

# BASA MINUTES

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

36 people were in attendance.

**Guest Speaker:** Judy Parliament, Antrim County Commission on Aging

*"The mission of the Antrim County Commission on Aging is to improve the quality of life, and maintain the highest level of independence for those persons age 60 and over, who reside in Antrim County"*

Began in 1974 and are now serving 49,000 meals a year- 90 per day.

Also provide bathing and respite, life savers, snow removal and some medical rides.

They have a loan closet for scooters, wheelchairs, walkers , lift chairs, commodes, shower chairs etc.

Annual picnic is the 3rd Thursday in August—it's a very fun and well attended event.

Some of the areas where they need help is with Dental, Furnace repair, Electrical, Hearing Aids and Minor Home Repairs. If you have any resources for these things please contact Judy at the office Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 pm or call 231-533-8703

**TRAVERSE CITY SENIOR EXPO:** May 16th. Theme is "Trick or Trick" - Treat yourself and avoid being tricked by scams etc.

Color scheme is black and white. We have \$3000 and \$1000 Sponsorships available.

Booth applications can be found on the website at TCSeniorExpo.org.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Heidi Kruse

42 paid Members at present

2018 dues are \$35 for new members. Dues have increased as of January 1, 2018 to \$50 for current members. If you are a new member please make sure you get on the website and check it out. There is an orientation on the website to introduce you to BASA and familiarize yourself with BASA's contributions to the community and its role in supporting the seniors in our area.

**SENIOR SUPPORT:** 5 people in the Grand Traverse and Leelanau County have been helped this winter through our Senior Support program. If you know of a senior in our area in need of monetary help there is information on the website on how to apply.

Thank you notes are still arriving from the 10 recipients of the yearly grant money.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**May 16th is Older Michigander Day** - Go to Lansing and advocate for the seniors in our area.

**Leelanau County Senior Services:** There is a milage coming up in Leelanau County where over 40% of the population is 60 years or older. How can we help promote the vote so that they can continue to fund the needed services for seniors in Leelanau county?

Leelanau County Expo is June 19th

**Fyzical Therapy:** The Medicaid cap for physical therapy was raised to \$3000 so more therapy is available to those in need.

**Dr. Jessica Stallman:** Free Balance Series at the Senior Center - 2nd Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. through July.

**Chronic Care:** New nurse, Margie Wilson

**Senior Benefit Solutions:** Medicare is slated to be cut over the next 10 years and Medicaid will also be slashed—call your congressmen and representatives and let your voice be heard.

**Grand Traverse Pavilions:** Concerts on the Lawn agenda is set- go on their website for the line up.

**Mary Sue Wilkinson:** Miriam Pico is now working with her.

**Great Lakes Physical Therapy:** Offering 25% off storage units for seniors. They passed their accreditation.

**Cherry Capital Cab:** All drivers are fingerprinted and have background checks.

**Northwestern Michigan Health Services:** Jennifer Kerns is the Tooth Fairy and all money raised is going to help fund dental services for Veterans.

**Swogger, Bruce and Millar Law Firm:** They have expanded their Elder Law Practice and added a new lawyer, Kelly, to their staff.

**Holli Home Health Care:** Tammy and Nathan Tarsa have retired from the In-Home Health Care Business. In order to keep consistency for our clients and our caregivers, Don Crossley, Nurse Case Manager from Holli Home Health Care has opened Holli Care, LLC. Any questions can be directed to the office at 231-943-1415.