



Friends of the Council on Aging

The board usually meets the first Monday of the month at 9:00 AM in the Game Room at the Costello Transportation Center. The dates of the meetings will be on the COA calendar.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Board Members:

Claire Amirault	Member At-Large
Kathy Berman	Treasurer
Donna Collins	Member At-Large
Lee Ford	President
Beth Scaparotti	Member-At-Large
Helen Wheeler	Secretary

Summer Greetings, Friends,

The FCOA had a very remarkable FY24, ending on June 30, 2024. We would like to highlight just a few items of interest from the year. The "Live Well Amesbury - A Feel Good Festival" was a huge success in September. Not only did we see a large increase in the amount of sponsorship dollars, we had a record number of attendees at the event. It was wonderful to see so many families with young children gathered to have fun and learn about healthy lifestyle choices. A huge thanks to all who helped out, COA staff, FCOA volunteers, all of the non-profit organizations who participated, and especially Charlene Dolan who chaired the event. Don't miss our repeat performance on September 7, 2024.

Because of sponsorships, donations and membership fees, we were able to fund over \$40,000 of programming and equipment for the COA. Our Pet Program covered the cost of over \$6,000 in food or vet services for seniors' pets. The Penny Mill raised over \$3,000 and the craft fair in November was also successful. It goes without saying that the COA cook-out at Cider Hill was a wonderful event. Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote for the FCOA board members; remember, you don't have to be a board member to attend the meetings.

Our FCOA was incorporated thirty years ago on May 22, 1994. Please come join us for a celebration with cake and ice cream in the Great Room on July 8, 2024 at 12:30 pm. We hope to see you all there!

In Memoriam: Marilyn Klypka-Simpson

The FCOA would like to express our most sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Marilyn Klypka-Simpson. She will be sorely missed by all who participated in any way at the Amesbury Council on Aging. We are twice blessed, both to have known her and to be given the gift of donations in her memory by her family.

Donations in memory of someone you knew or in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary, or other life event, may always be sent to FCOA, 68 Elm Street, Amesbury, MA 01913

Please indicate the name of the person for whom you wish to donate and their contact information, as well as yours, so we may notify them of your gift.

Until next month, your FCOA Board of Directors



Tickets for the FCOA's monthly raffle fundraiser are available in the Penny Mill Thrift Shop, Monday thru Friday 10 am to 2 pm. Tickets are only \$1 each!

Two winners each receive 1/3 of the total money collected, and 1/3 goes to the FCOA to support programming at the Center.

The drawing is held at the monthly birthday party. You need not be present to win, but it is highly encouraged!

We play "Jokers Wild" and up to ten names are drawn to pick a card from the board. The two people that find the Jokers are the winners!

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY

THURSDAY, JULY 18TH AT 12 PM

Join us we celebrate our friends birthdays, enjoy live music, raffles and of course some cake!

It doesn't have to be your birthday to join, all are welcome to come celebrate!

Performance by: **Karen Donovan**

We will also pull winners of the Monthly Raffle and Penny Mill Raffle!

Call Reception at (978)388-8138 to sign up

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