December

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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DECEMBER 2026 – FCOA KEEPING YOU INFORMED.

SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – Wednesday **December 9th, 11-2.** Our famous gift basket raffle, and a 50/50 raffle. You must attend the luncheon to enter raffles. Tickets $15.00, or $10 if your FCOA membership is current. See COA Reception.

Our Holiday Craft Fair on November 7th was a success, **netting nearly $800**. Thank you to the Board of Directors, and to Jim Brown, Phil Berman, Linda Coolidge, and Mary Connor, for their help in setting up and breaking down tables, selling FCOA wares, and coordinating table rentals and placement. And thank you to our vendors and all who shopped with them.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – Due January 1st. To those of you who renewed early in November and will do so in December, Thank You. Membership will be good through December 31, 2027. There will be no increase in dues this year. Last year, we had 9 members renew at the Bronze level and 12 at the Benefactor level. Please consider these levels when you renew.

EXERCISE CLASSES – As stated last month, suggested donations for all exercise classes **will be $3.00 effective JANUARY 1, 2027**. This is in line with, or less than, other COA's in the area. Please call us (number below) if you have questions or concerns.

HOMELESS FUND AND PET CARE ASSISTANCE – Thank you to all of you who are helping us replenish these funds for COA.

THRIFT SHOP – Open Monday-Thursday 10am – 2pm. Generally, business is brisk in the morning. Please consider shopping from Noon until 2:00 to keep our volunteers busy. We are happy to accept your **Fall and Winter clothing** in good condition. **Christmas cards** and holiday items are available while they last. Reminder that **Men's Clothing is no longer available**. **Note that we cannot accept HOLIDAY Themed Items after December 12th**. Thank you for your support of our thrift shop, which contributed $5,000 to the COA last year.

DONATIONS – Thank you for your recent donations: Karen Shuman and Jane Leach and Nora Duggan (tailoring); Anne Bryant, and Kliggie and Bob Thomas (Unhoused Persons Fund), Anonymous (SHINE assistance), and Amesbury Lions Club for **Blankets for Kids**. Please consider donating to any of our funds, in honor of or in memory of someone special to you, or "just because".

JUST A NOTE – As we move into the darker days, **please consider having your eyesight tested**. **Sight is precious** and my Optometrist told me that neither Glaucoma nor Macular Degeneration have early any signs or symptoms, both of which can lead to blindness. These **can be detected** by eye screening.

CONTACT US – **at (978) 518-0377**. Do not leave messages for COA on this phone.

EMAIL us amesburyfcoa68@gmail.com. Phone and email are monitored by volunteers and will be responded to as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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With Gratitude for Your Continuing Support,
Your FCOA Board

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

COA Winter Coat Drive

Donate gently used winter coats with no rips, stains, or broken zippers.
Drop off starting on Nov 1st