## Director's Report submitted by Karin Dynice-Swanfeldt February 2018

- The month of February ran like clock-work while I was out on Medical Leave for a Total Knee replacement. I will be out on medical leave beginning January 25, 2018. This is the beginning of my journey for total knee replacements. My staff and I have been preparing for this leave for awhile now and all bases are covered within the department. My staff works as a team and works together. I have no worries about being out. My goal is to be away from any work for the first week.....second week begin slowly with emails and phone calls....week three working a few hours out of my home office with on- going communication with my staff. I returned to the office Part Time February 27th. I saw my surgeon on February 21, 2018 to set the date for my second procedure which will take place March 29th. I hope to have the same success with the second TKR and follow the same work schedule as the first one!!!
- All monthly bills paid on time.
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.
- All monthly meetings attended.(I DID not Attend due to Medical Level)
- Monthly newsletter written and out into the community before the new month begins. These are a very important part of the workings of this COA and people really depend on these for monthly information. New drop off locations have been added around town and new businesses have bought ads to help support the printing of this newsletter. Our new newsletter printer is wonderful!!! I am so excited this change has taken place. It is so much more professional and full of helpful ads.;-) This comes to us the COA at NO COST!
- We received a donation of new winter coats from an agency which services of Veterans. These coats are awesome and as a team along with Officer Callahan found homes for them and will continue to find homes for the remainder of them. We also hosted a Veteran's Breakfast which will become a regular activity here at The Center. This breakfast was very well attended and the food was awesome!! This was a great success!!!!
- Our AARP Tax program is in full swing every Tuesday through April 15th. All appointments are booked and a wait list is in place!!
- Our home cooked meals returned in the month of February. Our 60+ers really love these creative meals which are served. We had over 35 folks enjoying the home cooked treats!!!

- We offer Saturday trips to Loaves and Fishes for our 60+ers. These are always full with a waiting list!!
- My staff and I are working to create new events, new activities and services as well as bringing back the favorites which everyone loves. We are very excited about our future here at The Ayer COA!!! With the change in our hours for Bingo and so many awesome new this being offer come February we are always seeing new faces walk through the door.
- 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 change! We are very proud of this fact. Keep an eye on our monthly newsletter or better yet STOP BY and check us out!!!!!
- We are looking to extend our business hours to help people with their needs. We are finding there is a growing need for longer hours in the afternoon. This is a topic of conversation at this time but is something that needs to be addressed. Also our MART Van schedule needs some major help because of the demand for transportation in our community!! I am looking at extending hours for Doctors appointments and also I am going to be in need of another driver. At this time we have no back up driver on staff. These are all things that are being worked on the for the future.
- We are also introducing two home cooked meals per week. This will begin the beginning of April. This will leave us with three MOC meals per week along with our MOC Meals on Wheels program! It is so wonderful to have such a young, MOTIVATED STAFF!!!
- Many new, fresh and exciting changes coming to the Ayer COA!!!!!!