

Safe at Home Committee Meeting
September 25, 2026 3:00 pm
Meeting Place, Cook and Larder

Attendance: Joyce Ferrentino, Timi Bates, Rene Gibson, Natalie Kahan, Lynda Brenner, Mary Lou Kersten

Coffee Hour

September – Rachel Cole from the Health Care Consortium.

October – Brenda Shufelt, Hudson and Whaling. Point person, Mary Lou.

November – Food and Gratitude. Speaker is Julie Gale. Joyce L point person

At the November coffee hour we will ask attendees for their interest in a one time book discussion. In December we would check to see who needs a book. SAH would pay for the books to hand out in January to discuss in February. Book to be determined. Books and Cake could supply books for a book discussion coffee hour.

December – Holiday party. Decided on December 8. Nico Hernandez confirmed the date with the firehouse is okay. He will let us know the 2026 hall rental charge. Each committee member should provide 2 - 3 and wrapped small gifts that can be given out. Need to ask Patti whether her daughter will participate in the gift raffle again. As a main gift Joyce F will donate a puzzle table and Mary Lou will donate a puzzle to go with it.

January 2027– Matt White. Patti will discuss topics with him and then choose.

February – Books and Cake. Joyce L responsible person.

March - Danny Pelosi. Jane point person.

April – Christine Doctor, on gardening

May - Tivoli mushrooms – Joyce F and Timi to coordinate working with the owner.

Possible speakers for the future.

Patti found someone who can speak on turtles. Month to be determined.

Joyce F will ask John Jasmin to speak on bees and honey in either July, Aug or Sept.

Ron Bixby is willing to speak and we will ask him for October.

Sharon Hospital has a specialist on geriatrics, Joyce F to work on this as a possibility.

Wednesday – Walking Schedule The walks will be ending October 14th

Attendance has been very low. Frequently only SAH committee members show up.

Stories Across Generations We are awaiting approval of the flyer to recruit volunteers from the school. Until flyer is approved there will be no mailings to potential volunteers and past volunteers.

Help stock the blessing box Please support this activity.

Senior Day September 16 at the Columbia Fairgrounds. The event was well attended. Joyce F represented Hillsdale and the SAH.

SAH Newsletter – Funds are not meeting the rising costs of printing and mailings. Next meeting we need to discuss whether to cut costs we do three mailings a year instead of quarterly or pull additional funding from our HECDC funds. Joyce F will also organize a conference call with Gordon Bates and Laura Griffin to pull address information together in a coordinated way to make the process easier for Gordon who has been volunteering with addressing all our envelopes for mailings.

Day Trip Ideas On Hold, awaiting Shirley's input.

Miscellaneous: Discussed Dr. Green's newsletter on Aging research and whether we should provide to our general membership. Rene will write a handout with Dr. Green's contact info. Joyce will make an announcement that anyone interested can pick up this handout that includes Dr. Green's contact information to sign up. There will be no formal sign up sheet from us. Rene will also have some samples of his newsletter available.

Next Meeting, October 23, 2026 3:00 pm, Friday at Cook and Larder