

PERSPECTIVES - MAY 2020

by Carolyn Durphy

Hard to believe that it is May already. As we are into our third month of COVID-19, we are all doing our best to stay positive. It is hard not being able to get together with friends or family or going out to eat or the many other things we did every day. It seems funny to not going to the any meetings scheduled or the doctor appointments. Nothing is marked on the calendar for appointments. My calendar is the “blankest” it has ever been!

I hope this finds you all in good spirits. I know it can be daunting at times when you are in one space 24/7 when we are used to going our separate meetings, etc. Too much togetherness can be wearing.

I received an e-mail from Alyssa McRae, Administrator of the Orange Senior Center. After getting the okay from the board and the directors, we will be partnering with them for a couple of grants. One will be for an Outdoor Shade Patio and one for a walking path. The paperwork will be going in by this time next week. They can also use helpers for these projects. If you would like to help, please sign on to www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0845abae28a7fa7-orange.

As I was writing this letter, I received the news that two longtime members have passed away. Dick Bradie passed away yesterday May 6, and Dick Martin passed away this morning, May 7. They both, like Dick, fought the brave battle for some time now. Please keep both Kathleen and Kathi and their families in your prayers.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Wishing all of our mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers and aunts a most wonderful day. You mean so much to us. Have a great day and know that you are loved a bunch!

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

As you can see, we still need someone to take over the writing up the Perspectives and making it look good. We also need someone to take over the Web site. If you can or know someone computer savvy, please let the Board know. There is also a need for someone to take over the “55 Driving Course” as instructor. Elaine Cook resigned as she and Reggie are going to be RVing now.

LOW FIRE & RESCUE TELEPHONE BOOK

Yes, the 2020 phone book will be coming out this year. If you have any changes or new additions please let Lisa Naghshineh at lzn6@msn.com. Bob Schawb scvhwabby1@comcast.net is taking care of the ads (yellow pages) Also if you have new neighbors or know of someone that has moved.

WILDERNESS FOOD BANK DRIVE

The AARP Chapter 5239 held a “spur of the moment” food drive for the Wilderness Food Bank on Friday, April 17th. This was done with an e-mail blast to all our members. Pam and Garry Archer loaded up their pickup in their driveway along with Carolyn Durphy from 10AM to 3PM. Our members were quick to respond. It was a great day and in the end we took in about 1200 pounds of food stuffs and almost \$1,900 in checks. We delivered it to the Wilderness Food Bank on Route 20 where Stan Lasover and John Beisheim received it off the truck. Thank you to everyone who turned out to our request. This article and a picture will appear in the Lake Currents. Once we are back to meeting regularly, the Archers have offered to be the Food Pantry liaisons for our chapter.

SUNSHINE REPORT from Vi Liberti

Get Well cards to Jeanette Embrey, Dick Martin, Ed Roessler and Patty Batten
Sympathy cards to Carolyn Durphy and Janet Sanborn

AARP TAX-AIDE from Pam Archer

As you may be aware, the National AARP Tax-Aide Foundation suspended operations in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While state and national tax-filing deadlines were extended, there has not been any confirmation that the Tax-Aide program will reopen. Leaders’ first and primary concern is the safety of their volunteers and clients.

BIRTHDAYS from Pam Archer

Belated **April** Happy Birthday wishes to:

Mary Berger, Helga Birdsong, Kathryn Gallenbeck, Richard Gullickson, Carolyn Lewis, Maynard Matthies, Joseph McEuen, Noah Rakes, Brian Smith, Carl Tungli-Giese, Raymond Wareham, Chuck Williams, David Witmer, Dayle Young

May Happy Birthday wishes to:

Patricia Batten, Ed Bunting, Larry Eiben, Vicky Fleming, Alice Grgas, Arthur Lieb, Clive Loudon, Rani Manhard, Judi Marzolino, Dean Munsell, Linda Ogletree, Pierre Payette, Patti Pfeifer, Deborah Raines, Edwin Roessler, Kathleen Saladino, David Schubert, Robert Spencer, Linda Ticomb

CHAPTER YAHOO EMAIL BLASTS

One final note: Because we are still looking for a webmaster, our email blasts are a combined effort of a few different people. Mostly, contributors are myself, Larry Eiben, and Pam Archer. Because of the way our yahoo account was set up (and the creators/experts are no longer with us) you may receive an email looking like it comes from Carla, Larry, Dick, or myself. If you would like to respond, it is best that you send an email directly to that person and not the yahoo email address. Thanks for your understanding.