

*Londonderry Senior Center
535 Mammoth Rd.
Londonderry, NH 03053
603-432-8554*

May 23, 2022

Dear Members,

I write this letter with mixed emotions as this will be the last newsletter I write for you. After taking on the role of Senior Affairs Director for close to 9 years (my hiring date was July of 2013) I am finally retiring. This has been the most rewarding position of my working career.

I came to the Londonderry Senior Center as an employee of Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels. After a very short stint working for them, this position opened and I was hired. I have come to know many of our seniors that have been here since before I started. The love, support and respect you have all shown me is greatly appreciated.

The support of our fantastic volunteers has helped me to run a smooth operation. With everyone's help we have made the Londonderry Senior Center an exciting, social, fun gathering place. Together-team work gets thing accomplished!

I thoroughly enjoyed planning so many events for you over the years. As the years went by it seems those events got more elaborate and event attendance climbed! I also enjoyed taking over the planning of the Senior Night Picnic in August at the Lion's Hall Pavilion. That was probably the largest event to plan for with attendance at last years' picnic of 170. That attendance was higher than the previous picnic so I guess that means you enjoyed it as well.

Y'all have become a second family to me and this departure is hard. I will miss every one of you that have touched my heart. However, my husband and I have now moved into the retirement home we built on the North Carolina coast. Something I never thought could happen-but it did!

I would like to welcome Ilona Arndt as the new Senior Affairs Director. Ilona has already met many of you from her former position working for Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels in our kitchen. I am entrusting her with your care while at the center and I know she will continue on with our many different events and parties, as well as coming up with some exciting and new events of her own! I know you will all welcome her in the same warm way you welcomed me many years ago.

So, I won't say goodbye, just hope to see you soon, as I hope to be back for a visit before the end of the year.

I pray and wish for you peace and good health!

Sincerely,

Cathy

Welcome to the following new members:

Ray Adams, Harold & Janet Belson, Sherry Bucar, Virginia Burns, Suzanne Buxton, Janet Chapman, Judith & Michael Courtney, Elaine Cutroni, Marie Doherty, Darlene Fraser, Sue Fuller, James Green, Theresa Lafreniere, Diane LeBreux, Dorothy MacDonald, Francis Martel, Jeanne McCusker, Diane Moran, Ferdinand Vaillancourt, Diane Warren and Cheryll Zalanskas.

Thank you to my “behind the scenes” volunteers who helped me prepare for our Kentucky Derby Party: Lois Soucy, Barbara Whitesell, Bonnie Ritvo and Ilona Arndt, and the many volunteers who helped set up the tables and place settings!

The winner of the Kentucky Derby gift basket was **Ron Jablonowski**.

The winner of the Preakness Stakes gift basket was **Donna Green**.

Be sure to vote in the next race: The Belmont Stakes. “Betting” slips will be ready the week of June 6th as the race is on June 11th.

Water: We are NOT bringing back the water cooler. Exercise classes please remember to bring your own water bottles to class.

Kitchen Reminder: Members are not allowed in the kitchen. Please ask at the front desk for help.

Cornhole will be starting on Thursday, June 16th at 12:30pm. Come have fun, get a little exercise and enjoy a challenge!

Paid part time positions for seniors available: The Londonderry School District is looking for seniors to fill some vacancies they have within the schools. Enjoy the kids and get paid for it! Needed kindergarten through high school, flexible hours: Teacher Substitutes (must have a High School diploma or GED) and Special Education Assistant Substitutes (must have a High School diploma or GED) training provided. Needed at all elementary schools: Café Monitors. For more information regarding hours available and salary for all positions, please call Heather Meninger at 603-432-6920 ext. 1104.

Masks: While we are not mandating the use of masks we are encouraging the use of them-for now. If you feel comfortable not wearing one that is fine. We have had several cases reported and want to make sure we protect ourselves and others. Please use the hand sanitizer located at the check in desk.

St. Jude is looking for knitters! They meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at St. Jude's from 1-2:30 pm. Please contact Elizabeth Ambrose 603-434-7176.

Thank you to Lois Soucy for submitting an interesting article she found on Facebook regarding the history of the apron. Enjoy!