

The Lakeville Council on Aging held a meeting on Wednesday, January 06, 2010 at the Lakeville Senior Center, 1 Dear Crossing. **Board Member, Pat Bessette** opened the meeting at 10AM. A prayer was offered by **Francis Brogan**, in which he wanted everyone to remember the servicemen killed at Pearl Harbor. He said he feels that people forget December 7th, 1941 as the tragic day when 1,177 servicemen were killed as a result of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Roll call was taken by **Emily Sparkman**. **Present: Emily Sparkman, Pat Bessette, Francis Brogan, Dorothy Marvill, Marge Cleverly, Dorothy Wilson, Vivian Lee & Cathy Sankus.** **Absent: Arleen Bowles, Robert Brady & Millie Fitting.** Before the beginning of the business meeting a small cake and a rousing "Happy Birthday" was sung to Emily Sparkman who will be celebrating a special birthday on January 12th. She now joins the club with Francis Brogan. **Secretary's Report:** A motion was made and so voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes; if there are corrections to be made, please make them at the next meeting. **Treasurer's Report:** The following bills were presented for payment today: Belmont Springs \$6.00, Catalano Plumbing (3 separate bills) \$1,279.00, Office Equipment \$62.40, Frades \$48.80 and Middleboro Electric \$336.81. Also paid between meetings were: Middleboro Electric \$217.84, Frades \$48.80, Beech Floors \$200.00, City of Taunton \$16.36, and Roby Gas (2 bills) \$705.74. All bills were approved as presented. **Correspondence:** A Christmas picture of Ben and Alex and a thank you note from Teresa: "My husband and I want to sincerely thank you for your support. My husband really liked the care package and we really appreciate your taking the time for our children too. Please tell the Council on Aging that we can't thank them enough. It really means a lot for a family to have American support". Two large boxes were sent to Millie's grandson, Benedict, and a box of gifts was given to her great grandsons, Ben & Alex. People were generous with postage money; there was \$35.00 left after sending the packages and that was used to purchase a \$35.00 gift certificate to Friendly's. It can be used by Theresa and the boys or for all 4 when Benedict comes home. The COA received an invitation to an open house at The Fairways at LeBaron Hills which will be next week Monday from 4 to 6PM. This is "affordable" housing for 55 and older. The COA is getting several clients from this apartment complex (for meals on wheels and transportation). Marilyn suggested that the seniors might want to take a tour so they are aware of the newest senior housing. OCPC sent out of town medical for November. There were (4) trips to Bridgewater, Boston and 2 to Taunton. **Old Business:** None. **New Business:** Anne Tavares-Buker, the Visual Arts Teacher at Assawompset School along with her students has been working on an art exhibit which they would like to display at the Senior Center. We've worked out the date of Wednesday, February 10th from 6:30 to 8PM. The kids are really excited about displaying their art and sharing with our seniors. It sounds like a fun program and as stated before, the seniors and youngsters are a perfect fit to enjoy each other. Hopefully, all board members will be able to attend and to bring some of their friends with them. **Next meeting:** is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 3rd, @ 9:30 AM** Please note the change in time; after a brief meeting we'll be going to OCVTHS for lunch. You'll be able to tour some of the shops. Lakeville is a member community of Old Colony and many students graduate from this school. There are services available to the community and its residents. Meeting adjourned at 11AM. Respectfully submitted: Marilyn Mansfield