Director's Report submitted by Karin Dynice-Swanfeldt April 2016

- The month of April was a busy, considering this is the month I begin staff vacations. Which means we are short staffed and we all jump in to help each other. Our numbers are continuing to climb as we head into spring!!!.
- Our new phone system and answering set up working beautifully. I am very pleased with the quality of equipment we are now using!
- Our home cooked meals have become VERY, VERY, VERY popular with a wait list!!!!! These meals are also listed in the newsletter in our monthly menu and are running on our local cable station monthly. We are now setting up in the other larger room for all of our home cooked meals, it gives it a different feel than are regular lunch bunch group. Everyone seems to enjoy the change.
- Tiny's has really grown in popularity with our gang on Monday nights. Many NEW folks are getting together and making new friends. Michael is now filing two van loads for this fun evening. I am thrill this idea has been so well received and growing.
- All monthly bills paid on time.
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.
- 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 have also increase our number to be given out by 200. I am no looking for new folks to buy ads for space in this newsletter. This is how the company that prints it for us pays for it. So without ads there would be no newsletter. The cost of printing this does not come out of our COA budget. The newsletter is free to us. However I do need to beef up the ads.
- It is so exciting to have our newsletter up on the town website for those that work with computers.
- Our FREEE Exercise class continues to bust 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.
- I attended all of my monthly meetings.
- I attended the monthly Master Plan Committee meeting. This group is working towards the future needs in Ayer. This month's meeting was to discuss interviewing and deciding on a consultant to work with our group. A subcommittee was formed to review the necessary questions handed in

- by the MP committee. We also began preparing for our first public meeting which will be Tuesday May 24, 2016 at the High School. We the COA will be supplying refreshments. This is for the public and will run from 7-9pm.
- Our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program is still very busy helping so many folks out in our community that cannot get out of their homes.
- Shop and Save is giving us wonderful baked goods and breads three times a week. FREEEEEEEEE here at The Center and additionally to Pleasant Street School residents. Every Mon-Wed-Fri for our over 60+ers. These will be delivered **AFTER 9AM**.
- Our Police Liaison Officer Matt Callahan keeps in check with my department almost daily. We are so lucky to have him on our TEAM!! He is so in tune to our 60+ers Thank YOU!!
- Our AARP TAX program was a HUGE SUCCESS. We were booked for every appointment from February though the end. We are so lucky to have this FREEEEE Tax program each year.
- Our Mexican Fiesta with Happy Jack's was a blast. Each year it gets better and better. We fed over 50 people a delicious Mexican buffet menu. This is going to be an annual event here at The Center.
- The Spring Fling is filling up and it will be held Friday May 6, 2016 at the Fire House. All of our food is coming from Shop and Save and the fire fighter will be doing the cooking. Doors open at 4PM. We will have entertainment and raffle prizes. This is always a great time. The Ayer Child Care program will be creating our placemats for the tables also. I just love when more than one service agency come together to work on an event!!!
- The Summer Brunch which will Be Saturday June 18th is really filling up. Sean Patrick's will be our hosts once again. Doors open at 10am. Reservations are a must due to limited seating.
- Foster's Lobsta Trip is booked and beginning to attract our 60+ers. We will be traveling to York Maine on Buckingham Bus with 54 of our folks. Last year was awesome however I was home sick with Shingles, I am looking forward to this year's trip. We are now taking reservations.
- Just an FYI.....The first three weeks of May staff will also be on vacation so remaining staff will be jumping in to help where needed along with our volunteers.