



**FCOA NEWS**

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

- Lee Ford ..... President
- R. Kathy Berman ..... Treasurer
- Claire Amirault ..... Director Emeritus
- Donna Collins ..... Secretary
- Jane Leach ..... Member-At Large
- Nora Sheridan ..... Member-At-Large
- Joan Merrill ..... Member-At-Large
- Cathy Spell ..... Member-At-Large

**APRIL – SO MUCH TO TELL YOU, SO LITTLE SPACE!**

**FCOA MISSION** – There seems to be confusion over who/what FCOA is. FCOA is a “Friends group” which is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is simply to raise funds and donate to the Amesbury Council on Aging (“COA”) to help support programs and supply equipment needed for senior citizen activities. We have no authority over the programming, staffing, or general operations of the COA, which is a department of the City of Amesbury.

**EVENTS RESERVATIONS – PLEASE SIGN UP!!!**

FCOA is happy to pay for events such as Breakfast with the Chiefs, and we want to ensure there is enough food for everyone, which must be ordered in advance. Once again, on February 27<sup>th</sup>, there was not enough food to feed all who attended. It is not only embarrassing to us, but unfair to those who signed up and were unable to be served a full meal.

**EXERCISE AND YOGA CLASSES** – Suggested Donations – Continued costs and budgetary constraints forced us to institute a suggested donation of \$2.00 per class. We THANK YOU for your understanding and generosity. Several people have asked about paying on a weekly or monthly basis. This is perfectly fine and welcomed. You may mail a check, drop your donations off in the Penny Mill or use the black “lockbox” in the Greeter’s Area.

**MEMBERSHIP is important to us.** Renewing is easy! If your contact information has not changed, just your name and date of birth is all that is needed. By mail, use our website, or pay at the Penny Mill. Thanks so much.

**PENNY MILL THRIFT SHOP** – As we get ready for Spring, we are no longer accepting Winter clothing. Please remember that we do not have space to store out-of-season items, and must bag them up as recycle materials and dispose of them. Check out our new appearance. Our hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

**SPRING CRAFT FAIR – SAVE THE DATE** for shopping with our wonderful vendors. **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-2:00pm.** Reserve your table \$35, check or cash to FCOA.

**CONTACT US** at [amesburycoa68@gmail.com](mailto:amesburycoa68@gmail.com) or by phone (978) 518-0377. Our address is at 68 Elm Street. Our website is [friendsamesburyseniors.org](http://friendsamesburyseniors.org). Note that we do not have an extension at the Senior Center. Please leave a message and we will return your call.

Thank you, Jean Bashaw, for continuing donations in memory of Michael Scott Bashaw, USN. Congratulations to Richard Yarde on his retirement from Amesbury Veterans Services.

With Gratitude for Your Continuing Support, Your FCOA Board

**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 \_\_\_\_\_