For a decade and a half, we have used this space to invite you to sponsor little yellow racing ducks in our Crystal City Duck Race. The duck race dollars helped send much needed nutrition to our homebound and frail senior neighbors in need. After 15 years of faithful service, the day has come to retire our little yellow ducks. That’s right, our racing ducks have paddled their last race.

Much has changed since the racing ducks first ‘flew’ off Corning’s Bridge Street bridge in the inaugural Crystal City Duck Race. Back in the 80’s & 90’s, the stock car racing craze was in full swing in our area. Beginning in 1985, Corning’s Gaffer District joined many surrounding communities, including Elmira, Watkins Glen, and Odessa Montour, in hosting racing themed festivals during the week of the NASCAR stock car race at Watkins Glen International Raceway.

In 1999, we held our first duck race as part of the Gaffer District’s Race Fever Night festivities. Over the past few years, as the costs overtook the enthusiasm, the area’s racing themed festivals have dropped off the schedule. Race Fever Night in Corning was the lone event on area calendars in 2014. This year, Corning Gaffer District joined the others and discontinued Race Fever Night…and so goes the duck race.

Many thanks go out to you for generously supporting our seniors through the duck race over the years. Here’s your chance to give them a happy retirement send off. Every five dollars you donate today will ‘retire’ a racing duck...and send a freshly prepared meal to a senior in need (though not a meal of racing duck, our dietitian would object seeing as the racing ducks are plastic).

Many thanks, also, to our long running racing host, J&T Auto Café, our wonderful media sponsor Big Fox WYDC TV / WJKP TV, and the Corning Fire Department’s water rescue teams for working the finish line in the middle of the Chemung River.

Please donate today to help retire the flock... and send freshly prepared nutritious meals to home-bound and frail seniors in our area.
Greetings all,

We have much to share since our last Food for Thought newsletter!

As you’ll see on page 7 of the newsletter, we marked 49 years of service to the community at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in April. During our annual gathering we celebrated the impressive accomplishments of the home delivered meal program in 2014. The group learned that last year our volunteers prepared, packaged and delivered 53,206 meals for 243 homebound and frail seniors in the greater Corning-Painted Post area! Those numbers represent a huge effort by you, our skilled & faithful volunteers and donors. Thank you for dedicating your time, talent and treasure to further CMoW’s mission to nurture health, dignity, and independent living among people who need meals delivered to their homes.

As you read through the newsletter you will learn about the efforts of some of the hundreds of volunteers and donors in our community who support the seniors we serve. For instance, on page 3 you’ll learn about a high school girls’ sports team helping with Christmas stockings for our seniors. You’ll also learn about other wonderful groups who pitched in over the past six months. On page 4 you’ll find out which team won the fourth annual Corning Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament. You’ll also see how the money raised through our generous sponsors will benefit your senior neighbors in need. On page 6, you’ll note those of you who made direct financial contributions, without which there would be no Corning Meals on Wheels.

Speaking of contributions, I’d like to take a minute here to thank our longtime facilities partner, the First United Methodist Church of Corning. We’ve operated out of the basement of ‘First Church’ for nearly 30 years. During that period, the need for our meal service has grown significantly; at least doubling in size. The church has been a generous partner, asking modest monthly user fees over the years. The church is now in the midst of a significant upgrade to the building’s electrical system. Being the heaviest user of the building, the church came to us to help fund the project. The initial request was for $6,500 – which Corning Meals on Wheels volunteers Clint and Lois Jaynes funded on our behalf! First Church subsequently reported that, as can happen when working on older buildings, the costs jumped considerably once work got underway. They returned to us with a need for an additional $4,500. The church electrical project, coupled with the loss of our Race Fever Night duck race (see page 1), has put a $14,500 hole in this year’s operating budget...that’s nearly 3,000 meals. You can help us close that gap by donating today. Every five dollar donation sends a freshly prepared entre, two sides, fruit, milk, juice and dessert to a homebound senior.

Our program is truly a local community solution, with neighbor helping neighbor. Corning Meals on Wheels receives very little government funding. Federal, state, and county subsidies comprise roughly only 16% of the funds required to operate. We continue to provide for our local aging population thanks to the generosity of the volunteers and donors like you who so selflessly contribute your resources to helping the homebound & frail in the Corning-Painted Post area.

Thank you for all you do for our seniors in need.

Warmest Regards,

David

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**Cabot Cheese Give-Back.**

In March, we received a helping hand from farmer/owner Heather Whitten, 4H Club member Rachel, and Heather’s little daughter Lindsey. Heather owns and operates Valley Mountain Farm, a Cabot Creamery partner. Heather is also the daughter of Beverly Frost, who was our office manager for many years!
**CCC Lends a Hand!** This great group kicked off Corning Community College's "From the Community, For the Community" weekend of volunteering. We appreciated the helping hands! L-R are Jonathan Beall, Debbie Beall, Carissa Shelanskey, Michell Krossber, and Byron Shaw.

**Corning HS Girls Lacrosse score big for Meals on Wheels**
The Corning-Painted Post HS girls lacrosse team stuffed stockings for 360 homebound and frail seniors served by Corning Meals on Wheels and Meals on Wheels of Chemung County!

**United Way Day of Caring 2015**
On June 19th, Corning Inc. employees joined us in the kitchen. Two of the volunteers brought their children along to help, too. Their youthful energy was most welcome...and contagious! Back row L-R Joe, Hal, Joe, Beth, Amy, Deb, & Kristine. Front row L-R Sienna & Cody

**All Saints!**
On January 26th, Corning’s All Saints Academy students decorated and filled over 100 ‘blizzard

**Love Letters** Meals on Wheels America and www.dosomething.org/campaigns/love-letters teamed up to send valentines to seniors. Karlyn from Corning scrap-booked these beautiful valentines on the left. Elizabeth from Bradford, NY sent us 82 cards! (right)

**Victory Highway Hits the Road**
Victory Highway Wesleyan Church members came out in numbers to deliver meals and miles of smiles in December 2014. Many thanks for your generous support!
TOURNAMENT DELIVERS FOR SENIORS
On June 8th, Corning Country Club was the site of the fourth annual Corning Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament in Memory of Walter E. & Maxine Smith and sponsored by Bully Hill Vineyards.

The tournament raised $11,020 to benefit the senior nutrition program serving the greater Corning-Painted Post area. The money raised will fund 2,645 freshly prepared meals for homebound and frail seniors in need. Corning Meals on Wheels volunteers prepared and delivered 53,206 meals for 243 area seniors in 2014.

First Place Winners! Damien Mustico, Catherine Mustico, Patrick Mustico, and John Mustico

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Thank you to the players for making this year’s tournament a success… and a special thank you for buying up the 50-50 tickets by the arms length!
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HURRAY for both Corning Meals on Wheels and Meals on Wheels of Chemung County. We partnered again this year for the Meals on Wheels America Subaru Share the Love event and between the two programs received $25,000! We received $15,000 and Chemung County MoW received $10,000! We are very thankful that Simmons-Rockwell Subaru has been such a dedicated partner with Corning Meals on Wheels for 3 years and has helped bring in $20,000!

Simmons-Rockwell Subaru ‘delivered’ a huge helping of support for Corning Meals on Wheels Dec 22nd! Simmons Rockwell employees and their families pitched in to cover five open routes for us. The teams joined our volunteers in delivering Christmas stockings along with the day’s freshly prepared hot & cold meals. Let’s give the Simmons Rockwell teams and our volunteers a big “Thank You” on behalf of 120 seniors they visited!

We held our 49th annual Corning Meals on Wheels Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 8th. The turnout was wonderful, as are the volunteers! Sylvia Baldini (pictured left) has been a positive force for Corning Meals on Wheels since we first began serving area seniors in 1966!
A meal, and so much more.

Volunteers Needed! Call 962-7985
or visit www.cmowheels.com

Thank you volunteers!