

**Director's Report submitted by
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- The month of March was a very, very, very, busy month for all at The COA
- In the month of March we brought back our home cooked meals yummmmmmy. They are held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Check our newsletter for what will be served. Everyone is welcome but you must have a reservation.
- Shop and Save in Ayer is a popular shopping stop for our 60+ers. Our MART Van takes people daily for their shopping.
- Tiny's keeps growing and growing in popularity with our gang on Monday nights. Many new friendships are forming and a lot of them come from out of town to meeting with my Ayer clients. I am thrilled so many folks are getting together to break bread!!!! Hoping to possible add a second outing come spring.
- Our weekend Loaves and Fishes trips still continue to grow. I must keep an eye on the schedule to make sure all clients get a chance to go shopping. There seems to be more and more folks that need this serve in our community.
- 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 locations have been added around town and new businesses have bought ads to help support the printing of this newsletter. We do not pay for this service it is all ad driven.
- 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. Our parking issue for this activity has been solved :-). I am researching the addition of a second class for beginners come September. Our regulars have become so good that it does make it difficult for someone who is just beginning. I am researching a new schedule and also our budget. This is exciting seeing the huge success our instructor Amanda has brought to ALL.
- I attended all of my monthly meetings.
- Our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program is growing once again. Once spring begins it seems that brings us many new clients. This is such a helpful program helping so many folks out in our community that cannot get out of

their homes. Louisa does a fantastic job running this part of my department!!

- Our AARP Tax program is in full swing. We needed to add a day and also an additional accountant because of our growing numbers. We are so blessed to be able to offer this wonderful program for FREEEEEE!!! At this point this season AARP has served an additional 22 clients here at The Center.
- I was very busy this month working with our Police, Montachusett Home Care, Ayer Housing and other agencies to help place folks that were left homeless after their housing was condemned by local and state authorities. It was a very difficult time for all involved and there were many stones that needed to be turned over. At times it seemed hopeless but we all worked as a TEAM for these folks.
- I am preparing for major surgery in MAY. At this time I am beginning to coordinate all areas of my department and scheduling added hands during this time. I have a fantastic staff and awesome volunteers. I am going to be extending hours to my staff that is under 25 hours per week. This will help fill in my spot. My budget CAN support these additional hours. I am also looking at adding a person through the senior work off program HOPEFULLY!!! :-) SO as I get closer to my surgery I am being proactive in the workings of my department. I also plan to bring my office home so when I am able I WILL be working from home!!!
- I am also in the process of making some staffing changes here at The Center seeing our Louisa is looking at retiring and cutting back her hours come September. So much going on wowowowow!! I have a plan in place for these changes but I am not going to put them into action at this very moment.
- Our Police Liaison Officer Matt Callahan along with my outreach coordinator are working together to keep many of our clients in safety check. We are also planning a couple of events with the Police Department. 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 weekly shopping trips are growing and growing in number weekly. We travel to Walmart, Hannafords and Market Basket in the late afternoon!! This is such a benefit for all those attending. It is also very cost effective with transportation being only \$2 each way.
- Our ST. Patrick's Day luncheon was once again a huge success. The meal from Sean Patrick's was outstanding and we served over 50 people.

- This COA offers so much for so many. We may appear to be small but we are mighty in ALL WE DO!!!! We try to offer all of our events, activities, and functions at NO COST or a very, very small charge! We are very proud of this fact. So check out the monthly newsletter and join us!!!! You will be pleasantly surprised. We also have an outstanding outreach program with the ability to get people the services they may need in one phone call.....Check us out!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!