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THE WINCHESTER SENIORS ASSOCIATION

(WSA)

Annual Report

April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

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**The WSA Board and Staff**

The mission of the Winchester Seniors Association is to improve the quality of seniors’ lives by providing a range of stimulating social, educational, and recreational activities. The WSA operates the Jenks Center to achieve that mission. The WSA Board carries out the business of the corporation, oversees financial stability, and ensures the implementation of its mission.

The following were the WSA Board Officers and Directors FY24/25

* Robert Ain, President
* Christine Kowalczuk, Senior Vice President
* Anne Hoffman, Treasurer
* Anne Hoffman, Finance Chairperson
* Felicity Tuttle, Secretary
* Eileen Morris, Member at Large
* Dan Quinn, Member at Large
* Carol Keller, Member at Large
* Ron Latanision, Member at Large
* Melodie Wing, Member at Large
* Karen McLeavey Murray, Member at Large
* Mei Mei Wang, Member at Large
* Patrick Hall, Member at Large
* Elizabeth Brodbine Ghoniem, Member at Large

WSA staff are responsible for operations of the Jenks Center and all WSA programs:

* Maria Rutnam is the WSA Program Director. She is responsible for orchestrating the entire suite of the WSA’s programs, including the development and management of a variety of services, events, trips, classes and activities for older adults in the greater Winchester community. She manages the Jenks website, Jenks Newsletter and the WSA’s office staff.
* Cathleen Schneller is the WSA’s Business Manager. She is responsible for office administration, including payroll, rentals, grant and activity accounting, supporting WSA Board activities and WSA Programming, website management, serving as a point person for the Jenks’ hardware, software and network infrastructure, and assisting the Treasurer with bookkeeping and finances.
* Nick Asaro, the Jenks Facilities Manager, continued his leadership in maintaining the Jenks Center, keeping it safe and clean and welcoming for all, with all building operations running smoothly. He is also responsible for ongoing coordination with various contractors, the town DPW, and other outside groups. Throughout the year, his team included Fred Benson, Scott Drown, Jeff Whalen, Andrew Gillis and Nick Romeo.
* Hilary Celentano is the WSA’s Community Event Coordinator. She is responsible for developing, scheduling and managing evening and weekend programming at the Jenks sponsored by the Cummings Grant, including partnering with local not-for-profit groups for holding public programs at the Center.
* WSA’s Weekend Administrators are Linda McCarthy, Christine Leonard and Tina Bellomy. They are responsible for managing the office administration and supervising events/activities on Saturdays.

The WSA is grateful for all our hard-working and dedicated staff.

**The Year in Review**

The Winchester Seniors Association, Inc. (WSA), a non-profit volunteer organization, continued to work towards improving the quality of seniors’ lives by providing a wide range of social, educational, health and recreational activities. Sincere gratitude to our valued partner organizations, Winchester Seniors Association Trust (WSAT) and the Winchester’s Council on Aging (COA). Their guidance and support have been instrumental.

The WSA has sustained and expanded activities and programs from 2024 to 2025. This success is the result of staff, board members, volunteers, community partners and sponsors working towards the same goal. We are grateful to the Cummings Foundation, John and Mary Murphy Foundation, Winchester Mount Vernon House, ENKA Society and the Winchester Cultural Council for their financial generosity. Our deep commitment to ensure that finances are used effectively and efficiently is evident in the positive feedback we’ve received from our Patrons.

Our hard-working and dedicated programming staff and volunteers continued to creatively expand the wide range of programs, events and activities offered to the diverse audience. Educational programs on topics including history, music, art, current events, science, travel, and culinary were offered. Physical activities such as exercise classes, pickleball and ping pong continued to be hugely popular. We hosted multiple social events throughout the year, including concerts, day trips and celebratory events such as St. Patty’s Day Dinner, Welcome Back Dinner and the National Hot Dog Day Cornhole Tournament. Partnerships, co-sponsorships and community outreach initiatives made events like the Thanksgiving Farmers Market, educational sessions with Town leaders, blood drives, vaccine clinics and art exhibits possible.

The number of Mandarin speaking patrons increased tremendously. The staff along with the Board worked to make sure that this community is well served and offered programs that were of interest to them, such as ping pong, card games, Chinese classical dance sessions, Chinese Calligraphy classes, conversational English classes and lately harmonica sessions.

The offering of variety of activities and programming, unlike any other senior center, led to an increase in the number of seniors not only from Winchester but also from neighboring towns and cities. This growth proved that the programs we offered were of interest, and relevant to the senior population. Along with the growth came the challenge of needing additional space. The Strategic Planning committee worked with Wellesley Design Consultants to address this challenge. After meeting with staff, board and patrons, the Consultants came up with a “Space Optimization Design. The discussion will continue into 2025.

As we close this fiscal year, we would like to thank four departing Board members, Robert Ain, Christine Kowalczuk, Carol Keller and Dan Quinn for their service on the Board. We are grateful for their time, talent and expertise. Their dedication and commitment to their responsibilities led to valuable improvements in our programming.

**Activities**

The Jenks Center offered regular activities that provided opportunities for physical exercise, cognitive games, language classes and creative activities. All activities were held in-person and offered free of cost, except for the Exercise Classes which have a cost of $6 per class. The following provides a list of these weekly activities.

**Exercise Classes:**

Aerobics - Tuesdays 3pm, Instructor Judy Whitney

Dance Cardio & Super Stretch – Fridays 3pm, Instructor Gail LaRocca

FABBS – Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8am, 9am & 10am, Instructor Hilary Celentano

Gentle Yoga – Tuesdays 9:30am, Instructor Ruth Lieberherr

Mindfulness Practice – Saturdays 10am, Instructor Neil Montenko

Muscle Conditioning – Thursdays 3pm, Instructor Gail LaRocca

Slow Flow Yoga – Fridays 9:15am, Instructor Andrea Kennedy

Step Aerobics – Saturdays 8:30am, Instructor Gail LaRocca

Tai Chi – Tuesdays, Thursdays 8:30am, Instructor Hilary Celentano

Tai Chi Beginners – Tuesdays 4:30pm, Instructor Hilary Celentano

3-in 1 – Aerobics, Muscle, Strength – Mondays, Wednesdays 5pm, Instructor Gail LaRocca

Yoga & Meditative Movement – Thursdays 3pm, Instructor Marilyn Arnold

**Table Games:**

Bridge – Tuesdays, Thursdays

Canasta – Wednesdays

Cribbage – Wednesdays

Round Table Discussion of Current Events – Thursdays

Mahjong - Mondays, Fridays

**Creative/Artistic Groups:**

Art Group – Wednesdays

Chinese Classical Dance – Thursdays

Garden Club – June to September

Poetry Group – Wednesdays

Quilting – Tuesdays

**Languages Groups:**

Conversational English – Mondays, Thursdays

Conversational French – Wednesdays

Conversational German – Second & Fourth Thursdays

Conversational Italian – Tuesdays

Conversational Spanish – Tuesdays

**Grant Supported Educational Programs**

**The John and Mary Murphy Educational Foundation**

The WSA Programming Committee continues to offer a variety of topics that foster interest and learning among our community. These programs are supported by a grant from theJohn and Mary Murphy Educational Foundation. This year’s presentations were on the Sondheim musicals, South Pacific islands, Mount Washington Observatory, Egyptian History, Patagonia, Inequality in Massachusetts, Dead Sea Scrolls, Victor Hogu’s Les Misérables to name a few. Music concerts and culinary classes were a huge hit. Speakers such as Barry Pell, Nate Ramsayer, Charlie Peachey, John Clark, Betsy Leondar Wright graced the Jenks stage. Musicians such as Eric Kilburn, Matt York, Maria Guanci were a major success with the patrons.

**The Cummings Foundation**

In 2021 we received a 10 Year Grant from the Cummings Foundation. These funds support one parttime staff person, a marketing package and evening/weekend programs. This grant, combined with additional funding allocated from the WSA budget toward evening/weekend programming in 2023, enabled the Jenks to continue extending our programs to reach our working seniors, people aged 55 years and over who continue employment during the day, as well as others in the community. This year’s programs were mostly in person with just a few virtual ones. Presentations on the Quilted Garden, Women of Shakespear era, Fascinating Men, the Ukraine War consequences, Birds and their habitats, and much more were offered. Holiday themed presentations and special events with food were well received by patrons. The building was made available to the Town of Winchester for flu/covid clinics and the League of Women Voters. We thank speakers Nicole Gallager, Nancy Blanton, Deborah Boyle and Professor Jane Sancinito for waving their program fee.

**The Winchester Mount Vernon House**

In 2022 we received a 3-Year Grant from the Mount Vernon House. These funds support one part-time staff person and one facility staff person. This grant, combined with additional funding allocated from the WSA budget towards Saturday programming, enabled the Jenks to open the building for a sixth day, extending our programs to reach our working seniors who continue employment during the week as well as others in the community. This year’s programming included exercise classes, ping pong, cribbage, bridge, ukulele group, yarnies group and flower arranging sessions. Presentations on topics such as Aging with Wisdom, Art and Poetry along with concerts with Boston Saxophone Quartet, Winchester Tri Music Society, Dan Fox ensemble and Modernistic Trio were offered.

Thank you to John and Mary Murphy Foundation, Cummings Foundation and the Winchester Mount Vernon House for enhancing the Jenks mission and vision!

**Committees**

**Computer Technology (Tech Help)**

This committee focused on providing IT support through a weekly two-hour drop-in session on Wednesday afternoon. People with questions on a variety of smart devices (phones, PCs, Chromebook, and others) received one-on-one assistance from a committee member. The Committee members have also taken the lead in upgrading and maintaining the computers available to the public. Thank you to the IT Committee Members: Anne Hoffman, Scott Drown, Ray Fletcher, John Giles, and Doug Iram.

**Events**

The members of the WSA Events Committee plan and implement several entertainment-based programs for the Jenks community, as well as people of all ages. They hosted the Hot Dog event in July 2024, the Welcome Back party in September 2024 and the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner in March 2025. All these events were well received by all. Thank you to the Events Committee Members: Anne Lucas (Chair), Pauline Call, Mark Gallagher, Polly Kroell, Sally Baldwin and Shayna Loeffler who made these events successful.

**Fund Raising**

The Committee led by WSA Board Member Eileen Morris worked very hard to make sure we had a very successful annual appeal and other fundraisers to increase our income. The Program Director pursued new grants to fund additional programs. And the Finance Committee continued their diligent management of our endowment, maintaining more than sufficient liquidity to cover our operational deficit, as well as build for the future.

**Jenks AARP Tax Program**

This year saw the return of all of our tax preparers Shirley Kawamoto, Ray Fletcher, Harvey Hansen, Doug Marmon, Bill Rosenfeld, Jeff Leiserson, Margie Chase, Sumner Blount, and Anne Hoffman. We prepared and file state and federal tax returns for nearly 300 individuals or couples, many of whom are Winchester residents. We thank the terrific Jenks front desk staff and volunteers for helping in scheduling and responding to telephone calls. We could not do it without them.

**Programming Committee**

The committee meets once a month to evaluate activities and programming. Suggestions and ideas from patrons are shared and discussed. Every effort is made to fulfill the requests of patrons. The committee’s main focus this year has been on providing more activities and programs appealing to the Mandarin speaking community.

**The Brennan Lecture**

The Jenks Center’s Brennan Lecture is an annual event established in 2000 in memory of Mary J. and Francis (Frank) Brennan, active education advocates in Winchester for decades. They are the parents of John and Tom Brennan, Eileen Brennan Ferrell, and Mary Ann Brennan Newcomb. The Brenan Lecture was relaunched this year and Mr. Tim Buckley, Chairman and CEO of Vanguard Group was the guest speaker. The planning of 2025 lecture is in the works.

**Travel**

The WSA Travel Committee planned and organized day trips to the Simon Pierce Glass Blowing in Vermont, the Sicilian Tenors Concert & Lunch, the Mansions in Rode Island and Celtic Angels of Ireland Concert & Lunch. They were all well received, and patrons have requested more trips.

**Jenks Strategic Planning Committee & The Jenks Collaborative**

Leaders from the WSA, WSAT and COA joined together to form a Strategic Planning Team. They met once a month and focused on fulfilling the Jenks Mission “*to promote healthy aging, independence, engagement and the well-being of Winchester’s older adults and the community that supports them”.* As well as focused on fulfilling the Jenks Vision *“Winchester becomes the most age-friendly community in Massachusetts”.*

The Jenks Collaborative was born out of a strategic planning initiative. It is a representative team of Jenks leadership, the Jenks Director and an unaffiliated Patron Advocate to represent the interest of seniors. The team comes together once a month to make recommendations and provide support to the Winchester Seniors Association (WSA), the Winchester Seniors Association Trust (WSAT) and the Council on Aging (COA). The team maintains the goal of strengthening a culture of collaboration among all levels of the Jenks organizations to promote efficiency and maximize the quality of life for seniors.

Both the committees will focus this upcoming year on developing longer-term solutions for managing our growth and space constraints.

**Finance and Audit Committee Report**

The Finance Committee Chair and Treasurer is Anne Hoffman. The Finance Committee consists of Robert Ain, George DeRedon, Jeff Leisserson, Ted Martin, Doug Marmon, Mary Ellen Rourke-Falvey, and David Szabo. We meet three times a year with additional meetings as needed.

The Committee continues with a conservative approach to our finances. At the beginning of the fiscal year April 1, 2024, our investment portfolio was worth about $7,690,000, an increase of about $1,190,000 over the previous year. The portfolio increased in value generally through the end of 2024, when the value was about $8,175,000. However, by the end of the fiscal year, turbulence in Washington brought down the value to about $$7,850,000 at the end of the fiscal year, March 2025, and it has decreased significantly more since that time. Through our diverse holdings, with an emphasis on short term bonds, in addition to a variety of equity holdings including high, mid and low cap exchange-traded funds and international holdings, we have maintained more than sufficient liquidity to cover the operational deficits that occur each year, as well as build and maintain for the future. In particular, our short-term bond holdings (about 20% of our portfolio) continue to serve us well, providing stable liquidity that will protect us for at least 6 to 8 years without us having to tap into our stock holdings.

The unaudited deficit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, before endowment fund contributions to operations was about $280,000. Deficits are covered through transfers from our endowment and investment funds to the operating account. During FY 2025, we transferred $240,000 from the Investment/Endowment Account to our operating budget, which represents under 3% of the Fund’s value. Our Finances were reviewed by Chris Barrett, of Barrett & Scribelli, LLC for fiscal 2024, who also prepared and filed our tax returns last summer. We anticipate that the review and tax preparation for the year ending FY2025 will be completed by this summer.

Our Annual Appeal letter was sent to prospective donors once during the last FY in late September 2024. We received about $60,000 in donations, exceeding our budgeted goal of $55,000. We also received about $15,000 in memorial gifts and other donations. Last year we received the fourth annual installment on the ten-year Cummings Foundation grant of $35,000 per year, which enabled us to provide weekend and evening programming at the Jenks. The fifth year begins on July 1, 2025. In addition, Mount Vernon House approved a grant in the amount of $32,500 for a third year, enabling us to continue to stay open on Saturdays for a wide variety of activities and programming. (The funds were not received, however, by the end of the fiscal year.) In addition, we received a $5,000 grant from EnKa, to improve our audio-visual capabilities in the Jenks Room.

Many thanks to Cathleen Schneller, Business Manager, for the significant contribution she makes to the financial record keeping and overall success of the WSA.

**WSA Unaudited FY Ending 3/31/25**

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| **Income** |  |
| Fundraising and Contributions | $ 75,206 |
| Grant Income | $ 42,200 |
| Program and Activities | $ 76,697 |
| Special Events | $ 14,444 |
| Travel Committee | $ 19,447 |
| Miscellaneous | $ 2,979 |
| **Total Income** | **$230,973** |
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| **Expenses** |  |
| Fundraising | $6,849 |
| Buildings & Grounds | $90,229 |
| Computer-Related Costs | $5,043 |
| Center Operations | $35,328 |
| Payroll, Benefits, Taxes & Fees | $264,576 |
| Newsletter | $4,149 |
| Programs & Activities | $37,723 |
| Grant Expenses, excl Payroll | $27,329 |
| Special Events | $14,293 |
| Travel Committee | $18,679 |
| Miscellaneous | $5,782 |
| **Total Expenses** | **$509,980** |
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| **Net Operating Income (Loss)** | **$(279,007)** |
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| **Endowment Income** |  |
| Interests & Dividends & Other | $157,412 |
| Investment Fees | $(37,643) |
| Realized Gains / (Losses) | $384,805 |
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| **Net Income After Endowment Income** | **$225,175** |

**Operations**

**Buildings and Grounds**

The Building and Grounds Committee (B&G) is a group of volunteers and staff responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the Jenks facility inside and out, as well as keeping everything in good operating condition. The Committee coordinates with the Winchester Seniors Association and Council on Aging, who are responsible for the daily operations and programs within the center, and the Winchester Seniors Association Trust, which owns the building and is concerned about long-term maintenance and capital improvements within the facility.

The Committee is tasked with overseeing and negotiating with all vendors and contractors to keep the facility up to date regarding maintenance, tests, inspections, and the day-to-day costs of maintaining the facility. B&G works with the Director of the Jenks Center, the WSA Program Director, the facility manager, and facilities staff to keep things in the best possible condition needed for the many activities that go on at the Jenks Center.

Highlights for 2024 include major upgrades to the bathroom facilities, repairs to the HVAC system, working with the COA director on new multilingual signage for the rooms and helping to integrate WINCAMs audio and video system into the centers programing capabilities (both projects are still in progress).

Since the major renovation of the Jenks Center in 2015, our major emphasis is now on proper maintenance of the center as well as monitoring the use of the building to stay in front of future “wear and tear”. Nick Asaro, our facilities manager, has done an excellent job maintaining the center. Nick’s team of Fred Benson, Scott Drown, and Jeff Whalen continue to provide the center with friendly and quality service to us all.

**Computers & Internet -** The Tech committee updates the computers on a regular basis and monitors the internet systems.

**Fiber Optic Cables –** The project took off this year with The Town of Winchester running the fiber optic cable to Jenks Room. Nardone Electrical then extended the cable into the Cummings room and the engineer will be working on completing the work along with WinCam. The completion of this project will speed up the moving of data internally and help WinCam live broadcast the Jenks Events.

**A/V Infrastructure:** We continue to enhance the Jenks A/V systems. Numerous small projects were completed. We look forward to improving our movie presentation this year through equipment enhancements. Hearing aid assistance equipment has also been installed.

**Jenks Broadcasting System:** Our sophisticated three camera recording system allows us to record programs and rebroadcast the programs on our website. As mentioned above, the fiber connection to the building will make the broadcast of live programming more reliable. The recordings of many of our programs are available on our website.

**Partner Organizations**

**Winchester Seniors Association Trust (WSAT)**

The WSAT is a nonprofit volunteer organization that has owned and maintained the Jenks Center building since its original construction in 1976. They operate the Jenks Center exclusively to support the WSA in meeting their mission of providing older working and retired adults with a range of social, educational, educational and health care services. Below is the Annual Report FY 2025.

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| **OPERATIONS** |  |  |
| **Receipts** |  |  |
| Contributions | $20,400.00 |  |
| Interest | $23.37 |  |
| Total Receipts | $20,423.37 |  |
| **Expenses** |  |  |
| Building projects | $61,410.00 |  |
| Building space study | $5,638.04 |  |
| Insurance | $34,840.00 |  |
| Taxes and fees | $3,645.00 |  |
| Other | 616.40 |  |
| Total Expenses | $106,149.44 |  |
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| **Net Operating Loss** | $(85,726.07) |  |
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| **INVESTMENTS** |  |  |
| Dividends | $11,057.16 |  |
| Market gain | $31,265.04 |  |
| Mgmt fees | $(5,387.55) |  |
| Net Investment Gain | $36,934.65 |  |
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| **OVERALL GAIN (LOSS)** | $(48,791.42) |  |
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| **ASSET BALANCES** |  |  |
| Checking | $41,919.76 | 31-Mar-24 |
| Investments | $944,486.87 | 31-Mar-24 |
| Total | $986,406.63 | 31-Mar-24 |
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| Checking | $26,193.69 | 31-Mar-25 |
| Investments | $911,421.52 | 31-Mar-25 |
| Total | $937,615.21 | 31-Mar-25 |
| **CHANGE IN BALANCES** | $(48,791.42) |  |

**Winchester Council on Aging (COA)**

The mission of the COA is to promote healthy aging, independence, engagement and the well-being of Winchester’s older adults and the community that supports them through services, education and advocacy. The COA is governed by an eleven-member Board appointed by the Select Board.

**Staff:** Consist of director, licensed social worker, registered nurse, transportation coordinator, administrative secretary, senor clerk, three part-time drivers and a Mandarin -speaking ambassador.

**Accomplishments:**

**Enhancing Nutrition**: Meet UP Mondays now orchestrated by Minuteman Senior Services provided hot lunches, served a maximum of 50 patrons. Continental breakfast with speakers from the Town government and local non-profit organization and upgraded lunch meals through funding from ARPA provided nutritional enhancements.

**Transportation:** The Jenks shuttle was used for shopping, tours of assisted living communities, cultural events, Wright Locke Farm visits and much more. The handicap accessible van was used primarily for medical appointments, over 20 volunteers utilize their personal vehicles to take patrons to medical appointments and personal services. The COA hired an additional part-time driver and purchased an additional vehicle.

**Support for Aging in Place/Age-Friendly Winchester:** The social worker initiated a “Solo Agers” workgroup that has grown to over 70 patrons developing supports and services for older adults living alone and seeking to live independently. This dovetails with the aging in place initiative.

**Fostering Economic Security:** The COA affirmed its support for the development of the Waterfield lot. They hosted a financial assistance workshop in March with the Assessors’ office, Winchester Co-Operative Bank, social worker and COA financial advisor. The COA director manages the Town’s tax abatement program offering $1500 yearly abatement for working 100 hours in Town sites as well as the Jenks Center.

**Health and Education:** The Winchester Board of Health offered flu and covid clinics. Podiatry services, blood pressure clinics, glucose testing, hearing and vision screening were offered. Caregiver Respite program, balance classes, nourish programs, caregiver support along with multiple educational programs were provided along with SHINE counselors.

**Promoting Cultural Competency** **at the Jenks**: Extended ESL/American Citizenship classes were offered, Celebration of Chinese New Year, Friends Giving lunch were offered.

**Fostering Community Partnerships:** Multiple blood drives with the Red Cross, monthly meetings of the Winchester Cultural District, Wright-Locke Farm outings, rotating exhibits from the Griffin Museum, Winchester School of Chinese Culture demonstrations, joint programming with the Winchester Public Library, etc. helped foster community partnerships.

**Acknowledgements**

The Winchester Seniors Association would like to acknowledge the significant amount of support received this year through Patron donation. The willingness to give without any reservation is greatly appreciated. Your generosity helps keep the center open as we do not receive any funding from the Town of Winchester. We also thank the staff, volunteers and organizations that have supported the Jenks during this year as well as throughout past years.

**Our committees:**

* **AV Committee:** Robert Ain, Peter Engeldrum
* **Building and Grounds Committee**: Charles Price (Chair), Carl Boerner, Justin Magee, Ron Milauskas, Rob Russo, Phillip Beltz, and Nick Asaro.
* **Computer Technology Committee**:Scott Drown, Ray Fletcher, John Giles, Anne Hoffman, and Doug Iram.
* **Events**: Anne Lucas (Chair), Pauline Call, Mark Gallagher, Polly Kroell, Sally Baldwin and Shayna Loeffler.
* **Finance Committee**: Anne Hoffman (Chair), Robert Ain, George DeRedon, Jeff Leisserson, Doug Marmon, Ted Martin, Mary Ellen Rourke-Falvey, and David Szabo.
* **Jenks Collaborative:** Robert Ain, Phillip Beltz, Tom Howley, Christine Kowalczuk, Betty Minassian, Mary Ellen Rourke-Falvey, Jennifer Wilson.
* **Jenks Strategic Planning Committee:** Rob Ain,Charlie Price, Ron Latanision, Elizabeth Brodbine Ghoniem, Phillip Beltz, Mary Ellen Rourke-Falvey and Eric Harstad.
* **Programming Committee:** Mark Gallagher (Chair), Hilary Celentano, Maria Rutnam, and Cathleen Schneller.
* **Transportation Committee (COA)**: Ted Martin (Chair), Phillip Beltz, Kyran Bergin, Sue Clark, Ron Milauskas, Maria Reilly.
* **Travel**: Mary Bezjak (Chair) and Maria Rutnam

**Businesses/Organizations who donate goods and services:**

* Cummings Foundation
* En Ka Society
* Griffin Foundation
* Minuteman SHINE
* Spano Dawicki & Witt
* WinCAM
* Winchester Cooperative Bank
* Winchester Cultural Council
* Winchester Hospital
* Winchester Mount Vernon House
* Winchester Public Library
* Winchester Savings Bank

**Sponsors to events:**

* Anne Lucas, Ducks in a Row
* Winchester Cooperative Bank
* Winchester Cultural Council
* Massachusetts Cultural Council

**Volunteers who managed regular activities:**

* Daniel Parsignault (Conversation French)
* Federico Ehrhardt (Conversational Italian)
* Manuel Diaz (Conversation Spanish)
* Mark Gallagher (Current Events Roundtable)
* Mr. Han (Conversational English)
* Peter Rosenberger (Conversation German)
* Phyllis Weinberg (Cummings Event Host)
* Ron Latanision (Wilson Science & Technology Forum)
* Siobhan Murray (Poetry Group)
* Tracy Kinsey (Garden Club)

**Additional Acknowledgements:**

* A special thank you to the WSA Saturday Staff, Tina Bellomy, Linda McCarthy, Christine Leonard and Jeff Whalen for working the weekend hours.
* Jan Porell as Volunteer Coordinator, for assisting with interviewing potential volunteers, developing a database of active volunteers, and matching current openings with volunteers’ skills and talents.
* Andrea Witt, Partner at Spano & Dawicki, LLC, for providing pro-bono legal advice once a month to our patrons.
* The newsletter team for their help in processing the newsletter mailing each month.
* Mona Ragheb and Janet Bobcean for running the 2024 Holiday Raffle Baskets.
* 2024 Gift Baskets Sponsors: Assisting Hands Home Care, AVIVA Country Club Heights Assisted Living, Comfort Keepers Home Health Care Services, Ducks in a Row Professional Organizers, Mohoney’s Garden Center Winchester, The Jenks Quilting Group, Winchester Protect Global Children, Whole Foods Woburn, Winchester Pharmacy and Winchester Savings Bank.
* Mark Gallagher, Phyllis Beedle and Tina Bellomy for donating items to be raffled.
* The Winchester High School Octets and Chamber Singers for performing at the Festival of Life Event and The Winchester Tri Music Society for beautifully executing their talent.

**We express our sincere gratitude to Jenks Patron Advocate Betty Minassian for her service. She took on the responsibility with dedication and seriousness, willingly supporting the leadership of the building and the Jenks community. The knowledge and wisdom she brought to the meetings will be missed. Thank You Betty!**