



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 48 Years

A Message from Our President

Haiku! Whyku? Why
Not youku? Yes! It's tryou
Can write haiku! Do!

And just like that, it's spring! Already the Woody is back on the charging dock, rigging is happening, and plans are afoot for reopening real life at the Sloop Club. Something Strawberry is in the works, sailing will soon be starting up, and best of all...in person outdoor meetings, if the weather gods are with us! Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, join us online for our April lecture, and zoom on down to our Haikootenanny fundraiser online this Sunday at 5, and help us help Clearwater take a sloopful of local kids out on the magnificent Hudson for a transformative experience. Lots of your friends have written wonderful haiku! Come join the fun and vote for your favorites. (It's completely free to non-entrants.)

See you there!
Susan

Inside this issue:

Last chance for poets, educating Congress, weighing in on Danskammer, we're in the movies, and much, much more.....



Counting down to closure

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, May 7 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Household Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal _____ New Member _____

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? I would like to help with _____

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

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

The **Beacon Sloop Club Broadside** is the official monthly newsletter of the **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.**

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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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, April 2, 2021, recorded by Tom Elliott

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Bill Hudson sang “Look for that Destined Shore,” and **Susan Berliner** called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Treasurer’s Report: Aaron shared the Profit and Loss Report for February 2021, which is in the newsletter, below. With no questions, Susan thanked Aaron for his report.

Clearwater Goings On: Steve Stanne told us that the *She Sailor Sea Stories* has been a great success. Planning has begun on Virtual Great Hudson River Revival scheduled for June 19. The sailing season is about to start. First sails are booked, and some are going out of Beacon. The search for Program Director, a new position designed to integrate Environmental Action with Environmental Education, is in the interviewing stage, with good candidates being interviewed. The Strategic Plan is entering the writing stage, identifying assets and weaknesses, plus goals for seven priorities, including defining a sustainable Revival model. John McLaughlin commented that the Chelsea Yacht Club has a growing number of female skippers and they had great feedback on *She Sailor Sea Stories*. Mel asked Steve how the Covid 19 distancing requirements were affecting Clearwater, and he said they are limiting capacity to 25, but are still able to get guests onboard. Susan thanked Steve for his update.

Clearwater Environmental Report: Manna Jo Greene gave us highlights of the past month. She would post links to information sources she mentions in the chat. Staff joined a Congressional briefing on 3/30 and spent a full 9 hour plus day with the NYPSC Siting Board on Danskammer. Clearwater is taking on a leadership position in evidence-based nuclear energy education, hoping to influence congress, federal agencies, and interest groups that nuclear energy is neither a climate solution nor a sound economic investment. Clearwater is hoping to put the brakes on the PSC negotiations with Holtec re: the license transfer of Indian Point, which is being negotiated before the Oversight Board is convened. County executives need to be heard from, and Clearwater will put the questions forward. PSC still has the ability to deny the transfer. 90 percent of the comments tallied by the Siting Board were against the “Re-powering of the gas plant” (fracked gas). An alternate plan for a renewable energy battery storage facility there is a better use of the site. CW is still working with groups on the Newburgh water problems, and with NYDEP on reservoir plans, and toward low impact hydro energy projects that make sense. Also working with the seven-county consortium in the mid-Hudson on renewable energy plans to protect communities. Manna asked for questions. John McLaughlin said he would speak at the upcoming meeting of the Chelsea Yacht Club leadership about Danskammer I.P. He appreciates the information Manna Jo provides.

Woody Report: Captain Steve Schwartz reported that the boat is in Beacon, secure on the charging dock. He said he thought there would be one more sailor’s meeting before the season begins. James Malchow confirmed that and noted that the ramp is now on the long dock, and the club is done with its need for the tender, so it is available for Kip to do the harbor work.

Tom Elliott told the club that the Spout Out Haikootenanny event to benefit Clearwater and underserved school children in the area is filling up with writers and poems. He said there

is still room time for more aspiring haiku writers to get involved, with single haiku entries available for a \$20.00 fee. The deadline for entries and submission of haiku is Wed., April 7. Alan Thomas noted that we also have room for attendees to register for free and encouraged all to join in and hear the readings at what will be a fun event.

River Sweep: Joyce Hanson spoke about River Sweep and was delighted by Clearwater’s offer of help. The event will begin at 8:45 on May 1st with another short Invasive Species walk led by Rebecca Rew of the Beacon Institute. This one will be quite different than last fall’s walk given a whole different group of plants will be available. Sign up on the River Sweep website.

Strawberry Time: Susan told us organizers are discussing plans for June 13th. Focus is on doing what is possible, and what might be able to be done for the public. Please contact Susan if you would like to join the planning group. Vendors have been calling, and there is hope public event might be possible. Events are still a moving target. Someone suggested checking the NYS Farm Market guidelines for insight.

Winter Lectures: The lecture series for April 15 at 7 PM will be Polly Well’s 24-minute film, “We Began to Sing,” will be shown on a new platform called “Show and Tell”. After registering on the site, viewers can use a link to join, watch the film, and then push a button to automatically link to a live discussion with the film’s makers on Zoom at 7:30. Bill McKibben, of 350.org, will be the speaker on May 20th.

Building Report: Tom LaBarr reported that Safeco has installed a new keypad panel in the building, upgrading the alarm system. If you have a code, it is not changed, and the new keypad works the same as the old one. An outside siren is also being installed soon.

Environmental Report: Tom LaBarr told us that DEC is making progress on a plan to clean up of the old Chevron/Texaco site, and that the City of Beacon is holding Earth Day clean-up activities and celebrations this year. See details on the city website

Bonnie on MLK Day: We learned that MLK day this year was intended to be a fundraiser in part for the Howland Public Library. The executive board voted to donate \$100 to the Library, and others wishing to contribute may send a check made out the Sloop Club, noted to “Howland Library” to the club’s PO Box address.

Announcements: Alan Zollner announced the Newburgh to Beacon River Swim will be held on July 24 this year. All swimmers and kayakers must be fully vaxed two weeks before that date. More volunteers are needed this year due to Covid protocols that must be maintained. Registration is on the River Pool website and will open the middle of this month. **Susan** announced that the Sloop Club is considering an outdoor meeting in May at the Clubhouse, since the outdoor gatherings of up to 200 are now allowed. She said we are thinking of how we could combine virtual technology at an actual meeting but haven’t figured out quite how yet.

With no further announcements, she adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm, and the Circle of Song began, led by Bill Hudson.

Rise Up Spouting!

Overdue haiku
Could this possibly be you?
Please, Wednesday it's due!

As we go to press, there is one more day to get your masterwork in. We need the time to get the program put together and ballots made, so a gentle nudge....

Sales for attendees are set to end at 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 11, to allow us time to distribute the links.

You can enter through Brown Paper Tickets, and email your tiny masterpiece to tomelliott789@gmail.com - all by 11:59pm, Wednesday, April 7th. Then join us online Sunday, April 11th at 5:00 for a festive Spout Out! Haikootenanny. Everyone will have an opportunity to read their haiku to an adoring assemblage of like-minded spirits who will then vote on their favorites. Democracy lives!

Winners of the People's Choice Vote in each category will receive an historic one-of-a-kind Clearwater face mask, suitable for wearing or framing, lovingly hand crafted from sweaty old Revival tee shirts, hopefully washed, as well as the worshipful veneration of your truest soulmates.

But wait! There's more! All entrants will receive an official voucher for a free slice of future Pumpkin Fest pie, which, let's face it, you will have probably made yourself.

Remember: the entire proceeds from this event will go to our Help Clearwater Stay Afloat initiative to provide a free sail to an underserved school right here on our leg of the river.

Come join the turpitude! If you want to attend, but not compose (or be composed) the event is free to members. You will still have the opportunity to redeem yourself by donating if you choose. We do ask that you register in advance for security and planning purposes.

The best part is...everyone wins. You'll have a fun, mind expanding evening with good friends, and the joy of giving local schoolchildren the gift of an amazing, life changing experience on the Hudson River.

Help make history! Zoom on down to the First and Possibly Last Annual Beacon Sloop Club Spout Out! Haikootenanny Zoom Meeting on Sunday, April 11th at 5:00. You'll receive the link in your email.

A not-to-be-missed Beacon Sloop Club Funraiser!

For entry details click on the flyer or go to The Haikootenanny website at:

https://beaconsloopcluboffice.org/haikootennay/?page_id=4

To register on Brown Paper Tickets:
<https://haikootenanny2021.bpt.me/>

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Have outrageous fun
and help us help Clearwater
raise much needed funds!
[Click here for details.](#)
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Why Haiku?

The Haiku form began in Japan in the 16th century. It evolved out of an older, longer form known as Renku, or linked verse, whose introductory stanza followed the 5-7-5 format. By the early 1600's the elegance and beauty of the format was recognized as its own genre; sometimes credit is attributed to the great master, Matsuo Basho.

Haiku contests, both formal and informal, are as old as the form itself. In 1672 Basho published, *The Seashell Game (Kai Oi)*, representing a Haiku contest in thirty rounds of paired poems by different authors.

What about English? There is no direct translation between Japanese 'syllables' and those of English, but the concise format and subtlety have gained wide adoption in the West.

We have chosen the Haiku contest as it allows many people to participate, young and old.

Be creative, Have fun !

April 2021 Environmental Action Update
Manna Jo Greene



Congressional Briefing: Toward an Evidence-Based Nuclear Energy Policy

On March 30 Clearwater and members of the National Decommissioning Working Group sponsored a very successful congressional briefing with the Energy and Environmental Studies Institute (EESI) with 334 people in attendance.

Please also promote **Gordon Edwards' Nuclear Waste 101: An Introduction and Overview**

Video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14vGb8e9fHQ7o2RNFurOC1deEEKljYK4/view>

Slides: https://www.eesi.org/files/GE_Congress_2021.pdf

and **Steve Kent's: BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE EESI CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING: [TOWARDS AN EVIDENCE-BASED NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY Gaps in Research, Regulation, Policy, and Practice in the U.S. Nuclear Industry, and What Policymakers Can Do to Bridge Them](#)**

Next NDCAP meeting: **Thurs.. April 9, 2021**

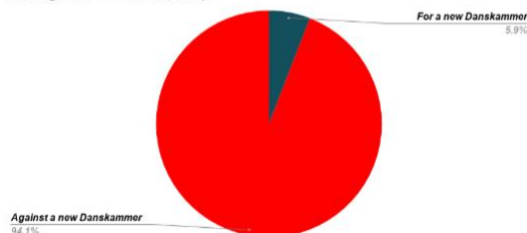


Stop Proposed Danskammer Fracked Gas Expansion.

Clearwater is working with the Stop Danskammer Coalition. There have been 24 municipal resolutions; over 150 elected officials signed letter of opposing Danskammer expansion.

The public hearing over the proposed Danskammer expansion garnered over 300 participants! There were so many people that only about half got a chance to speak. Out of the 186 speakers, 175 were opposed. Fortunately for those who did not get a chance to voice their concerns, you are still able to submit written comments. Please add your voice to the over 10,900 written comments thus far

Public Opinion Poll of Danskammer (Based on Public Service Commission Public Hearings held on March 31, 2021)



Please submit comments: [Case # 18-F-0325](#)

Other Issues:

- **Newburgh Drinking Water Contamination:** Clearwater is a member of the Stewart Air Nation Guard Restoration Advisory Committee (RAC) for the PFOS remediation.
- **Champlain Hudson Power Express**
- **Lower Esopus Turbidity from Ashokan Reservoir**
- **Proposed Pump Storage facility at Ashokan In Town of Olive**

Addressing the Global Climate Crisis:

- **Regional Renewable Energy Implementation Planning Process**
- **Role of small-scale, Low-Impact Hydroelectric on existing dams in Hudson Valley's energy mix.**

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To the editor:NEWS OF THE HUDSON VALLEY AND
SURROUNDING AREAS

-We as a species, should not be facing extinction as other species. This includes from mental, physical, and societal causes. Therefore, consider supporting the “**Medicare for All Act**” **Bills now in both the N.Y. House and the N.Y. Senate.** New York State can set an example for the entire U.S. These two New York bills are known as the Medicare for All Act and would provide health care from birth to death. These bills need your support. Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) has worked for years with other organizations, including the New York State Nurses Association on the issue of providing all with health care.

The “Medicare for All Act” Bills includes all aspects of our health care needs: Doctor visits, hospitalizations, nursing home expenses, vision, dental, mental health care, prescriptions for generic drugs, etc. We would have free choice of doctors. Home health care workers’ wages will increase to reduce the shortage for the many who need home health services, and more funding for under representative rural and urban communities will be provided. During the five-year transitional period, following the bills’ passage, there will be retraining for those in the private health insurance business that may be displaced. The new system, like Medicare, will eventually be cheaper than the health system at present. **But passage will be an uphill battle as many in the present health care industry make lots of money as it is now. Fragmentated health care and those who fall through the cracks to often occur within our present health system. Folks are asked to call their State Senators and Assembly persons. For more information check on-line: Physicians for A National Health Program (PNHP) and www.NYHCampaign.org.**

- Zero-waste is a philosophy that means at the end not sending anything to landfills. This is done by reusing material, the use of the same product for many uses like carrying one’s own plastic container to carry take-out, repair cafes, composting, “buy nothing trading groups, and consumer education. The latter is essential as we have been influenced for many years to shop for things we really don’t need. Members of the Ulster County Legislature’s Energy and Environmental Committee are preparing to begin a zero-waste system around Ulster County.

Submitted by Nora Gallardo, Beacon Sloop Club Member

BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER EDUCATION SERIES

**Hudson Valley Premiere of
We Began to Sing
Thursday April 15
7:00 PM Virtual Screening
7:30 Live Zoom Q&A**

A Free Event



Register at
https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/we_began_to_sing

Watch online, then join the Q&A with director Polly Wells and Rise Up Singing creators Annie Patterson & Peter Blood

"Families can sing together and strangers can sing together. People who think they hate each other can sing together." PETE SEEGER



www.beaconsloopclub.org

We Began to Sing, profiles Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, creators of the *Rise Up Singing* song books, along with their mentor, the late Pete Seeger. The screening will be followed by a *live Q&A* w/ director Polly Wells along with Annie Patterson and Peter Blood.

Over four decades Annie and Peter have curated thousands of songs that advance the cause of a truly inclusive society. Through their best-selling song books, they have changed the face of community singing in North America.

Polly Wells is no stranger to the Empire State. She lived for two years in the Hudson Valley as a student at Vassar College, followed by a film apprenticeship in Hoosick Falls, and ten years working professionally in New York City. Her work has aired on PBS, CBC, CBS, HBO, A&E, and Discovery Networks. She is currently living in Toronto, Ontario.

We are presenting the film on Show&Tell, which allows you to register, view the film and link to the Zoom Q&A session. If you view the film at 7:00pm you can go directly to the Q&A.

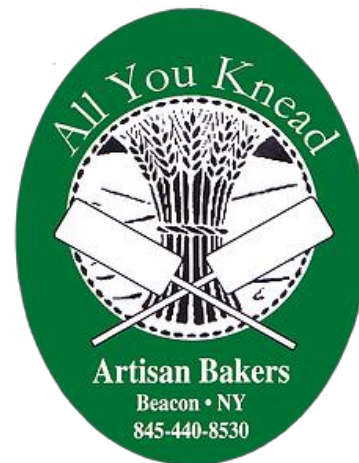
Please share with members of our extended folk community.

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Treasury Report - February

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc. Profit and Loss February 2021

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	1,790.00
Amazonsmile Foundation	23.61
IBM Matching Grants	500.00
The Puffin Foundation	1,000.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$3,313.61
Investment Income	4.26
Interest-Checking	2.65
Total Investment Income	\$6.91
Membership	
Paypal	75.00
Snailmail	310.00
Total Membership	\$385.00
Special Event	
Haikootenanny	170.00
Total Special Event	\$170.00
Total Income	\$3,875.52
Gross Profit	\$3,875.52
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
BPT	3.01
Paypal	6.83
Total Bank Expense	\$9.84
Other Expenses	
Donation	56.15
MLK gift cards - essay contest	140.00
Total Donation	\$196.15
Website	19.37
Total Other Expenses	\$215.52
Total Expenses	\$225.36
Net Operating Income	\$3,650.16
Net Income	\$3,650.16
Opening Cash Balance 2/1/2021	\$101,401.68
Closing Cash Balance 2/28/2021	\$105,051.84
Change in Investment Value	\$268.21
Total Balance 2/28/2021	\$105,320.05
Unrestricted	\$80,031.86
Restricted (total)	\$25,019.98
B & S Rozinsky Fund 2/28/2021	\$19,314.08
Board designated funds	\$5,002.34



WOODY NICKELS

Go to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope. Ask for a receipt.

A&A Redemption Centers
794 Rt. 52 Fishkill
(across from Fishkill recreational center)

Open 7 Days:
Monday-Saturday: 9:30-5:30
Sunday: 10:00-4:00

www.bottlecanreturns.com

Containers Accepted:

They accept all soda and beer bottles and cans, water bottles, and other beverage cans, and all store brands of New York State returnable bottles and cans. They do not accept Gatorade, Snapple, vitamin water, ice teas, Powerade, or juice bottles. (Please make certain all your containers are NY State returnable.)

Count Them Before You Come In:

You can save time by counting your cans and bottle before you go to the center. Put them in a clear bag labeled with the quantity.

Please rinse all your containers!

Current Calendar

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Tuesday, April 27
6:00 – 8:30pm
Meeting ID
<https://meet.google.com/bcr-vgwc-pak>
[Join by phone](#)
(US) +1 662-502-2773 PIN: 481 767 331#

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting
Friday, May 7 6:30 – 10:00pm
[Join with Google Meet](#)
meet.google.com/onm-gkfs-hrc
[Join by phone](#)
+1 803-587-8953 PIN: 802 049 943#

This may change if we can go Live !

10th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep

WHEN: Saturday, May 1, 8:45 am
WHERE: At the Beacon Sloop Club

[Register](#)



Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or James Malchow to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.

Bill McKibben

Thursday May 20
7:00 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZco_dOuurTtiGd02QRbrVYLGMSFX8jKBxD62

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