



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

January, 2022: COVID was still with us, but testing and vaccinations had normalized our activities to some extent and we were grateful. Our annual meeting was again held on Zoom to enable our members to participate and remain safely at home. (Zoom has become a comfortable way of life.) In addition to a power point presentation which reviewed the previous year's activities and accomplishments, the meeting attendees voted to approve new and returning board members. They are listed here:

- Gail Myers**
- Francine Greenfield**
- Sylvia Wheeless**
- Dee Levy**
- Jenn Baniak-Hollands**
- Andrea Angerame**
- Michael Wheeless**

This board has continued to meet quarterly to discuss ideas and issues and make plans. Irene Huaman was elected to the board at our June meeting and has been a valued addition to the group. Karl Johnson was elected to the board in December and we look forward to putting him to work immediately as he assumes the role of Treasurer in 2023.

Our focus throughout this year has been to remain in touch with our members and friends to offer opportunities



for social contacts that are safe and accessible as well as to begin to provide services to our members by other members who have self-identified as interested in helping. Several of our members have specific talents and skills to offer, but others are available to assist in daily needs such as shopping, driving to appointments, and providing respite visits. This year, there were 88 services provided by our member volunteers to 21 members who needed assistance.

Our “virtual” coffee chats have maintained a small but dedicated group of people who like to socialize from the comfort of home. When the weather allowed, we also spent some time in person at various parks, either to sit and chat in the fresh air or to take a walk together. Additional activities this year have included:

- Participating in the Delmar Farmers’ Market at the Bethlehem Middle School monthly during the season.**
- Gardening program: both Zoom and in person visits with Judith Fetterley, a master gardener and member.**
- Visits to other gardens by invitation from our members and friends. (Special thanks to our member, Harriet, whose garden is welcoming through many seasons.)**
- Dining out as a group: We have been fortunate to find great local restaurants with outdoor seating and have made use of that opportunity. We had have held group events at Garden Bistro, The Boat House, and O’Slaterry’s. We also took the opportunity to pair one of our fund raiser events with Panera to offer a picnic at**



our Town Park for people to bring dinner to the park and sit together.

- We were fortunate also on Labor Day weekend to host a jazz concert by the Linda Brown Jazz Project at the pavilion behind the Bethlehem YMCA which featured not only great music and lovely weather, but also an Ice Cream Social provided by Stewart's Shoppes. A good time was had by all. Thanks to our member, Linda Ellen Brown, who offered us this opportunity.**

General information/looking ahead to 2023:

Our membership has continued to grow and we are pleased to have added 45 new members this year. As of this report, we have 90 members in 75 households.

Several fundraising opportunities were implemented quite successfully this year. Thanks to Garden Bistro, which donated a percentage of dinner sales for the evening one day and Panera Bread which donated a percentage of sales for one evening. We also repeated our Holiday Plant and Wreath sale very successfully this year, offering gorgeous poinsettias, cyclamen, and wreaths that were then delivered personally by our great volunteers. We continued to participate in the Boscov's Friends and Family sale event in October as well.

Outreach activities continued this year using Next Door to post information as well as continuing our event calendar on our website, with e-mail blasts reminding everyone about



upcoming interesting events and activities. We all enjoyed participating in the Delmar Farmers' Market with an information table monthly during the season and we met lots of interesting folks (and found some great things to bring home as well...). We also staffed an information table at the May Wellness and Fitness event sponsored by the Town Park and met some new friends there.

Many thanks are due to other organizations within our community with whom we work and who have provided referrals to us for services (* indicates referrals):

- Town of Bethlehem Senior Services**
- Bethlehem YMCA**
- Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation**
- Bethlehem Library**
- Community Caregivers***
- Spinney at Van Dyke***
- Albany Guardian Society/Capital District Village Collaborative**
- NY Statewide Senior Action Council***
- Albany County Office for Aging/NY Connects***

Coming attractions in 2023: Check out 2 new events now being organized – a walking group and an “out to eat” group. These are opportunities for any member to invite other members to meet for a walk (flexible timing) or go to a local restaurant or park for a meal. More information coming on those plans.



2022 Budget: (Actual)

Revenue		Expenses	
Donations/savings	\$468	Liability Insurance	\$902
Membership	\$2365	Promotions	\$165.26
Fundraising	\$952.87	P.O. Box Rental	\$134
		Run My Village	
		Monthly fee	\$288
		Domain name	\$21
		SSL certificate	\$45
		Village to Village Network	\$200
		Zoom	\$150
		Professional fees	-0-
		Supplies	\$294.05
		Refreshments	\$107.52
		Miscellaneous	\$41.16
Total:	\$3,785.87	Total:	\$2,348.99
Total Revenue over Expense	\$1,436.88		