



Welcome and happy spring! In this issue, you'll find lots of good stuff about Queen Anne's at Home and our members. You are a vital part of the group and we look forward to your feedback.

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President's Message

Greetings!

In this issue, we share news, welcome new members, and share experiences. We want to reach even more seniors in the area so we encourage you to share this newsletter and invite your friends and neighbors to join.

We recently launched **Operation Outreach**, a plan designed to increase awareness of the group, help more seniors and raise funds to support our programs. We need your help. We depend on your involvement as we support members through information, education, regular contact, and special programs. This thriving community of seniors helping each other needs your skills, talents, ideas and companionship. Please let us know how you can help your fellow members.

Thank you for all that you do to make a positive impact on our County's most treasured citizens.

Warm regards,

Russ Mail, President

PS. Special thanks to Julie Schaeffer for posting content on our Facebook page. I hope you'll check out the page and like and share it with your friends: www.facebook.com/QueenAnnesAtHome

New Service Team Helps Neighbors CONNECT

By Cindy Bach, *Service Team*

A new Service Team has been formed to fulfill service requests from the QA@H members. Its primary role is to coordinate direct service requests and the volunteer services provided by member volunteers – to CONNECT our members when in need of assistance from one of their QA@H neighbors.

After a New Service Request is submitted through the QA@H website or by phone, Service Committee Members oversee the process. This ensures that requests are properly submitted and requests are filled by a member volunteer willing and able to provide support services such as: transportation to a medical appointment, social calls, light home repair or delivery of groceries when temporarily unable to leave the home.



Service Team members:

- **Cindy Bach (chairperson)**
- **Jennifer Illari**
- **Karen Kirchner**
- **Wendy Manzi**
- **Mary Jo Volpi**
- **Margan Glover (IT Consultant)**

Number of service requests from December 2021 through Feb. 15, 2022:

12 Friendly Visit Requests

5 Driving Requests (primarily to doctor appointments, but also to hairdresser)

5 Tech Support Requests

Want to help? Call and leave a message at **410-635-4045** or send an email to OurQA@H@gmail.com.
We would love to have you!

Welcome New Members!



Please join me in welcoming new members who joined since our last newsletter:

- ❖ **Cathy Dougherty and Chuck Giarraputo**
- ❖ **Snook and Ed Kunkle**
- ❖ **Linda Nicholson**
- ❖ **Charlotte Zang**

We look forward to getting to know you!



We Need You!

We're excited about our future. We hope to grow even more, support more service calls, provide more education, team with QA County organizations, and **HAVE MORE FUN!**

To do that, **we need your help** - specifically with **reaching out to the community**, **welcoming new members**, **fundraising** and more. We will reach out to you in the coming months to discover how you can help your senior neighbors.

Survey Says!

By Linda Teuber-Kampes, *Events Team*

You spoke, and we listened! Watch your (e-)mail box for the future events you asked for, such as:

- Dealing with Hearing Loss (scheduled for May 18th)
- Nutrition and Aging (currently investigating)
- Safe Driving for Those Over Age 55 (interested people should check AARP Smart Driver)
- Sleep Specialist (currently investigating)
- Depression and Loneliness (currently investigating)
- Medical Marijuana



The most overwhelming response for an event topic was “**Cutting the cord: Going from cable to streaming.**” We are searching for a presenter.. **Can you help? Do you know someone who could share?** Contact lindat_01@comcast.net.

There was also strong interest in **field trips**, especially to **Longwood Gardens**. We're planning to attend a play at Church Hill Theater in the fall called “**The Outgoing Tide**” which is set in a summer cottage on the Chesapeake Bay. Other trips of interest were Winterthur Museum and a **sunset cruise**. Watch for more information!

Interest groups were a big hit, and we agree! It's a great way connect while helping to strengthen our community ties. The **Charity/Donation** initial kickoff meeting was planned in February. **Cooking** and **Crafts** will be next. If you want to start a special interest group, contact me at lindat_01@comcast.net to set up a kickoff meeting.

Some upcoming events require signup in advance including the **Spring Fried Chicken Dinner** on **April 20th**. **Please don't wait until the last minute.** If you can help plan events. contact me at lindat_01@comcast.net.



Member Referral Program

Congratulations to **Julie Schaeffer** and **Sheila Stutman** who each received an extension to their memberships for referring friends who joined QA@H. Nicely done! And thank you.

Our current members are the best source of our future members, so we need your help! Until further notice, you'll get a free month's extension to your own membership when you refer a friend who joins QA@H.

Just forward your pal's name and contact info to the QA@H “office” by calling **(410) 635-4045** or send an email to **OurQA@H@gmail.com**. Our Ambassador Team will follow up.

Member Spotlight

Meet Julie Schaeffer, a creative person with many talents and a fascinating background. A 1976 University of Maryland graduate with a degree in radio, television, and film, Julie has always loved technology. Her career path took her through many roles, including being a sign painter, working at the Post Office, and serving as a school counselor. Upon retiring, she has come full circle, back to her original love of the visual arts, especially photography and video.



When Julie had the time to devote to her passion, she taught herself how to make slideshows of photos. From there, she learned new techniques that enabled her to add music, captions, and animation to videos. Her favorite part of the creative process is editing where she selects and prepares the images, arranging them so that everything flows together nicely. When asked how she gets inspiration, Julie said, “Ideas come at night. When my mind is relaxed, that’s when I get the best ideas.”

An area homeowner’s association frequently uses Julie’s videos. She includes photos that she’s taken of the water, boats, and changing weather, editing them all together. She’s even taken videos of the neighborhood’s 4th of July celebration, Halloween parade, and holiday parties. “People really like those videos. It’s fun to see everyone at these events and the videos capture them so people can view and share them later.”

Julie used her skills to create a fabulous trailer video for Queen Anne’s at Home. It’s used on Facebook as well as at presentations, giving a sneak peek into the organization. “The video is brimming with energy. It’s designed to showcase what Queen Anne’s at Home is all about. My goal was to generate excitement so that more people will want to join.” To see the video, click here: <https://vimeo.com/597980906>

Here is another example of Julie’s talents and expertise: : <https://vimeo.com/622741091>

Thanks, Julie! We appreciate all you do for Queen Anne’s at Home!



Tech Talk

Do you know how to get updated materials for your SNAP binder? How to find contact information for your fellow QA@H members? How to learn about and sign up for events? How to join a QA@H Interest Group?

To access the wealth of member resources on our website, check out the overview with step-by-step guidance prepared by our IT Department. Here's how:

**Just log into our website.
Go to the <<MEMBER>> tab.
Select <<Resources>> and <<Tutorials>>.**

More of a visual person? Check out the tutorial video at <https://vimeo.com/677228686>



Why we love QA@H



Russ helped Julie with project



Julie helped Sheila with iPhone



Sheila checks on isolated member

Sharing Corner

Our members are the best! Here's an example of how members have helped each other recently.

Julie Schaeffer has been helping Sheila Stutman get up to speed with various tech challenges, from getting on email to moving into her new iPhone. Here's what Sheila had to say about it:

"I so appreciate Julie's kindness (and of course her expertise) in meeting with me and understanding my tech challenges. She's such a love to work with and is very patient. I am so grateful to Queen Anne's at Home for being able to connect with Julie!"

Tell us what QA@H means to you. Thank a neighbor, praise another member, or tell us about your positive experience. You might just see your comments in an upcoming newsletter.



About Queen Anne's at Home

Founded in 2018, QA@H is based on the model of seniors helping seniors thrive as we age in our own homes. Members offer help as they can and seek help as they need it. This reciprocity helps build on QA@H's three foundational principles of **Empowerment, Connection, and Purpose.**

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