



Kendal-on-Hudson Residents Association

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CHAIR'S REPORT

As of the October 2017 Annual Meeting, the Residents Council consisted of 13 members: Margo Berger, Marilyn Bottjer, Ellie Bromberg, Eugene DuBow, Muriel Fox, Fran Kelly, Annette Leyden, Jeff O'Donnell, Bill Pennell, Bob Sanders, Bill Seligman, Pat Taylor and Jim Wood. Leonore Meyer continued as an ex-officio member due to her position as Chair of the Adirondack Council.

The following were elected officers for the 2017/2018 year:

Chair	Bob Sanders
Vice Chair	Jeff O'Donnell
Secretary	Fran Kelly
Treasurer	Bill Pennell

The following were appointed Chairs of Standing Committees:

Audit Committee	Bill Seligman (later replaced by Margo Berger)
Budget Committee	Bill Seligman
Budget Advisory Committee	Jim Wood
Election Committee	Peter Bermas
Fund Raising Committee	Muriel Fox/Annette Leyden
Annual Appeal	Marilyn Bottjer/Eugene DuBow
Staff Appreciation	Ellie Bromberg (later replaced by Eugene DuBow)
Consultation Committee	Harriet Barnett
Local Charities Committee	Tom Kramer
Investment Committee	

Unfortunately, the Council lost three of its members during the year: Ellie Bromberg, Steve Kanfer and Bill Seligman (Steve had succeeded Ellie on the Council upon her death.)

It was an extremely busy year for the Council. In addition to the mandated Annual Meeting and three Quarterly meetings of the Residents Association and 11 open meetings of the Residents Council, there were an additional nine Special Meetings of the Residents Council. Several of these involved the retirement of Pat Doyle as Executive Director and the appointment of Jim Antonucci as her successor, including interviews by the Council of the three finalists for the position.

As ex-officio member of all committees, I attended various meetings of both Standing Committees and Activity Committees. Similarly, I represented the Council and the Association at the meetings of the Kendal on Hudson Board of Directors.

On October 20, 2017 the residents met with our Congresswoman Nita Lowey at a very well attended event organized by the Advocacy Committee.

Residents were their usual generous selves, contributing to the spring and fall Staff Appreciation Fund Drive and the February Annual Council Appeal.

The Special Events Committee headed by Muriel Fox again hosted a very successful New Year's Eve Party. The outdoor events scheduled for July 4, 2018 had to be curtailed due to the extreme heat but the indoor events took place as planned.

During January 2018, the community was hit by a norovirus outbreak, resulting in the cancellation of many events, including movies, and the postponement of others. The Annual Memorial Service for the 35 residents who died in 2017 was one of the affected but was eventually held on February 26th.

The Council held a retreat on January 29, 2018, the very day that restrictions were lifted. The main topic of discussion was Council elections.

The main event of the year as far as the residents were concerned was the terrific 13th Anniversary party on May 11, 2018. A great deal of work went into arranging this celebration by a committee of residents and management representatives headed by Fran Kelly and Bert Pepper.

The past year's Chorus events were even more successful than in previous years, and their Summer Sings programs continue to be very popular.

This year marks the retirement, in accordance with the by-laws limiting residents to two consecutive two-year terms on the Residents Council, of Fran Kelly, Annette Leyden and Bill Pennell.

Elections for the 2018/2019 Council were held in September. Arthur Brady, Jacky Cummings, Margaret Gilroy and Lois Seulowitz were elected to two-year terms; Eugene DuBow, Bob Sanders and Pat Taylor were re-elected to two-year terms; Norma Siegel was chosen to complete the one-year vacancy created by the successive deaths of Ellie Bromberg and Steve Kanfer.

We are looking forward to a new era in KoH history with the arrival of our new CEO, Jim Antonucci. Jeff O'Donnell and I, together and separately, met with him several times during his first weeks at Kendal, as did the Executive Committee, and he met with the incoming Residents Council on September 26, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Sanders, Chair

RESIDENTS COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – 2017-2018

ASSOCIATION AUDIT COMMITTEE

Winter 2018 Chair: Bill Seligman; Members: Sally Kellock, Joe Kratovil
Summer 2018 Chair: Margo Berger; Members: Sally Kellock, Margery Heitbrink

The Association Audit Committee was established in the Residents Association By-Laws approved on May 19, 2016. Its purpose is to assure the integrity of the Association's financial statements and to report its findings to the Residents Association.

The Audit Committee chaired by Bill Seligman met on February 21, 28, and March 14, 2018; The Committee Chaired by Margo Berger met on June 26 and 30, 2018. Bob Sanders attended all meetings, ex-officio. The Association's bookkeeper was present to assist committee members in their review of the Association's financial records.

Both committees suggested several operational changes that were approved for implementation by the RA Executive Committee. Both committees found no discrepancies with the Association's accounts and bank records. Their findings were reported to the Residents Council.

Based upon their limited review, the Audit Committees found that the financial operations of the Residents Association are being properly handled.

ASSOCIATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chair: Bill Seligman
Members: Margo Berger, Jerry Trupin

Per the Association By-Laws, the Association Budget Committee prepares the budget for the Residents Association upon receiving the budget request for each Activities Committee from that committee's Chair.

The Association Budget Committee, together with the Treasurer, monitors expenditures for each Activities Committee to assure that Association funds are spent in accordance with the budget.

After consultation with each of the individual committee chairpersons, and working with the Association's bookkeeper and Executive Committee, the Budget Committee developed the Association's 2018 budget which was submitted to and approved by the Residents Council in December 2017. Throughout the year, the budget has remained in balance. A new budget for 2019 will be prepared in December 2018.

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO KENDAL ON HUDSON

Chair: James Wood
Members: Penny Brome, Tom Kramer, Edith Litt, Janet Schloat, Pat Taylor, Robert Sanders, Council Chair, ex officio; William Pennell, Treasurer, ex officio

Committee mandate, per By-Laws: The Committee shall engage in quarterly discussions with the Kendal on Hudson Executive Director and/or the Chief Financial Officer regarding Kendal on Hudson's finances and may suggest modifications and/or additions to the Capital and Operating Budgets.

The Budget Advisory Committee, at a meeting on January 26, 2018, welcomed recently appointed CFO, Jean Eccleston, to Kendal on Hudson. She and CEO Pat Doyle reported on the new amount that can be attributed to health care on one's 2017 income tax. Pat Doyle also explained this at her subsequent Fireside Chat, at which time she said that letters articulating this would be placed in residents' cubbies.

On May 23, 2018, the Budget Advisory Committee met with Jean Eccleston, CFO, and Pat Doyle, CEO, to discuss the KoH Budget for 2018-19. The Committee felt that this was an appropriate budget which would continue KoH in a sound financial position. Jean subsequently presented that budget to the resident community at an open meeting.

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Eugene DuBow
Members: Myron Gordon, Arlene Mervis, Marguerite Peyser, Arthur Sadler

The role of the Consultation Committee is to provide a means for residents to share ideas, concerns as well as problems with fellow residents. Any issue can be presented in writing or directly with any member of the Committee.

The goal of the Committee is to resolve residents' issues and help implement any suggestions that will work to the benefit of the resident community. To receive written communications, a box is available in the Activities Alcove.

During the past year three concerns were voiced to the Committee. They were handled with dispatch by the Chairperson with the assistance, in one case, working with a Committee member. No written complaints were received.

There is little doubt that residents who have a problem clear them up directly with one of the Residents Association officers or a member of the management team and rarely utilize the Consultation Committee.

The handling of resident complaints is an important one. The new Administration of the Residents Council should discuss and decide the best and most effective method of dealing with them.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Chair:

Peter I. Bermas

Members:

Len Andrew, Fran Kelly, Annette Leyden, Susan Lichten, Dennis Mallach, Deb Wood

The Election Committee consists of seven (7) members. Its Chair, appointed by the Council Chair, selects the other committee members, giving consideration to achieving a broad representation of the resident community. Members may not become candidates for the election for which they serve on the Election Committee.

Mission: The Election Committee manages the recruitment and election of candidates running for the six open seats (in odd-numbered years) or the seven open seats (in even-numbered years) on Residents Council in that year. The Committee ensures that a fair election and fair count of ballots is held each September.

Activities in 2018:

The Election Committee met several times to review its purposes and identify potential candidates for the 2018-2020 Residents Council. A document outlining the duties of Council members was reviewed and distributed to all residents. Committee members' tasks were identified and assigned: computer assistance, flyers, forms, Spotlight inserts, candidates' photographs and poster, including calligraphy, Candidates Night, voting and vote count, etc.

By the June 8, 2018 deadline, 10 candidates had returned their "Intent to Run" forms (two later withdrew). By the July 15 deadline, all eight candidates had submitted their Biographical Statements for distribution to residents in mid-August. A poster containing photos of all candidates was prepared and placed on an easel near the mailboxes prior to Candidates Night.

During the year, the Election Committee made periodic reports to Residents Council and to the Residents Association at its July quarterly meeting.

"Election Week" 2018:

- Candidates Night: Tuesday, September 11, in the Gathering Room. Peter Bermas served as Moderator; Edith Litt was time-keeper. Each candidate (seated on the stage) was encouraged to speak for up to 3 minutes. Following the candidates' presentations, residents and candidates gathered for questions and discussion. Cider and cookies were served.
- Voting: Wednesday, September 19, and Thursday, September 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Residents Lounge.
- Ballot Counting: Friday, September 21.
- Election Results: Friday, September 21, results reported to the Council Chair and the CEO of KoH; posted on the easel near the mailboxes, in elevators, and on bulletin boards. The Election Committee Chair maintains the voting results and ballots for one year; the Residents Council Chair keeps the voting count for one year.
- Newly elected members take their Council seats at the October 8, 2018 Residents Council meeting.

FUNDRAISING - ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

Co-Chairs: Muriel Fox/Annette Leyden/Penny Brome

The 2018 Annual Appeal began on March 1, 2018 – a month later than usual because residents had just been subjected to an annoying norovirus quarantine. Independent Living residents were asked to make tax-deductible contributions to support the work of the Council, its committees and local charities.

Contributions received from 224 residents were considerably more than was received in 2017. The improvement was primarily due to a determined effort by the co-chairs to persist in phoning residents until all donations had been received. Our sincere thanks to the many residents who contributed so generously to this appeal, which is vital to the continuation and expansion of the Association's programs and committees.

FUNDRAISING - STAFF APPRECIATION FUND

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Bottjer/Eugene DuBow

As is pointed out every year, the tradition at Kendal is a strict no-tipping policy. In order to reward and thank Kendal's employees, those we see and those behind the scenes, the resident community undertakes a twice-a-year Staff Appreciation Fund Drive. The proceeds are divided equally among the staff by virtue of a formula based on the number of hours worked during the donation period.

This past year, 95% of all residents donated to each of the two drives, with many contributing more than the suggested amount.

The Staff Appreciation Fund has been a very meaningful way to assure staff members how much their hard work is appreciated by Kendal residents.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Tom Kramer

Members: Len Andrew, Tom Loemker, Bill Pennell (Treasurer), Bill Smethurst, Jim Wood, Bob Sanders (Assn. Chair, ex officio)

In 2010, the Residents Association received a generous bequest from a deceased resident to support music and other activities and the Residents Council decided to form a committee of several residents knowledgeable with finance, which committee would be responsible for managing this money.

The funds were invested and proceeds are used to support the Music Committee, Kendal Chorus and Bell Ringers. Council at its next meeting. It is the Committee's opinion that it is most important to safeguard our investment while maximizing returns, as we have stressed repeatedly at the monthly Council and quarterly Association meetings.

LOCAL CHARITIES COMMITTEE

Chair:

Harriet Barnett

Members:

Penny Brome, Sally Kellock, Susan Lichten, Jeff O'Donnell, Ruth Singleton, Anne White

Mission: The mission of the Committee is to distribute a portion of the money contributed by residents during the Council's Annual Appeal to worthy tax-exempt organizations that serve the villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow to support special projects.

We met first to decide which organizations we would invite to submit a project proposal. We then created and sent out letters plus our form to 16 organizations inviting them to return it by March for our consideration. We met again in March after receiving proposals from all the prospects to decide which to accept and approximately how much to award to each. At that point we did not know how much in total we would be able to give each specific group but created a scale based on the last year's amount, expecting to make changes when told the actual amount.

After the Council approved our amount designations, and with the help of Jean Mayer, Council bookkeeper, we mailed letters and checks to the grantees. On April 23, 2018 at the Residents Association Quarterly Meeting, I introduced the members of the Committee and gave an oral Committee report.

We strongly recommend that the practice of inviting three recipients at a time to talk about their organizations at Monday evening presentations before the start of the Annual Appeal be continued. This will enable residents to learn about the diverse organizations which receive their money.

2018 Grant Recipients include:

AFHT to provide transportation fees for local Hispanic families to attend events and historic places near their homes.

Community Food Pantry to purchase nutritious food for their monthly distribution to families and the homebound.

Foundation for the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns for a summer literacy program for students entering 3rd grade, to help them stay on reading level during the 10-week vacation.

Gullotta House to supply gas cards, food vouchers, and clothing to local citizens in emergencies.

Historical Society, Inc. for the purchase of acid-free boxes and folders to help preserve their collection.

ITAV (It Takes a Village) to help establish a "scholarship" fund for participation in a Phelps Hospital program, "A Matter of Balance."

Kids' Club for its summer arts programs for the underprivileged of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

Life Center for "Friday Night Fever," a program to keep young teens engaged and connected. Our gift will defray the cost of tickets for 15 teenagers for "Sister Act" at the Westchester Broadway Theater.

Neighborhood House to support a new healthy lifestyle class, "Chair Fitness," in which participants move to music under the direction of an instructor while safely seated.

Open Door Family Medical Center for the Sleepy Hollow patient education program to produce bilingual content for the waiting areas and corridors to facilitate patient engagement and understanding.

Rockwood Hall Park to mend a bench and hire high school students to remove invasive plants.

Sleepy Hollow Ambulance Corps to purchase a new Lifepack automated external defibrillator for the ambulance.

Sleepy Hollow Fire Dept. to train firefighters and first responders and to repair broken health and wellness equipment.

Sleepy Hollow Police Benevolent Society to provide educational materials and refreshments for a series of evening events for youth covering topics such as drug and alcohol safety, anti-bullying and stranger danger.

Sleepy Hollow Recreation Department for their After-School Program, to provide tuition assistance for families who cannot afford the monthly fees.

Warner Public Library to help expand its STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program by introducing children ages 7-12 to architecture through a series of four ArchForKids workshops.

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ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Chair: Sue Phillips

Members: Harold Adel, Peter Davies, Phyllis Davies, Muriel Fox, Fran Kelly, Frank Neuwirth, Robert Sanders, John Sorice, Jim Wood

Mission: The Advocacy (Government Relations) Committee promotes and advances, through continued relationship building in the community and the halls of local, county and state government, the strategic initiatives and goals of Kendal on Hudson, and serves as Kendal's central source of contact with public policy makers, government officials and community leaders.

In the fall of 2017, we once again welcomed our longtime Congresswoman, Nita Lowey, to KoH to bring us up to date, this time, particularly, on her efforts to inform President Trump on the needs of this part of New York State and added efforts required given the nature of the current national administration. She was generous with her time, especially given the number of questions she encouraged and her effort to promote broad audience participation.

On March 8, 2018, we offered our Kendal audience an opportunity to meet the three candidates for Sleepy Hollow Village Board, along with incumbent Village Mayor Ken Wray. With voting upcoming on March 20, each candidate spoke to the Village plans, particularly for changes and additions in planning for the fall season up-coming.

Finally, Advocacy sponsored a gathering to hear from the two candidates for our New York State Senate District 40. That was held on Tuesday, August 11, prior to the Primary vote on September 13. Both candidates were welcomed and each given the opportunity to present his case to Kendal residents and answer questions.

ART COMMITTEE

Executive Committee: Peter J. Davies, Secretary; Wally Cooper, Treasurer; Ann Lasusa, Programs; Mariet Van der Heide, Exhibits; Catherine Trapasso, Publicity

Members: Sheila Benedis, Horst Berger, Linda Bermas, Marilyn Bottjer, Lynn Brady, Wally Cooper, Gretchen Engler, Barbara Gochman, Jane Hart, Priscilla Holmgren, Maggie Limburg, Leonore Meyer, Betty Morefield, Bert Pepper, Marguerite Peyser, Sandy Shapiro, Florence Seligman, Bill Seligman, Bill Smethurst, Bix Smethurst, Cobb Stewart, Mimi Weare, Jackie Wilke

Mission: The Art Committee's Mission is to facilitate and inspire creative expression for personal enjoyment and community enrichment. The KoH Residents Association has carried forward this mission since the start of Kendal. Helen Price and Dorothy Hill started art programs as residents first arrived.

This year, the committee adopted an Executive Committee structure to handle its main functions. Meetings of all members are called as needed. Members continue specific tasks: e.g., the popular Saturday Open Studio, organizing stimulating workshops, planning Paul Jeffries' spring and fall course, exhibit receptions, maintaining an historic, archive "red book," painting and selling note cards in the fall. This new structure is working well.

We strive to cover our own expenses and thereby contribute annually to the Residents Association budget. The following specific exhibits and other programs have taken place this last year or will well into 2019.

Rue des Artistes Exhibits: To demonstrate the creativity and excitement that we experience by doing our art in its great variety, the Art Committee mounts periodically one or more art shows open to all residents and all staff to submit their works.

- Marilyn Bottjer curated a "Fabulous Fibers" exhibit joining with three other fiber artists to demonstrate their wonderful fiber art. It will close on October 5, 2018.
- Mariet Van der Heide and Lynn Brady will curate the next show entitled "Kendal Art" which opens on October 9, 2018. Other members have volunteered to help as usual. For this show, the curators will limit submissions of art to only those made by Kendal residents and staff not previously shown on the "Rue des Artistes". They will accept paintings, collages, assemblages, wearable art, fiber art and whatever else can hang on the wall, framed. Some items may also be three-dimensional and exhibited in the glass case in the corridor across from Clermont, chosen and superbly arranged by Jackie Wilke.

Delightful invitations to the opening from 4:00 to 5:30 PM are usually designed by Bix and Bill Smethurst and "Missy." They are distributed in all resident cubbies. The opening itself is accompanied by a wine and snack reception usually organized by Cobb Stewart and Jane Beers.

Workshops: Bix Smethurst organized three workshops during the year, one on ink-line drawing with sticks and found objects by Pam Dietrich; another on working with pastels by Myrtle Johnson; and a third with a live model. More workshops are being planned. Each is normally limited to 12 participants.

Notecards: Every fall, members create attractive note cards for sale. This is an important revenue earner and very collegial activity.

Art Critiques: An exciting program is the Art Critique held monthly where all levels of artists are encouraged to show what they are working on. These polite critiques enable us to benefit and learn from constructive comments and suggestions from our own peers. Many of us are relative beginners and do not have formal art training.

Paul Jeffries Art Class: Major highlights of the year's art program are the fall and spring, six-week session of two-hour classes by Paul Jeffries. These must be limited to 12 people, due to space. This self-supporting activity does not tax the KOH Association's annual budget.

Shelf Rental: Another major financial contribution is our renting a full shelf or shared half-shelf in the Art Room for keeping one's own art supplies on hand - a valuable service.

The creativity of our residents and staff at work is awe-inspiring. It strengthens the marketing program. On Saturday mornings during the Open Studio, marketing people proudly show us off as we silently create.

We invite more new residents to join us.

AUDIO/VISUAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Arthur Brady
Members: Rick Liebowitz, Fran Kelly, Jeffrey O'Donnell

Mission: To provide and maintain the operation of Audio/Visual equipment in support of the Resident Activities Committees, primarily in the Gathering Room, although not limited to such. Normally a trained member of the committee is present at each event and assists by setting up and operating the A/V equipment.

Among committees assisted were: Education, which sponsors weekly lectures and classes as well as the Great Decisions and National Topics discussions; Loss, which assists families with memorials; and Social Events, which sponsors the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve Programs.

This year, the committee worked with consultant Ira Malek to ensure that the May 11th KoH Anniversary Celebration went off smoothly as it was broadcast live to the Private Dining Room and Clearwater.

We also participated in discussions with the Ad Hoc Gathering Room Committee and received additional training from the consultant on the various features of the Gathering Room system. With the help of our consultant, an A/V iPad was created to allow the Gathering Room, PDR and Clearwater Dining Room audio and video to be controlled remotely. A manual has been written to allow new A/V Committee members to learn and use the A/V iPad. Further, a software glitch was identified and fixed so that now all four mikes in the PDR work.

Sadly, we lost Nathan Saltzburg, who worked tirelessly as committee chair for the past two years. We are pleased that Rick Liebowitz has joined the committee and look forward to welcoming additional resident volunteers to assist us in our mission.

BELL RINGERS

Co-Chairs:	Ruth Laudor/Dot Bone
Ringers:	Jane Beers, Barbara Bettigole, Dot Bone, Bob Bischoff, Ruth Laudor, Grace Lowney, Peggy Pennell, Esther Steinmetz, Deborah Wood
Director:	Eiko Cornelius

Mission: The goal of the Hand Bell Ringers is to provide an opportunity for amateur ringers to play hand bells using a variety of techniques and to have fun making music in this unique way. In the future we hope to become skilled enough to provide more entertainment for the community.

Eiko Cornelius, our conductor, has continued to introduce us to new techniques that vary the sounds. In the fall of 2017, we invited residents to come to one of our regular rehearsals where Eiko presented a short talk on the History and Background of English Handbells. All interested were encouraged to come and touch the bells and even to try to ring them. For our May 2018 concert, Eiko invited some of the Youth Ringers at Emanuel Church in Pleasantville, with whom she works, to join our program. Representatives of the groups played some songs and then joined us in one of ours.

We rehearse on Wednesday mornings at 11 AM in the Gathering Room. One does not need to read music, as the music can be highlighted in colors. If interested, come to a rehearsal this fall.

CHORUS

Chorus Board:	Doris Appleby/Bob Singleton, Co-Chairs Deb Wood, Treasurer; Ann Behrendt, Secretary; Gloria Cooper, Member-at-large
Singers:	Soprano: Doris Appleby, Ann Behrendt, Phyllis Fross, Priscilla Holmgren, Marguerite Peyser, Deb Wood Alto: Jane Beers, Dot Bone, Gloria Cooper, Camille Hopkins, Geraldine (Deena) LaMotta, Adele Trupin
Tenor:	Ed Hanin, Charles Persell, Anne White
Bass:	Don Eder, Edwin Holmgren, Bob Singleton, Norman Sissman

Director: Catherine Campbell Nesbit
Accompanist: Sue Anderson (concerts and sing-alongs thru July 2018)

Membership: Even with the loss of several singers, our total membership has already increased by one, to around 20. Now, with the burden of those fees lifted, each member contributes a small amount toward the purchase of new music.

During the reporting period, we performed two formal concerts: December 2017, a musical celebration of Christmas and Hanukkah; May 2018, a program featuring “music for love . . . for the soul . . . for fun. . . and for courage.” The first concert filled the Gathering Room to such an extent that, for the second one, we experimented with providing extra seating by broadcasting the program live into the Private Dining Room. We have subsequently decided that it’s better to have the entire audience in one place--the Gathering Room.

Three informal sing-alongs were held during the summer, all scheduled on Wednesday evenings to coincide with the wine-and cheese hour. In June, the theme was “Songs from the Flapper Era”; in July, “Show Tunes”; and in August “Folk Songs.” The first two were led by pianist Sue Anderson, the chorus’s longtime accompanist, who bid us farewell before moving permanently to South Carolina; the third sing-along was led by Deb Wood, assisted by Bill Rakower on bongo drums. The lounge was packed with resident-singers, and a strong pitch was made inviting them to consider joining the Chorus when rehearsals start up again in September—no auditions or experience required. Our first two rehearsals offer an opportunity for anybody who wants to see if he or she would like to sing with us on a weekly basis. We ask for a decision on joining the Chorus after the second trial rehearsal.

Heard in the Bistro from a new resident: “Not until I went to my first sing-along did I feel I had really become a member of the Kendal community.” Music to our ears!

Other ways we try to make new singers welcome: our director Catherine posts an invitation in all residents’ cubbies, and current members of the Chorus approach residents (especially new ones) with the suggestion that they consider joining.

Our next concert, on Monday evening, January 28, 2019, will be entitled “Songs for an Exhibition,” and will combine famous paintings projected on the GR screen with musical selections suggested by those paintings. Art Brady has been working with Catherine on these projections. Accompanist for our concerts will be Mark Mitchell, whom we heard at the duo-recital on February 11, 2018, “Aspects of Love,” with Catherine Nesbit and Julie Majchrzyk.

COMMON AREAS FURNITURE AND ART (CAFA)

Chair: Marilyn Bottjer
Secretary: Sheila Benedis
Treasurer: Martin Smolin
Building Reps: Alida: Betty Morefield/Jane Kratovil
Clermont: Martin Smolin/Cobb Stewart

Other Members:

Robert Fulton: Ann Holloway/Bix Smethurst
Mary Powell: Barbara Gochman/Jackie Wilke
Barbara Bettigole, Barbara Hopkins, Jetta Gordon, Gisa Indenbaum,
Jan Myers, Suzanne Sadler, Florence Seligman

Mission: To help provide as welcoming, attractive, interesting and comfortable surroundings as possible in our many shared-use spaces. To this end, we place resident-donated or loaned pictures, furniture and decorative accessories, as well as art bought with funds from the Residents Association in lobbies, corridors, and functional rooms throughout the four buildings. The CAFA building representatives, noted above, are ready to answer any questions and discuss suggestions about this.

The committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 4 PM in the Residents Association Office on C level in Mary Powell. All residents are welcome to attend.

CAFA has received gifts of art from several new residents and also from the families of deceased residents. We have assisted almost all the new residents this year in hanging their loaned art in hallways near their apartments. An unusual gift was received from Mary Louise Donarski in memory of her daughter Amy. A vintage pinball machine, an FX Fighter, has been located in the Hudson Room with the ping pong table and can be used by residents and staff.

An annual memo, which includes information about donating suitable art and furniture, is sent to all residents and provided to new residents on arrival. For the future, our primary task will be maintaining the surroundings but also being sensitive to ideas and requests by new residents in the coming years. More than just a nice extra, we believe it is really important for the well-being and happiness of all who live here.

COMPUTER COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs:

Caroline Persell/Peter Bermas

Members:

Amelia Augustus, Linda Bermas, Sheila Darnborough, Eugene DuBow, Edward Hanin, Edwin Holmgren (Acting Secretary), Marion Loemker (Treasurer, Acting Secretary), Leonore Meyer, Jeff O'Donnell, Peggy Pennell, Olive Siegesmund, Steve Unger

Mission: The Computer Committee has been in operation since the opening of Kendal in 2005 with the purpose of helping residents solve their issues with information technologies or start on the road to digital literacy, with workshops and one-to-one coaching.

Activities for 2017-18:

1. Maintained the computers and printers/copiers in the KoH Computer Room on the main floor of Mary Powell, in the Hudson (Ping Pong) Room, and in the KoH Library. We estimate that the Computer Room was used more than 200 times during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018 by residents, guests, or staff who signed out the key at the front desk.

2. Reported on the Computer Committee at the October 23 Association Annual Meeting.
3. Co-sponsored (with the Library Committee) a demonstration by the Warner Library of their new media lending program Oct. 31, 2017.
4. Prepared a Digital Tips Page for the Residents Website (on the Computer Committee page) and wrote up various digital tips for the new Digital Tips page.
5. Conducted a class on taking short videos on a digital phone or tablet Dec. 8, 2017.
6. Reported on the Committee's activities to the Residents Council Jan. 8, 2018.
7. Organized five free computer help sessions for residents and staffed them with committee members and Hackley student volunteers: 12/30/17, 2/10/18, 4/7/18, 5/19/18, and 8/20/18.
8. Helped with the Website Soirées held in the PDR and the GR.
9. Helped individual residents who request assistance with their PCs, Macs, iPads, iPhones, Kindles, printers, or other electronic devices.
10. Collected used printer cartridges from the recycling box on the Trips shelf opposite the Computer Room, and, to the degree possible, turning those cartridges in at Staples which issues rewards points that are used by the Committee to offset the cost of ink and paper for the copiers and printers supported by the Committee. When that is not possible, cartridges are turned in for recycling.
11. Discussed new hardware, software, and applications to learn more about them.
12. Digitized and prepared existing biographies of KoH residents for inclusion on the Residents Only section of the Residents Website.

Plans for 2018-19:

1. Continuing to offer computer help sessions for residents. The next one is planned for Sunday, 9/23/18, 2-4 pm.
2. Continuing to help individual residents with computer problems they face.
3. Continuing to explore ways digital technologies can help people with visual, auditory, or other issues.
4. Continuing to maintain the resident computers and printers around KoH.
5. Continuing to learn about new software and equipment.
6. Continuing to recycle printer cartridges.
7. Informing residents of cyber threats and helping residents safely use their computers.

Residents are always welcome to join the Computer Committee.

CO-PILOT PROGRAM

Coordinator:	Norman J. Sissman
Night Co-Pilots:	Ruth Laudor, Edith Litt, Amelia Augustus, Cobb Stewart, James Wood, Bert Pepper, Annette Leyden, Jane Beers, Jane Hart, Norman Sissman, Anne White, Betsy Schwartz, Jeffrey O'Donnell, Peter Bermas, Wayne Richter, Stella Pence
Day Co-Pilots:	Wally Cooper, Susan Phillips, Margaret McLaughlin, Ludlow Smethurst, Katherine Sinclair, Linda Bermas, Marguerite Peyser, Dorothea Bone, Gloria Lewit, Bill Smethurst, Gisa Indenbaum, Bill and Florence Seligman, Martin Smolin, Margaret Gilroy

Patricia Taylor, Jane Kratovil, Arlene Mervis, Penny Brome, John Sorice, Doris Preus, Suzanne Sadler, Robert Singleton, Janet Carter, Celia McQuillan, Tom Kramer, Elaine Newman, Margo Berger, Barbara App, Rita Benzer, Alice and Elliott Weinstein, Leonard Andrew

Mission: The Co-Pilot Program was established in 2008, based on a concept conceived by Kendal resident Katherine Sinclair. She, Peter Davies, and Norman Sissman were facilitators during most of its history; currently Norman Sissman leads it.

The program received an award in 2010 from Leading Age for being an innovative CCRC resident-initiated service. Recently, Kendal leaders have helped another CCRC, in Pennsylvania, to initiate a similar program at its facility.

Volunteers are on call 24/7 to accompany residents who go to the Phelps Hospital Emergency Room; there they act as companions, give emotional support and assistance, as needed, until the resident's family arrives or the resident is admitted to the in-patient service. They usually return to Kendal with the resident if he or she is sent home from the emergency room. The use of a Co-Pilot is voluntary; if a resident going to the hospital does not want a Co-Pilot, none is provided. The service is available only to residents in independent living.

Since the inception of the program, Co-Pilots have been called a total of 225 times. From July, 2017 through July 2018, there have been 18 calls; thus, the average is about two per month. The program continues to be overwhelmingly popular with Kendal residents. Feedback from those assisted includes many thanks and much gratitude for the help provided. No untoward event has occurred.

Over 40 volunteers are Co-pilots. Their work is greatly appreciated. Due to illness and death, the ranks of volunteers are continually being depleted. Thus, recruitment of new volunteers is ongoing. No special medical knowledge or experience is necessary; initial orientation is provided individually to all enrollees. Anyone who is interested in joining the program should contact Norman Sissman.

DINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair:	Margo Berger
Members:	Betty Albertson, Phyllis Davies, Margery Heitbrink, Barbara Hopkins, Jan Myers, Louise Sacci
Management:	Gower Lane

Mission: The mission of the Dining Advisory Committee is to provide a channel of open communications between Kendal Residents and Dining Management. The committee works with Dining Management and the Food Service Staff to achieve residents' optimum food preferences and food service needs.

The committee meets bi-monthly to review residents' comment slips, to discuss our observations, and to develop the agenda for our quarterly meetings with Management. In open meetings each quarter, all residents are invited to exchange comments, suggestions, and questions with the entire committee and staff. This year, these open meetings were productive and well attended.

We deeply regret the passing of our former Chair, Rosalie Sauerhaft. We miss her leadership and intense appreciation and knowledge of food.

Major Activities:

- The April 30, 2018 Open Meeting gave the approximately 75 residents in attendance the opportunity to respond to the welcome news that the KoH Board and Management had approved the formation of a Workgroup for Phase 1 of the Bistro Redesign.
- The committee's ongoing observations that the current Bistro system needed to meet the changing needs of Kendal's independent living residents contributed to the formation of the Redesign Workgroup.
 - ✓ Workgroup membership represents the KoH Board, Management, Marketing, Finance, Food & Dining Services, and the Residents Council in the person of Margo Berger.
 - ✓ Redesign Goals:
 - Improve the flow of movement throughout the Bistro
 - Safely accommodate Mobility Assistive Devices
 - Possibly combine self-service with waitstaff service
 - Provide a "Grab and Go" opportunity for light dining
 - Create an attractive, inviting resident dining experience
 - ✓ The residents attending the April 30th Open Meeting were in general agreement with the Redesign goals. Their comments were delivered to the Workgroup and to the Residents Council at its May meeting during which residents were assured of a professionally designed survey to be created in the future.
- Food Comment Slips were redesigned by Management to be more specific.
- Daily menus posted outside the Bistro and in the FDR were attractively and legibly redesigned by Management with larger print.
- Several additions were made to entrée choices of fish, seafood, salads, and roasts.
- Additions were made to ethnic themes, such as Night in Havana and Octoberfest.
- Extended vegetarian offerings were introduced, such as Wild Mushroom Spinach and Onion Flatbread, several Quiche combinations, Vegetable LoMein, Artichoke Pasta.
- Assignment of one server at the carving station improved traffic flow in the food line.
- Limited seating in the FDR was added on Monday evenings.

Continuing Issues to be Followed:

- Bistro Redesign, temporarily on hold while our new CEO has an opportunity to study it.
- Hiring of sufficient waitstaff to meet our growing needs, a problem exacerbated by economic conditions and full employment.
- Menu design that takes into consideration the need to help residents successfully manage medical conditions such as diabetes, high cholesterol, etc., and the impact of Warfarin on certain vegetable choices.

The Committee urges residents to maintain a basic emergency supply of food in their pantry such as extra water, tea, coffee, bread, eggs, milk, peanut butter and jelly, canned soups and tuna.

The Committee salutes Kendal's Dining Services Department for the delicious holiday meals and creative celebrations for the 2018 New Year's and Kendal's 13th Anniversary Dinner celebrated on May 11, 2018. We also extend our great appreciation for the competent ways in which meals were prepared and prepackaged during power blackouts and, especially, during the extended period last winter when Kendal was quarantined due to the Norovirus outbreak.

The Committee looks forward to another dynamic year and to providing a forum for an open and productive dialogue among Residents, the Dining Advisory Committee, and Management.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs:

Fran Kelly/Edith Litt

Members:

Barbara Bettigole, Don Eder, Bill McFeely, Deborah O'Keefe, Sue Phillips, Michael Rapaport, Lois Seulowitz, John Sorice, Jerry Trupin, Marty Williams, Jim Wood

Mission: To provide opportunity for intellectual stimulation through lectures, short-term courses offered on site, seminars, and discussion programs.

This year, the committee lost a valued member, Ellie Bromberg, but welcomed Barbara Bettigole and Michael Rapaport. We continue to appreciate the suggestions and contacts made by many residents for speakers and lecturers.

During the past year, Fran Kelly and John Sorice met several times with representatives of Pace University with the goal of establishing additional educational opportunities for our residents with this neighboring institution. Further discussions are scheduled for August 2018 and beyond.

In January 2018, we sponsored the fourth **KOH Great Decisions Program**. Topics selected by the Foreign Policy Association were: The Waning of Pax Americana; Russia's Foreign Policy; China and America: the new geopolitical equation; Media and Foreign Policy; Turkey: A partner in crisis; U. S. Global Engagement and the Military; South Africa's Fragile Democracy; Global Health: Progress and Challenges. Participating Kendal residents read and studied the material provided in the briefing book and actively took part in discussions led by fellow residents.

The third **Domestic Issues Discussion Program** was held in the fall of 2017. Topics were: Saving America's Neglected Infrastructure, America's Criminal Justice System and Prison Reform, Can America's Presidential Election System Be Reformed, U. S. Tax Policy and Inequality, and The Future of America's Public Education System. Each discussion was led by a resident. The 2018 program, starting in October, will consist of four sessions: Legal Paths to U.S. Immigration and the Impact of Proposed Changes; Future of Healthcare in America; Analysis and Projected Impact of the 2018 Mid-Term Elections; A Look at America's Education System in 2030.

Great Books Program: Chair: Lois Seulowitz; Leaders: Doris Appleby, Sheila Darnborough, Doris Eder, Edith Litt, Lois Seulowitz, John Sorice, Bill Smethurst. The KoH Great Books program, established in 2012, is affiliated with the Westchester Great Books Consortium. Selected readings for 2017-18 included: *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse; *The Secret Agent* by Joseph Conrad; *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin; *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. Two training programs for Great Books leaders in the local community were held at Kendal in 2017 and 2018; one was for experienced leaders only.

Resident-Led Seminars and Courses: In the fall of 2017 and winter of 2018, Bill McFeely again led popular seminars for small groups of residents. His topics, respectively, were “The Rage of the White Folk,” and “Sapelo’s People,” based on his book. Two seminars led by Jerry Tanklow, “Poetry for Those Who are Wary of Poetry” and “Yeats and Other Greats” were well received by participants. In May 2018, Ann Holloway and Jeff O’Donnell led a two-session course, “The Genius of Leonardo da Vinci.”

Lectures: Between September 2017--August 2018, 44 evening lectures and programs were offered on a variety of topics, including: *What’s New in the Rockefeller Preserve; In the Shadow of Beethoven: Franz Schubert and Vienna; The Town of Mount Pleasant; Crimes against Art: Theft, Plunder, and Destruction; Hudson Riverkeeper; New York City Encyclopedia; Scenic Hudson; Foreign Policy and the Trump Administration; Revolutionary-era Artifacts; Best Books of 2017; UN Quaker Mission - Seeking Peace in Troubled Times; Westchester County during the Revolutionary War; Making Gullah: Sapelo Island and Sapelo’s People; Land Conservation in the Adirondack Park.*

Are We Winning the Race to Save Endangered Species; Your Right to the Environment; The American Red Cross; A Golden Interval: The Kennedys in Bronxville; Art Deco – Design with a Lasting Legacy; Peacefulness and Violence in the Quran; Silencing the Bomb, One Scientist’s Quest to Halt Nuclear Testing; Restorative Justice; An Intimate Evening of Song with Denny McCormick; Tracking Earthquakes; Jazz Diplomacy: Representing a Complex America; From House of Fear to a Chance at Hope: Two Centuries of Sing Prison; The Lilac Girls; Hearts and Minds; Picasso at Pocantico; Reach the World; An Evening of Animated Cartoons; Dwight David Eisenhower and the Turbulent 50’s; Technology is neither good, nor bad, nor neutral; Homelessness in Westchester—How are we doing; The Art of Winemaking; The New NY Bridge Update; The NYS Bridge Authority and Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley; Challenges facing Westchester Community College & Legal Issues Facing the New County Administration; The Fragility of Democracy: Lessons from Weimar Germany; Anatomy of a Genocide: The Life and Death of a Town Called Bucazacz.

Courses: From September 2017 through August 2018, courses were offered for residents on site for modest fees. Three new lecturers were introduced in 2018: Yoel Magid, Jill Kiefer, and Walter Srebnick.

Relations of the Giants: China, India, the U. S. (Marjorie Miller)

September

World Affairs Update (Jean-Marc Oppenheim)

October

How Jews and Christians View Scripture (Michael Malina)

November

Seminar: Understanding the Confucian Roots of Asian Political, Social,

February

<i>and Philosophic Culture (Marjorie Miller)</i>	
<i>Reexploring Genesis (Michael Malina)</i>	March
<i>Democracy in Disarray (Yoel Magid)</i>	April
<i>The Genius of Leonardo da Vinci (Ann Holloway/Jeff O'Donnell)</i>	May
<i>Music Course (Michael Boriskin)</i>	May
<i>The Giants of Impressionism and Postimpressionism (Jill Kiefer)</i>	June
<i>In Search of the American Family Onstage (Kate Farrington)</i>	July

Courses for the remainder of 2018 include:

<i>Alfred Hitchcock and the Mid-Twentieth Century (Walter Srebnick)</i>	September
<i>The Roots of Modern Globalization (Jean Marc Oppenheim)</i>	October
<i>Asia Beyond the Headlines (Marjorie Miller)</i>	November

FIBER ARTS GROUP

Chair:	Marilyn Bottjer
Co-Chair:	Susan Lichten

Mission: The Fiber Arts Committee undertakes and promotes a variety of activities for Kendal residents in the area of fiber art -- weaving, needlework, knitting, rug hooking, etc.

The Fiber Arts Group meets from 2-4 PM on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in the Craft Room. The number of attendees varies, but they all are involved in various forms of fiber arts including weaving, knitting, needlepoint, crochet, rug hooking, etc.

This past year we presented a program led by Deborah Trupin, a textile conservationist, on the conservation of two historic American flags. This was well attended by the Kendal residents. Those of us who knit have been knitting infant hats for the Open Door Clinic to be included in the baby boxes they present to the parents of newborns. So far, we have knitted over 100 hats.

Four resident fiber artists were chosen to present the major art exhibit in the Rue des Artistes. FABULOUS FIBERS featured Barbara Bettigole, a weaver; Cobb Stewart, a quilter; Ed Hanin, a needle-pointer; and Marilyn Bottjer, a rug hooker. The exhibit, which ran from February through September 2018, was enthusiastically received by Kendal residents. For the future, we are hoping to present another program by textile conservationist Deborah Trupin. We will continue to promote the Art in Fiber.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Chair	Dot Bone
Secretary	Catherine Trapasso/Ann Sand
Members	Amelia Augustus, Margo Berger, Peter Bermas, Joe Costa, Jim Donovan, Eugene DuBow, Ruth Fenton, Ruth Laudor, Jan Myers, Arlene Mervis, Cynthia Sammis

Tuesday Morning Club Sheila Benedis, Lin Bermas, Peter Bermas, Sally Costa, Lila D'Adolf, Ruth Fenton, Arlene Mervis, Betty Morefield, Cynthia Sammis, Marna Sobelson, Louise Sacci, Jackie Wilke, Deb Wood.

Mission: “Caring for One Another,” means that we are concerned with the needs of residents relating to health and wellness. The “Wellness Center” includes the Resident Care Center, Swimming Pool, Fitness Center, and an Out-Patient Therapy facility. We also are concerned with Adirondack (Enhanced Assisted Living), Clearwater (Acute Nursing) and Sunnyside (Special Needs Assisted Living). Sunnyside includes residents with memory loss.

The committee meets at least every other month, generally on the second Friday at 10 AM. All residents are encouraged to attend any meeting of the committee. Lisa Wacht, Health Services Administrator, or another member of the department also attends.

Once a month, usually on the last Wednesday, we sponsor a “Coffee Klatch” with Chris Appel, Director of Nursing, and Lisa Wacht or another related staff member. Refreshments are served. These meetings are very informative, and residents are encouraged to bring up their concerns, suggestions or questions.

The committee also plans irregular public meetings of relevant concern. On March 19, 2018, we sponsored a meeting, “Medical Marijuana, What You Should Know.” led by Dr. Lynn Parodneck, at 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room. She helped us to understand what kinds of problems can be helped with medical marijuana, legal in New York State, and how one goes about obtaining it.

Other smaller meetings have been held during the year. One was related to reactivating the “Friendly Neighbors” program. Another was held with representatives of the Lighthouse Guild. This led to the formation of the “Vision Help Group” now led by Amy Augustus, with the help of Muriel Hahn and some 20 others.

The Vision Help Group has had several successful meetings. One, “Nutrition and Eye Health,” was conducted by our Cathy DiSomma. At another meeting, Betty Albertson and Muriel Hahn, with the help of Martin Smolin, explained how “Talking Books” work. They also shared the application forms for Free Library Service through the NY State Talking Book Library.

We also support the “Tuesday Morning Club” which meets weekly in the Private Dining Room from 10 to Noon. Led by Sally Costa, Lin Bermas, and Dot Bone, a group of volunteers creates a program that encourages conversation, provides exercise, participation in games and puzzles, accompanied singing, and a program of simple craft activities. We welcome IL and Adirondack residents who may have “cognitive decline” or other limitations who can benefit from the program. Residents with aides are encouraged to come with them. We are always looking for participants as well as volunteers.

Our monthly meetings were concerned with planning activities and keeping up with residents’ concerns. We informed people of the new fitness program called “Fall Prevention Clinic.” There was a report about volunteers who, working with Stacey Conway (social worker) last year, created a program in Sunnyside on Friday mornings, similar to the “Tuesday Morning Club.”

There was a discussion of the need for a public meeting on a proposed state law, "Medical Aid in Dying." Such a program has been scheduled for October 10, 2018.

Lisa shared the Kendal staff response to a proposed Advanced Directive which tries to deal with feeding of foods and liquids to people in final stages of Alzheimer's or other incurable disease. At one meeting, Dorena Schneider, Director of Health Pro, explained the therapy services available to residents: PT, OT and Speech Therapy.

HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

Chair: Anna Mae O'Leary
Members: Barbara Bettigole, Leni DeCamp, Selma Clark, Mildred Carroll, Peter Davies, Gloria Lewit, Annette Leyden, Peter Limburg, Gwen Moffatt, Topsy Preus, Louise Sacci, Cynthia Sammis, Janet Schloat, John Sorice, Cobb Stewart, Steve Unger

Mission: To promote knowledge and love of gardening. Our goal is to enhance the environment of the Healing Garden located on the C Level, and support residents in cultivating the 10 raised planters located on the Terrace overlooking the Hudson River. These two areas provide beauty and enjoyment for our residents and guests.

The committee meets six times a year, and oftener if needed. Several new members joined this year: Barbara Bettigole, Gloria Lewit, Peter Limburg and Janet Schloat. We welcome any residents interested in gardening to join us.

The 10 Terrace planters are areas for residents to who love to garden. Some plant flowers, others vegetables and herbs. Those assigned a planter sign a contract to plant, fertilize, weed and water their assigned planters and clean them up in the fall. The Kitchen cultivates one planter for its own use. Another planter, maintained by Topsy Preus, contains a variety of herbs for residents' personal use.

The committee cares for the four wisteria at the pergola overlooking the Hudson, with assistance from the Facilities Department.

In May 2018, the committee arranged two trips to the Westchester Greenhouse in Hartsdale for residents who wished to purchase plants for their balconies or terraces.

In spring 2018, members planted 14 Russian Sage plants at the Mary Powell main entrance to fill the bare spot at the south side of the building. These perennials are drought and deer resistant.

This year, the committee assumed responsibility for the cost of plants and shrubs for the Healing Garden, as the original donated funds have been depleted. Annette Leyden, with help from volunteers, ensures that the plants, trees and bushes are well cared for. This beautiful garden is a sanctuary for patients, their relatives and friends to spend precious time together. A large overgrown Zelkova tree and a dead Dogwood tree were removed this year; a Japanese Cut Leaf Red Maple and several Pee Gee Hydrangeas were planted – all improving the garden immensely.

The committee works with Gower Lane on matters related to maintenance performed by our contractor, BrightView (clearing poison ivy and scrub growth, spreading mulch, etc.).

The committee also is concerned that the river views are no longer available to those enjoying the large terrace or from “river view” apartments and other campus areas. Committee representatives met on August 3, 2018 with administration and a representative of Divney, Tung & Schwalbe, Kendal’s Landscape Architects, to discuss issues of concern regarding the overall landscaping of the campus, particularly the need to top/prune trees in front of the Terrace that block and hide river views and to remove or drastically prune all trees that block apartment windows, inhibiting views. We look forward to continued discussions on these matters and resolution of any and all issues.

KENDAL HOME SWAP COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Jane Beers/Cobb Stewart

Mission: The Kendal Swap Program allows residents of one Kendal Community to temporarily exchange residences with residents living in another Kendal Community. This web-based portal provides Kendal residents with a secure login: (1) search for an “Available Swap,” and/or (2) post an “Available Swap.” *Internet:* <https://portal.kendal.org>.

The KoH Swap Committee facilitates this program for KoH residents interested in swapping their apartments and welcomes guests from other Kendal communities who come to KoH through the Swap Program.

The first Kendal on Hudson Swap occurred in September 2017 when Jane Beers, Sheila Darnborough, and Cobb Stewart enjoyed a week of Southern life at Kendal at Lexington, VA. This past year, there have been no Swaps that we know of by KoH residents.

If you are considering a Swap or would like more information, please contact Jane Beers or Cobb Stewart.

KENDAL VIEW

Editor: Norman Sissman
Managing Editor: Pat Taylor
Editor Emerita: Joan Oltman
Editorial Staff: Gloria Cooper, Eugene DuBow, Doris L. Eder, Muriel Fox, Edith Litt, Deborah O'Keefe, Sue Phillips, Bill Smethurst
Photography Editors: Horst Berger, Art Brady, Caroline Persell

Mission: Now in its thirteenth year of publication, *Kendal View* is the literary journal of KoH, featuring the writings and photography of residents. It is produced bimonthly by a total staff of 14 people, each with a particular skill in putting together a magazine. Every six weeks, this staff meets to discuss material for the upcoming issue and to contribute ideas for future ones.

Each issue consists of four covers in full color, 16 pages of text (interviews, reminiscences, poetry, reportage) and eight pages of advertising from local merchants and professional organizations. The three photo editors alternate in choosing work by residents for the covers. Text is submitted by residents or assigned to a specific writer by the editors. The income from advertising covers all production and printing costs, with the surplus given to the Residents Council general fund.

The magazine is printed locally, with its press run of 310 copies distributed in Independent Living cubbies, to residents in Adirondack and Clearwater, to 24 senior staff members, to members of the Board of Trustees. Two copies are left in the staff recreation room in Mary Powell. In addition, copies are available in the Archives, the Kendal Library, and the waiting room of the Wellness Center. The Marketing Department is supplied with copies to give to prospective residents. The magazine also appears on the KoH Residents Website.

In featuring the work of residents, *Kendal View* adds to the sense of community that is one of the strongest elements of our lives here.

KOH TV CHANNEL 1970

Chair:	Sheila Darnborough
Chair Emeritus:	Hubie Wilke
Technicians:	Lin Bermas, Art Brady, Richard Liebowitz, Mariet van der Heide
Film Selection:	Leonore Meyer, Chair, Movie Committee
Filming and Editing:	Art Brady, Sheila Darnborough, Eugene DuBow
Photography Editor:	Arthur Brady

Mission: KOH TV is Kendal on Hudson's internal TV channel that transmits on Channel 1970. Its mission continues to be ensuring that Kendal residents, irrespective of their level of independence, have access to Kendal events in their own homes.

This year, Channel 1970 has maintained its regular broadcast service of showing a nightly movie (generally that shown in the Gathering Room the night before), recordings of two KOH events each afternoon (on a weekly cycle), and round-the-clock still photos of Rue des Artistes exhibits. The weekly programs include Monday evening lectures, the CEO's talks, Residents Association Quarterly meetings, concerts, and other special programs.

Of particular note this year was filming, and broadcasting, the CEO's explanation and instructions for residents to deal with the GI Virus invasion in January and "live broadcasting", for the first time, Kendal's thirteenth anniversary celebrations in April.

Live broadcasting uses the Gathering Room's ceiling camera rather than handheld cameras. Using this camera will become standard practice shortly. This requires changes in editing and archiving, the completion of instructions for same and training volunteers. A policy needs to be set regarding which KOH programs will be "live broadcast."

Service interruptions have been marginally fewer than last year, eight compared to “just under ten”. Of the two major issues, one was caused by a software bug, which was solved by the software vendor providing a “fix” and replacing the dedicated hardware. The other was caused by an operating system upgrade that dislocated many of Channel 1970’s settings. To solve this, the computer is now totally dedicated to Channel 1970 and future operating system upgrades will not be installed. Other issues also related to settings and were resolved by volunteers or our consultant.

Some residents continue to report issues of “flickering” reception and sound. As stated before, while flickering can be attributed to older movie recordings, sound issues generally relate to individual TVs. The quality of Channel 1970’s sound is controlled by its software that is checked frequently, and is currently at optimum.

Last, but not least, some comments about Channel 1970’s resources. These fall into the categories of hardware used for broadcasting films, recordings, etc.; Aavelin Digital Signage, a hardware/software combination used to schedule and otherwise manage the broadcasts; volunteers and professional consultancy. This approach was deemed the most appropriate for Channel 1970’s needs when installed shortly after Kendal opened in 2005.

The prevailing opinion about the hardware used for broadcasting – that it is obsolete – is correct but it is compatible with the current Aavelin hardware, whereas more current broadcasting hardware is not. While this approach continues to work, it broadcasts in “standard definition” but the trend in television is moving to “high definition” which produces a better-quality picture.

We will be exploring the benefits for Kendal in changing to a high definition or other system and will be posting the Residents Association accordingly. This will require investment in hardware, the scheduling system and in volunteers who will need retraining.

Grateful thanks to the dedicated group of resident volunteers listed above and our consultant, Ira Malek. They keep Channel 1970 running by changing the programs daily, filming KOH programs for future broadcasting, learning how to troubleshoot the system, editing films, dealing with the administration and more. We welcome Richard Liebowitz to our ranks but are sad to see Jacky Cummings depart.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs:	Suzanne Adel/Sally Kellock
Secretary:	Lois Seulowitz
Information Services:	Peggy Pennell
Training:	Topsy Preus
Carousel Chair:	Lynn Brady
Curators:	Rita Benzer, Mary DeSantis, Shirley Lobenthal, Frances Sloane, Adele Trupin
Special Collections:	Suzanne Adel and Sally Kellock, managers

Curators:	(Key: MP= Mary Powell; RF = Robert Fulton)
Art Books	Ann Holloway, Barbara Gochman - Clermont bridge lobby
Faith	Len Andrew – Alida 3rd fl. (west side)
French	Mimi Weare – RF 2nd fl. elevator lobby (west side)
Music (Books)	Bert Pepper-MP mezzanine
Music (CDs)	Annette Leyden, Peggy Pennell – MP 2nd fl. east elevator
Mysteries	Gretchen Engler – Alida bridge alcove
Natural Science	Gloria Lewit – RF 3rd fl. elevator lobby (west side)
Sociology	Caroline Persell – Sociology RF 4th fl. lobby (east side)
Women's Issues	Peggy McLaughlin - Alida 1st fl. elevator (west side)

Membership: All of the above and: Gay Berger, Barbara Bettigole, Penny Brome, Eugene DuBow, Doris Eder, Doris Gottlieb, Ed Hanin, Sydney Hinds, Marge Heitbrink, Susan Lichten, Claire Limmer, Grace Lowney, Helen Lowenstein, Mary McFeely, Bill McFeely, Shirley Miller, Sue Phillips, Florence Seligman, Ruth Sherman, Bob Singleton, Ruth Singleton, Jerry Tanklow, Valerie Wallace, Alice Weinstein. We are sad to note the passing of Nathan Saltzburg who was a valued member for many years.

Mission: Build up an excellent collection that is useful and up to date with a simple circulation system that all residents can use with ease. The library is open at all times, and residents can borrow books by filling out yellow slips. From Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., a volunteer is available to provide information and assistance. Through an arrangement with the Warner Library, residents can also borrow books from the Westchester County system. Our goal: that the Kendal Library will be a quiet and welcoming environment for all readers.

Accomplishments:

1. “Meet the Author”- Introduced new residents to the library through a talk with a Kendal author (Harriet Barnett)
2. Five new residents joined the Committee and received appropriate training
3. Provided orientation and software training to library volunteers
4. Prepared an information circular on the library for use by Marketing (Valerie Wallace)
5. Increased the collection of large-print books substantially
6. Prepared a large-print catalog of those books to assist the sight impaired (Doris Eder)
7. Updated computerized catalog to remove missing or culled books
8. Added second user for library software.
9. Added new Special Collection of donated mysteries
10. Screened donated books and DVDs/CDs
11. Renewed association with Better World Books (unusable donations)
12. Published lists of newly acquired books on Kendal website
13. Reinstated and maintained Clearwater book rack
14. Arranged Warner demonstration of HOOPLA, a new app that provides access to films and more
15. Continued to offer books to residents for one dollar each; proceeds used to purchase new books.

Plans for 2019:

1. Continue many of above activities, plus
2. Refine Special Collections and familiarize residents with them through items in *Spotlight*
3. Appoint a subcommittee to investigate the needs of the next wave of residents (Boomers)

LOSS COMMITTEE

Chair: Bob Sanders
Members: Betty Albertson, Ann Behrendt, Sheila Benidis, Peter Bermas, Dot Bone, Ed Hanin, Ruth Laudor, Susan Lichten, Shirley Lobenthal, Sue Phillips, Jim Wood

Mission: The Loss Committee organizes occasional informative programs and films on end-of-life issues, sponsors an annual memorial service for residents who have died in the preceding year, and assists families plan appropriate memorial services for their loved ones. It also sponsors support groups for Caregivers, Parents of Special Needs Children, and those with Parkinson's Disease. Its pamphlet, "Our Sympathy and How We Can Help," is distributed to families of deceased residents.

The Committee organized and participated in the sixth Annual Memorial Service held by the Residents Association in the Gathering Room on January 15, 2018. Susan Lichten, Ruth Laudor and Bob Sanders read the names of the residents who passed away during 2017. Short biographies of each of the deceased prepared by Susan Lichten and Sue Phillips were read by Peter Bermas and Ed Hanin, while their photographs were displayed on the screen.

Several memorial services were held during the year with members of the Committee acting as ushers where needed. It needs to be re-emphasized that family members of a deceased resident work with Ellen Ottstadt and with the Loss Committee when organizing a memorial service.

The Support Group for Parents of Special Needs Children (now expanded to include Grandparents) continues its monthly get-togethers.

The Loss Committee intends to resume its occasional showings of movies on related subjects in coordination with the Movie Committee, such showings to be followed by discussions on a subsequent day.

The subject of a discussion of end-of-life issues came up once again; such a discussion is now scheduled to take place under Resident Council auspices on October 10, 2018. Lisa Wacht, Director of Health Services, will moderate.

MOVIE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Leonore Meyer
Co-Chair:	Annette Leyden
Members:	Suzette Winter Feldman, Gisa Indenbaum, Peter Nichols, Judith Polisar, Jerry Tanklow, William Pence
Statistician:	Peggy Pennell

Mission: The Movie Committee's mission is to choose, order, and schedule movies to be shown to Kendal residents on a regular basis.

The committee meets bi-weekly to schedule two weeks of movies for showing both in the Gathering Room and on our TV station, Channel 1970. Once the schedule is developed, it is provided weekly for printing on the front page of Spotlight.

Most of our movies are ordered from our Netflix account, funded by the Residents Council. A number of movies come from residents' personal collections.

On average, movies are shown six times per week, usually from Tuesday through Sunday in the Gathering Room, and seven nights on Channel 1970. They are scheduled for 7:30 PM weeknights and 3:00 PM Sundays in the Gathering Room and 8:00 PM on Channel 1970. When another event is taking place in the Gathering Room (concert, Fireside Chat, or other special event), a movie is not shown. Attendance varies, from a dozen or so some nights, to large numbers for new movies.

We show a variety of movies from all countries: -- dramas, musicals, comedies, documentaries and some from the good old days, some current, and some new during the awards season. We are fortunate that a few residents have Hollywood connections, enabling us to show movies that have been nominated early for Oscars. The committee is always open to movie suggestions from residents and other committees. We do our best to schedule them when available.

At each Gathering Room showing, at least one committee member is present to ensure that all goes well and that system is closed down after the showing, with the disc placed in the Channel 1970 room for showing the following evening.

Committee member Peggy Pennell has been keeping a computer record of all movies shown in the past few years, for which we are most grateful.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs:	Bert Pepper/Fran Kelly
Members:	Arthur Brady, Lila D'Adolf, Sheila Darnborough, Eugene DuBow, Phyllis Fross, Ed Hanin, Bill McFeely, Michael Rapaport, Janet Schloat, Bob Singleton

Mission: To organize, coordinate, and provide musical programs for Kendal Independent Living residents, while also welcoming friends from other residential parts of the Kendal Community. It maintains the Steinway piano, bequeathed to us by Clara Loomanitz.

A resident's anonymous gift underwrote the first two chamber music concerts in the fall of 2006, leading to the formation of the Music Committee in January 2007. Our annual concert program, consisting generally of one concert a month, is financed primarily by the Residents Council through a resident bequest. Occasionally, artists offer to perform gratis, which enables us to augment our offerings. Additional programming is made possible by sponsorships from individual residents or their families. The committee welcomes such sponsorships and is pleased to work with individuals or families regarding their wishes.

Sadly, this year we lost a longstanding member, J. B. Price. At the same time, we welcomed two new members to share in our work for the Kendal community, Bill McFeely and Michael Rapaport.

Over the years, the committee has coordinated almost 190 diverse musical programs ranging from traditional chamber music to jazz, steel drums, bluegrass, and classical guitar. We have featured outstanding professional groups and individuals as well as aspiring artists.

This year we welcomed amazing new performers: famed violinist Elizabeth Pitcairn, with students from the Luzerne Music Center; musicologist Christopher Gibbs and the Bard College Music Conservatory Trio; renowned organist and harpsichordist Anthony Newman; contemporary folk artists Maura and Pete Kennedy; pianist Meta Lau; Trio d'Ete; Broadway star Ciarán Sheehan; and the Tarrytown Jazz Forum All-Stars. We balance the programs with performers who have been received enthusiastically by our audience while trying out new performers and new types of music.

Almost all concerts take place on Sunday afternoons at 3 PM, followed by a popular reception in the Private Dining Room. These receptions give residents the chance to meet and chat with the musicians who have told us how much they enjoy playing for our sophisticated and appreciative residents.

2018 Concert Series

Sun., Jan. 7	Steel Passion (steel drum band)
Sun., Feb. 4	Elizabeth Pitcairn, violin, and Luzerne Music Center students
Sun., Feb. 11	Catherine Nesbit Duo (Sue Anderson, piano)
Sun., Mar. 4	Bard College Trio with Prof. Christopher Gibbs
Sun., Mar. 18	Avery Ensemble, piano quartet
Sun., Apr. 15	Anthony Newman, piano/harpsichord
Sun., Apr. 29	Cuatro Puntos (Steve Larson sextet)
Sun., May 6	Meta Lau, piano
Sun., May 13	Tommy Mesa, cello, Ilya Yakushev, piano
Sun., June 3	Sleepy Hollow High School Jazz Ensemble
Sun., June 17	The Kennedys, contemporary folk music
Sun., June 24	Trio d'Ete, piano trio
Sun., July 15	Ciarán Sheehan, baritone, Sue Anderson, piano
Sun., Aug. 12	Mark Morganelli and the Jazz Forum All-Stars

Fri., Oct. 12 (7:30 PM)	REBEL Early Music Ensemble
Sun., Nov. 11	Music from Copland House
Sun., Dec. 2	Purchase College Music Conservatory students
Sun., Dec. 16	The Kennedys, contemporary folk music
	The committee is now in the process of designing the 2019 program.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Chair:	Deb Wood
Members:	Jane Beers, Ursula Hahn, Ruth Laudor, Gloria Lewit, Leonore Meyer, Martin Smolin

Mission: The Recycling Committee is dedicated to improving the environment by advocating recycling. Our focus is to spread recycling awareness to every resident by educating them on what and how materials can be recycled and the value of recycling to Kendal and to the broader community.

The committee has met once this year, on September 6. We are investigating the possibility of having a bin installed at Kendal to collect used clothing, shoes and textiles. The company that would maintain such a bin sorts what is collected. Useable clothing is distributed locally. The remainder of fabrics, textiles and shoes is sent mainly to places in Guatemala and towns along the Texas/Mexico border.

We will be setting up a meeting with the contact person to answer our questions. We will seek a meeting with Gower to see it would be possible to have such a bin on the campus. Deb had met with the Residents Council earlier this year, and we were encouraged to go ahead with seeing if this would be possible. Several reminders about recycling have been put into Spotlight. Signage in the trash rooms needs to be inspected and refurbished.

Some members of the committee are concerned about the plastic containers that are available for taking food from the Bistro. They can be recycled, but too often they turn up in the trash. The green reusable containers are generally not visible, and they must be asked for. Apparently, some of these also get into the trash.

One of our members is looking into information about solar panels, and how feasible they might be for Kendal.

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Muriel Fox
Members:	Bob Singleton/Doris Appleby, Kendal Singers directors; Lois Seulowitz, Kendal Players director; Sally Costa, New Year's Eve party chair; Jo-Ann Rapaport, assistant to the Chair and possible future replacement

Mission: to produce two major social events for New Year's Eve and the Fourth of July, and to assist the Residents Council with other social events as needed.

A third major social event in 2018, the KoH 13th Anniversary Celebration, was co-chaired by Fran Kelly and Bert Pepper.

Once again, the New Year's Eve celebration and the Fourth of July program were well attended and well received by the KOH community. This year's events followed closely the successful formats of their counterparts from the seven previous years.

A problem for this year's New Year's Eve party was that December 31 fell on a Sunday. This meant that the usual dinner parties could not be held in the Formal Dining Room and Bistro. It also meant that residents would be hungrier than usual when they attended the party after the show. Gower Lane helped greatly by providing hors d'oeuvres of smoked salmon and shrimp cocktail that residents could enjoy during dinner in their own apartments. Sally Costa also created posters that encouraged people to bring food treats to the party. The resulting food spread was festive and filling. Attendees especially enjoyed champagne and caviar provided by the committee, with financing from the previous New Year's Eve donations.

The annual show, produced by Muriel Fox, again featured the glittering Times Square-type globe created by Esther Steinmetz, with an audience countdown to a rousing shout of "Happy New Year." Bob Singleton led the Kendal Singers, accompanied by Lila D'Adolf; and Lois Seulowitz led the Kendal Players. Gemma Maver was mistress of ceremonies. Harriet Barnett was the hard-working stage manager.

Sally and Joe Costa organized elegant decorations and refreshments for a very well attended party in the Residents Lounge, assisted by Bob and Ruth Singleton, Lynn and Peter Bermas, Bill and Florence Seligman and Gus Tahmin.

After the show, more than 30 residents joined together in the Private Dining Room for a singalong of old-time songs with accompaniment by Bob Singleton and Deborah Wood.

Since the 2017 Fourth of July show with an audience vote had been enthusiastically received, we decided to feature a vote again in 2018. The new theme: Is the United States the greatest country in the world? Lois Singleton spoke in favor of an affirmative answer, while Gene DuBow spoke for the negative. The audience vote was 39 Yes responses and 73 No responses.

Again in 2018, the show featured a reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Frank Neuwirth, and a recital of the Bill of Rights amendments by the Kendal Players, directed by Lois Seulowitz. The Kendal Singers, directed by Doris Appleby, performed new and familiar patriotic songs with the audience singing along. Because of unusually high temperatures, the Residents Council had canceled its endorsement of a hike to the top of Rockwood Park hill to observe fireworks. However, a dozen residents climbed the hill together as individuals.

After the show, other residents watched local fireworks from a variety of viewing spots within the buildings. They were guided by a colorful poster created by Horst Berger.

SPOTLIGHT COMMITTEE

Chair/Editor: Peggy Pennell
Editors: Peter Bermas, Doris Eder, Ursula Hahn, Sally Kellock, Claire Limmer, Peggy Pennell

Mission: To publish a weekly newsletter informing all residents of events taking place at KoH during the next week. We hope to make it clear, interesting, as brief as possible, and, above all, accurate.

The Spotlight committee was formed in 2006, shortly after Kendal on Hudson opened, to produce a newsletter that would inform all residents in a timely fashion about news and events to take place here during the coming week.

The Editors take turns assembling the copy supplied by residents and the Administration into a document, usually 4-5 pages long and traditionally printed on yellow paper. One of the Editors prepares the monthly calendar of events, which is included with the first issue of each month, and each week, posts an appropriately redacted issue of Spotlight on the Residents Association website. Our Editors enjoy sufficient and varied computer skills, which result in a variety of layouts and typefaces for each issue.

The Administration copies and staples each issue, and that week's Editor distributes them to all Independent Living cubbies and to the Adirondack nursing station, as well as posting copies on the appropriate bulletin boards. (Our thanks to Ellen Ottstadt, who does the actual production.) Copies to the staff and the health units are distributed by the Administration.

Since we have no expenses, we do not need financial assistance from the Residents Council. Our work is, of course, priceless. We plan to continue our work as we have in the past.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair: Ed Hanin
Members: Harriet S. Barnett, Juanita Carmi, Muriel Hahn, Fran Kelly, Shirley Lobenthal

Mission: The Kendal on Hudson Residents Transportation Advisory Committee works with Kendal on Hudson staff and administration to arrange regularly scheduled trips to the Tarrytown train station, doctors' offices, shopping centers and community events, as needed.

Services: As described in the Residence and Care Contract, Kendal on Hudson offers transportation for medical appointments (within a 15-mile radius), shopping, and similar activities based on a weekly schedule, within 10 miles.

The Transportation Advisory Committee provides information on available services to residents both on paper and on the Residents Website. It serves as a focus for residents' concerns and questions. Our transportation services are heavily used by residents. During 2017, 8,088 trips were made to doctors' offices, for shopping and to the Tarrytown train station. In 2016, 6,667 such trips were taken by residents.

Committee Activities:

- The committee held its second open meeting on September 8, 2017. Gower Lane discussed the initiation of the 15-mile radius for doctors' visits. Regarding bus comfort, Gower explained that the Kendal-owned buses are "rigid frame", do not have air suspension, and are not suitable for long trips.
- The committee worked with Administration in its decision to limit occupancy of the Kendal van to 12 passengers, rather than 14. Residents in wheelchairs will have their chairs brought in to the van, otherwise the space will be used to store walkers.
- The Transportation Advisory Committee supported the request of the Low Vision Support Group that Kendal provide transportation to enable Kendal residents with low vision to attend and receive services at the Lighthouse Guild in New York City. The Low Vision Support Group subsequently determined that such trips would not serve residents' needs.
- The committee placed several notices in Spotlight stating that residents schedule physician appointments no later than 3 PM in order to ensure a van ride back to Kendal by 4 PM. In addition, residents are asked to schedule their van rides at least one day before the ride is needed so as to permit them to be included in the drivers' schedule. This continues to be a problem for some residents and the committee will continue to place reminders in Spotlight.
- The committee plans to reissue the updated Resident Information Document in the late fall; of 2018.

The committee wishes to acknowledge the services of our three drivers, Rich, Eamon, and Howie. They provide reliable, dependable transportation for us and make every effort to meet the needs of our community. We thank them very much.

TRIPS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Jan Myers
Treasurer:	Lynn Brady
Members:	Sheila Benedis, Jacky Cummings, Joan Curry, Sheila Darnborough, Doris Eder, Muriel Hahn, Gloria Lewit, Pat Taylor, Alice Weinstein

Mission: The Trips Committee plans, arranges and leads day trips in New York City, the Tri-State Metro Area, Westchester County and the Hudson River Valley for Independent Living residents. Our mission is to provide access to new experiences and the rich cultural life, heritage and beauty of the region beyond Kendal on Hudson. We encourage residents to suggest trip ideas.

Trips are scheduled year-round. Between September 1, 2017, and August 31, 2018, we ran 38 trips with a total of 488 participants; many individuals took multiple trips. Seven trips were cancelled in 2017-2018 because of snow, the Kendal shutdown or no driver available.

Four new residents joined the Trips Committee in the last year.

Focusing on the cultural interests of Kendal residents, trips included primarily museums, gardens, historic houses and performances. In the past year we have placed more emphasis on gardens, particularly in the spring, and on science. The most popular trips were museums (14 trips in New York, Westchester and New Jersey); New York City Do Your Own Thing with drop off at the Met Museum (7 trips); gardens, botanical gardens and sculpture parks (6 trips); and Met Opera HD Live Saturday matinee transmissions in White Plains (4 trips).

We visited five new destinations: the Hayden Planetarium and its Space Show at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation in Mt. Kisco, Lasdon Park and Arboretum in Katonah, Montclair Art Museum in Montclair, NJ, and the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, CT.

Three trips were scheduled to the Met's Michelangelo show, with Ann Holloway giving an introductory talk at Kendal before each visit, and two trips to the Guggenheim for Albers, Brancusi and Giacometti. In the absence of blockbuster shows at most major New York art museums, we concentrated on specialty museums such as the Morgan Library and Museum, Museum of the City of New York, New York Historical Society, Hudson River Museum in Yonkers, Neuberger Museum of Art in Purchase and Katonah Museum of Art.

We featured a tour of Sleepy Hollow led by Mayor Ken Wray, Walkway Over the Hudson, a cruise on the Evening Star on the Hudson River, and the Matisse and Chagall stained-glass windows at Union Church of Pocantico Hills combined with refreshments at Stone Barns.

In addition to two perennial favorites, New York Botanical Garden for the Chihuly and Georgia O'Keeffe exhibitions and Storm King Art Center for a special exhibit of David Smith sculptures, we visited Wave Hill in the Bronx, Teatown in Ossining, Lyndhurst in Tarrytown and Boscobel in Garrison for the first time in several years.

Since many residents have been frequent visitors to Manhattan museums for decades, we look for special exhibitions, major expansions or renovations, and less familiar museums in the New York boroughs and the Tri-state Metro Area. An added appeal of museums is they are more accessible than historic homes, which often have entry steps, stairs and no elevators; and gardens or parks, which may have grass, gravel or uneven terrain and require considerable walking.

The committee's goal is to plan trips that appeal to a range of interests and activity levels and to serve the needs of mobility- and/or cognitively-challenged residents. Although few residents with wheelchairs or aides currently participate in trips, walkers and canes are often used. Most trip destinations are wheelchair accessible.

As the community ages, a larger number of individuals in their late eighties and nineties go on trips. We work with the Resident Care Center and submit trip sign-up sheets to be screened for whether participants have the stamina for a trip and whether anyone needs a mobility-assisted device (wheelchair, walker) and/or an aide.

Several changes towards the end of the fiscal year will affect next year's trips: the removal of two wheelchairs from each of the two Kendal vans, reducing their capacity from 14 to 12 persons (residents with wheelchairs may bring their own vehicles aboard); the switch of mall shopping trips from Wednesday to another day to permit us to schedule more trips to compensate for the decreased van seating; and City Center Cinema's introduction of reserved seating and new reclining seats, which substantially reduce the White Plains theater's seating capacity for Met Opera HD Live performances.

The Trips Committee is authorized to schedule trips with a 12-passenger Kendal van on Wednesdays. Costs apply to use of the van weekends and evenings when drivers are not on duty. Sign-up sheets for new trips are usually, but not always, put in the Trips Book on Fridays to coincide with announcements in Spotlight. Trips are filled on a first-come, first-served basis except for "New York City Do Your Own Thing," where priority is given to residents who have never or not recently take the trip.

We are committed to providing residents with a variety of interesting trips emphasizing new experiences and the rich cultural heritage of New York and the Hudson River Valley. Kendal on Hudson's prime location is a major reason why residents choose to live here.

Trips are vital to the well-being, morale and quality of life of many residents; they appeal to singles and couples, active individuals and ones with limited mobility, drivers and non-drivers, longtime Westchester residents and those from other counties and states.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs:	Caroline Persell/Jeff O'Donnell
Members:	Amelia Augustus, Peter Bermas, Secretary; Fran Kelly, Treasurer; Sheila Darnborough, Eugene DuBow, Sue Phillips, Jo-Ann Rapaport
Web Roles:	Caroline Persell, Webmaster; Peter Bermas, Eugene DuBow, Fran Kelly, Jeff O'Donnell, Jo-Ann Rapaport, Content Editors; Sally Kellock, Copy Editor. <i>See the Website Committee webpage (www.kohresweb.org) for all other contributors.</i>

Mission: The Website Committee is responsible for creating and maintaining a Residents Website with two goals:

- a) providing current residents with timely and important information in a single place;
- b) sharing with residents, families, prospective residents, and others outside of Kendal on Hudson written and visual examples of the vital and creative life here.

Highlights in 2017-18:

- Usage is up: from Jan. 1-Aug. 29, 2018, there were 3,824 unique visitors, up 40% over the same period last year. There were 5,486 total visits, up 21% over last year and a total of 17,600 page views, up 44% over last year.

- At the 2nd Annual Awards Dinner Jan. 31, 2018, Arthur Brady's video clip won the video contest. We thanked Bill Seligman for his service as Content Editor of the Calendar of Events since the website's beginning and Pat Taylor for her services as Copy Editor. We welcomed Jo-Ann Rapaport as the new Content Editor for the Calendar and Sally Kellock as the new Copy Editor.
- We held our second Website Soirée Nov. 8, 2017, a Wednesday, in the Gathering Room. It was very well attended because of tent announcements and because people at the wine and cheese reception next door were invited to attend and many did.
- On Jan. 1, we transitioned to a new password for "Residents Only" for 2018 by sending it in writing to all residents for whom we have an email address.
- We wrote job descriptions for the Webmaster; the Content Editor for the News page; for the Calendar of Events; and for Spotlight, Menus, and the Shopping Schedule.
- We continue to write the weekly Residents Website News describing what is new on the Residents Website in the past week and distribute it to all residents whose email addresses we have.
- A number of photographers have submitted photos that were published on the website this past year including: Rita Benzer, Margo Berger, Marilyn Bottjer, Arthur Brady, Sally Costa, Gloria Lewit, Shirley Lobenthal, Betty Morefield, Jeff O'Donnell, Stella Pence, Bert Pepper, Caroline Persell, Martin Smolin, Deborah Trupin, Valerie Wallace, and Anne White.
- Others beyond the website committee have helped in various ways. Some (Arthur Brady and Jerry Trupin) scanned *Spotlight* for inclusion on the website. Others (Gloria Lewit and Jerry Trupin) obtained release forms from new residents. Stella Pence helped prepare resident bios for publication on the website.

Plans for 2018-19:

- Develop more content editors so we can cover jobs if someone is away or sick.
- Have another Video Clip Contest.
- Have another Awards Dinner.
- Have another Website Soirée.
- Show residents how to use ICS or Google prompts in the Calendar of Events to add an event to their personal calendars, perhaps at the Soirée.
- Show residents how to use RSS (Really Simple Syndication) so they could ask to be notified by cellphone or email when there is a new entry on some specific page of the website.
- Continue weekly or more often updates of the major content pages.
- Work more on removing older material from the website. This could involve deciding on an archival location for various types of material.

WELCOMING TEAM

Co-Chairs:

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Members:

Betty Albertson, Barbara App, Harriet Barnett, Jane Beers, Lin Bermas, Peter Bermas, Sybille Colby, Sally Costa, Jacky Cummings, Clara Eldridge, Barbara Gochman, Jetta Gordon, Muriel Hahn, Jane Hart, Priscilla Holmgren, Barbara Hopkins, Fran Kelly, Mimi Frishman, Tom Kramer, Jane Kratovil, Ruth Laudor, Gloria Lewit, Shirley Lobenthal, Tom Loemker, Jean MacIntosh,

Arlene Mervis, Deborah O'Keefe, Susan Phillips, Jo-Ann Rapaport, Michael Rapaport, Cynthia Sammis, Janet Schloat, Betsy Schwartz, Florence Seligman, Marna Sobelson, Cobb Stewart, Adele Trupin, Alice Weinstein, Elliot Weinstein

Mission: To make the move into Kendal as pleasant and informative as possible, both for Independent Living and Adirondack residents. This is achieved through personal contacts before, during and after move in; social events; campus tours; and the provision of helpful information on resident life at Kendal. To accomplish our mission, we have a "Buddy System" in place.

The Assigned Buddy(s) in each of the Buildings is as follows:

Alida	Jane Kratovil, Harriet Barnett
Mary Powell	Jacky Cummings
Clermont	Jane Beers, Cobb Stewart
Robert Fulton	Jean MacIntosh
Adirondack	Lin Bermas

Once informed by the Marketing Department when a new resident will be arriving, information is given to the entire Welcoming Team and a note is placed in Spotlight. The Buddy in the new resident's building calls the new resident before move-in, welcomes them and answers any questions they may have.

Once the new resident has moved in, the Buddy identifies a resident, preferably someone on the Welcoming Team living near the new resident's apartment, who contacts the new resident and offers to be their point person for the first few weeks to ease their adjustment to Kendal, and presents them with a Kendal bag and an indexed RED notebook containing various useful lists (phone numbers, committee information, and a KOH magnetic fridge magnet).

A photo is taken to accompany a one-page bio which is placed on the Main Street bulletin board and in the Library notebook.

Members of the Welcoming Team are urged to take new residents to wine and cheese receptions and/or dinner, and are especially invited to the First Friday wine and cheese reception each month as well as to concerts, lectures, etc.

We ask new arrivals to wear their Kendal name tags on which a green dot identifies them as a newcomer, for a month. We urge all residents to welcome anyone seen wearing that badge. We further urge everyone in the community to wear their name badge during the first week of each month to help our new friends get to know us and to remind the rest of us of the names we may have forgotten!

New residents are officially introduced at the Quarterly Residents Association Meetings. The Residents Council holds a welcoming reception for groups of new residents several times a year to orient them to the Residents Association, the Council, and to the various activities.