September

FCOA NEWS

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

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SEPTEMBER 2026 – FCOA KEEPING YOU INFORMED.

COA EVENTS – BE SURE TO LISTEN TO ROBOCALLS AND READ THE CALENDAR.

COA is running many great programs. Don't miss out.

WELLNESS RESOURCE FAIR – formerly the Senior Health Fair.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 9-1, AT THE SENIOR CENTER. We expect many information tables. Bag lunches will be provided. Vaccines will be provided for Flu, Covid, Shingles, and Pneumonia. Sign up is only required for Shingles and Pneumonia shots.

FINANCIAL NEWS – We have completed our financial statements for fiscal year 6/30/2026. During this year, we have contributed $40,358 to the Council on Aging. This includes nearly $12,000 for exercise classes; $6,670 for foot care; greater than $7,000 for breakfast, luncheons, birthday parties, coffee bar, etc.; $2,500 for pet assistance; and the remaining $12,000+ for other expenses including daily newspaper and movie subscriptions, equipment, postage, etc.

WHERE DID THESE FUNDS COME FROM? This fiscal year, we raised $30,722.

Of this, $4,000 was from Memberships; $5,300 from Penny Mill sales; $1,200 from craft fairs; $1,031 from raffles (after paying winners and State lottery tax); $7,600 from Live Well Amesbury sponsors; and the remaining $11,000+ from general and named contributions. Contributions include memorials and honorariums; thank you donations for tax preparation, handyman services, SHINE assistance, exercise and coffee services; van rides; and many other general donations.

This cannot be accomplished without assistance from you and our community, which includes many personal and business donations. THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

Yes. We are operating at a deficit. You can see why every dollar you donate helps.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS – Know someone who is setting up housekeeping? We have beautiful dishware, service for 4, 8, or 12 available. See our display in the Penny Mill. Take the entire service for 12 for only $30. A few serving pieces available as well.

Also, if you missed out of the pretty room divider, we have one left, still in the box. Value $200 for only $25.

MEMBERSHIP and Donation form available on our website, at the Penny Mill, or in past newsletters.

DONATIONS – Always welcome. It's another of our fundraising efforts, to help the COA and YOU.

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PLEASE DO NOT CALL US TO REACH COA. We are unable to connect to program schedules.

With Gratitude for Your Continuing Support, Your FCOA Board

FCOA meetings generally occur the first Monday of the month at 9 AM