

Community Service Committee

Annual Report 2016-2017

The Community Service Committee makes the following annual report of our activities:

Co-Chairs: Marje Stickler and Wendy C. Kasten

- SC CSC members and many other SC volunteers called over 350 seniors in Waldo County in preparation for the Holiday Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. "Neighbor4Neighbor" coordinates area agencies for holiday food gift programs. SC members make calls to verify applicant need, and gather relevant information, such as number of people in the household, and directions to the property.
- SC CSC members and many other volunteers (including a few SC recruits) volunteered to read to elementary aged school children during early March 2016 as part of *Read Across America*. Participating schools included Smith, Drinkwater, E. Belfast, Capt. Albert Stevens, Nickerson, Morse, Weymouth, Lincolnville, Searsport Elem, and Monroe Elem.
- SC CSC members have voted in favor of this committee supporting the work of Waldo County "Window Dressers." This organization makes storm windows for Waldo County homes in need to reduce energy consumption during Maine winters. The CSC Committee helped with building windows and providing food for the local effort.
- The CSC worked to recruit volunteer research assistants for the effort to have Belfast and Waldo County designated as an "Age-Friendly Community" by the AARP. The Belfast City Council voted to support this initiative. CSC Co-chairs Wendy C. Kasten and Marje Stickler have been attending these meetings.
- The SC CSC Committee has been holding occasional meetings during the lunch break when SC is in session.