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Board Buzz

As we say goodbye to 2018, let's take stock of some of QAH's amazing accomplishments this year. We transitioned from a handful of people with lofty (but somewhat vague) ideas to a functioning membership organization. We reached out to hundreds of County residents, both to spread awareness of QAH and to solicit citizen input. We put in place such mundane but necessary systems as a financial structure and insurance coverage. Our web-based management system is up and going, with enhancements getting added on as we grow. Check us out at www.QueenAnnesAtHome.org. The next big piece is the member service request/fulfillment segment, which is up and in beta test mode. In addition to finding out about and registering for events online, you can now request a service from your fellow members through our website, or call the office **(410-635-4045)**.

QAH Board of Directors doubled in size, and our interlocking committees are taking shape, so far including Ambassadors (headed by Board member Peggy Schaefer), Events (Russ Mail), SNAP (Linda Schuerholz) and "Member Happiness" (Jinny Guy). These committees will be the primary engines of member input, so contact the Board member in charge of the committee(s) you'd like to help drive, or call the office (410-635-4045) to get involved.

QAH already has 35 members participating in a range of programs. Since our formal inauguration in October, we've instituted monthly coffee and happy hour meet-ups, a "share-a-skill" program, and we held our first SNAP chapter meeting (fire prevention safety). Members are already forging new connections and friendships.

So what will 2019 hold for us? It seems like we'd better dream big, since 2018 was beyond our expectations. We'll certainly be looking to grow our membership so that we can ensure the "critical mass" necessary to support our efforts. The kick-off of the full SNAP program is slated for this spring. We'll also be building a marketing and communication plan. (If you have expertise in these areas, please call the office! 😊) And we'll continue reaching out into all areas of our County to keep building a diverse community of seniors who love the idea of helping each other thrive at home.

QAH is a member-driven organization, so your engagement is critical to our success. What can you do to help? The biggest thing is to get engaged. Participate in the full array of our programs, join a committee, help provide services to your fellow members, recruit a friend to join. QAH is in an exciting stage and, with your help, our community will continue supporting each other as we grow into a positive force for seniors in our County. We thank you for your support, and look forward to hearing your ideas

Best wishes for health, joy, wonder and wisdom in the coming year.

Margan Glover,
QAH Board President



NEWS AROUND QAH

The Member Happiness Committee is Forming!

Would you like to help figure out how to keep our members engaged, feeling appreciated, feeling useful and entertained?
Join me to figure that out!

You can let me know your interest and we'll get together to brain storm to define the mission of the Member Happiness Committee.

We won't necessarily be the people who carry out that mission.
We'll be the idea people. What could be more fun than that?

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Coffee Meet-Up held on December 6, The Market in THE INN at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club

It was delightful! We met those we didn't already know. We reconnected with those we did already know. And we chatted for over an hour about being adopted, the history of religion, musicology, hobbies and on and on. Great fun!



Coffee Meet-Ups happen on the **first Thursday of each month** at different locations around the County. Next one is on January 3 - we'd love to see you at The Creamery in Centreville. Please do join in!

Jinny Guy, Host for the Day

Upcoming Events



Coffee Meet Up:

**Thurs. Jan. 3rd @ 10:00am at THE CREAMERY
110 N. Commerce St, Centreville, MD 21617**

Bring a friend who might be interested in QAH.

Register online or call office to sign up for events: (410-635-4045)

