



COASTAL NEIGHBORS NETWORK

Village Matters

Here is what has been going on since you last heard from us.

New Board Members!

With the addition of two new members, our Board now numbers nine. **Dr. Steven Kiechel** moved to Dartmouth six years ago from Toledo, Ohio where he practiced orthopedic surgery for 40 years. He specialized in the challenges of geriatric orthopedics and was also involved in setting

up a foundation to provide affordable medical/hospital care for the Amish/Mennonite community. His experience in the changing landscape of healthcare is valuable and we are thrilled to have him chairing the Health Connections Task Force. **Andrew Pollack** was born in Dartmouth and is the owner of Silverbrook Farm on Chase Road. Andy has an MBA from University of Maine and operated a medical billing business until he decided to farm his family land in 2000. He is also a gay rights activist who helped found and then co-chaired the Marriage Equality Coalition in 2003. Andy retired from farming in 2015 and is currently working for Home Instead, a Home Health Care Agency, and pursuing certification in this field. Andy's experience in running a small business, farming and community organizing bring a wide range of valuable skills to CNN.

Survey Results

We had a total of 303 responses to our survey, from 195 households. While not everyone answered every question, we did see some strong trends. Social opportunities, trips and exercise received the most interest across all age groups. Transportation and help with home maintenance was also high on the list. The 75-84 age group indicated legal assistance and tax preparation next as tasks for which they would like assistance. In the 85+ age group, legal assistance and financial assistance were most important. While these responses were not highly detailed, they support the national "Village" data. Social connections are key, transportation is a need, and home maintenance help is something that most people would like to have. This data will help us home-in on the specifics of what we will offer to members.

Fundraising

Nancy Kurtz and her fundraising team (Dock Murdock, Susan McLaren, Myrna Hall and Linda Fenton), are up and running. As we are in the process of applying for 501(c)3 with help from the Legal Center for Non-Profits in New Bedford, we can legally begin to fundraise. Our goal is to raise \$75,00 from individuals, corporations and foundations before we solicit any memberships. This will put us in a strong financial position as we prepare to open. This will give us adequate funds to cover operating expenses for one year as we grow our membership. If you are interested in the concept of aging in place, and if you have ideas or interest in helping us achieve our fundraising goal, please contact Nancy Kurtz at nwk62@comcast.net. Thank you!

Board Governance & Training

Several of us are attending a 3-session board training sponsored by Leadership Southcoast and the Legal Center for Non-Profits. We want to make sure we are doing everything according to the book!

Village to Village Network Conference

We are going to Columbus, Ohio in October for the annual conference where representatives from all of the 205 member villages as well as many from the 150 villages likes ours – in formation. We are looking forward to learning (and sharing) from the experience of many who have led the way in this movement.

Just so you know

While we reduced our board meetings over the summer from twice to once per month, we will be cranking up to speed again in September. At that time our **Volunteer Recruitment, Training and Support** Task Force will be up and running, as will our **Membership Development, Executive Director Search** and **Small Jobs** groups. We need more volunteers, especially for Membership and Executive Search. Please contact Kate Fentress at kate@fentress.net if you are interested in joining one of these groups. It really does take a village to start a village!

We encourage you to forward this to Dartmouth friends (over 50) to keep them informed about our virtual village. If you are on Facebook, you can also help by [liking and sharing our page](#).

Your friendly CNN Board,

Kate Fentress, Chair
Richard Murdock, Vice-Chair
Nancy Kurtz, Secretary/Treasurer

Gretchen Graef
Margot Hand
Steve Kiechel

Lisa Mellgard
Andy Pollack
Janet Sherwood

Learn more about Villages

Middle-Income Seniors Face Obstacles to Healthy Aging at Home
[BiPartisan Policy Center, June 8, 2016](#)

The Mission of Coastal Neighbors Network is to enable Dartmouth residents 50 and over to remain at home and to stay connected through a range of services provided by volunteers and approved vendors. We are a non-profit membership organization dedicated to the concept of Aging in Place.

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