



THE BELLTOWN BULLETIN

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ELECTION EXTRA



Here's what you missed by not attending BACC's "Annual Meeting" on November 1st:

No one volunteered for two key offices, *president* and *treasurer*, therefore, nominations for those posts could not be made. As for the other two open positions, Mark Aldieri agreed to be a candidate for *vice president* in 2018 and Dan David offered to take the open seat on the *board of directors* for two years. Peter Christianson continues as secretary.

Mark feels strongly that whoever is elected VP should be willing to run for president when the next president leaves office - to ensure a smooth transition, a view shared by many members and one that was vocalized last year as well. He was adamant that "working his way up" was what he preferred to do and setting that pattern was best for the Club, too.

Due to the lack of candidates for the full slate of offices, a motion was made and passed by the meeting attendees to postpone formal nominations and elections for all offices to the next business meeting on January 3, 2018. This was done out of necessity and underscores the need to secure nominations ahead of the Annual Meeting, at which time the elections are supposed to be held. Making the nomination process earlier for future years will require a change in the By-Laws, which is something the new board needs to address in 2018.

Between now and the end of 2017...

All members should examine how they can best serve the Club going forward. Not everyone will feel that they have the time or the experience (or perhaps the energy) to serve as an officer, and that is understandable. Hopefully, you can participate in other ways such as volunteering to help run the shows, organizing a tour or get-together, looking after the refreshments at meetings, or, (gasp!) taking charge of our Facebook page. On the other hand, we will always need willing, capable members to assume the leadership positions or WE WILL HAVE NO CLUB.

Polly Beckwith reminded everyone at the Annual Meeting that, other than running the meetings, being a Club officer does not have to be an all-consuming, complicated job. The president can and should, delegate tasks to other members. While the treasurer needs to have a basic understanding of, and experience with, household-type budgeting and bill paying, the Club has professional help available when it comes to tax matters, etc. Moreover, she said, there are many former officers (herself included) who are ready and willing to help or offer advice to any new officer. Just ask.

Members who want to be considered for any open position should contact Peter Christianson, 860-267-8394, or by email at peter.christianson@midhosp.org to express their interest. If you are undecided about how you can best serve the Club, the upcoming holiday party on Sunday, December 10th offers an opportunity for informal interactions with current and former officers to help you get more comfortable with volunteering for a particular role in 2018.

Other Club news and notes:

- You can expect your invitation to the Club's holiday party from Polly Beckwith in the mail shortly. Please RSVP to her with your meal selection(s) and check. Spouses are most welcome to attend - the more the merrier!
- Jon Grant is going to be recuperating at home for awhile. Unfortunately, Jon sustained a multiple fracture of his leg in a freak accident in his garage last month. He reminds everyone to keep a cell phone handy when working alone, whether inside or out in the yard. You never know when you might need to call for help!
- After the November issue of the newsletter was published we learned of the October 1st passing of Barbara Borbas, the wife of James Borbas and a long-time associate member of BACC. Both of them were also active in the Early Ford V-8 Club. Services and burial for Barbara were held in Prospect, Conn. early last month. She was 82. Our sincere condolences to Jim and the Borbas family.
- Enclosed is an updated, pre-renewal, 2017 Club Roster for your reference. //Dan David, newsletter editor

“Extra! Extra! Read all about it!”

This is a special supplement to the November issue of *The Belltown Bulletin* from your Belltown Antique Car Club.



Have you renewed your BACC membership for 2018? “Thank you” to the early birds!



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