



## FCOA NEWS

*The mission of the "Friends" is to raise funds to enhance programs and services available to Seniors through the Council on Aging*

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## WELCOME 2026! A YEAR OF POSSIBILITIES AWAITS

We ended the year with a wonderful Holiday Luncheon hosted by our own Council on Aging. Thank you, Courtney and Company, for a great meal, entertainment by Kevin Wall, and all-around fun and camaraderie. Thank you to Blankets for Kids, Seen Your Feet, Avita Newburyport, COA Board, and members of the FCOA Board for donations for our basket raffle. Thanks to members of Rotary, Interact Club of Amesbury High School, COA Board and FCOA board members for their time and energy. Special Thank You to Carissa at McDonald's Amesbury for generously supplying coffee.

**MEMBERSHIP** – as of this writing, FCOA has 99 members. Only 198 more needed to beat our record of 296. Renew or sign up at the Penny Mill or by mail. Your support is important. A special thank you to everyone whose membership is at levels greater than

single. We regret that we are unable to thank you individually, but we are truly grateful for your added support.

## DONATIONS FOR SERVICES RECEIVED

Have you considered making a donation to FCOA for services you have received from the Council on Aging or its volunteers? During the past few years, people have made donations in appreciation of the AARP tax preparers, handyman services, use of the meeting rooms, the SHINE volunteer (Medicare assistance), and even use of the shredder. All of these donations help us to further our mission of providing finances for COA programs and services at the Senior Center. You may use this form, write a note, or call us at (978) 518-0377.

## PETSMART ASSISTANCE

We regret that are no longer able to provide PetSmart gift cards to the COA due to funding shortages over the past year and a half. We will continue to provide funds for the Veterinary Assistance program, for as long as we can sustain it. It is only with your help that we are able to do this. To date, COA has been able to assist 5 people with partial payments for their pets' veterinary bills, and we have enough funds to provide for assistance to a small number more. Please help us to continue with this vital program.

### Thank you for your recent contributions:

- From Jean Bashaw in memory of her beloved son Michael Scott Bashaw.
- From Cynthia Costello, in memory of Mayor Nicholas J Costello
- From anonymous, in appreciation of SHINE assistance received.

## DONATION FORM – Friends of the Amesbury Council on Aging, Inc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

In appreciation of: Handyman Service \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Preparation \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Shoveling \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*In Memory \_\_\_\_\_ or In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ Person \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Provide Name and Address of Person or Family to notify of your donation.

Other donation \_\_\_\_\_ Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

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Gratefully, Your FCOA Board