Director's Report submitted by Karin Dynice-Swanfeldt December 2018

- I may sound like I am repeating myself because I AM!!!The month of December as another very busy, fun, active month for all at the COA. We are continuing to see many NEW faces coming into the Center daily. This is the time of year we see a large growth in our numbers and so many wonderful people looking to become involved. The issue we are facing now is our LIMITED SPACE and very, very, LIMITED parking. I am finding that this is keeping some folks <u>away</u> because of the stress they feel about NO PARKING! I do feel great about our numbers but I feel awful about people stressing out about the COA not having enough room or PAKING!! This is now a growing issue for us at the COA. 2019 must be the year to focus on a NEW SPACE/COA HOME!!
- Once again Thank you Tiny's and Markoh's for taking such good care of us on our dining out evenings!!!
- All monthly bills paid on time.
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.
- All monthly meetings attended.
- We held a great luncheon Presentation with MOC this month. It was very well attended and informative for all. It was also freeeeee.
- Our Christmas Luncheon, with Sean Patrick's was a huge SUCCESS with a huge waiting list!! This is an annual event which has turned in to so much FUN!!!!!!
- Our Holiday Evening with the Children of the Ayer Childcare Program. This event will took place on Wednesday Dec.19th at 4pm at the PageHilltop School. Once again it was an outstanding event and the room was filled with warmth and love by all. Santa even stopped by to say HI.
- Keep your eye on our month Newsletter, Action Unlimited and Cable TV as well as our Town Website for all of our coming events and activities. We are beginning to plan our spring events and activities. We are looking at different, NEW activities for our afternoon programming. We try to offer whatever folks are looking for, sometimes we are successful and other time we are not. However we are willing to try anything people are interested in doing. So bring us your thoughts and ideas.....remember we are here for you!!
- Also our Winter Weather Adviser is in effect. This has been put into place for the safety of my staff and all our clients. If there is no school in Ayer due to

BAD winter weather The Center and all activities are shut down. If there is a delay in the schools expect a delay in the services at The Center. We keep a very close eye on the weather so we can be prepared for whatever is handed to us during these months.

• In closing this report I must give a HUGE SHOUT out to my staff. The month of December which is one of our busiest month of the year for the COA was run and operated WITHOUT me on site. I did navigate from home and completed all of my responsibilities as the Executive Director however my very tiny staff keep busy running smoothly and daily the entire month of December. I am so blessed to have the folks that help me make this all happen. I have made it through three major ortho surgeries and I do have one more to go however as far as my department, it is a fine tuned machine and continues to offer QUALITY in all we do!! I am looking forward to 2019 and hitting the ground with the research needed to create out NEW HOME!!!! But for now I must say thank you to my staff and volunteers YOU ALL MAKE ME LOOK GOOD!!