

*We will be having a new annual picnic celebration this summer! Watch your mail for the date and time!*

***Hello to our clients and volunteers:***

Reminder: The **SEARCH - Greater Bath office will be closed** on the following upcoming holidays:

Independence Day: Thurs. July 4<sup>th</sup>

Labor Day: Monday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>

For the summer months we will be closed the week of June 24 – 28<sup>th</sup> due to staff vacation time.

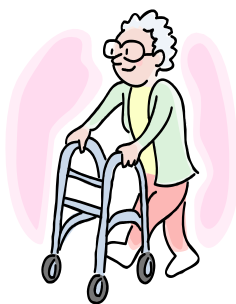
*Welcome to our new Coordinator!*

*Please join our Program Director Wendy Russell in welcoming our new Program Coordinator for our SEARCH - Greater Bath Program: Chris Szalay. She is looking forward to meeting many of you in the months to come!*



***Donated items available:***

We have a walker and a shower chair at our office that someone donated to the program. If you are in need of one of these, please contact our office at 784-0157 and let us know and we will bring the item to you!



Thank you to the Bath Rotary Club for their donation of \$700.00 to our SEARCH – Greater Bath Program! Chris Szalay, Program Coordinator accepted the check on behalf of our Program.

***Thank you to our Wonderful Volunteers!***

Many of our volunteers enjoyed a Volunteer Appreciation dinner in April in celebration of the National Volunteer Week. Thank you to our Associate Director Bonnie Bagley for speaking at the event and thanking our wonderful volunteers who support our seniors! We truly appreciate having all of you as a part of our program!



***Meet the SEARCH staff:***

Our staff had a meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> to begin building our new team! Our SEARCH Program serves seniors in Androscoggin and Sagadahoc County now and will be expanding to Kennebec County in the Fall!



From left to right: Wendy Russell; Director, Sue Blais; Rural Outreach Coordinator, Jackie Henderson; Administrative Support Coordinator, and Chris Szalay; Program Coordinator

Our SEARCH – Greater Bath newsletter this year includes some ways to protect you from scams or financial abuse.

**Topic: Being alert to frauds and cons.**

**Be alert when out and about:**

- Carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.
- Don't carry credit cards you don't need or large amounts of cash.
- Use direct deposit for Social Security or other checks.
- Whether you are a driver or passenger in a vehicle, lock the doors.
- If someone or something makes you uneasy, trust your instincts and leave.

**Watch out for Con Artists:**

- Don't fall for anything that sounds too good to be true, i.e. free vacation, sweepstakes winner, cure for cancer or large investment scams.
- Never give your credit card, phone card, social security or bank account number to anyone over the phone. It's illegal for telemarketers to ask for these numbers to verify a prize or gift.
- Don't let anyone rush you into signing anything! Read it carefully and have someone you trust take a look at it too.
- If you are suspicious, check it out with the police, others, or the Better Business Bureau.

These are just a few things to keep a watch out for. Please feel free to share this information with your friends and family...

Stay safe and enjoy the summer months!!

Take care,

Wendy Russell, Program Director