#### **Board of Directors:**

**Chairperson:** Kathy Chase **Vice Chairperson:** Ray Farnham **Financial Admin:** Stephanie Bennett Secretary: Jean Beattie

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### Director:

**Rita Sevigny** 

## Administrative Assistant: Cathy Gavin

Office Assistant: Lorraine Moulton

## Welcome Desk Volunteers:

**Bonnie Guptill** Doris Morgridge Lorraine Moulton

#### Office and Lounge Open Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Membership: \$30 Single / \$50 Couple

**Beautiful Function Hall** available for rent www.wocam.org

Idea for an Article? **Contact Rita Sevigny** RitaS.WOCAM@gmail.com

## **Greetings from the Board of Directors!**

#### First:

November reminds us that with Veterans Day comes a well deserved day of recognition and thanks for those who have served our country in the Military. Their sacrifices and willingness to fight for the freedoms we all so wonderfully enjoy is deeply appreciated by all in America, in our State, in our Town and in our Membership in this organization.

We salute those Members who are Veterans and thank God everyday for your service.

#### Second:

Several people have asked me why the Town does not give us money to help run our Center. Last month I explained that we are an independent non-profit 501c3 organization and we are responsible for our finances — the Town is not financially responsible for us.

However, I want members to know that we DO receive a substantial benefit from our Town and the taxpayers here in Wells. We do not pay property tax to the Town. As a 501c3 we filed an exemption from property tax when we first opened, which is allowed under Maine State law, and can approved by the Town — the Town approved it.

Our property taxes, if fully valued, would run between \$6000-\$8000 a year. Each year, we receive this benefit which is a shared cost by all the Taxpayers in Wells. We also can - and just did - receive a \$3000 Grant from the Town of Wells. We applied for it last year to receive it for this year and it arrived Tuesday. Also, I am proud to have you know that the Wells Town Hall Staff, the Fire Department, and the Police Department have each hosted a "Days of Warming" on Saturdays for the last several years — making and serving a meal for our members who attend.

Since November is the month of Thanksgiving, I ask our Members along with our Board to give thanks to our Veterans and to the Town of Wells and it's community.

Stav well! Kathy Chase, Chair WOCAM BOD Stephanie Bennett Jean Beattie Greg Cuzzi Ray Farnham George Hersom Anna Lamberti Lorraine Moulton

Jennifer Sylvester





Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces (and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice **Day** and Remembrance **Day** ...

You may have heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. There's another day you might want to know about: Giving Tuesday. The idea is pretty straightforward. On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, shoppers take a break from their gift-buying and donate what they can to charity. Bill Gates

\*\*Remember the Senior Center for your end of year donation - 501c3 -write off for your taxes



Dick Varano and Family would like to provide an Thanksgiving meal to all our members!

Curbside pick up on Wednesday, November 25th between Noon and 3 pm at Billy's Chowder House 216 Mile Road, Wells, Maine

Menu: Turkey with all the fixings, and a slice of apple pie with each meal.

This meal is Free to all Members, but registration is required prior to Wednesday, November 18th.

Please call Billy's Chowder house at 207-646-7558 to reserve your meal for they are keeping a list.

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

Fundraising Committee meeting on Nov. 12th, 3pm. Please join in and offer suggestions!!

# New Members to our Center —

**Please Welcome** 

Marian Stanton Randy Olsen **Claire Osburn Gigi Pelletier** 

Due to COVID 19, please remember to wear face masks. We have several masks available in the lobby for a donation and please always remember to wash your hands. Stay safe! Lastly, please sign in when entering the Center – there is a sign in sheet at the door. Thank you!!

# Just a Friendly Reminder...

Please check your address label on the mail panel of this Newsletter. If your expiration date has expired the date will be highlighted. Anyone at the Welcome Desk will happily help you renew your membership. Also, if you have a change of address, tel .# or email, please let us know. Thank you!

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To promote the well-being of Senior Citizens in Wells and Ogunguit, regardless of sex, creed, race, religion, or the ability to pay.