

**Minutes for
Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD
Meeting 09/11/09**

Next monthly TRIAD meeting will be October 9th @ 9:00am at the Westbrook Public Safety Building

Meeting called to order on 09/11/09 @ 9:00AM by Dave Garthe, co-chair

Present: David Grathe, Susan Germano, Ted Hatch, Fred Morrill, Abbott Mosher, Mary Vetterline, Nathan Acker, June Scothorne, Norman Sullivan, June Leighton, Charles Leighton, Terri Norton, Christine LaBranche, Inger Cyr, Martha O'Connor, Eileen Whynot

Committee Reports – no reports

Unfinished Business: Sign up for the State TRIAD meeting on September 28th in Bangor. Cost of attending the meeting is \$25 but the TRIAD will be paying for any members who plan to attend. Ted Hatch has arranged for transportation to the event. Gorham residents who will be attending, please meet at 6:00AM in the Gorham Police Parking Lot (upper). Westbrook residents who will be attending, please meet at 6:10AM in the Park & Ride by Lee Dodge. The event starts at 9:00AM and will go until 3:00PM. Please contact Sue Germano if you would like to attend.

The Identity Theft presentations have continued through the summer with great feedback. Ted Hatch will be going to the First Parish in Gorham on Sept. 23rd to do another presentation. Sue Germano will call the church to have them put an announcement in the bulletin this coming Sunday about the presentation.

SMAA offered to let the TRIAD run their High School volunteers through their agency. Sue Germano and Christine LaBranche will get in touch with their prospective High School contacts for a list of students who are volunteering and forward it to Donna at SMAA. Donna's contact number is 396-6500, she is head of the Volunteer Connections at SMAA. Seniors that need services done should get in touch with Ted Hatch from Gorham or Christine LaBranche from Westbrook who will then transfer the information over to SMAA. It might be a good idea to contact the University for volunteers also. The TRIAD should get in touch with the local churches to have them announce this service to their senior members. Ted Hatch will contact Cindy Hazelton of the Gorham Rec. Dept. to see if she has any ideas on how to get this program out to the senior population. Ted Hatch and Eileen Whynot will check into the Liability issue of having students working under the TRIAD and SMAA name. A report card should be given to each resident to complete. This should be returned to SMAA who can then report back to the TRIAD as to whether the resident was satisfied or not.

Wayne Brown – Gorham Police Dept. – brought to the TRIAD's attention a contact he made that offers services to the elderly. Bradley Foundation – Pier Support Specialists. Martha O'Connor will check into the legitimacy of the Foundation and see if they would like to attend a TRIAD meeting. This could be a great resource for the TRIAD. Wayne also mentioned that the Town has a fund set up that the TRIAD may be able to access for some of the volunteer work.

The Cell Phone collection will be one of the TRIAD's volunteer projects. This also can be run through SMAA who has a contact to recondition cell phones for 911 phones. Eileen Whynot has posters that she has offered to the TRIAD so we can post them throughout the communities.

Ted is still working on trying to get Public Transportation into Gorham. He will talk with Mike Foley from the Westbrook Safety Council and METRO.

Christine LaBranche mentioned that Cumberland County is in the process of starting a “Daily Call-in” for seniors. Westbrook doesn’t offer this service and it would be great if they could in the future. Gorham has the service through the Fire Dept. VIP’s in Standish offers the service to outside communities.

NEW BUSINESS

The TRIAD would like to have shirts designed for the members. Inger Cyr will contact Tony Balzano for an estimate and time frame for polo shirts. Sue will email the TRIAD’s logo once the TRIAD approves on the price of the shirts.

Whip Around:

Ted has “Lite of Life” stands available. He will bring in a sample to the next meeting. Please contact Ted if you know of anyone who uses this safety precaution.

The Alzheimer’s Walk is Sept. 26th at St. Maximillan Church in Scarborough. If anyone would like more information, please contact Sue Germano.

Future meetings should be given to dispatch so they know where the meetings are being held for anyone who calls in.

For anyone who would like to be an officer of TRIAD – these positions will be filled in the fall.

Future Projects:

1. Identity Theft
2. Transportation issues
3. Traffic Safety
4. Cell phone collection
5. Define monthly topics to run on public cable
6. Lobbying any of the TRIAD concerns

Meeting adjourned @ 10:20

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