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ICCI Celebrates Volunteers at Annual Meeting



ICCI Volunteers: Nancy Law, Lisa Davis, Sylvia Detscher, Charlotte Leavitt

On June 23rd, Interlakes Community Caregivers held their Annual Meeting and Volunteer Luncheon at Canoe Restaurant in Center Harbor. It had been three years since the meeting was held in person, and everyone was happy to see staff and volunteers together again.

President David Hughes welcomed the attendees, followed by a financial report delivered by Treasurer George Jewell. Executive Director Pamela Joyal reported on volunteer contributions to ICCL, including a total of 2,266 services to Neighbors, 3,179 donated hours and 39,269 miles driven on behalf of Neighbors in 2021. Additionally, Pam reported that ICCL received a Tufts Momentum Grant of \$10,000 and netted \$16,000 from the Jersey Tenors concert fundraiser. Pam did note that there are also more requests from Neighbors who need services, and encouraged everyone to promote bringing new volunteers to the organization.

As part of the agenda, elections for the Board of Directors took place. Hank Offinger, Sue Gutches and Connie Cunningham were unanimously re-elected to the Board.



Kathryn Holt, Admin Assistant, Linnie Page, Chris Kelly, BOD, Pat Devanney

No annual meeting would be complete without volunteer recognition and awards, presented by Amy Blongy, Lead Coordinator and Pam Joyal. Following is the list of award winners.

Years of Service:

20 Years: Penny Morrison

15 Years: John Buckley, Janice Jenket, Mike Devanney, Pat Devanney

10 Years: George Jewell

5 Years: Roger Blake, Missy Balance, Linnie Page, Darlene Fritz

Thousand Miles Club:

Roger Blake, Frank Bourne, Sylvia Detscher, Paul Helfinsein, Nancy Law, Linnie Page, Pauline Pope, Sally Sibulkin, Will Speers

Birthday Brigade Queen: Pauline Pope

Most Hours, Most Trips, Most Miles: Linnie Page

Volunteer Coordinators Recognition: Connie Cunningham, Sally Sibulkin, Betsy Merkle, Rose Roberts and Gail Hughes.



Linnie Page, Sue Mangers, Amy Blongy, Lead Coordinator

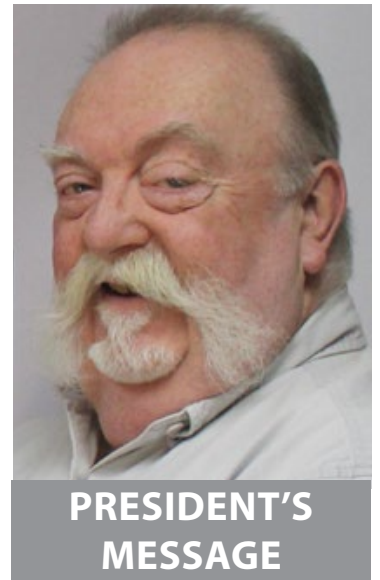
Finally, **The Charlotte A. Leavitt Award**, which is given to volunteers who go above and beyond to show compassion, dedication and commitment assisting our Neighbors, was awarded to two volunteers: Rose Roberts and Paul Helfinsein. Community Caregivers thanks each and every one of these award winning volunteers for their generous contributions of time and care given to assist Neighbors every day.

Pam closed the meeting with a reminder that next year ICCL celebrates its 25th anniversary, so plan for an exciting slate of activities to commemorate this milestone.

Interlakes Community Caregivers has had a busy spring. It feels wonderful to be back into a “normal” routine of events and activities and to be able to interact with those in our community. The Jersey Tenors – our Spring fundraiser – was exceptional. Many friends came out for the program and all enjoyed an evening of rockin’ good music. This group got the audience singing and clapping along to songs many of us remember so well. Thanks to all of you who supported this event.

In June we were able to have the Annual Meeting in person at Canoe. Thanks to Scott Ouellette for hosting the meeting. His donation of a venue is just another way members of our community support ICCL. The Annual Meeting is the Board’s opportunity to get to know and thank our volunteers for the time they give to our communities.

Have a great summer!



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS SUPPORTERS FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE JERSEY TENORS CONCERT A WONDERFUL SUCCESS



Interlakes Community Caregivers (ICCI) would like to express our sincere appreciation to the area businesses that helped make The Jersey Tenors benefit concert a huge success.

Thank you to the following businesses for their amazing support: **McCarthy Lawn Property Management, Electrical Installations, Moultonborough Lions Club, Moulton Farm, Re/Max Bayside, Village Kitchen, DeTolla Dental, The Taylor Community, Meredith Kiwanis, Meredith Village Savings Bank, E.M. Heath Supermarket, Melcher and Prescott Insurance, The Laconia Sun, The Meredith News, Innisfree Bookstore, Bayswater Books, The Foothills Café and Lakes Media!**

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ICCI VOLUNTEER PAUL HELFINSTEIN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE NHAHA VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAM



Paul Helfinstein, Volunteer

The NH Alliance for Healthy Aging (NHAHA), a statewide coalition of stakeholders focused on the health and well-being of New Hampshire, recently received a grant to promote volunteer driver programs statewide. A regional pool of 3 volunteers were chosen to represent the driver program in a statewide commercial campaign and Paul was selected as one of the campaign candidates. This is quite an honor. Paul was recently interviewed by Millenium Advertising to discuss the benefits of volunteering and why he feels it is important to him to volunteer. Thank you, Paul, for your wonderful efforts! Keep your eyes out for the commercial that should be airing sometime this summer.



Looking For ICCI Board Members and Volunteers

We are looking for more Board Members and Volunteers. Both the time and the effort you give to ICCI depend on you. However, the rewards for your involvement are immeasurable. Think about it. Talk with a Board member (listed in the newsletter) or a volunteer. ICCI may be just the organization that is a good fit for you.

Birthday Brigade in Action



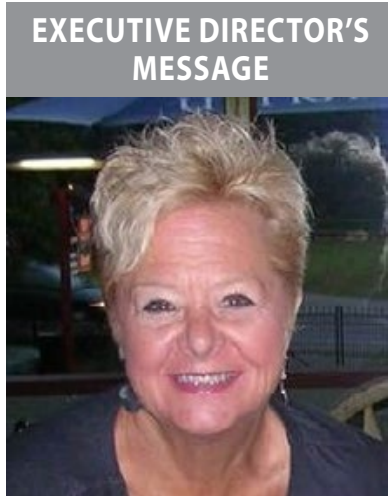
(L-R) Eldora Kroon-Kiely, Neighbor and
Rose Roberts, Volunteer

The Spring at ICCI has been a whirlwind full of hope, rekindled friendships and a sense of normalcy as we inch our way out of the Covid Pandemic and begin to attend live events again. I want to thank all of you for helping to support the "We Care" concert in May with the Jersey Tenors. The concert was a WONDERFUL SUCCESS for ICCI raising over a record \$16,000. I was humbled by the incredible kindness of area businesses that stepped up to sponsor us. Please see the business listing on page 2. A heartfelt Thank You to the Temple B'nai Israel team who worked tirelessly to make sure every detail was in place.

The 2022 ICCI Annual Meeting/Volunteer Recognition luncheon in June was a fantastic gathering. We can't thank our Volunteers enough for the incredible work that they do every day to support the mission of ICCI and most importantly, our Neighbors. Your dedication, compassion and willingness to go above and beyond despite all that is happening around us is just remarkable. Neighbors tell us every

week how much they appreciate your kindness! We could not do what we do without you!

Finally, I am proud to report that although this year was met with some technical and business challenges, there were also significant rewards. ICCI has managed to thrive despite not doing any in-person fundraisers for over 2 years. Our Board of Directors has been steadfast in stewarding the organization and ensuring ICCI remains financially healthy to meet whatever may be ahead of us. I feel blessed to be part of this caring organization and community.



Warmly, Pam Joyal

Amy Blongy - Lead Coordinator

Interlakes Community Caregivers Inc., is excited to welcome Amy Blongy as the new Lead Coordinator/Volunteer Manager. Amy comes to ICCI with a wealth of skills and talent that will serve her well in her new role. As an educator for the past 30 years, Amy has been a teacher in the classroom, a mentor to new teachers and a coordinator for after school programs. In 2017, Amy received Teacher of the Year Award from her school district. She brings a strong background of communication, organization, and enthusiasm to her role. Amy lives in Meredith with her husband Steve and enjoys reading, long walks and spending time with her family. Welcome Amy!



MISSION STATEMENT

Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. supports the independence, safety, comfort and dignity of our adult Neighbors within our designated communities through the services provided by our volunteers.

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