



Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association

Annual Report for 2020

March 31, 2021



Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association

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Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association

Minutes

Annual Meeting, March 4, 2020

Gathering Place, 129 Park Avenue, Swarthmore, PA

Vice-President Louise Coffin presided due to illness of President Linton Stables. Meeting was called to order at 11:44.

Louise welcomed the attendees and introduced the Board members.

Memorial moment for Ann Blackburn and Barbara Koelle, members who had died in 2019. The minutes from the 2019 meeting were approved as presented. Jim Saxon asked about the financial ramifications of closing the Dew Drop Inn.

An election was held in which two new board members, Shirley Mitrovich and Dan Snyder, were nominated for election and Ann Foster and Nancy Daniel were nominated for re-election : the slate was unanimously approved.

Bere Saxon commented that SSCA is "lucky to have such good leadership."

Louise asked for suggestions for future Lunch and Learn programs. The suggestions are as follows:

1. Bere: an author she knows on community banking who is a member of a nearby synagogue. She will get information.
2. Jim Saxon: suggested having SSCA board members periodically report on their activities during the course of the year. (not necessarily a L&L session.)
3. Eva: Irish step dancing (with Dan Snyder presiding? teaching? demonstrating?)
4. Carol Menke: banking safeguards. Carol will do some research. Possibly to ask BMTC to speak at L&L
5. Bob Turner: ask Penelope Reed to put on a play; one suggestion was the one-woman play that Penny does about Emily Dickinson.
6. Real ID: Ask Leanne or her office to talk about getting it set up.

There was a question about SEPTA access that was mentioned in the 2019 annual meeting report. The Board (and others) were not able to offer a good answer. The Board will continue to follow this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bell, Secretary

Finance

Chair: Linton Stables

Following this introduction you will find independent accountant George Kaffes's Compilation Report which is derived from documentation of our accounts provided to him by our administrator and our treasurer.

Overview:

The Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association has an invested fund created after a bequest from the late Irma Zimmer of approximately \$300,000. The amount at the close of 2020 was \$374,411.35 invested in Vanguard mutual funds that are balanced to produce growth and preserve capital.

Income for the year 2020 was derived from interest and dividends from those investments, from tax deductible contributions from our membership, a generous grant from the Swarthmore Borough, and support from the community and others in the form of sponsorships and advertising at our annual senior wellness fair. We also received a generous bequest from the estate of Alice "Putty" Willets.

We continue to maintain our investments at Vanguard. While we are holding our own overall, the volunteer contributions from our membership remains a very important part of our support during the year. For our investment accounts only:

December 31, 2019	\$328,602.57
2020 Income	\$18,281.75
2020 Unrealized gain	37,793.98
Withdrawals in 2020	-10,266.95
December 31, 2020	\$374,411.35

Summary:

Our financial status is stable. Our net worth has increased significantly in the last year reflecting the overall market and the fact that certain expenses did not occur. We see no reason to revise our investment strategy at this time. We are confident of our financial situation going forward. We remain aware of our dependence on a single grant for much of what we try to accomplish, and we are working to develop additional sources of income. We welcome questions and comments at any time.

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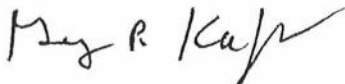
ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT- CASH BASIS

To the Board of the
Swarthmore Senior Citizen Association
P.O. Box 306
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I have compiled the accompanying statement of revenues and expenses-cash basis of The Swarthmore Senior Citizen Association for the period ended December 31, 2020, and related statement of revenues and expenses-cash basis for the year then ended. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

Members of the finance committee are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

My responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist the finance committee in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.



George P. Kaffes
March 2, 2021

GEORGE P. KAFFES
ACCOUNTANT

SWARTHMORE SENIOR CITIZEN ASSOCIATION
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

CASH:

BMT - CHECKING @ .05%	\$11,604.52	
BMT - IZBF STATEMENT SAVINGS @ .05%	4,709.48	
VANGUARD - FEDERAL MONEY MARKET@ 1.55%	265.80	
VANGUARD - LIFE STRATEGY MGF 5661.188 SH	163,381.89	
VANGUARD - STAR FUND 6033.463 SH	164,954.88	
TOTAL CASH - JANUARY 1, 2020		\$344,916.57

REVENUE:

BMT - CHECKING	\$74,911.64	
BMT - IZBF STATEMENT SAVINGS	45,008.07	
VANGUARD - FEDERAL MONEY MARKET	1.15	
VANGUARD - LIFE STRATEGY MGF	21,639.23	
VANGUARD - STAR FUND	34,435.35	
TOTAL REVENUE		175,995.44
		\$520,912.01

EXPENSES:

BMT - CHECKING	\$81,159.73	
BMT - IZBF STATEMENT SAVINGS	33,000.00	
VANGUARD - FEDERAL MONEY MARKET	266.95	
VANGUARD - LIFE STRATEGY MGF	5,000.00	
VANGUARD - STAR FUND	5,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		124,426.68

CASH:

BMT - CHECKING @ .05%	\$5,356.43	
BMT - IZBF STATEMENT SAVINGS @ .05%	16,717.55	
VANGUARD - FEDERAL MONEY MARKET@ .02%	0.00	
VANGUARD - LIFE STRATEGY MGF 5687.871 SH	180,021.12	
VANGUARD - STAR FUND 6254.512 SH	194,390.23	
TOTAL CASH - DECEMBER 31, 2020		\$396,485.33
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GEORGE P. KAFFES
ACCOUNTANT

SWARTHMORE SENIOR CITIZEN ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
FOR PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

REVENUE - BMT CHECKING:		
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$11,460.00	
DEVELOPMENT INCOME	2,630.00	
LUNCH AND LEARN DONATIONS	187.00	
MASKON	1,930.00	
MEALS FOR NEIGHBORS	18,291.00	
MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS	450.00	
MO ADDITIONAL DONATIONS	540.00	
RENT INCOME	460.00	
WELLNESS FAIR	4,543.99	
WILLITS-ZIMMER HONORARIUM FUND	1,150.00	
INTEREST	2.70	
TRANSFER FROM VANGUARD FEDL MONEY MK'	266.95	
TRANSFER FROM BMT IZBF STATEMENT SAVIN'	33,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE - BMT CHECKING		<u>\$74,911.64</u>
REVENUE - BMT STATEMENT SAVINGS IRMA ZIMMER BEQUEST FUND:		
TRANSFER FROM VANGUARD FUNDS	\$10,000.00	
BOROUGH GRANT	25,000.00	
TRANSFER FROM BMT CHECKING	10,000.00	
INTEREST FROM STATEMENT SAVINGS	8.07	
TOTAL REVENUE - BMT IZBF STATEMENT SAVINGS		<u>\$45,008.07</u>
REVENUE - VANGUARD FEDERAL MONEY MARKET:		
DIVIDENDS	\$1.15	
TOTAL REVENUE - VANGUARD FEDERAL M.M.		<u>\$1.15</u>
REVENUE - VANGUARD LIFE STRATEGY MGF:		
DIVIDENDS	\$2,976.55	
SHORT-TERM GAINS	736.36	
LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS	2,331.42	
UNREALIZED GAIN	15,594.90	
TOTAL REVENUE LIFE STRATEGY 5,661.188 SH		<u>\$21,639.23</u>
REVENUE - VANGUARD STAR FUND:		
DIVIDENDS	\$2,595.31	
SHORT-TERM GAINS	700.76	
LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS	8,940.20	
UNREALIZED GAIN	22,199.08	
TOTAL REVENUE - STAR FUND 6,033.463 SH		<u>\$34,435.35</u>

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SWARTHMORE SENIOR CITIZEN ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES
FOR PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

EXPENSES - BMT CHECKING:

CONTRACT SERVICES	\$17,530.00	
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	3,077.95	
AGING IN PLACE	8,513.64	
BANK CHARGES & FEES	631.08	
BOARD OF DIRECTOR EXPENSES	\$75.44	
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	1,435.00	
INSURANCE	1,362.00	
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL FEES	1,183.00	
LUNCH AND LEARN CATERING	1,523.17	
LUNCH AND LEARN SPEAKERS	750.00	
MEAL FOR NEIGHBORS PAYMENTS	17,391.00	
NEWSLETTER	3,886.80	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE	2,567.21	
OFFICE BUSINESS EXPENSES	391.67	
RENT & LEASE	8,400.00	
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE	113.32	
TGP UPGRADES	1,933.05	
THE GATHERING PLACE SUPPLIES	395.40	
TRANSFER TO BMT STATEMENT SAVINGS	10,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES - BMT CHECKING		<u>\$81,159.73</u>

EXPENSES- BMT STATEMENT SAVINGS IRMA ZIMMER BEQUEST FUND:

TRANSFER TO BMT CHECKING	\$33,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES - BMT STATEMENT SAVINGS IZBF		<u>\$33,000.00</u>

EXPENSES- VANGUARD FUNDS - FEDERAL MONEY MARKET

TRANSFER TO BMT CHECKING	\$266.95	
TOTAL EXPENSES -FEDERAL MONEY MARKET		<u>\$266.95</u>

EXPENSES- VANGUARD FUNDS - LIFESTRATEGY

TRANSFER TO BMT STATEMENT SAVINGS IZBF	\$5,000.00	
UNREALIZED LOSS LIFESTRATEGY		
TOTAL EXPENSES -LIFESTRATEGY FUND		<u>\$5,000.00</u>

EXPENSES- VANGUARD FUNDS - STAR FUND

TRANSFER TO BMT STATEMENT SAVINGS IZBF	\$5,000.00	
UNREALIZED LOSS STAR FUND		
TOTAL EXPENSES - STAR FUND		<u>\$5,000.00</u>

Board of Directors

President: Linton Stables

The year 2020 will live long in our memories as one that was full of despair and hope, complacency and reckoning, resignation and energy. People are members of the Association in order to be in community with one another, and it seemed like the possibilities for community were completely taken away in a matter of a week or two, as the realities of COVID-19 hit us, along with the rest of the world. At that time we never imagined that it might last more than a year. It would have been easy to give up and decide to put everything “on hold,” to return to it when the disease was eliminated.

The Board of the Association, though, had a better idea: let's learn from this and try some new things. Let's do whatever it takes to keep our community going. In the course of the last year we have learned so much about how community can be sustained and that what we call “our community” is so much bigger than the boundaries of Swarthmore or even Delaware County. We learned all about Zoom and Facebook Live; we got really good at electronic newsletters and we built up our ability to respond to people's needs as they arose.

We continue to count our blessings in Stephanie McDonough, who continues to transform the way we do business and our ability to do multiple programs at once. Responding to the call of the community, she has been instrumental in establishing the Swarthmore TimeBank as the central point of contact for community needs and for volunteering. We are also blessed with the creativity, knowledge, and energy of our Creative/Technical consultant, JohnPaul Beattie. He has produced videos, guided our online programming from Lunch & Learns to Senior Wellness Programs, and generally kept us on our toes with regard to our use of technology.

The Board took great pleasure in naming former Board member Maria Mooney as an Adviser, where she joins several other illustrious community members (see page 18). The Advisory Council is there to consult with and encourage the President and the rest of the Board in the work that they do. I was pleased to receive the wise counsel of several of them in the time I was the President.

No leader succeeds without the help of a whole lot of others—people who are dedicated to the mission of the organization and to doing their very best for the good of the whole. That describes this Board of Directors and also the many volunteers who make happen everything SSCA does. I can never thank them enough.

An important aspect of leadership is identifying and promoting new leaders in the organization. I can claim very few victories in that area, but one that is a particular point of pride is the election of Nancy Daniel as our President beginning on January 1, 2021. She has a combination of visionary and compassionate leadership that I could only aspire to, and I am sure that under her leadership 2021 and beyond will be an exciting time to be a part of the Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association!

Membership

Chair: Ann Foster

During 2020 we grew from 143 members to 153, even adding some new members in early summer after all in-person meetings at The Gathering Place had been cancelled. Several people joined after attending some outdoor events we co-sponsored with SUMC. Others joined because of the outreach of our daily newsletter. Most of these new members joined using the online forms we had initiated previously. This method remains the most popular way to obtain membership forms which are then submitted by mail with dues to our administrative coordinator.

As social distancing due to COVID continued, we began a focus on Zoom meetings. Although attendance at these meetings has decreased from that of last year's in-person participation, we continue to meet regularly. The topics have attracted many who participate in discussions via computer or phone. These Wednesday sessions—now called Lunch and Learn—remain a vital part of membership connections. Also, to keep members connected and to ensure that no one is too isolated we sent a personal email to each member for whom we had an email address. Members whose contact was a phone number received telephone calls. A letter writing campaign connected those who wished to send notes with members whose outside activities were curtailed.

Our Friday afternoon social gatherings continue as well with members sharing news and views via Zoom. During a year which could have been lonely and isolated, SSCA members have reacted positively to the efforts to keep everyone informed and connected.

Treasurer

Treasurer: Gudrun Weinberg

We have good control of our expenses, and the generosity of past and present members, as well as the Borough, keeps us on solid financial ground. We are happy to report that we have collected and passed along funds for other charities during these difficult times. Once we are able to use the church again for our meetings, we will have some expenses for capital improvements of the rooms, which are included in our budget.

Personnel

Chair: Linton Stables

The Committee makes recommendations to the full Board regarding contracted personnel. Currently there are three contracts: two contracts with our Administrator, for administration and the other for development work; and one contract with our Creative/Technical Consultant for assistance with our digital communications. Committee members are Sheila Bell and Shirley Mitrovich, in addition to the Chair.

Communications

Chair: Louise Coffin

The goal of SSCA communications is to inform not only seniors but also the general public about the activities and influence of the Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association. SSCA strives to be a vital force: one that is recognized and appreciated for what it offers all Borough residents. Obviously, the coronavirus pandemic has had a huge effect on our usual methods of communicating.

We had one all-Borough mailing of a paper newsletter. The major communications vehicle was the daily e-newsletter sent to well over 400 addresses including seniors, Borough officials, Community Directory contacts, and others who have expressed an interest in our programs. The e-newsletter became a major source about all things Covid, including updates on Delaware County cases, locations of testing sites, and links to websites for further information on the Covid-19 vaccine administration in south-eastern Pennsylvania. The e-newsletter also promoted our involvement in programs providing groceries for food-insecure neighbors.

Though our Lunch and Learn sessions were on hiatus for a while, some were held outside, and in the autumn we started weekly Zoom meetings. These programs were publicized in the e-newsletters and occasionally in *The Swarthmorean*.

In *The Swarthmorean* and the daily e-newsletter, we promoted an online Wellness Fair that took place on November 7, in lieu of the necessarily cancelled in-person event scheduled for April. This Fair was also conducted via Zoom and attracted about 75 people.

We continued to promote SSCA through SwarthmoreSeniors.com. We also have a group on nextdoor.com and a Facebook page as well as a presence on burbio.com, a community calendar.

While many Borough events, in which the Swarthmore Seniors Citizens Association participated in the past, did not take place in 2020, we still remained a presence and, more important, a source of indispensable information to the greater Swarthmore community.

Development

Chair: Nancy Daniel

Last year was largely a year of general Development assessment and promoting Board awareness. Our grant from the Borough was renewed. In 2021 we would like to create a full Committee to strategize for more dues-paying members and Board contributions. We will continue to research and apply for funding for sidewalk "health" certain aspects of the Wellness Fair, The Committee will work with the Membership committee and the whole Board to grow our numbers and expand our diversity through a more intentional outreach and collaboration. With a focus on decreasing senior isolation and loneliness, we feel like we have a particularly "fundable" cause.

Aging-in-Place

Five Committees are dedicated to implementing the recommendations of the 2015 Swarthmore Borough Task Force on Aging-in-Place. The committees report directly to the SSCA Board of Directors and their reports follow.

Sidewalks

Chair: Judith Owen

The committee's proposals to Borough Council for improvement in the sidewalk inspection and repair situation has awaited the response of the Council, which was occupied with other matters most of this past year.

The Sidewalk Committee expects to resume its advocacy for better sidewalks.

Senior Wellness Fair

Chair: Bill Davis

SSCA was set to sponsor Swarthmore's third annual Senior Wellness Fair in March 2020, but it had to be postponed due to COVID-19. In November 2020 the Wellness Fair Committee produced a Saturday Senior Wellness Program online, with several speakers and break-out sessions. Programs included the health and well being of senior citizens, and there were sessions on senior housing options that could be instituted in the Borough. The online format proved successful and the Committee immediately began work planning a Spring 2021 program using the same platform. The hope is to bring back the in-person version in the Fall of 2021.

Swarthmore Walks and Trails

Chair: Dan Snyder

The Walks and Trails Committee completed the rollout of twenty Swarthmore borough trails in the AllTrails smartphone app, where they are available to anyone using that app. A laminated "tour sheet" was created for each trail, with the trail map and descriptions of each of the waypoints. These were accessioned into the Swarthmore Public Library, where they can be checked out by anyone wishing to take a self-guided tour. These tour sheets are also available online as .pdf files, so they can be printed at home for use on self-guided tours. This is described on the [Swarthmore Borough website here](#). Committee members led walks on these trails and in nearby public parks and arboretums until a combination of the pandemic and the weather shut down group activities. In all, Committee members led 33 walks, in which 63 community members participated.

Nether-Swarthmore TimeBank

Chair: Ann Torregrossa

Administrator: Stephanie McDonough

The mission of the TimeBank is to strengthen our community through the exchange of skills and services. Now with over 200 members and over 500 exchanges but faced with a pandemic, the challenge was to find ways for our members stay engaged while feeling safe. To this end, Kristy Chen sent out a regular newsletter to members, highlighting events to remotely attend and requests that could be done safely. Mayor Marty Spiegel designated the Nether-Swarthmore TimeBank to be the central point of contact for assistance during the pandemic and for volunteering in the area. JohnPaul Beattie and Linton Stables produced a COVID-19 video, starring Mayor Marty Spiegel, encouraging use of the TimeBank and supporting each other during this difficult time.

To respond to new demands at food banks, our TimeBank sponsored the red wagon for food donations located near the door at the Swarthmore Borough Hall. On a weekly or bi-weekly basis volunteers collected donations and took them to local food banks. Well over 1,000 pounds of food was donated.

We cosponsored with the Swarthmore Senior Citizens, Meals for Neighbors, raising money for Occasionally Yours to provide nutritious meals to those needing it in our area. Over \$18,000 was raised and we were much appreciative that the Richardsons donated a great deal of their time to make the funding go as far as possible.

The biggest innovation was obviating the need to use the rather "clunky" TimeBank web site to connect people with requests for services to those who could fulfill those requests. Our Administrator, Stephanie McDonough knew our members so well, that when a request came in, she had a pretty good idea who would be willing to help. So, now members can call Steph and she will reach out to members she knows could help and makes the connection. We are looking forward to herd immunity and resuming TimeBank activities, including pot lucks, theater night, etc.

The Coordinators include Ann Torregrossa, Ann Foster, Kristy Chen, and Linton Stables.

SSCA Travels

Administrator: Stephanie McDonough

Tour Leaders: Bere Saxon and Linton Stables

The monthly tours were off to a great start in 2020, until COVID-19 concerns intervened.

January 17 Lincoln Financial Stadium tour, with lunch at Xfinity Live afterward.

February 18 National Constitution Center with lunch in that neighborhood.

Other Aging-in-Place Projects

Directory of Swarthmore Community Organizations

AIP-Wallingford-Swarthmore Community Classes partnership

Senior Talks and Special Events

Caregiver Support Group (planned)

Swarthmore 101 (planned)

Aging in Place Consultation Service (planned)

Support for revisions to zoning and planning ordinances and to transportation plans to accommodate seniors.

Intergenerational

Chair: vacant

The Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association is always interested in interacting with people of other ages than ours. Unfortunately this year we were not able to meet in person. Nevertheless, we found ways to have great interactions with other generations.

Working with the children's coordinator for the Swarthmore Farmers Market, several seniors were paired with children as "pen pals," exchanging handwritten notes and generally sharing their different experiences of the pandemic.

We had a couple of different Lunch & Learn programs presented by high school students or college students just out of high school.

If this area of our work interests you, please contact Nancy Daniel.

Gathering Place Activities

The Gathering Place is our space in Swarthmore, rented from the Swarthmore United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For much of 2020 the space was off limits to in-person activities, and SSCA was in agreement that this was the prudent approach to COVID restrictions. Activities will return to the building when authorities indicate it will be safe, and when all parties agree that in-person indoor activities can resume.

Lunch and Learn

Hostess: Heather Jorgensen

Administrator: Stephanie McDonough

After the Annual Meeting the Lunch and Learn series moved online, with programs every Wednesday through the academic year. While the weather cooperated we were able to have programs on the lawn at the Gathering Place. This past year's programs were:

- Jan 8 Dr. William E. Watson, Professor of History at Immaculata University and Director of the Duffy's Cut Project, spoke about a ghost story told by his grandfather. Bill and his brother, Frank, investigated and he told us what they found in the site now known as Duffy's Cut.
- Jan 15 Aimee J. Gustitis, BSN, RN, is the leader of Nourish for Caregivers at St. John Chrysostom in Wallingford. She told us about the program and shared information on caregiver needs and how the community can support them.
- Jan 22 Eden Mahler spoke to us about the benefits of a plant based diet. Mr. Mahler visited us as part of his Bar Mitzvah project.
- Jan 29 Beth Tyson self published the book, *A Grandfamily for Sullivan: Coping Skills for Kinship Care Families*. Ms. Tyson shared her book with us along with her inspiration for writing it.
- Feb 5 Kerry Doyle, Library and Public Relations Assistant, Swarthmore Public Library shared with us information about events and programming.
- Feb 12 Love Is In the Air Open Sharing of a picture of someone, something, or somewhere that you love.
- Feb 19 Theresa Cunnane, pianist and singer who gives lessons and plays at church. With Kathy Zimmerman she led us in a Broadway Sing-A-Long!
- Feb 26 Leslie Worley is the current Mrs. US Woman. She spoke about her journey and her platform. She founded an organization, Generous Paws, to help animal shelters and rescues with donations of needed items.
- Mar 4 SSCA Annual Meeting, celebrating all of our accomplishments over 2019.
- Aug19 Dr. Christine Meyer offered a COVID Question and Answer time – staying safe while staying connected.
- Sep 9 On the lawn at SUMC: Last Chance Duo in a musical performance.
- Sep 16 Marty Spiegel, Mayor of Swarthmore, gave us an update on Swarthmore and how the COVID crisis has impacted our town.
- Sep 23 Charades on the lawn was planned, but we ended up just having a free-flowing discussion instead.



- Sep 30 Olivia Thorne from League of Women Voters joined us to explain the voting process in Delaware County, assuring that voting by mail is a safe, secure option for all voters.
- Oct 7 Senta Johnson, a current Drexel student who works with Black groups to create change, discussed her experiences, current projects and how SCCA and our members can help.
- Oct 14 Penelope Reed, Presenter, Teacher, TV producer, and Speech Consultant, joins us to share her insights into how to prepare for a televised debate. She demonstrated verbal and non verbal cues and explained how they support or hinder a speaker.
- Oct 21 Jane Eleey, Director of Penn's Village, explained how Penn's Village works, what makes it special and how COVID has changed their operation.
- Oct 28 Concert on the Lawn A number of local musicians entertained us on the lawn at SUMC. They included students and even members of SSCA!
- Nov 4 Open Share: We discussed "Where are we?" reflecting on the current events in the US and how these times compare to other times in our life.
- Nov 11 David Gettes of Trinidad North Steel Drum Band with steel drum sounds and even a short lesson on playing!
- Nov 18 Drive Through Canned Food Drive at Wallingford Swim and Raquet Club.
- Dec 2 Amanda Collins, Fitness Instructor, led us in a combo balance and chair workout.
- Dec 9 Kerry Doyle of the Swarthmore Library gave us an update on the Library and what resources are available right now.
- Dec 16 Virtual Tour Of Home Decorations, a video put together by all of us, showing off holiday decorations from Christmas Trees to a family menorah, a cherished reading chair to the flashy outdoor decorations.

Games and Coffee House

Chair: vacant

These activities were suspended in early 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. We expect them to start up again when restrictions are lifted.

If this area of our work interests you, please contact Nancy Daniel.

Sunshine

Chair: Barbara Bernhardt

Thank-you notes were sent to speakers and performers for their contributions to the Lunch and Learn programs and our online Senior Wellness Fair.

Get well cards were sent to members and friends who were ill.

Birthday greetings were sent to Putty Willets. All members are recognized each week during their birthday month in the newsletter and at the Lunch and Learn gathering.

Home visits were suspended.

Condolence notes and flowers were sent to those who had family members and close friends who died.

Nominating

The Board, as a committee-of-the-whole, acted as the Nominating Committee.

During 2020 no vacancies occurred on the Board. The Nominating Committee proposes the following for election to the Board of Directors:

Louise Coffin, re-election for a term ending in 2023.

Bill Davis, re-election for a term ending in 2023.

Gudrun Weinberg, re-election for a term ending in 2023.

Directors and Officers of the Association

Sheila Bell, Secretary	term ends 2021
Louise Coffin, Vice President, Communications Chair	term ends 2020
Bill Davis, Director, Senior Wellness Fair Chair	term ends 2020
Nancy Daniel, Director, Development Chair	term ends 2022
Ann Foster, Director, Membership Chair	term ends 2022
Shirley Mitrovich, Director	term ends 2022
Judie Neale, Director, Newsletter Chair	term ends 2021
Dan Snyder, Director, Walks and Trails Chair	term ends 2022
Linton Stables, President	term ends 2021
Gudrun Weinberg, Treasurer	term ends 2020

Officers are elected by the Board and serve for three-year terms, which may or may not coincide with Director terms.

Advisory Council

Doug Bender	Peter Bloom	Eck Gerner	Gudmund Iversen
Maria Mooney	Christine Polito	G. Guy Smith	Ann Torregrossa

Mission Statement

To promote the well-being of seniors, as well as others in the community, by providing a welcoming environment for social interaction, learning opportunities, and exploring resources through a variety of activities and programs.

In Memory



Alice Putnam “Putty” Willetts

Putty Willetts, co-founder and long-time president of the Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association, died peacefully on Saturday, June 6, 2020, in her home at the age of 94. Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association was co-founded in 1984 with her fellow teacher-retiree Irma Zimmer. Putty maintained an interest in all we were doing until very recently.

Anne Blackburn

Emily Richardson

Martha Turner-Leonetti



Senior Wellness Fair

Benefits and Challenges

