

REPORT OF THE  
DIRECTOR OF ELDER AFFAIRS

This year as always, we applied for grants to fund our much needed services. We received \$52,997.00 in aid. The money was used to provide an Outreach Worker, Bi-lingual Friendly Visitor Services, Bi-lingual Caregiver Support Services, Medical Transportation including Boston at a reduced rate, and support staff for the office. We received a grant to run an Art Workshop. We have also applied for a grant to replace our 2001 van and are anxiously waiting for the results.

We've had many entertaining functions. We celebrated the Chinese New Year, held a Birthday Party for our seniors who were 90 and older and a Grandparents/Grandchildren Program complete with live reptiles. We had Thanksgiving dinner at the Am Vets Post and also at Lombardo's. We ended the year with a Concert performed by 14 students, ranging in ages from 7 to 17. All this was done at very little or no cost to our seniors.

We started the first-of-its-kind, Evening Program which ran for approximately 17 weeks (during the milder weather). There were also relevant day programs and/or presentations on topics such as Controlling Diabetes, Ask the Lawyer, Medicare Options, Eye Screening and the MBTA Charlie Card. We distributed Farmer's Market coupons and the Senior Center was used as an Emergency Site.

We would like to thank Dunkin Donuts, Lombardo's and Am Vets Post #51 for their continued support. We would also like to thank Dot Sullivan, President of the C.O.A and Board Members, the Friends of Randolph Seniors and our many, truly dedicated volunteers. To our office staff; Joanne Coffman, Mary McLellan, Gail Hymovitz, and Dan McEleney; Outreach Worker, Brenda Margolis; Friendly Visitor and Caregiver Support Manager, Helen Lam; and van driver, Elsie Morrill our heartfelt thanks for all the work you do above and beyond your job descriptions.

In the coming year we look forward to continuing and expanding our Thursday Evening Program and to making further strides in addressing the needs of our baby boomers and our multi-cultural seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

Rena E. Baker, Director  
Dept. of Elder Affairs