

DANBURY COMMISSION ON AGING
Minutes of May 12, 2009
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Charlotte Barrows, Ron Haberman, Mary Mazzucco, Helen Miller, Arlene Strucky, James Derwin

Absent: Sharon Kelly, Jay Geib

Staff: Marnie Emerito, Fran Hendrickson, Susan Tomanio, Joan Gall

Helen Miller called the meeting to order at 2:19 pm.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved by Ron Haberman, seconded by Mary Mazzucco.

Financial Report and Director of Elderly Services Report (Copies attached): Susan stated that her budget is on target. Due to budget cuts the senior center is reducing the number of classes that the instructors teach, Susan will look at attendance to decide which classes to cut back on. The senior center raised \$3,170.20 from the 5/3/09 fund raiser, the next fund raiser is a tag sale planned for 6/15/09. Susan announced that Fran Hendrickson will be retiring on June 30th, 2009. Replacement of Fran's position was discussed.

Municipal Agent Report (Copies attached): Marnie noted that Rosemary Jones, elder law attorney, has a new office in Brookfield and that she will begin the computer input for the rent rebate program on 5/15. Shared the concept of Dial-a-ride which is used in some more remote towns in northern CT.

Senior Center Coordinator Report (Copies attached): A quilt for cancer patience was given to a senior center member. Fran will continue to teach quilting as a volunteer. May 27th Peter Brady will speak on his ministry, The Handy Dandy Handyman. Fran said that there will be a reception in her honor on June 30th at 2PM; all are invited on the commission.

Old Business: The senior discount program is on hold until the budget is resolved, Helen will address with Ted Cutsumpus. The need for additional parking was brought up again. Jim made a motion to present ideas to the Mayor, Ron seconded the motion. A committee was appointed, Helen, Jim and Charlotte, to request a meeting with the Mayor to discuss parking ideas and options.

New Business: The Housing Partnership will address senior housing in the old police department.

Motion to adjourn made by Ron Haberman.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary V. Mazzucco
Acting Secretary

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Statement of Condition

Expenditures - General Fund

As of 05/31/09

Senior Center

Description	Budget As Adopted	Budget As Amended	Current Month	YTD Actuals	Encumbrances Outstanding	Balance	% Balance
5002 Commission On Aging							
5020 Salaries Regular	198,807.00	197,870.00	20,342.70	165,608.93		32,261.07	16.30
5030 Overtime Salaries		53.00		52.50		.50	.94
5040 Part-Time Salaries	72,625.00	72,572.00	9,145.25	55,248.56		17,323.44	23.87
5243 Worker's Comp Insurance	2,055.00	2,055.00		2,055.00			
5311 Professional Services	11,280.00	11,280.00	895.00	8,425.00	2,685.00	170.00	1.51
5315 Communication Services	660.00	660.00	50.33	547.05		112.95	17.11
5318 Postage	8,645.00	8,645.00	138.00	6,169.00		2,476.00	28.64
5319 Travel/Mileage	1,515.00	1,515.00		300.73		1,214.27	80.15
5323 Subscriptions-Memberships	520.00	520.00		310.00		210.00	40.38
5324 Printing & Binding	8,700.00	8,700.00		4,610.50	1,267.50	2,822.00	32.44
5325 Legal & Public Notices	200.00	200.00				200.00	100.00
5334 Outside Services	500.00	500.00				500.00	100.00
5507 Maintain Office Eq-Frntur	1,520.00	1,520.00	37.20	334.79	315.21	870.00	57.24
5601 Office Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00		1,837.15	389.96	2,772.89	55.46
5002 Commission On Aging	312,027.00	311,090.00	30,608.48	245,499.21	4,657.67	60,933.12	19.59

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DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810
DEPARTMENT OF ELDERLY SERVICES
COMMISSION ON AGING

Danbury Senior Center
Elmwood Hall
10 Elmwood Place
(203) 797-4686

Municipal Agent
80 Main Street
(203) 796-1513

Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW
Report for Common Council/Commission on Aging
May 2009

Department of Elderly Services

576 incoming information calls handled

Elmwood Hall Senior Center

151 program offerings

Highlights: AARP Safe Driving Course, Red Hat Society Lovely Tea, "Afternoon Tea" Ballroom Dance Fundraiser, Medication Safety, Re-creating Ourselves – Art Show, The Learning Exchange, CT Ombudsman Program, SweetHART Bus Elderly Transportation, Handy Dandy Handyman Program

Municipal Agent

262 office/phone appointments

Monthly Concerns: SAVE - City's Seniors Add Value Experience Program, CT. Prescription Program (ConnPACE), Low Income Subsidy Program for Medicare Part D, Elderly & Disabled Benefits information, area senior and disabled housing options, Medicare, Medicare Advantage Programs, Medicaid, Home Care Options, Respite Care Options, Medicare Rx Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, CT Rent Rebate Program, Stimulus Payment Money, DSS Protective Services

SeniorNet

Summer Semester Offerings: Exploring Windows Vista, E-mail Made Easy. SeniorNet volunteers take the Summer off.

Van Transportation Program

301 one way trips

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**Commission on Aging Report, June 9th, 2009
Municipal Agent Report by Margaret Emerito**

HAND OUT UPDATES:

Homecare & Quality of Life Resource List: added a homecare agency – Angels Watching Over You, Inc.

RENT REBATE:

So far Marlene and I have completed 301 Rebate applications. Joan has helped us for a few hours also.

ConnPACE, Medicaid, & the CT. AIDS Drug Assistance Program:

All of these state prescription drug programs require Medicare eligible participants be on a Medicare D Plan. As of June 1st, the state will no longer pay for any newly prescribed medication that is not on a the client's Medicare D Plan formulary. It will however continue to pay for medication not on the formulary if doing so before June 1st.

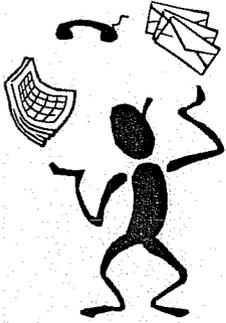
ConnPACE Plus: No New Information

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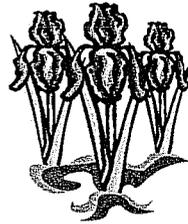
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Commission on Aging Report



Danbury Senior Center Coordinators Report



June 9, 2009

"In these divine pleasures permitted to me of walks in the June night under moon and stars, I can put my life as a fact before me and stand aloof from its honor and shame."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Journals*

***** WRAP UP *****

May 13 ~ Rick Schreiner -The SweetHART Bus, 10 a.m. ~ Learn all about it. This was sparsely attended. The thought was to have Rick come on a regular basis to familiarize people with the system.

May 13 "Medication Safety ~ No Matter Where You Go" ~ 1 p.m. ~ with Patrick Corbett, RPH, from Norwalk Hospital. (A Danbury native). Turns out that Patrick is the grandson of a former Cellmate Peggy Zanzal. I told him I remember seeing his baby pictures when he was born. Peggy was so proud of him. Made me feel pretty old!

May 14 ~ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. FREE Power of Attorney and Living Will with Attorney Michelle Lagouri and staff from Cramer and Anderson of New Milford. Half hour appointments by reservation only. Next date is June 24. This is the first time ever that we didn't have a single appointment!

May 19 ~ 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon ~ "A Lovely Tea Party" for Elmwood Red Hatters and their guests. Everyone brings tea sandwiches or finger foods to share. We serve a variety of teas in china cups with cloth napkins. Quite posh - you know! And it was!! I read from my Great-Aunt's book called "The Correct Thing - in good society" published in 1888. There is a section on manners at a tea party which read and made copies for a few. We had a good laugh at some of the old rules of behavior. I was very pleased to find this book among my things at home, with my G-A's signature in it. We had a lovely time indeed. Steve took a great group picture and we were quite pleased!! Our WCSU Student Intern joined us and wore the traditional lavender hat and pink boa colors for one under

"Lovely Tea Party" continued.....

50 years old. We did what we did best - we laughed a lot. Everyone pitched in to make it a memorable event.

May 20 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ "Protecting Yourself and your Loved ones in the Long-term Care Setting" - a talk by Dan Lerman on the role of the Ombudsman Services and Updates program. Dan is the coordinator of this program. Unfortunately, I programmed this on the day of the RSVP Luncheon. I was the only one who attended his talk but it was very beneficial as I will be applying to be a Volunteer Ombudsman to check on patients in a certain local care center to make sure their patients are receiving respectful, careful and healthful care. There is good training for this program and I'm excited to do this.

May 28 ~ 2 - 4:30 p.m. ~ "Senior to Senior Ballroom Dance Party," in coordination with students from Danbury High Schools Peer Group. About 30 students will come to dance with and help our attendees. This is part of our regular 4th Thursday series of dances with DJ Al Song. Susan can report on this event.

June 5 & 6 ~ The Great Giant Tag Sale ~

Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. AND Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Hot dogs, etc on Saturday only)
Susan will talk about this as well.

******* TODAY *******

June 9 ~ 2:15 p.m. ~ "The Great TV Humorists" with Morty Morrison...part 1, "Legacy of Laughter" with Danny Kaye. This is the first of a 4-part series of great early comedians presented by Morty Morrison (who just turned 97!!).

******* COMING UP *******

June 16 ~ 2:15 p.m. ~ "The Great TV Humorists" with Morty Morrison...part 2, Featured is Jackie Mason.

June 23 ~ 2:15 p.m. ~ "The Great TV Humorists" with Morty Morrison...part 3, Featured is Alan King.

June 24 ~ 10 a.m. ~ "Building and Preserving Assets" with Arif Boysan and Richard Harnett of David Lerner Associates

Coming Up continued.....

June 30 ~ 2 p.m. ~ "Retirement Reception for Fran"

Everyone is welcome to join the crowd to say good-bye. I have no idea what is planned - only the date and time - so please join me for the surprise.

July 7 ~ 2:15 p.m. ~ "The Great TV Humorists" with Morty Morrison...part 4,
Featured is the Clown Prince - Bill Irwin

The AARP Safe Drivers Classes ~ All are Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

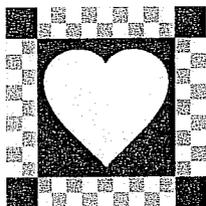
- ** June 17 & 18**
- ** July 15 & 16**
- ** August 12 & 13**
- ** September 16 & 17**
- ** October 14 & 15**
- ** November 4 & 5**
- ** December 2 & 3**

NOTICE: The cost is now \$12.00 for a two-session class for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-members. Completion may give the participant a discount on their insurance. Checks are payable to AARP Safe Drivers.

We have received awards over the years from AARP for having more Safe Driver classes in a year, than any other senior center.

***** **TRIPS** *****

NO other trips are planned at this time.



QUILTING & QUILTS OF VALOR UPDATES

We are sending 10 quilts to the VA Hospital in West Haven. A woman who works in their ER lives in Danbury and will deliver the quilts to the Volunteer Services office to be distributed to those in need. Several smaller, wheelchair-sized quilts are also in the box.

One of our quilt club members took another 5 quilts to Danbury Hospital's Praxair Cancer Center last week. One of my close friends just passed from cancer. His wife said he was so touched by the quilt he received. We continue to receive gracious thank you letters from recipients of these quilts. I will continue to teach this class as a volunteer beginning September 14th, after taking the summer off.

In closing, I want to thank all the Commission members who have been with us for all these years. Together, we have all been through so much to see this center grow from a small social club to the biggest center in the area. We have always had more programs than any other center and had over 200 volunteers to thank each year for helping us to achieve this.

So many memories ** so many lessons learned (sometimes by a reluctant student!)** great surprises ** whether holding hands in support or laughing out loud in joy ** creating and enjoying huge events that become award winning in the state or in the Nation (the first Senior Health and Fitness Hair) ** working with community agencies with the Senior Services Information Days at the Mall, to the "Coming of Age" half page in the News Times ** working with schools in reading programs and entertaining by the Cellmates ** with the community in Intergenerational Programs ** managing Student Interns from WCSU's Dept of Social Work since 1991 ** teaching computer skills to our staff before the city had computers ** promoting and maintaining a warm family atmosphere ** inventing new program ideas ** WHEW! What fun it has been.

See you around Elmwood Hall!!!

Thank you all for your continuing support.
Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Hendrickson, Senior Center Coordinator, Elmwood Hall

Please - all come to my Retirement Reception on June 30 at 2 p.m.