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Linda Elmer

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone, I hope all is well and you had a good Christmas and New Years holiday. It has been one tough year, but at least we have something to look forward to with the vaccine for this COVID-19 Pandemic. I heard on the news that maybe by summer we can expect things to have calmed down some. But please until then, wear your mask and social distance to protect yourself.

Now on to better news. Since the Town of Milton is still in the Community Center and will not be leaving till their town hall is repaired, some of you already know that I have procured for us a large space to use for meetings and events when COVID-19 allows us to do so. The Boghosian Brothers who own the Milton Center Plaza approached me and asked if we were still looking for an offsite venue to meet. I said yes and they said they had an empty gym store in the plaza that we could use. Through an agreement with them we can meet and have activities in this space, with no cost to us. If they find someone who wants to rent the space then we will need to move out, but until then thank you so much Boghosian Brothers. The town of Milton has supplied us with chairs and tables. The space is large, warm, has bathrooms, amply parking and is close by. So, we have a nice place to use. There is a letter inside this newsletter from the Town of Milton Supervisor explaining their use of the community center. We also own a new karaoke machine that we can use as a sound system in the new place, and can use it for bingo or anything we can think of.

We have a new board member this year, Eric Uttermark. Welcome Eric. I look forward to working with him. He will be receiving his new marching orders soon. Also, we have a new Chairperson for Crafts. Earleen Van is now Craft Chairperson. Earleen is a good match for this chairperson job as she has a lot of knowledge in crafts and has many ideas of what she would like to do. Thank You Earleen. If you have any ideas on crafts let her know. There is an article from her in this newsletter.

At this time, I would like to thank one particular senior member who has helped me greatly in this time of Covid-19. Barbara Broderson has stepped up and gone beyond her duties as Membership Chair and helped me greatly. Besides all the emails I have asked her to send, she has been a great advocate for the seniors with the Town of Milton. Thank you so much for all your help Barbara.

Well, that's it for now, be safe and well. I really miss you guys. Remember to get your vaccine shots when available and also, I am told that we will need to continue to wear masks and social distance for a while.

Take care, see you in the New Year.

Linda Elmer

Your President





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Linda,

I am writing to give you an update on the situation with Town Hall. We have received the bid package for the repairs needed to get us back in our building. The costs of moving, setup in a new space and then moving into the repaired Town Hall are too much to justify. Unfortunately, that means we will be in the Community Center until the project nears completion.

Understandably, some of your members will be angry and or disappointed with this news. Councilwoman Kerr and I personally looked at 6 possible locations in town. Some were too small, others too expensive, and some just not workable. The reality is there are just not many places for us to go. Any member can call my office anytime with questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Benny Zlotnick

CRAFTERS NEWS

I will be chairing the Crafters Group this year. Hopefully we will have a good time and accomplish fun projects. I am hoping to have a group meeting of all the crafters interested, new and old, to plan and give ideas. I have not set a date yet but it will be at our new meeting location for this meeting only. Call me at 518 855 8730 if you would like to meet and when. I will not be starting until sometime in January.

Earleen Van



CHUCKLES

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise' I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing this winter, start with a small country.

Dear Grandchild,
I have become a little older since I last saw you, and a few changes have come into my life since last Christmas. Frankly, I have become a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps get me out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life. Oh yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.