

### History of how "Days of Warming" started

The Wells Ogunquit Senior Center, located at 300 Post Rd in Wells, Maine, was first opened in July of 2004. It is a privately owned (owned by members) 501(c)(3) non-profit, operating as a Senior Center. The Senior Center is not funded by any government entity we have the freedom to make independent decisions that will best benefit the Center. This has provided many unique and entrepreneurial opportunities to create programs for the now more than 600 members.

One of the more original – and still successful – programs the Center has introduced is the winter season's "**Days of Warming**". Days of Warming occurs every Saturday from 9am - 2pm through the winter months of January through the middle of March. The idea arose from the high cost of fuel in 2007-2008 that had many seniors in and around the Wells area making the choice of being warm or paying for medicine or food. Tough choices that promised only dire results. The Center leaders brainstormed and came up with a proposal to apply for a grant based on the concept of opening the Center on Saturdays so seniors could turn their thermostats down for a day, come to the Center to be warm, receive a meal, enjoy entertainment, expand their social contacts, and just have an extra day to have fun with friends. More significantly, it could lower the cost of heat for them for one day a week, provide one meal a week savings, and allow another day of socializing with friends to reinforce their needed support network during the tough times.

#### Which is happening again today with our current economy!!

Bank of America generously presented the Center with a grant to establish the program for the winter of 2008 and the Days of Warming became a reality. It was amazingly successful! The grant funded the program through the first winter as the Center's leaders (seeing the value of the program) worked to set it up again for the next winter in a way that it could continue and be affordable for the Center.

Requests went out to the Community of Wells and Ogunquit to see if there was interest from businesses, or other organizations or entities to sponsor a meal or donate talent to entertain for one of the nine to eleven Saturdays in winter. The response was positive, and each Saturday of the following winter (2009) was sponsored with a donated meal from restaurants, individuals, organizations or municipal departments, and volunteer entertainment for each Saturday was offered – and accepted!

That format has been in place for 13 years – even through the restricted Covid time, and our Days of Warming is still a great success. Some meal sponsors have been participating for years, new ones have come on board, and others are on a call list in case there is an open Saturday not yet covered. Local volunteer talent abounds, and the Center participants love it all. Small donations from those participating in the day's events (their idea) add up to help pay for one staff person for the day.

Volunteers from the Center set up the tables and help serve and clean – if those sponsoring the meal cannot. Days of Warming is not limited to just Center members – guests of members also attend, but most of the participants are members – many of whom volunteer every week.

On behalf of the Wells Ogunquit Senior Center, and all its members, we thank every past and present sponsor and volunteer who has made, and continues to make, this program possible. Please free to stop in on a winter Saturday and see for yourself how successful our Days of Warming program has become.

Thank you. Kathy Chase, Member since 1997 Chair, Wells Ogunquit Senior Center Board of Directors 207-468-9747

Wishing you a



Beautiful Holiday Season

And a New Year of

Peace, Good Health & Happiness

January 4th, 2025– Wells Fire Department 11-12pm– Musicians-A Rose & Two Thorns

January 11th, 2025– Wells Town Hall 11-12pm– Musician-Donald Bernard on piano

January 18th, 2025– Ocean Lodge 142 11-12pm– Musicians– Shades of Grass

January 25th, 2025– Wells Police Department 11-12pm– Musicians-Cedar Mt. Blue Grass Band

### **Board of Directors**

Chairperson: Kathy Chase Vice-Chairperson: Larry Dyer Financial Admin: Peter Kahn Secretary: Maria Reid

#### **Directors at Large:**

Kathy Chase (26) JoAnn DeClercq (26) Larry Dyer (25) George Hersom (25) Peter Kahn (27) Diane McDonald (27)

### **Director:** Rita J. Sevigny

Mon-Fri 11-4 PM

#### Office Manager:

Barbara Switzer Tues , Thurs 9:00-2:00pm Wed. 10-3pm

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### Center and Lounge Open Mon-Fri 9 AM – 4 PM

Beautiful Function Hall available for rent Call Center 207-646-7775 x2

Have an idea for an Article? Contact Rita Sevigny, Director **RitaS.WOCAM@gmail.com** 

### Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to our members !

The center is chock full of events and activities for the month of December and our Board of Directors hopes many of you get to participate in one way or another in all we are offering. Please remember to thank our staff and volunteers for all they do at the center year round and especially over the upcoming holidays!

As chair of the Board, I want to say "Thank you" to my fellow board members for all they do to support our organization, our staff and our members. We have active board members who work hard - in public and behind the scenes - to make our center a fun place to be, keep finances sound, and assure that our facility is well maintained and safe. I'm proud to serve with all of them!

At the November Board meeting it was voted to purchase a new replacement generator and to contract for a full roof replacement for our building. The roof should be completed by the end of December and the generator by the end of January. These purchases were funded by a grant from the Sam L. Cohen Foundation (received through the efforts of our Center's Grant Writing Team) and a grant from the Midge Durdle Trust donated by representatives of the Midge Durdle estate. **Our heartfelt thanks go out to both donors**.

We sadly say goodbye to our decades member, longtime serving front desk greeter, our Clynk Queen and dear friend, Lorraine Moulton. We are honored to have had Lorraine in our lives and will deeply miss her.

Thank you, Lorraine for being a large part of Center Community.

Holiday wishes and good cheer to members and their families from the Board!



Sincerely,

The WOSC Board of Directors Kathy Chase, Chair Larry Dyer, Vice Chair Peter Kahn, Financial Administrator Jo Ann DeClercq, Grant Writing Chair George Hersom, Bingo Director Diane MacDonald

### LIFE IS BETTER BECAUSE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Life is truly better together. As we approach the Holiday season we are reminded how important family is. Here at the center we are also family and it is important that we continue to serve one another through our giving of time to each other and our community. Great things are happening and you our volunteers help make it happen. If you haven't already please think about what you can do to help our center continue to thrive.



Lets go and grow !





Mary	McManus	Dec	2
Elissa	Boulier	Dec	2
Mary Ellen	Peabody	Dec	3
Frances	Poulin	Dec	3
Helen	Raynor	Dec	4
Sue	Rogge	Dec	4
Linda	Blanch	Dec	6
Susanne	Mc Gravey	Dec	7
Anne	Tanguay	Dec	8
Sally	Turner	Dec	9
Paul	Beaudoin	Dec	10
Mary Alice	Serafini	Dec	11
Terri	Swanick	Dec	11
Jane	Barrett	Dec	13
Pamela	Arnold	Dec	14
Francis	Roche	Dec	15
Joe	Havens	Dec	17
Marilyn	Darling	Dec	18
Tammy	Ouellette	Dec	18
Daniel	Walsh	Dec	18
Barbara	Forbes	Dec	20
Marie	Gamache	Dec	20
Cheryl	Link	Dec	20
Deborah	Morrison	Dec	20
Jane	Hendrickson	Dec	20
Donna	Lisbon	Dec	21
Patricia	Ferrera	Dec	22
Bob	Howard	Dec	23
Donna	Lowrie	Dec	23
Sandra	Downey	Dec	24
Susan	Jones	Dec	24
Peter	Kahn	Dec	24
Carol	Forni	Dec	25
Carol	McGee	Dec	25
George	Blum	Dec	27
Jeanne	Corduck	Dec	27
Janet	Pardus	Dec	27
Priscilla	Braverman	Dec	28
Mary			
Kathleen	Foley	Dec	28
Lucinda	Bailey	Dec	29
Linda	Russo	Dec	29
Gigi	Pelletier	Dec	30
Jerry	Gostanian	Dec	31
Judy	Vincent	Dec	31

#### **GRANT WRITING COMMITTEE NEWS**

Our grant writing committee was pleased to receive the news last week that the Sam L. Cohen Foundation in Portland has awarded our center a \$10,000 grant to help fund a new generator. This philanthropic foundation is committed to supporting and improving the quality of life in southern Maine and we are most appreciative of their support. Grant writing committee members Maria Reid, Sara Samaniego, Morgan Demers and Jo Ann De Clercq have spent this past year working to acquire funds for the center and are thankful this Thanksgiving that their efforts have been rewarded.

### Hello from the Wells Ogunquit Senior Center

A message from Rita Sevigny, Director

What do the Holidays mean to you? We all have fond memories of the days past, of family gatherings and traditions of how things needed to be done. It's amazing how time flies and how things have changed. We need to remember what makes us happy.

Reach out to a long lost friend or family member by sending a card or making a phone call. People are lonely and want to know that someone out there cares for them.

It is the simple things in life that give us the most pleasure. I find myself biting my tongue when someone is rude, because they may be having a bad day, I try to remember to be kind—for you never know what is truly going on with the individual.

I do enjoy the sound of laughter during games of Hand & Foot, 45's, Cribbage, Rubber Bridge, Duplicate Bridge, Mah Jongg, along with monthly Book club which has been growing.

Amazing to see the commitment of the Exercise and Yoga and Line dancing members attending to stay healthy.

During the Line Dancing class you can't help but feel uplifted observing their fun and enthusiastic spirit. I personally enjoy Diane's music that everyone dances to.

The sense of belonging to an Senior Center with like-minded People=priceless/ if you haven't made the commitment to join in any programs. Start by attending something in the New Year for yourself winter months are cold and lonely.

I have thoughts of building up new programs to give members a variety to our calendar. If you have an idea please do share with me. Does anyone know Whist or Scat and willing to start up a group?

Most wonderful of all, witnessing the support and care that members give to one another is **heartwarming.** 

Stay safe and remember to reach out to someone today.

The Wells Ogunquit Senior Center is a place not only where "Seniors Shine" but a welcoming

home away from home. Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays! Rita Sevigny



P.S.- remember if there's no school due to a storm– we want you all safe and the Senior Center will be closed on these days

### **Baby Boomer's Blog**

Baby Boomer's Blog represents all of us who are born 1946 to 1964. I write to send a message of optimism, health and wellness, personal growth and youthfulness.

### December 2024 **Family Gatherings**

Holidays are stressful for many of us. Some of us it's the traveling long distance, traveling to the many different sides of the family or traveling in bad weather. Stress can creep in when you think of the many different conversations that may or may not happen between family members. I can talk to my uncle about religious matters, but stay away from politics. I can talk to my sister about financial matters but stay away from global conflicts. And on and on.

As I prepare for the holiday season, I find that there is too much to do. I try to keep my personal routine and daily schedule as steady as I can create, however.....

There is planning, shopping, house and tree decorating, gift wrapping, parties and lots of cooking. It's exhausting!

For the some giving up this responsibility, as we age, can actually be stressful. Where is my part? Letting go of hustle and bustle can feel both good and empty.

I no longer host holiday meals or events. The decorations are less and less each year and I attend less events. It is certainly a transition to recognize that life has changed. Missing from the equation this year, are my parents. It's tough.

As I age, I am learning to grieve my losses and move forward. But it isn't easy. Find ways to stay connected this season.

"Be present, be patient, be gentle, be kind....everything else will take care if itself." ~~ Andy Puddicombe



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#### A Christmas Poem by Harrison Yocum

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book, And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look. And that is when I realize that these names are a part Not of the book they are written in, but really of my heart.

For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime, And in the meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme. And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim, I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of my special kink Just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you think. For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase The memory of a pleasant word or a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between, For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you, It is because you're on the list that I'm indebted to.

For I am but a total of the many folks I've met, And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget. And whether I've known you for many years or few, In some ways you have a part in shaping things I do.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew, The best gifts life can offer is meeting folks like you. And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures Leave its richest blessings in the heart of you and yours.



### A Time to Live

A family guide to helping you feel prepared in life

### **Emotional Support**

Emotional support comes in a variety of ways to support the unknown challenges families face.

An End Of Life Doula hopes to improve the quality of life by reducing anxiety through open communication, exploring all aspects of spiritual questions and grief support. We work through anger and sadness a family may experience.

Do you or someone you know need a the loving partnership of hospice and a doula?

Janine Robichaud End of Life Doula (EOL Doula) j9yogapractice@gmail.com







December 5th- Rental in the evening

**December 7th– Christmas Craft Fair**– 9:30-2pm Homemade goodies made by our members Lots of crafters selling their crafts throughout the Senior Center

December 10th– Billy's Chowder House benefit dinner– Doors open at 4:45pm–please car pool from the Senior Center Chief Putnam has approved parking on road if necessary 5pm -Appetizers 5:30pm -Meal

December 13th– Rental in the evening

December 14th- Dress a Girl event- 8-12pm

December 15th– Celebration of Life– 1-3pm-Lorraine Moulton Music by Shades of Grass

December 17th– Christmas Luncheon– Limited 80 ppl. 11-12pm Music provided by Two Gals & A Guy Lunch served at noon Provided by Avita of Wells Donation—\$10 Member/\$12 Guest

**December 19th**– Board of Directors meeting– 4-5:30pm All members are welcomed

December 20th– 1:30-2:30pm– Featuring entertainer -Brian Stankovich- Christmas sing a long social– RSVP sponsored by Home Instead

December 20th- 3:30-5pm- 100 Club drawing- PIZZA

December 21st- Rental

December 24th- Closing at Noon

December 25th- Merry Christmas-Senior Center closed

December 26th- Senior Center opens up at 9am

December 27th to 30th– Senior Center CLOSED– replacement of roof





### **Christmas Gathering**

### December 17th, 2024

11-12pm Music provided by Two Gals & One Guy 12pm Delicious Meal provided by



Donation -\$10 Members/ \$12 Guest Limited 80 people 50/50 - 8 tickets for \$5

Door prize drawings to everyone attending



### Saturday, December 14 from 8 am to noon!

Dress A Girl Around the World, Northern New England (DAGNNE) chapter, makes dresses for at-risk and needy

There is plenty to do for both sewers and non-sewers.

Sewers, please bring your sewing machine, your sewing kit, thread and an extension cord.

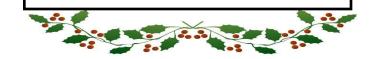
# Christmas Sing-Along

Brian Stankovich performing a Christmas Sing Along

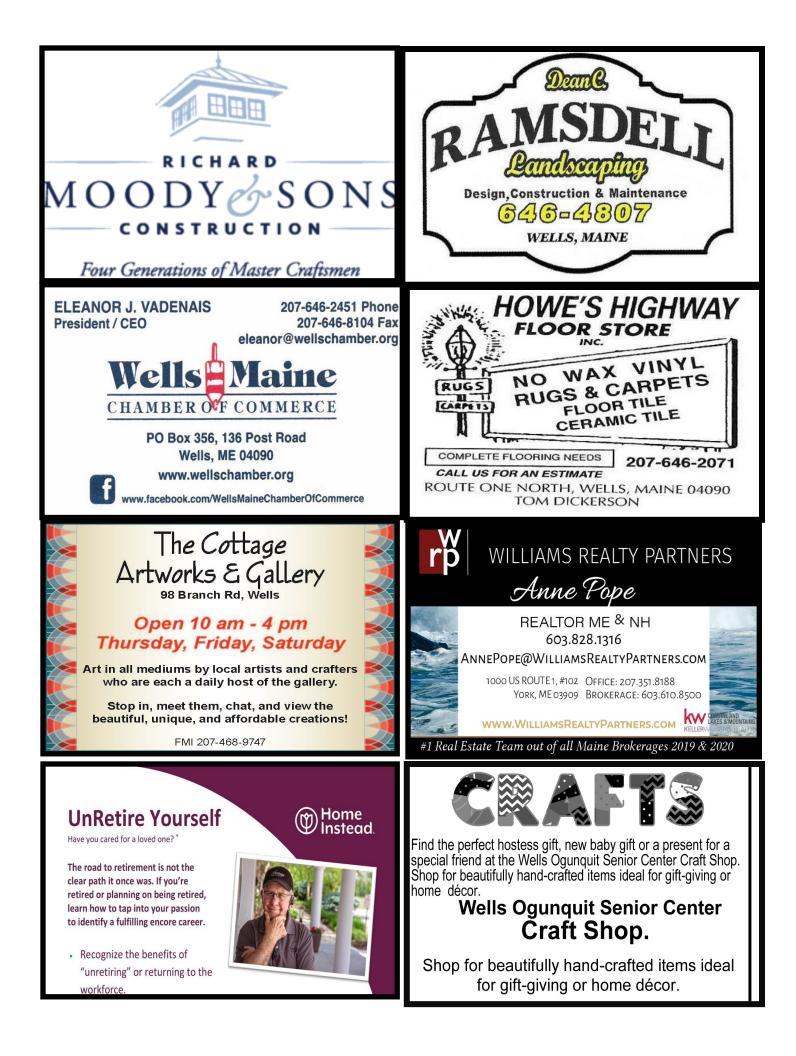
Home Instead. sponsored by us, it's personal

Come enjoy the Spirit of Christmas December 20th, 2024 Time: 1:30-2:30pm

RSVP so we can plan ahead Everyone will enjoy Christmas cookies and eggnog









## December 2024

### WELLS OGUNQUIT SENIOR CENTER WHERE SENIORS SHINET

## Wells Ogunquit Senior Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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