



Commission on the Aging

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Director's Report

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The Bethel Senior Center Craft Fair was a huge success. We made over 80 pies, (apple and pumpkin) and we had really nice baked goods from other donations. There were lots of craft items: knitted hats, gloves and scarves; interesting ceramic pieces; aprons, Christmas trees, wreaths, and spiders. Of course, we also sold over 250 hot dogs and they were delicious. The quilt ticket sale was also good for that day.

On November 18th, everyone enjoyed themselves at the Westchester Dinner Theater, where they saw the performance of "My Fair Lady". We were able to get into the "Holiday Spirit" on Dec 1st with our visit to the Botanical Gardens in New York. It was a beautiful day and everyone should see the spectacular buildings that were built to go along with the Christmas Garden Railroad display. Arthur Avenue was a lot of fun, and the food was great.

People's Bank, the Bethel Police Department, and the Bethel Seniors sponsored the Yellow Dot Program at the Center on Dec. 2nd. This program is used around the state to help first responders to identify people in an accident or having a problem with their car. Participants fill out a yellow card and put a picture of them on it, and leave it in their glove compartment. This card has emergency information on it along with meds, etc. About 70 people attended the program. This same afternoon we had a Christmas-Bingo-Pizza Party. Everyone liked all the gifts we gave out. It was fun!

Coming up we will be having our annual Christmas Party on December 16th. The High School is unable to sing for us as planned, so our Chorus will be taking over and singing some great Holiday songs. We are having a turkey dinner at noon and then we will raffle off the Quilt at 1 pm. We will be entertained by Ron Spataro. On December 30th, at noon, we will be having a pot luck luncheon to celebrate the New Year. We are going to make this a fancy get together. We want people to dress up a little. Our entertainment will be Bob Schmidt and his wife. They are among our favorites.

On November 21st, 1,700 newsletters were distributed, among mailings, deliveries to Bishop Curtis and Reynolds Ridge, and those picked up at the Senior Center. Visiting the Center, we had an average of 111 people/day. So far this year we have averaged over 100 people a day. We have not started the Needs Assessment process yet, because we are still waiting to see the results of the grant written for the Teen Center.

Trips in 2012

Jan 10	Foxwoods - \$25
Jan25-26	UConn Women's Basketball at Syracuse with Turning Stone Casino overnight - \$192
March 15	A Great Day for the Irish at Ace in the Hole - \$ 74
April 12	Crooner and Cannoli - \$ 74
June 14	George M.- Westchester Playhouse - \$ 83
June 27-July 1	Elkins, W.V. - \$ 749
July 10	Sail a Tall Ship Around Manhattan - \$ 74
Aug 16	Good Vibrations - \$88

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Oles, Director, Bethel Senior Center