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**FCOA NEWS**

*The mission of the "Friends" is to raise funds to enhance programs and services available to Seniors through the Council on Aging"*

**Notes from Kathy Berman, FCOA Treasurer –**

APRIL! A TIME FOR RE-BIRTH AND CELEBRATION!

To begin our celebrations, we are hosting our **SPRING CRAFT FAIR** on SATURDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> from 9-2, at the Costello Transportation Center (a/k/a Senior Center), just in time to shop for Mother's Day or for yourself. Please drop by and support our wonderful crafters, who will have hand-crafted jewelry, art work, household items, and so much more. The fair will be held outdoors, weather permitting, or moved indoors in case of inclement weather.

**APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> is NATIONAL PET DAY.**

We have a dedicated fund for this purpose, which is wholly funded by the generosity of individuals and businesses such as yourselves, but which is sorely lacking in funds. Since May 1, 2022, we have provided the Council on Aging with \$15,894 in food subsidies (PetSmart gift cards) and veterinary services for our neighbors. The fund is currently running at a large deficit, and we must use our general program funds to continue to provide this assistance.

Please help us to continue to feed our furry friends, through the DONATE button on our website. Of course, cash and checks are always welcome, but please don't send cash in the mail.

**PENNY MILL THRIFT SHOP**

Our little thrift shop has wonderful items for sale, including clothing, jewelry, hand-made aprons and tote bags, household items, and more. Our volunteers keep this shop in neat order, and ensure that items for sale are worthy of your dollars. Please stop by often as our inventory is constantly changing. Don't put off that purchase as many items are sold as soon the same day they arrive.

And while you are there, be sure to enter your name for our monthly drawing of a TEN DOLLAR gift certificate to the Penny Mill.

We are ever thankful for your continued support of FCOA. Without your support, we could not continue our assistance to the Amesbury Council on Aging whose employees and volunteers provide wonderful programs and services, most of which are at no cost to participants. Finally, a special THANK YOU and KUDOS to the staff and volunteers of the Council on Aging for their diligence in bringing the Senior Center hours back to a full week, in such a short time, thereby ensuring the programs and services we all rely on are back in full swing. With a grateful heart,  
 Kathy Berman, FCOA Treasurer

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS WHO MADE MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:**

**In memory of May Ann Bean, beloved mother of Cindy Bean**

Joan Larrabee

**In memory of Joanne Gaynor, beloved mother of the Gaynor family**

Joan Larrabee

FCOA is happy to accept your donations in memory or in honor of someone you choose. All are notified.

All persons or families are notified of your thoughtfulness.

Phil and Kathy Berman



**FCOA - FRIENDS OF THE AMESBURY COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.**

Membership Application - January 1 through December 31.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS SUPPORT SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

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NAME (If Joint membership)	DATE of BIRTH		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE (home)	(cell)		
EMAIL			

**Circle membership level	<b>BENEFACTOR</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>PLATINUM</b>	<b>\$2500+</b>
<b>JOINT (COUPLE)</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>DONATION:</b>	

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