

**Director's Report submitted by
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- Here we are the beginning of March. I am still out on medical leave due to an unexpected fracture to my femur bone on the last of my four major surgeries. This is a huge set-back for my recovery and something I was not planning on at all. What does this mean.....8 more weeks at home, NO WEIGHT BEARING. My surgeon will not release me to return to my COA Office because of the seriousness of this fracture. I have been advised to continue working from home and remain in a wheelchair. I go back again for more retesting May 14, 2019 and my surgeon will reevaluate my state to return to work at that point. I have however had a handle on my department for the past 15 months daily and everything is and will continue to run under my direction smoothly and with quality.
- It is with great pleasure that I let everyone know I have hired a replacement for Ericka Trinke. Jane Morriss joined my TEAM in mid March. She is a bright, welcoming addition to this TEAM of mine. Jane comes to us from a position which she held within the Board of Health. I feel very lucky to have such an out of the box thinker working with me. I am excited for the future!!
- Another exciting piece of news for the Ayer COA. An agency has been chosen to conduct our feasibility study for the creation of our new Center building. This is the first process which MUST be completed in order to move forward with our dream!! I also have a wonderful Team working with me all of which have the same goals....quality working space for the Ayer COA. So step one is in place. I will keep everyone up to date as we move forward with this long awaited need for our community.
- The facelift to our Center did not take place due to a change in the schedule for work crews with Mass. Corrections. I am looking at having this completed mid- summer.
- Once again Thank you Tiny's and Markoh's for taking such good care of us on our dining out evenings!!!
- A huge Thank You to Tiny's for an OUTSTANDING fish fry once again. Everyone enjoy a fantastic meals. It s always a pleasure working with the crew from Tiny's and the food is AWESOME.
- All monthly bills paid on time.
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.

- Unable to attend monthly meetings.
- All of my responsibilities as the COA Director have been fulfilled.
- Our FREE AARP Tax program is in full swing and even added an extra day a week for us here at the COA. Many folks are so grateful for this wonderful program. We are one of the only COA's that is able to continue to offer this to our 60+ers. All Ayer residents come first!!
- This month we lost Ernie Blasetti, he was a daily fixture here at the COA. up until three years ago he would ride his bike to The Center for lunch :-). He always brought such stories and a smile to our COA Cafe. He was 102 and loved life and his HOME Town of Ayer. He WILL BE greatly MISSED by ALL.
- I am pleased to share with all of you the work that the COA has been involved in for the past few months. We have been assisting Jake Driscoll, a young student from Ayer working towards getting his Eagle Scout!! I was so excited when he called me and shared his idea with me for his project! I introduced Jake on the front page of our April newsletter and he will be joining us at our Annual Spring Fling to be held Friday May 3 at the Ayer Fire Station. His project is making sure folks' homes are numbered correctly so in case of any emergency, contact can be made more quickly. Joining forces with the Police, Fire, DPW, we are helping Jake make his dream as an Eagle Scout come true. I am honored to be a part of this journey for the young man.
- 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 times 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!!