to check out the many gardens)

4:00 pm ----- Memorial Garden to Remember 'Gardeners Gone to Rest'

5:00 pm ----- Pot Luck Supper

6:00 pm ----- Program

PLACE: Albany County Cooperative Extension Building
24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY

RESERVATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED: The Picnic committee will arrange to provide: Lemonade, ice tea, coffee, rolls & butter, plates, cups, and utensils. You're invited to bring a dish to share... some thoughts may include: a meat dish, potato dish, salad, pasta, baked beans, desert, or other appropriate picnic fare. **Maria Greenman** will be keeping track of your offerings to help insure that there is a good variety of food. We look forward to seeing you there. **Maria** will try to contact you for your reservation and offering. Please make every effort to return her call. If she does not reach you by July 20, please call **Russ Greenman** at (518) 477-8321

Program: Take a trip to the Rose Parade in Pasadena!"

I would bet that no one will be thinking about New Year's Day as we finish up our meal at our annual picnic gathering later this month; but our scheduled program will remind us of that annual holiday tradition of excitedly tuning in to watch the Rose Parade on TV. Our program will surely be a treat as we take a look at all that goes into constructing those beautiful floral displays that make up the floats at the Rose Parade.

Program: Take a trip to the Rose Parade in Pasadena! - continued

In January 2017, our own club Vice President, **Greg Goutos**, and his wife, **Nellie**, booked a gardener's dream trip of a lifetime to Pasadena to see the parade. Their tour group went behind-the-scenes to see close-up how volunteers put the finishing touches on each float on the days prior to the parade. After experiencing the Rose Parade first-hand from prime reserved bleacher seats, they later had the opportunity to walk around all the floats after they were on display in a nearby park right after the event.

Their many colorful photos and the insider information they will share with all of us, will surely make you feel like you went on the trip with them.

Greg and Nellie Goutos live in Altamont, where they have a large vegetable garden and many flower beds. Greg operates his own landscape business, and has a degree in ornamental horticulture and landscape design from SUNY Cobleskill. He has been active in our club for over 10 years.

Nellie Goutos is an accountant/auditor with the State Education Department, and earned an MBA degree from The College of Saint Rose. She enjoys being involved with Toastmaster's International, where she is currently serving as a club coach for one of the Albany chapters.

Membership

Tom Baker - 90 years young – is currently at the Atria - Guilderland, and he would love a visit or phone call (518) 649-3868.

Herm Mau has been in and out of Hospice

Bruce Wilcox is home recovering from a leg injury

May Speaker Thank You

At our last dinner meeting in May, we were happy to hear from one of the Albany County Master Gardeners, **Judith Fetterley**, who shared her insights for how to create better garden designs. We thank **Judith** for coming, and for taking the time to share her vast years of knowledge with all of us. With the hand-out she provided, and the wealth of information provided, it was like taking a mini-course in "Intro to Garden Design 101."

Memorial Garden – Help needed July 16th

This has been a difficult summer to try to get our Memorial Garden cleaned up and ready for the picnic and gathering at the Memorial Garden in Voorheesville.

However, we are now ready to spread a load of mulch in time for our July 28th picnic and gathering at the garden. The work of spreading the mulch will take place on Tuesday, July 16th. If you can help on that morning, you are needed,

We have found a new source of name plates to recognize our "Gardeners Gone To Rest" and the new ones are already in place. This year we will be recognizing **Jim Preston** and **Joe Herman**.

Altamont Fair Exhibit

This year's Altamont Fair Exhibit for the Men's Garden Club will feature Container Growing with an emphasis on herbs. **Joe Huth** and **Greg Goutos** are taking the lead and would like your help. We will be setting up the exhibit on Monday, August 12 to be ready for the Tuesday's opening at 10:00am on August 13.

Set-up on Monday will start at 9:00am and we would like your help and any container grown plants (flowers, vegetables or herbs) that you would provide to add to the display.

If you can help or have plants, please contact **Joe Huth** at 518-439-5487 or **Greg Goutos** at 518-861-6052.

2019 Scholarship Winners Announced

Each year our club awards one \$500 scholarship to a deserving college student. The Board members decided in early 2019 to dedicate the scholarship to the memory of **Joe Herman**, who passed ways last fall, and who was very involved on the scholarship committee for many years.

In recent months there have been many people who donated to support the **Joe Herman Memorial Scholarship**--a true reflection of how much is missed. As a result of having additional funds this year, the scholarship committee, along with the support from the Board members, decided to award **Joe** two full scholarships this year.

Both recipients this year are outstanding students, are active in their communities, and are dedicated to their future career aspirations.

Jonathan Lasselle of East Berne will be starting his sophomore year at SUNY ESF, where he is majoring in Forest Resource Management; achieving a 3.67 overall GPA. He is active in his church, and a long-time member of the choir. He has been involved in Boy Scouts for many years, having earned his Eagle Scout designation, and last summer worked as a camp counselor. Next semester he is excited to start a year-long Ranger School Program at the college's satellite campus located in Cranberry Lake.

Alexandra (Alyx) Trulsen of Delmar is also a sophomore; attending SUNY Cobleskill as an Animal Sciences major. She has an overall GPA of 3.92, and is a member of the Epsilon Pi Tau Honor Society. **Alyx** hopes to attend veterinary school after finishing her bachelor's degree at Cobleskill, and become a specialist in dairy/ large animals. She is a varsity equestrian athlete, and has been showing her own horse at the Altamont Fair since she was 9 years old. In May, **Alyx** travelled with 15 other students to South Africa to study conservation management and veterinary science with an Ecolife Program.

Both **Jonathan** and **Alyx** plan on attending our annual picnic to receive their scholarship awards. Please be sure to take the time to personally congratulate these deserving fine young adults!

**History – 30 years ago -
MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF ALBANY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 29, 1989**

President **Don Lewis** called a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Men's Garden Club of Albany, on Thursday evening, June 29, 1989 at his home at 7:00.

The express purpose was to resolve the proposition concerning the Local Scholarship, therefore, the regular meeting format was dispensed with.

Before the main topic was called for, President **Don** had several items to bring up.

- **Don** read a very thoughtful thank you note from **Agnes Leonard** for the memorial planting for her late husband **Al**, a Club member for many years.

- Next **Don** told of a letter received by **Paul Hughes** from a woman requesting a membership application, having heard that woman are now eligible to join Men's Garden Clubs. **Paul** will reply by saying that she is quite eligible to join the National Men's Garden Clubs of America, but that we are not accepting women at the present time.

- **Paul Hughes** received another letter which was much more disturbing, from **Everett Lattimore** complaining about the handling of the **Bob McNitt** memorial planting. As a result, **Eve** will not be renewing his membership in September. The matter will be looked into by **Don Otterness**.

- **Al Miller** told the Board that **Mrs. Jaskoviak**, the wife of **Larry Jaskoviak** our National Club President, had died within the past few days. **Herm Mau** made a motion which was seconded and carried to send \$50.00 to the National Endowment Fund in her memory.

- It was noted that **Clark Zeh** has suffered a slight stroke and will be unable to drive to our meeting for a while. The chairman of the sunshine committee, **Tom Baker** was instructed to send him a card from the Club.

- President **Don** passed around the Honor Certificate and letter from the National Office as a result of our continued growth in membership.

- **Joe Huth** produced the serving spoons which were reported as being missing. These were reported in the Dirt. **Joe** didn't even know that they were missing, however, **Wally Dillenbeck** has them now and will see that the rightful owner will get them.

The subject of the Local Scholarship was discussed. One point was made that there was never a question as to should we have a Scholarship Program, but are we ready to put one through in time for the up-coming school term. **Don Otterness**, author of the program, is confident that there is ample time to do this.

Al Miller questioned the financing of the scholarship. **Don Lewis** and others were very positive that we do indeed have enough money to get the program off the ground right now.

It was decided that we should publicize the program through the newspapers since our Publicity Director, **Tom Baker** has many newspaper connections. **Don Otterness** will give **Tom** all the necessary information including the date that the interviews are to be completed by August 15.

History – 30 years ago - continued

Ken York made the final motion which was carried, it read as follows:

I move that the Men's Garden Club of Albany should implement the Scholarship Program which has been worked on for several months. A committee should be appointed whose duties will be to appropriately advertise the scholarship and to recommend to the Board of Directors those students whom they have chosen to receive the awards. The amount of money to be used for the Scholarship should not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

There were six Board members present, all voted for the motion as was presented by **Ken York**. The following is the list of the Board members who were present:

Don Lewis, President
Tom Baker, Secretary
Don Stevens, Assistant Treasurer
Herman Mau, 1989
Ken York, 1991
Joe Huth, Past President

President **Don** appointed the following men to serve on the Scholarship committee:

Don Otterness, Chairman
Wally Dillenbeck
Paul Hughes
Lee Negus
Joe Raggio
Don Lewis, Ex-officio member

No other business was brought up, there fore, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by - **Tom Baker**, Secretary

** Editor's note: **Tom Baker** has been faithfully documenting our minutes since way before he had a personal computer - but somehow he has managed to digitize all of the minutes he has taken over the years and we now include them in our newsletter under the heading "History - 25 or 30 years ago" Thanks, **Tom Baker!!!**

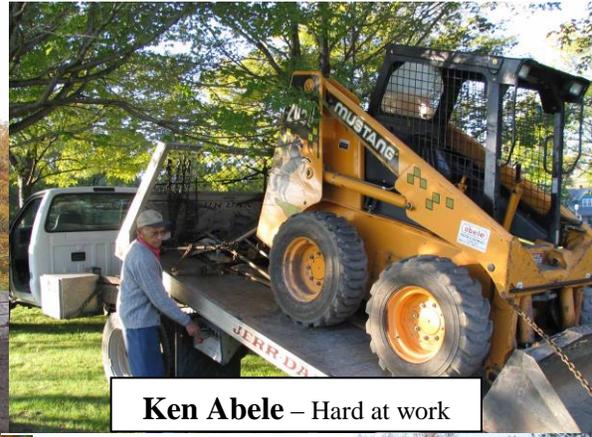
Joe Herman Scholarship Fund 501(c)3

We want to thank the many folks that made – and continue to make - tax deductible donations to the **Joe Herman Scholarship Fund**.

We continue to welcome 501(c)3 deductible donations that can be dedicated to support our **Memorial Garden, Gardening From the Heart program** at the Center for Disability Services, or the **Joe Herman Scholarship Fund**.

Please send them and any 501(c)3 deductible donations to **Russ Greenman** MGCA Treasurer
Please call **Russ Greenman** at (518) 477-8321 for details

**MEN'S GARDEN CLUB of ALBANY
CLUB ACTIVITIES
Adopt-a-Highway - 25 years**



Ken Abele – Hard at work



We had a good run... We started our Adopt A Highway program back in 1994 by building a raised bed out of Hemlock and lots of rebar. Ten years later in 2004 - we built a raised bed that would last a lifetime. Unfortunately when construction started on the Exit 7 bridge off of I-90 our concrete base, block structure, soil and flower bulbs mysteriously disappeared leaving only the steel we drove down 5 feet to keep the Very thick concrete base from heaving.. **Ken Abele** during construction of our second raised bed on I-90 at Exit 7 Westbound. Built to last This was build as a Memorial to an outstanding member - **Mr. Conrad (Connie) Robert**. This project took years to get State and Federal approvals and lots of hard work from members of the Men's Garden Club of Albany. ps. If you know who borrowed our several thousand pound raised bed - **please ask them to return it**. Perhaps someone with big boy toys on site while working on the bridge knows. Thanks!!! Built to last... Destroyed in hours



**Albany International Airport
Don Wrieden – Chairman**



**At the Albany County
Cooperative Extension
Joe Huth / Chuck Scott
Memorial Garden Chairmen**



MGCA Memorial Garden





Gardening from the Heart - 34 years

at the

Center for Disability Services

Volunteers include: Tom Baker, **Russ Greenman**, **Greg Goutos**, Joe Huth, **Jack Meagher**, Bruce Wilcox, and **Don Wrieden**.



We have been enjoying some fantastic weather and everything is growing well in our many raised beds. Thanks to the staff at the Center for Disability services, we have some nice cages around a few raised beds and they are keeping the woodchuck(s) out.

Every week we have been harvesting lettuce, broccoli, herbs, peas and other items that the consumers get to take home. Some of the herbs and other things get used in a really cool cooking program that is also held on Wednesday mornings. We planted Kale that is used in another educational program that I think is amazing. The consumers get to start with Kale seeds, watch them grow, harvest them, and work their magic to make, package and sell dog biscuits.

If you have free time on Wednesday mornings – you could consider helping us out – I bet it will do as much good for you as it does for our students. – Contact anyone of our volunteers to find out more.

Bill Stoneman's - The Vegetable Project

Digging in the dirt at **Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School** and **Albany High School**, the **Vegetable Project** is a collaborative effort of parents, faculty and other staff members and community partners that supports after-school and summertime Garden Clubs, presents classroom lessons and brings families together for occasional weekend events. **The Vegetable Project is a 501c3 tax-exempt nonprofit corporation.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today!	Please visit our friends that need our visits and cards
Sunday, July 28th @ 3:30 pm	Summer Picnic and Memorial Service Albany County Cooperative Extension – 15 Martin Rd. Voorheesville, NY
September 5 th @ 7:30 pm October 3 rd @ 7:30 pm	Board of Director's Meeting All members are invited
Every Wednesday : @ 9:15 am	Gardening from the Heart Center for Disability Services 700 South Pearl St. Albany
August 13-18	MGCA Altamont Fair Exhibit - August 12 (setup)

Editor: **Russ Greenman**

Please support research for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis - Lou Gehrig's disease) in memory of one of our most active members - **Mr. Bill Town**

Click on this link to read his story: <http://community.als.net/teamtown>

Special thanks to **Paul Zimmermann** for our terrific website

<http://www.mensgardenclubofalbany.org/>

Go ahead - click on it - you'll be glad you did.

Thanks **Paul Zimmermann!!!**

In Memory
Of My
Loving Wife, Young
Bruce Wilcox

In Memory of
Louis Meo
&
Richard Stankus

In Memory of
Al & Barbara Miller
Phil Harris
Bill Barr
Christian & Mildred Lebrecht
Ed Tompkins
Avrom Koblenz

In Memory of my parents
John and Carrie Meagher
They both loved Plants and Flowers
Jack Meagher

In Memory of
Grandpa & Great Grandpa
Carroll W. Greenman
Russ, Maria, and Carl

In Memory of
*Wally Dillenbeck*
and
*Don Otterness*
By Tom Baker

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Bill Town
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