

WALPOLE SENIOR CITIZENS – ANNUAL REPORT 2008

All residents of Walpole, North Walpole, and Drewsville, 50 years or older, are cordially invited to join the Senior Group. Our attendance has dwindled recently so we encourage all who are eligible to come enjoy the friendship, great potluck luncheons and various programs of interest. The meetings are held the third Monday of each month, at noon, at the First Congregational Church in Walpole. The two exceptions are the annual picnic and the Christmas luncheon which are hoisted elsewhere. The current dues are \$2.00 per person each meeting. These monies are used to help defray the cost of our outreach program. Participation in trips, which incur some individual expense, is optional. The trip coordinators work diligently to offer reasonable prices and many members enjoy these outings. (See – Senior Trips report)

The officers installed at the annual meeting in January were as follows: President – Curt Congdon; Vice-President – Marcia Galloway; Secretary – Phyllis Pickering; Treasurer – Marie Paoletta; Board of Directors – Ray Houghton, Carole Hill, Judy Boynton, Barbara Plumley, Stu Bailey, and David Maysilles. Those positions appointed annually are: Trip Coordinators – Mary Blake and Mary Vittum; Programs – Marcia Galloway and Grace Decker; Historian – Virginia Putnam; Auditors – Marilyn Blake and Virginia Putnam.

Annual donations were made to Kurn Hattin Homes, The Walpole Christmas Fund and the First Congregational Church. Memorial donations were made in honor of Cathy Boas and Ora Clark.

The monthly program topics included: Habitat for Humanity, Energy Conservation, Hooper Institute Youth Work, the Student Conservation Association, Town Emergency Management, the Importance of Maintaining Family Health Histories, a sing-a-long, a craft and hobby display by members. The annual picnic was held in a drenching downpour on a warm July day with entertainment by Kathy Yardley and Sara Beauregard with

their horses. The final meeting of 2008 was the Christmas luncheon held at the Steak Out in Brattleboro, which offered great food, good holiday cheer and a round of caroling enjoyed by all.

Plans are underway for the New Year 2009, so come join the fun. We look forward to seeing you!

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Pickering, Secretary
December 31, 2008

WALPOLE SENIOR TRAVELERS

On May 13, 15 seniors traveled by Wilson Bus Lines to Luciano's on Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA. There we enjoyed a luncheon show by the group "The Drifters".

On June 26, we traveled with Mountain Sun Tours to the Grey Gull Restaurant in Maine for our luncheon. After lunch we continued on to the Ogunquit Play House for the play "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do". There were 12 seniors on this trip.

Our first over night trip was on August 19-21 to Baltimore, MD. There were 8 who traveled by Wilson Bus Lines to enjoy this trip. We went to Toby's Dinner Theater to see the play "West Side Story". We enjoyed a tour of Baltimore, Annapolis, and the United States Naval Academy and on the way home we stopped at Longwood Gardens. With great delight we attended a Red Sox game at Camden Yards. Unfortunately, they LOST!

Our next trip was on October 1 and 29 members traveled by L. A. Limousine Bus to Pickety Place Restaurant in Mason, NH to have lunch and tour the grounds.

Our last trip of the year was December 10, 19 members traveled to Chicopee, MA to hear internationally renowned singer John MacNally and watch the Hukelau Christmas Show after our luncheon. On the way home, we enjoyed the holiday lighting display through Forest Park in Springfield, MA.

WALPOLE SENIOR CITIZENS TREASURES REPORT

OPENING BALANCE (01/01/2008)	\$ 588.15
Receipts	5994.55
Walpole Town Appropriation	2000.00
Total Available	8582.70
Total Expenses	8205.34
Closing Balance (12/31/2008)	\$ 377.36

Marie Paoletta, Treasurer