Director's Report submitted by Karin Dynice-Swanfeldt January 2017

- The month of January flew by.....it was one of the mildest January we have had in years.
- The month of January is usually very quiet as far as activities. We do this because the weather is unpredictable. We do have many events and activities planned as we head into spring.
- Shop and Save in Ayer is a popular shopping stop for our 60+ers. We take people daily and they really enjoy it.
- Tiny's keeps growing in popularity with our gang on Monday nights. Many new friendships are forming which I am thrilled this idea has been so well received and growing. We are thinking about actually adding another run so more folks can go and have fun!!
- All monthly bills paid on time.
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.
- All monthly meetings attended.
- Monthly newsletter written and out into the community before the beginning of the new month. New drop off location have been added around town.
- I received a copy of our new lease from the Ayer Housing Authority for the coming year. We are in great shape with the AHA and look forward to another wonderful year here at The Center.
- Our Exercise class is busting at the seams and everyone is having a BLAST. New friendships and lots of laughter!! People from surrounding communities are joining in the fun weekly. We are having issues with parking but always have a solution when a problem comes up!!
- I attended all of my monthly meetings.
- Our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program is still helping so many folks out in our community that cannot get out of their homes.
- The fuel assistance program began this month with us allowing this agency to use our space to help clients with this need for free.
- Our Police Liaison Officer Matt Callahan keeps in check with my department almost daily. It is comforting to know we have such GREAT support from my local PD :-). We are so lucky to have him on our TEAM!! He is so in tune to our 60+ers Thank YOU!!
- Our COA Winter Weather Policy is listed in our monthly newsletter! This policy has been in place for the COA for over 25 years. This policy is in place for the safety of all our seniors and staff!!!

- Our shopping trips have grown in number also. We travel to Walmart, Hannafords and Market Basket weekly!! This is such a benefit for all those attending. It is also very cost affective with transportation being only \$2 each way.
- We also operate on Saturdays with trips to Loaves and Fishes for our seniors. This is another opportunity for those on a fixed income to get what they need for food and their homes.
- This COA offers so much for so many. We may appear to be small but we are mighty in ALL WE DO!!!!!