

**Safe at Home Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 16, 10:30 AM**  
**Meeting Place, residence of Beth Gordon**

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

**Coffee Hour**

Next Coffee Hour, January 31 Hillsdale House. Our Jan. speaker is from the Col. Co Dept of Health and will speak on emergency preparedness. Lynne Colclough is handling the arrangements, before and during the event. Topic in February will be February Blues. The speaker, Robin Tassinari, who initially agreed to speak is unavailable due to staffing shortages at Albany Med. Lynda, Beth and Joyce F will work to identify a mental health specialist who would speak on the topic. Joyce F will be the coordinator for February.

March speaker - Phyllis Segal on Breaking the Age Code, Joyce L will be the responsible committee member. April speaker - Michele Kraham of Columbia County Office for the Aging will speak on their services and programs. May meeting - will plan on David Rasche. Tai Chi will also be an upcoming coffee hour.

Joyce L will get financial data from HECDC on the coffee hour budget. We will also include on the flyers that donations are appreciated.

**Home Repair and Maintenance Resource Guide**

Lynda and Dee are taking on the project of updating the 2021 guide; we should all pitch in with suggestions of additions, deletions and new categories. Adding computer help, locksmiths and upholsterers was suggested. Call the vendors first, see if they want to be listed, how they should be listed and their preferred contact numbers. Give all this information to Lynda.

We will ask The Fund for Columbia County for funding the printing and mailing of the updated guide. TBD when the booklet will be finalized, printed and mailed.

**Senior Chore Service Day**

Joyce L will reapply to BOGC for funding the cost of printing and mailing the Service Day announcement. Since BOGC funding will be divided equally to all Hillsdale committees who request funding, the amount SAH might receive will probably not be the \$600 needed to cover the cost.

**SAH Quarterly Newsletter**

The newsletter which Joyce L wrote was read and minor edits were made. Joyce L will take it to Staples for printing. Pick up of newsletter, stuffing and mailing will be coordinated and handled by Rene. Gordon Bates will print out the envelopes.

Please refer to the spreadsheet data base which Joyce L sent out to hopefully add more email addresses.

**Next meeting – February 13, Monday 1:00 pm**  
**Home of Joyce Lapenn**