

**Safe at Home Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 19, 2025 2:00 pm**  
**Meeting Place, Cook and Larder**

Attendance: Joyce Ferrentino, Lynda Brenner, Patti Rohrlich, Rene Gibson, Timi Bates, Joyce Lapenn, Dee Crawford, Natalie Kahan, Shirley Bresler, Lynne Colclough, Mary Lou Kersten

**Coffee Hour**

**June** -Peter Cipkowski, June 24. Topic is Artificial Intelligence. Title: Understanding AI: What It Can Do, and What It Means for Us. Patti is the organizer. We need to start promptly since Peter needs to leave for a funeral. After his talk Jeanne Mettler will do a short presentation on Copake town activity. Joyce L will handle the table set up since Rene is unable to attend.

**July** – Bill Kramer, CEO of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The topic will be The State of the Film Industry. Patti is the organizer. Patti will follow through with Kramer for news release information.

**August** – Dan Levy, Building a passive home. Rene, organizer. Joyce F will work on getting the photo for the poster. Rene will get Dan Levy information. Patti will organize the information for the town newsletter and press release. \*

**September** – Topic is the importance of human contact and the benefit of physical touch, therapeutic touch. Caroline Kay Wheeler RN practitioner and instructor is the speaker. Rene is the organizer.

**October** – Music. Cheryl Jones and Steve Livingston will participate. Timi organizer.

**November** – David Wurth will do a demonstration of making cranberry sauce. Patti is the organizer.

**December** – Holiday Party

\*SAH announcements must be delivered before the 20th of the month for inclusion in the Hillsdale Town Newsletter.

**Wednesday Walks**

Walks are going well. Last Wednesday due to inclement weather there was a small group. The Wednesday before, with good weather, there was a sizable group.

**Memorial Day Parade Participation**

The parade showed good representation from the Safe At Home Committee. The Columbia County Office for the Aging will publish a parade photograph of the committee in their newsletter.

**Taconic Hills School Volunteer Program**

**Stories Across Generations:Senior Volunteer Reading to Children**

Too early to work on the next school semester. School administrator needs to give us information when they are ready. From what we are hearing it does seem as if the school would like the program to continue.

**Newsletter**

Joyce mentioned various topics she will bring up in the next SAH newsletter. One topic was providing information on how we can donate our points from Fresh Town to the Hillsdale Blessing Box. Rene has done the research and will provide the appropriate information for inclusion. Rene has extensive information on the local food banks, and many food resources. We will include more information on an ongoing basis in the newsletter, for those who need it and for those who want to donate.

Joyce F will include health information on the importance of using sunscreen in the newsletter and other relevant topics.

### **Farmers Market**

SAH will have an information table.

June 28, Joyce F and Joyce L

July 19, Rene and Shirley

August 2, Lynne and Dee

End of August, Patti and Natalie

Items for the table. Copies of the current SAH Newsletter and sign up sheets. Coffee hour information, dates and programs. SAH flyer for Wednesday Walks. Mission Statement. SAH banner.

Patti will work on a 3x5 SAH information card for easy distribution. It will have the SAH logo and succinct information about who we are, activity opportunities, coffee hours, walks, quarterly newsletter etc.

### **Office for the Aging – participation in meetings**

Rene and Joyce F have been attending regularly. Rene cannot continue to attend all the meetings and has asked for other committee members to attend. The OFA would like to have two representatives from each town participate and report on what is happening in their respective township. The next meeting takes place July 16, 1:00 pm at the Fire Training Center, 50 Grandinetti Drive, Ghent. Mary Lou will try to attend July meeting.

### **Help Requested**

Joyce F will be away July 12-24. The town newsletter submission for the August coffee hour with Dan Levy needs to be sent for publishing in the town newsletter. This information goes to Emily Stalker, [deputyclerk@hillsdaleny.com](mailto:deputyclerk@hillsdaleny.com) Emily needs to receive it before July 20. Rene is getting the background information and program title. Joyce F is getting a photo of Dan. Patti to assist.

The press release for Bill Kramer and his topic, the State of the Film Industry, goes to the News Desk at the Columbia Paper, [news@columbiapaper.com](mailto:news@columbiapaper.com) by July 21. Patti will assist with this.

**Next Meeting, July 25, 2025, 3:00 pm, Friday      Cook and Larder**