

**Town of East Greenwich
Community and Senior Center Advisory Committee
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818
December 29, 2015**

Members present: Carlo Ciasullo, George Coleman, Joyce Coleman, Aurelia Dicecco, Terry Grausgruber, Kathleen Healey, Rosemary Kelly, Grazina Kulawas, Edward Oliver, Marilyn Oliver and Maureen Tortolanni

Members absent: Helen Friend

Staff: Erin McAndrew, Melaine Potrzeba

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

The members reviewed the November minutes. Terry Grausgruber made a motion to accept the minutes. Maureen Tortolanni seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Department is using a new computer instructor in 2016, his name is Don Gillis. He teaches at the Cranston Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He is available to teach on Mondays and Wednesdays. Kitty Pucci, the former computer instructor, meets in the computer room on Mondays with morning and afternoon groups. The groups are former computer students that have advanced computer skills. Each person is working on a specific project (mostly genealogy) so Don will be offering classes on Wednesdays. The tax return appointments are moving from the police station to Swift in 2016. The tax program will be offered on Wednesdays in the computer room and game room. We will offer one computer course in January and then we will not be able to offer more courses until April 20th (after the tax program has ended). Each course will consist of three classes on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A comment was made that the cake served for dessert on December 29th was dry. This comment has been made before; some people think the cakes are missing an ingredient (extra egg or oil). Erin said she will pass along the comment to the caterer, Encore Catering in Warwick. Erin said although the cakes may be dry, the other desserts such as cookies and brownies are excellent.

Suggestions were made for trips:

Block Island

Blithewald Mansion in Bristol

Garden City in Cranston

Lighthouse Cruise out of Quonset (one trip in May and one in August)

Warwick Mall

Wrights Farm in the spring

A discussion was held about the location of the September Volunteer Luncheon. The luncheon has been held at the East Greenwich Yacht Club for several years. A suggestion was made in the fall of 2015 to change the location. The Department wants to keep the event in East Greenwich. Erin looked at prices/meal selections for Richards Pub and gave the information to the group. Richard's Pub is about \$3 less per person. The luncheon includes a cheese/cracker/fruit tray, salad, entrée, dessert and coffee. The group said they would think about the two locations and vote at the January meeting. Erin suggested that if the group selects Richard's Pub in 2016 that they think about alternating between Richard's Pub and the Yacht Club each year.

A suggestion was made to designate one upcoming lunch as \$1 for members. The usual suggested donation is \$3.

A suggestion was made to have a birthday cake or cupcakes once a month to celebrate everyone that was born during that month (i.e. choose one day in January and have a birthday cake or cupcakes to celebrate all January birthdays). Erin said the caterer designates one day each month as a birthday party meal and sends a large cake with the meal. The meal is posted on the caterers' menu, but Erin does not post it on the newsletter menu. Erin said she will begin posting the designated day on the newsletter menu. A comment was made that the cakes are dry and perhaps we could supply an in-house cake or cupcakes.

A member asked if the Department has been granted permission from the Town Council to sell the billiard table. Erin said the item has not been added to a Town Council agenda for discussion/vote. She said she will follow-up on the status of the billiard table.

George Coleman made a motion to adjourn. Grazina Kulawas seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.