

**Cornwall Manor Society Quarterly Meeting
March 19, 2026**

Call to order

President Rita van Alkemade welcomed all present to the first Cornwall Manor Society quarterly meeting of 2026. She stated that the So Society is looking forward to the new year as we plan on utilizing the new clubhouse and Freeman Community Center to hold our fundraising events and quarterly general meetings. We hope to use both these venues in order to keep the whole campus as integrated as possible, expanding the reach of our events across both campuses and allowing us to even better fulfill the society's mission of building relationships, opportunities for volunteers to offer services at Corson and the Health Center, and to raise funds for Benevolent Care.

Invocation

Reverend Daphne Messersmith spoke of Lent as a time of spiritual reflection and growth. She spoke of her awareness of honoring the Indigenous peoples who occupied this area before there was a Cornwall Manor, the Susquehannock and Lenape. We learned and sang an chant

“ Oh Great Spirit, earth,sun,sky and sea.

You are inside and around me,”

Recognition of New Attendees at meeting.

Mary Ann Hoffman asked new attendees to rise and be recognized .The new attendees at this meeting, we're Patricia Hoffman, Janette Kurie, and Sue Mechura. Welcome!

Resident Association President

Elaine Boltz updated us on the Resident Association committees.

Building and Grounds Committee- spring maintenance of gardens, new door opening control button in Laurel Place to address accessibility of those in motorized chairs, HVAC systems in health center.

Dining Committee - special menus for large groups

Garden and Greenhouse Committee- available garden plots, nurturing plants for Blooms.

Health Services Committee -Committee is offering a six week course on empowering the caregiver presented by Penn State, in August there will be a program on healthy body and brain, and in September a program on fall prevention.

Life Enrichment Committee has planned a Men's Breakfast on April 9, movies for April will be baseball related, and music programs are planned. Also planned is an AARP safe driving class. Shari Showers also gave a presentation on all trips planned

for the year. Artful Connections will also begin soon. You can find registration forms and information on Wellzesta under Resources/ Documents for both the trips and art experiences.

Fitness and Recreation Committee - Melissa will be having a presentation on reading nutrition labels and portion sizes in April. There will be a Marbles Tournament on April 21.

Trees and Environment Committee - This committee is planning education on tree identification, field trips, and memorial trees.

Secretary's Report

Karen Fenstermaker reported the minutes that the November 20, 2025 general meeting and the March 5, 2026 Executive Board meeting were approved by the board and are posted on the Cornwall Manor website and on Wellzesta under Resources/ Documents for your information.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee

Fred Horowitz presented the financial report as of 2/28/26. He noted that the total income of \$14,315.83, as of today's date is \$20,339.21. Thanks very much to the Treasure Trove. There was also a donation of \$875.21 to the Special Gift Fund. The total balance includes the funds for the Love Gift offering of \$25,110.00 to purchase the Sail Shade for the Health center, which should be completed this spring

Committee Reports

Blooms and More Festival. Linda Boudman

The festival is all set to go Saturday, May 2 from 9 AM to 1 PM, with proceeds benefitting programs and projects for Corson and Health Center residents. The committee is still looking for planters and pots for plants. These can be dropped off at the greenhouse. Silent auction items are being collected and priced. Volunteer opportunities are still available to be a host, a greeter, transportation, setting up crafts/ plants/silent auction, and cashiers.

Membership Committee Marti Bondelid

Marti is continuing to work on updating our data base of members. The committee is looking for ways to keep in touch with members who are not residents of Cornwall Manor.

Manor Shoppe Marcie Orledge

The Manor Shoppe gives thanks to all the volunteers, cashiers and shoppers, who braved the snow, changing shifts and cold days to keep the shop running during January and February, with a special shout out to Kathy Crocker, who covered many

shifts. The items for sale for spring and Easter are priced to attract those outside of Cornwall Manor to consider shopping here for gifts. The convenience store is a good place to shop for your everyday needs. The shop is open to the public.

The Manor Shoppe donated \$140 to the memorial gift fund from the printer and change jar money. The Shoppe will be selling the finished book by resident John McEllhenney "Standing on the Shoulder's of Levi Zerr", for \$15.00, with all proceeds going to Benevolent Care.

Treasure Trove

Jill Risser reports that all is going well at the Treasure Trove. Flooring replacement will be done at the Trove in the future months.

Crafters Lin Leonhardt

The crafters are getting ready for Blooms with many new craft items. She invited anyone to join the group. She thanked all for donations of craft items and for those crafters who donate home crafted items to Blooms. The Crafters presented a check of \$1500 to the Benevolent Fund.

Corson Hall Programs and Projects Jeanne Earnshaw

Jeanne reported that Birthday Parties are still a big social event. Corson has 39 residents and the last birthday celebration peaked at 22 residents in attendance. A special thank you to Judy Torrens, whose creativity, dedication and use of recyclable materials is commendable. Judy could use some help on the craft days, the first Thursday of the month, assisting residents in completion of projects. Plans are underway for Corson's summer fest to be held June 19 in Freeman Dining Hall, again volunteers are needed to serve food, take orders or just be with residents who do not have family members with them at the event. As a bonus, you will be entertained by "Elvis."

Health Center Programs and Projects Jeanne Earnshaw for Linda Chadbourne

Rita - Since many of us haven't had the opportunity to experience volunteering in our Health Center, I asked Linda Chadbourne, the chair of the Health Center programs and projects to give us an inside look at all we do for our residents who are staying there. You'll see images of events we put on at the Health Center. Unfortunately, Linda is unable to be here today and Jeanne Earnshaw has graciously stepped in for her. This presentation will be the first of a series highlighting the many ways we can volunteer for the Society to benefit our friends and neighbors. A visual presentation of activities was shown.

Visual photos showed:

February 13th Winter Social. County Commissioner Bob Philips donated his time to perform for the residents with lots of familiar music. It was a fun event.

June 19th will be our Sock Hop Fun Fest. We are in need of a few more transporters for the afternoon and several volunteers for helping the staff decorate in the morning for about 1 to 2 hours. If you were interested in helping please contact Linda Chadbourne. Entertainment will be an Elvis impersonator and we are dressing to fit the theme. If you are transporter, it will be an energetic afternoon.

Worship service and beauty shop transporters are going well, but we could use more volunteers. Shop on Wheels is going well, but again we could use some volunteers.

Please remember that all volunteers on campus must be trained, so please contact Stacia Layser if you need training. Special training (15 minutes) for moving wheelchairs will be provided on the day of the event and for all of the volunteer opportunities at the Health Center. Thank you for considering these volunteer opportunities.

All of these opportunities are a great way to meet residents some of whom are your former neighbors and friends.

Old Business Rick Borger

The Luminaria event in December was a success and will continue next year. "It was a very enlightening experience," quipped Rick.

New Business Rita van Alkemade

1. In order to comply with standard business practices, when you are submitting an updated expense reimbursement form, please be sure to have an authorized approver other than yourself, sign for the approval. Even our authorized approvers must obtain another authorized approver to sign forms.

There are five people listed on the form that you can ask for signatures: the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and the Coordinators of Corson and Health Center. The form can be found on Wellzesta under Resources/Documants/Cornwall Manor Society.

2. We are looking for someone to host our Benevolent Care Bingo Games which are held 4 times a year. Our remaining games are June 12th, August 14th and October 2nd. Let Rita know if you are interested.

3. We are excited that in conjunction with the Blooms and More festival there will be a Residents Art Show from May 2 to the 17th in the Paymaster's Building Gallery and we would love to show the art you have created. You can find an art flyer posted on Wellzesta Life where you can register. If you are submitting your art or if you have any questions, please contact Rita or Randy Leibowitz.

Administrative Liasion Vicki Deitzler

Vicki presented the Society with a certificate of nomination for the Leading Age Nomination, a national organization. She thanked Tracy Stickler for all her time and hard work and assistance .

Vicki gave an update on the Love Gift project. Assuming there are no more weather delays, the project is scheduled to begin next Thursday and completed in May for use.

Wellzesta is going to be added to Corson and then the Health Center. We will be able to see activities scheduled there. There is a possibility in the future for our families to see activity schedules.

Special Note Pat O'Neill

The family of John McEllhenney is donating all the proceeds of his book "Standing on the Shoulders of Levi Zerr", to Benevolent Care

Lunch Blessings Reverend Daphne Messersmith

Meeting Adjourned 11:00A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fenstermaker
Secretary