

## From the COA Advisory Board

We are delighted that the response to our programs has been so enthusiastic. We have found that a few questions continue to surface. In order to insure that our communication is open to all of you; we thought it would be a good idea use “The View” to spread the word.

### **Question #1: Why do you charge for programs?**

The Sharon Adult Center does not receive any town funding for our robust programming. The Friends of the Sharon Council on Aging raises funds for us through soliciting corporate and individual donations, raffles, and applying for grants. We are trying to keep our fees as low as we can. We have scholarships available if the fee is a hardship to you. We also offer free programs throughout the year. See Susan or else Norma for *confidential* assistance.

### **Question #2: Why don't you have free coffee and tea available every day?**

We do provide light refreshments from time to time for certain events. Although we would love to serve coffee and tea every day, it would be very expensive to do so. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and some snacks are available at a small charge. Please see the receptionist for your choices, pay her/him and enjoy!

### **Question #3: Are you open in the evening or on weekends?**

Today we have limited programming in the evening and on weekends. As staffing permits we will try to accommodate expanding our hours.

### **Question #4: Will you ever have a coffee hour?**

Our long-term vision is to have a morning coffee hour. Please let us know if you are interested.

### **Question #5: I have an idea for a program. Who do I talk to?**

Please see Marsha Books, Program Coordinator or else Norma Simons Fitzgerald, Executive Director. They would be delighted to hear your suggestions. You can also complete the Activities Survey that is available on line or at the Center.

**We hope our answers have been helpful.**