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Jim Burlingame's 1963 Ford Thunderbird

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A Message From Your Editor Judy Keenan

Well it is that time of year again! Time to pass the trophies onto the next deserving recipients. If you are in this picture, you will need to polish your trophy off and return it to Brian Moon or any Board member ASAP.

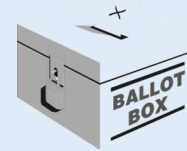
On page seven, you will see the GVACS Annual Awards Call for Suggestions. Please read this and if you wish to suggest a person for the Board to consider for any of the awards listed, send a note or email to the Chairman of the Board, Chris Dear by Friday, October 13th.

I know I was honored and appreciated receiving my award. If there is any club member that you consider has done an outstanding job or achievement, please submit their name. Show your fellow members how much you appreciate the time and effort they put in GVACS.



In the past, we have not received many suggestions. We have members that give a lot of time and service to our club. Let's let them know how much we appreciate what they do! Send the names in!

Blessings, Judy



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A Message From Your President Don Dear

Leaf peeping time is here and it's a wonderful opportunity to take "your favorite ride" out for a spin. Make sure you sign up for our October outing to view the Veteran's Memorial near Mount Morris and enjoy lunch at the Charcoal Corral. Details are in this issue. Thank you, Brian Moon and Ann Neal for organizing this.

What a great turnout for the BBQ in Pultneyville. Thank you again, Joe Kozloski and Linda Perkins, for organizing. Please enjoy the photos in this issue.

Thank you Chris Dear and Brian Moon for organizing the 3-day September tour to Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania. The group had fun going up and down the mountains. Pictures and a write up will be in our next issue.

GVACS annually presents awards to our members. Descriptions are included in this issue. Take this opportunity to nominate a fellow member, who has contributed in a special way to our club. Awards are presented at our holiday party in December. Nominations must be received by October 13th.

Be sure to attend our election meeting on November 11th. Our GVACS computer consultant will be there. Email Chris Dear with any computer concerns. She will pass them along to Geoff Wasmer and he will address them at our meeting.

At this time our 2024 event calendar is wide open. Pick a month and organize an activity for your GVACS friends. Your Board can help with ideas. Judy Keenan is a wiz at creating a flyer. Let's see that calendar fill up by year end. Remember- GVACS is YOUR club!

Enjoy the ride!

Don



New Members

W • E • L • C • O • M • E

Welcome!
we Love new members

Welcome to our latest new members, Steve and Sylvia Lamagna.

Steve has been involved with automobiles professionally for years. He started out as a body shop manager; became an insurance adjuster trained in accident re-creation and scam investigation; owned Steve's Auto where all makes were repaired, body and mechanical; and, currently he is a NYS appraiser and licensed car dealer.

The automotive bug bit Steve at an early age. He grew up around Model A's. At 14 he started working on his brother's cars and, aided by his brother, at 15 he had bought two 1956 Imperials at an auction. He has restored many performance vehicles including a Camaro Z-28 and he is very knowledgeable of 1956-71 GM vehicles as well as other vehicles from 1956 to current autos. Steve

and Sylvia own a 1965 Buick Riviera and a 1930 Model A four-door that Sylvia loves.

One of Sylvia's favorite activities brings out her creative side. She is an artist who works with acrylics and water colors and applies these mediums to generate landscapes, abstracts and paintings of flowers.

Both have been in the Rochester area most of their lives. Steve was born here and Sylvia moved here with her family when she was eight. The couple currently lives at 191 Bailey Road in Hilton and can be reached at 585-415-5141 or via email at topogigio8899@hotmail.com.

We are looking forward to seeing and chatting with Steve and Sylvia at our GVACS events.

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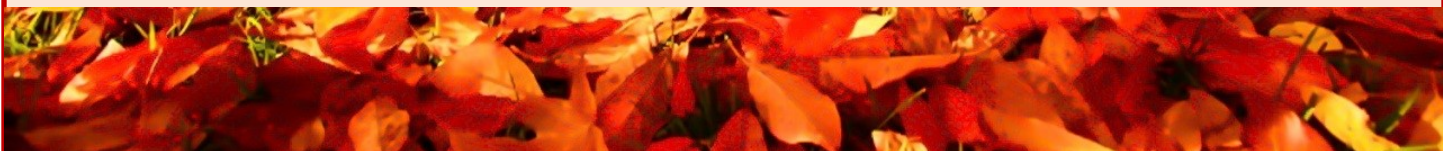
GVACS Board Meeting on August 24, 2023 at Foreman Park in Pultneyville

At its Meeting on August 24, 2023, the Board of Directors:



- ... approved the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting of the Board
- ... approved the Treasurer's report and discussed cash flow over the past years
- ... heard request by Judy Keenen, Brass Lamp editor, for club member car pictures
- ... John O'Connor reported that website picture issues have been resolved
- ... heard a report from Ann Neal, Membership chair, that we currently have 95 memberships (164 people). Ann suggested that the welcome letter and Brass Lamp be sent in one email, and when confirmed that that email is correct, the member roster will be sent.
- ... confirmed that the 2023 calendar is complete. Ann Neal, holiday party planner, suggested that instead of the member gift exchange, we bring new, unwrapped toys for the Pirate Toy Fund. The Board agreed that this was a great idea. Information coming to members soon.
- ... Alyssa Cogan will have the 2020 financial review complete in September 2023. Ann Neal will ask Charlie Bauder to do the financial review for 2021 and 2022.
- ... Brian Moon has had difficulty reaching the company that has made badges for new members. He is looking at lanyards with paper name tags for our new members.
- ... GVACS will be transitioning to a new treasurer. Harry Fisher has volunteered to be our new treasurer. This will happen during the month of September.
- ... Established the GVACS election roster for the upcoming year. It will be in the October and November issues of the Brass Lamp. Elections are Friday, November 11, 2023 at the Lutheran Church on St. Paul Blvd. in Irondequoit.
- ... Awards descriptions are in the Brass Lamp. Deadline for nominations is October 13th.
- ... Established date for next Board meeting: Wednesday, October 25th at Ann Neal's home at 2464 Maple Ave. Palmyra NY.

Respectfully submitted by
Chris Dear, Board Chair, in the absence of Jim Day, Secretary.





GVACS Annual Awards Call for Suggestions

This year, GVACS Awards will be announced at the Holiday Party in December. Awards are presented to deserving GVACS members selected by the Board of Directors. The Board welcomes suggestions from the membership.

If you wish to suggest a person for the Board to consider for any of the awards listed below, please send a note or email to the Chairman of the Board, Chris Dear by Friday, Oct. 13, 2023 (585-872-4141 or cdchrisdear1@gmail.com). Include the information below:

1. Name of the GVACS member (s) you are suggesting for the Board's consideration.
2. Name of the Award to be given.
3. A paragraph that lists the person's qualifications for the particular award (i.e. why that person is deserving).

The Awards and their criteria are described below.

The Allan G. Nagle Memorial Trophy - Established: 1960

Qualifications: The winner is a person who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, has done the most to better the club or the most in the way of assisting other members or for the best restoration of an antique car. The winner may be outstanding in one or more of these qualifications.

The D. W. Price Sr. Memorial Trophy - Established: 1965

Qualifications: This trophy is presented to an individual who has given much service to the club.

The Billy Knipper Award - Established: 1970 (at the Club's 20th Anniversary Dinner)

Qualifications: The cup was designated to be used annually as an award for outstanding achievement of a club member with extra consideration going to a long-standing members.

The GVACS Outstanding Tour Award - Established: 2001

Qualifications: This is awarded to the person(s) who organize an outstanding tour. (Not necessarily to be given each year.)

A 1963 Ford Thunderbird Story

By Jim Burlingame

I have always wanted to find another 1961 to 1963 Ford Thunderbird like the blue 1961 I owned back in my youth, before marriage and kids when a station wagon became more practical.

Last fall, as I was driving out route 31 towards Walmart in Macedon, I saw a red and white car sitting out in the middle of a farmer's field with a for sale sign on it. I slowed down and looked a little closer and found out that it was a 1963 Ford Thunderbird. There was a sign on it saying to call a number and they only lived two miles away. So, I called the number, they came over and we negotiated a price. He then delivered it to my house in East Rochester.



The only trouble I had was with a problem called heat soak. Heat soak is when the gas evaporates from the carburetor after the motor is turned off for a short while. Then you must run the starter for 30 or 45 seconds to get cooler gas up into the carburetor bowl. Then I installed a couple of spacers between the carburetor and the engine intake manifold. After I got the car running well, I decided

to take a little trip to Sodas Point NY which was a round trip of around 90 miles. I filled the 20 gallon gas tank before I left and, when I got home, discovered there was only 1/2 a tank left. I figured that I'm getting ten miles to the gallon on gas that I pay extra for because it's non ethanol. The car has a big 300 horsepower V8 motor and weighs 4400 pounds. Back in 1961, gas was about 25-30 cents a gallon, so it wasn't so bad. But now when you pay extra for the non ethanol gas and end up paying \$5.50 a gallon. Ten miles on a gallon doesn't sound too good. But such as it is with an old car. I just hesitate to drive any distance. It runs real good and just because it sucks up gas I

guess it's OK with me but maybe I ought to do some research on the carburetor and clean it out.

To make a long story short. I like the car, Don't like the mileage, but I can live with it and hopefully through GVACS and its activities, you will see the car a lot more.



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Requests for Car Displays and/or Eblast Requests

It's that time of the year when organizations contact GVACS with requests for car displays or to publicize their event via an Eblast. **Groups should be advised that we publicize, however we do not take reservations, nor do we guarantee participation.** In order to publicize an event, we need the information below (the key "WH"questions !)

President, Don Dear approves requests for Eblasts. Any requests for an Eblast should be directed to President, Don Dear (ddear99@gmail.com) with a copy to Secretary, Jim Day, jameslday21@gmail.com.

What: _____
(Name of event i.e. Car Display at _____)

Where: _____
(Address/location of facility/venue)

When: _____
(Date of event)

What Time: _____
(Time frame for cars to be on display.)

Who: Name to contact to make reservations: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Contact Email: _____

Deadline for making a reservation: _____

Special details: _____

(For e.g. what refreshments are being served to car owners, entertainment provided, etc.)

Cars and Bodies

A Murray Stahl Muse

We all know that a “high-milage” car just isn’t as reliable as a new vehicle.

There are signals of aging, in both our cars and bodies. Our knees begin to fail just as an old cars shock absorber; it’s just the wear and tear of the miles on our chassis.

This writing was triggered by my annual physical, my blood test had well over 100 lines of results and I asked what all these numbers meant. God bless the Doctor, she led me one by one through them; I marveled at the complexity and it led me to this very, incomplete overview.

As we age it’s normal to become ever-more aware of our bodies. In our little car club, we understand car parts like fuel and water pumps, fuel-lines and the ever present, exhaust system.

Our bodies have similar systems, but in our body, they are expected to operate 24 hours a day; our own bodies off switch is very final. As in an automobile, preventable maintenance extends a person’s lifetime.

It’s interesting to compare our cars engine parts to our own for they serve a similar purpose; to keep it all running.

- Approximately 80-90% of what

we perceive as "taste" actually is due to our sense of smell.



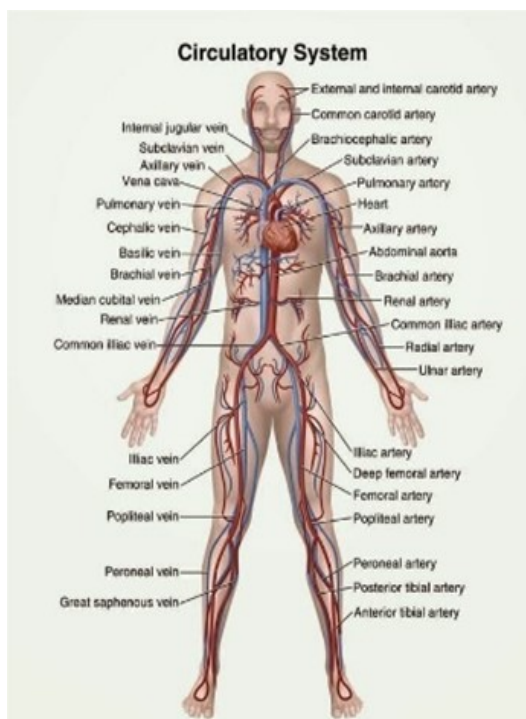
- Your heart beats about 35 million times in a year. During an average lifetime, the human heart will beat more than 2.5 billion times. What a pump, eh? In our cars the water “pump” only operates about 8% of the available operational time; it is mostly parked and resting.

◆ It is rarely noted but our cars are parked with the engines off, well over 90% of their life, just waiting to take you for a ride; your body systems are never at rest while you’re alive, whew.

- Our body has about 5.6 liters (6 quarts) of blood. This 5.6 liters of blood circulates through the body

three times every minute. In one day, the blood travels a total of 12,000 miles- that's four times the distance across the U.S. from coast to coast. BTW, our cars require frequent oil changes; in our body a fluid change is a very big deal.

- The heart pumps about 1 million barrels of blood during an average lifetime; that's enough to fill more than 3 super tankers. Our blood circulates to lubricate our and cool our bodies.



Cars and Bodies

A Murray Stahl Muse

In our cars the water circulation is very complicated as it has the dual role of cooling and lubrication. This simple explanation kind of hides the need for many various gadgets to work flawlessly together. It's very complex and many components simply check on the other gadgets.

- If all arteries, veins, and capillaries of the human circulatory system were laid end to end, the total length would be 60,000 miles, or 100,000 km. That's nearly two and a half times around the Earth! That's a lot of fuel lines!

- Even though its thickness averages just 2mm, your skin gets an eighth of all your blood supply.

The skull looks as though it is a single bone. In fact, it is made up of 22 separate bones, cemented together along rigid joints called sutures.

- If a human adult's digestive tract were stretched out, it would be 20 to 30 ft long.

- Red blood cells may live for about four months circulating throughout the body, feeding the 60 trillion other body cells. Red blood cells make approximately 250,000 round trips of the body before returning to the bone marrow, where they were born, sadly to die.

- Human hair grows about 1/4 inch (about 6 millime-

ters) every month and keeps on growing for up to 6 years. The hair then falls out and another grows in its place, not necessarily on a man's head.

- The average healthy mouth produces about 600 milliliters of saliva each day. That's enough to fill a 12 ounce soda bottle every single day.

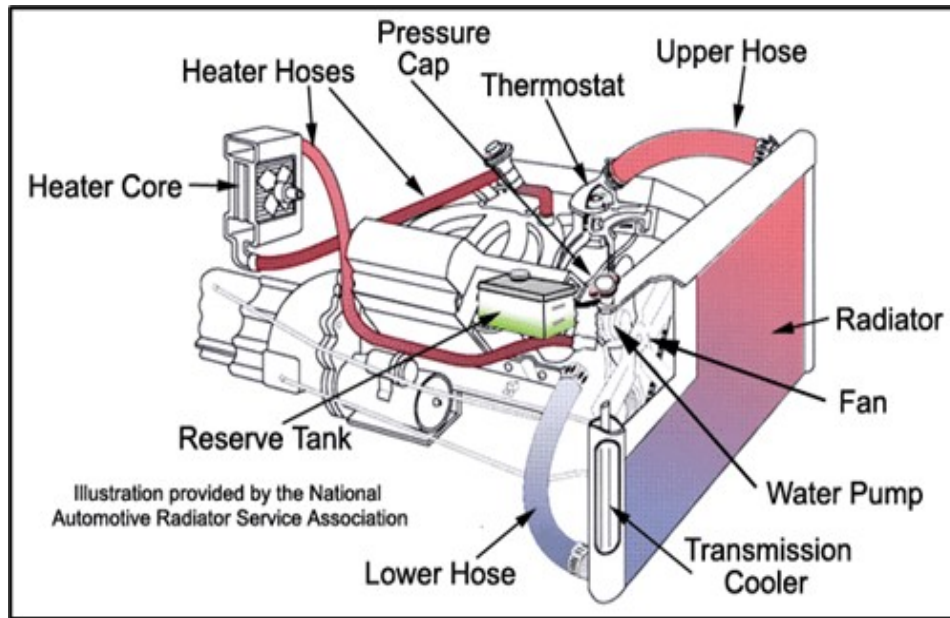
- The fastest nerve cells are carrying messages along their axons at an amazing 130 yards per second (268 mph).

- Finally, there's the car's computer, it's brain. Currently it controls almost all the car's functions even scolding you not to take

your eyes off the road. My new car stops itself if it senses I'm doing something stupid. In all of the car's computers skill set though nothing compares to our human brain. In a very compact package fed by the blood supply the brain controls motion, logic and all other bodily functions, it has a memory bank that allows you to recall learned things, (mostly). It is suffice to say that thousands of tech hours have been devoted to the study of "how-does-this-thing-work", they are not nearly finished.

If you look closely at our bodies, you realize that this is a very complex system that requires maintenance, take care of yourself or they'll stick a "it ran when parked" tag on your toe.

Fini, Murray Stahl



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Pictures of GVACS Summer Picnic at Foreman Park



October 2023 Secretary's Report

GVACS Members

We have been attending car shows at residences for elderly people with mixed results. The show at Wegmans cottages went very well with a good weather and a good showing, but we were rained out at Ferris Hills at West Lake and at Cherry Ridge.

The above record confirms that the season is getting short. With the weather being more unpredictable. When the weather does cooperate, be sure to get out with your cars as often as you can and enjoy the ride.

Jim Day



REMINDER!!

AACA and GVACS 50-year Membership Awards

AACA and GVACS 50-year membership awards are two different programs and there is no correlation between the two. GVACS does not maintain a database for AACA 50-year memberships and AACA does not maintain a database for GVACS 50-year memberships.

AACA 50-Year Membership Award: If you believe you are eligible for a 50-year AACA award, contact Jon Curtis jcurtis@aaca.org or phone 717-534-1910.

GVACS 50-Year Membership Award: The GVACS 50-year award is the waiving of GVACS membership dues only. AACA dues are required and should be paid by December 31st unless you have been awarded an AACA 50-Year Membership. Per our current roster, we have no members with a 1973 join date that makes them eligible for the GVACS 50-year membership award this year.

It's AACA 2024 Membership Renewal Time

It's our busiest time of the year here at AACA Headquarters – it's membership renewal time! The first renewal notice for 2024 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of *Antique Automobile*.

Members can also use our new and improved online renewal option on our website.

Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with

your membership number and pin number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and

make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and choose your payment type. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Discover or

PayPal.

Your payment will automatically update your membership record.



GVACS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for 2023
Friday, November 10, 2023 at 7PM

The GVACS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for 2023 will take place at our indoor meeting on 11-10-2023 at 7:00 PM at the Church of the Resurrection, 3736 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY.

The Board of Directors has approved the following slate of nominees for GVACS Officers and Directors for 2024. They will be presented at the Annual Meeting. At that time, nominees from the floor will be called for. (Note that persons being nominated from the floor should have agreed to be nominated.) Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting and participate in the election of Officers and Directors.

OFFICERS:

President: Don Dear
Vice-President: Bob Dilger
Treasurer: Harry Fisher
Secretary: Jim Day

DIRECTORS:

Chris Dear
Brian Moon
Ann Neal
John O'Connor
Brad Sargent

**AACA National Calendar
and Other Events**

October 2023

3-6 Eastern Fall Nationals

Hershey, PA

Hershey Region - 717-566-7720

Flea market set-up is Monday, show date is Friday

22-27 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943)

Thomasville, Georgia - VMCCA hosted

February 2024

8-10 AACA Annual Convention

Dulles, Virginia

717-534-1910

March 17-23, 2024

17-23 Founders Tour (1932-1999)

Louisiana - Louisiana Region

21-24 Winter Nationals

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico Region

April 4-6, 2024

Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals

Charlotte, NC - Hornets Nest Region - 704-847-4215

June 20-22, 2024

AACA Western Division Tour (Up to 1999)

Big Horn Mt., Wyoming - Nebraska Region



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our insurance will cover this?!”*

GVACS FALL TRIP TO LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERAN'S MONUMENT



This is quite an amazing sight in Groveland, NY (Livingston County) as an enormous flag is adorned with 4-5 foot high metal poppies as a way to honor our military veterans. Each one was custom made for a particular veteran. They were made by the Mount Morris Genesee Valley BOCES metal trade shop. The folks involved with this program have created a wonderful tribute along Route 63 not too far from American Rock Salt.

When: October 14th, 2023

What Time: Meet at 9:30am in Lowes Parking lot. Leave at 10am.

Where: Lowes Parking Lot, 2350 Marketplace Drive, Rochester, NY 14623

Lunch: Charcoal Corral (Perry). Club will subsidize part of the lunch.

What: We will be taking a colorful ride to Mount Morris to the Poppies as seen above. The leaves should be in full color. We can enjoy the poppies for awhile and then drive to the Charcoal Corral for lunch.

RSVP BY OCTOBER 2nd

Contact Brian Moon: Email: 65bmoon@gmail.com

Name(s): _____

Number of people attending: _____



**Don't Miss Our
Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
November 10, 2023 at 7pm**

Look Who's Returning!

SPEAKER

Geoff Wasmer,
GVACS Technology Consultant

Topic:

Living in a World with Scammers

Location:

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
3736 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY

*If you have a special topic or concern, please email Chris Dear.
He would like to be able to answer your concerns.*



2023 GVACS HOLIDAY DINNER



HOSTED BY JOEL & ANN NEAL AND DON & LINDA HOSENFELD

Sunday Afternoon, December 10, 2023

Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club

1850 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield, NY

Arrive at 1:00 PM - Arrive & Socialize - Cash Bar - Hors D'oeuvres
2:00 PM Dinner - Short Program following Dinner

Dinner Selections:

Each selection can be prepared gluten free. Indicate "GF" on your reservation form below.

Each selection includes service charge, gratuity and a generous GVACS subsidy.

All dinners are served with house salad, rolls/butter, vegetable, starch and conclude with Dessert.

- Ranch Club Steak - 6 oz. Sirloin Grilled and finished with Sauteed Mushrooms,
Pearl Onions and Demi-glace..... \$32.00
- Alaskan Cod - 6 oz. Herbed Bread Crumb Crusted Filet with Sherried Lobster Sauce \$32.00
- Classic Chicken French \$32.00
- Vegan - Snow Peas, Shiitake, Baby Corn, Broccoli, Red Peppers, Thai Coconut Sauce, Cilantro, & Cashew
Fried Wild Rice..... \$32.00

SOMETHING NEW FOR CHRISTMAS

Instead of having a "bring one, get one" gift exchange at our Christmas Holiday Dinner this year, we are asking attendees to consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for a child, ranging from infant to 14 years of age, to donate to the Pirate Toy Fund. The Pirate Toy Fund is a nonprofit organization that distributes new toys year-round to children in need throughout the Greater Rochester region. It was co-founded by local children's entertainer, Gary the Happy Pirate and Dave and Lorrie Simonetti. The charity originally provided toys to patients at the Golisano Children's Hospital but now includes all area hospitals and agencies that help children in need. More information on this organization can be found by searching Pirate Toy Fund on the internet or going to their website, www.piratetoyfund.org.



Make checks payable to GVACS. Send form below to:

Linda Hosenfeld, 1579 Hennessey Road, Ontario, NY 14519

Reservation deadline is Monday, Dec. 4, 2023.



Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Ranch Club Steak _____ x \$32.00 = _____

Alaskan Cod _____ x \$32.00 = _____





Classic Chicken French _____ x \$32.00 = _____

Vegan _____ x \$32.00 = _____

Total enclosed _____



GVACS Activities Calendar Updated September 20, 2023

Dates 2023	Activity/Event/Speaker	Organizer/Hosts
 <p>October 14, 2023</p>	<p>Visit Livingston Veterans Monument 5871 Groveland Station Rd. Mt. Morris, NY 250 Metal Poppies Lunch at the Charcoal Coral in Perry</p>	<p>Brian Moon & Ann Neal</p>
 <p>November 10, 2023</p>	<p>Annual Mtg & Election of Officers-7pm Speaker: Geoff Wasmer GVACS Technology Consultant Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 3736 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY</p>	<p>Chris Dear</p>
 <p>December 10, 2023 Christmas Party</p>	<p>Holiday Party Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club</p>	<p>Joel and Ann Neal Don & Linda Hosenfeld</p>
Dates 2024	Activity/Event/Speaker	Need Volunteers
<p>January 2023 Event</p>	<p>No Event This Month</p>	
<p>February 2024 Event Date TBD</p>	<p>?? Ideas ?? ?? Winter Picnic ??</p>	<p>Need Volunteer</p>
 <p>March 2024 Date TBD</p>	<p>Pancake Run</p>	<p>Judy & Bob Keenan</p>
<p>April 2024 Date TBD</p>	<p>?? Ideas ??</p>	<p>Need Volunteer</p>
<p>May 2024 Date TBD</p>	<p>?? Ideas ?? ?? Brunch Run ??</p>	<p>Need Volunteer</p>
<p>June 2024 Date TBD</p>	<p>?? Ideas ?? ?? Ice Cream Social ??</p>	<p>Need Volunteer</p>
<p>July 2024 Date TBD</p>	<p>?? Ideas ?? ?? Ice Cream Social ??</p>	<p>Need Volunteer</p>
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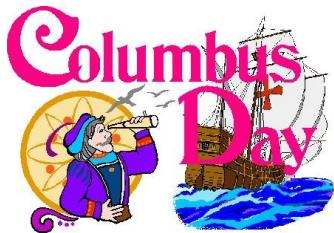
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