

New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc.

— ULSTER COUNTY UPDATE —

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Martha Steuding,
Chapter President

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

StateWide members and friends,
It was great to see such a large turnout for our Fall Fling recently. We thank the Office For the Aging for, once again, allowing us to use

the HUB meeting room and the Catskill Ukulele Group for their rousing Sing Along. It's hard to resist joining in when 20, yes 20, ukuleles are playing Take Me Out To the Ball Game! And we thank StateWide Board President Helen Edelstein for reporting on the Strategic Plan adopted by our organization recently. This plan highlights the economic insecurity of many seniors and gives us an incentive to continue to monitor and react to Federal and State legislation that affects elderly citizens. In addition, the goal for our 2024 chapter meetings will be to plan for a Senior Gathering in June that allows us to explore the many activities and services available to our age group in Ulster County. This information will be informative for seniors and their families and good exposure for agencies, programs, volunteer groups and services available in our county.

Please come to our January meeting at the HUB. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00. Don't forget to renew your dues or take a lifetime membership. See you on Jan 9th!

Happy Holidays

Martha Steuding, Ulster Chapter President

C.A.R.E.S. VAN EVENT



Martha Steuding greets Destiny Hallenbeck, Congressman Ryan's Kingston office manager (Nov.)

FALL FLING PHOTOS



Catskill Ukulele Group Sing Along



Members discussing the Strategic Plan



Mary Ann Hildebrandt at the StateWide table

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STRATEGIC PLAN

In June, 2023, StateWide's Board of Directors convened to begin the process of developing our 2024-27 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Priorities detailed in the Plan were informed by the input of the Board, staff, chapter members, community partners and supporters. The final plan was approved by the Board in September. Helen Edelstein, President of the Board of Directors, introduced the Plan's Strategic Priorities at StateWide's Annual Convention in Saratoga in September.

2024-2027 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- **Governance:** Enhance the Board's ability to support StateWide's mission.
- **Finance:** Ensure current & future financial stability by diversifying funding sources.
- **Membership:** Recruit and develop StateWide's membership and chapters.
- **Programming:** Gather information from members, community, and partners to guide programming and services.
- **Advocacy:** Encourage proactive engagement of members and community partners in StateWide's Legislative Agenda.

These priorities will enhance StateWide's commitment to all our stakeholders, strengthen our organization and support its growth.

Helen Edelstein
StateWide Board President

STATEWIDE'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION TEAM!



How can you be an active voice in expanding StateWide's mission and work while developing the skills to organize your community, learn the techniques for effective local advocacy & reseed StateWide's efforts for the future?

Become a part of SLAT - StateWide's Legislative Action Team. I did and learned so much about advocacy from this course.

- SLAT meets on zoom once a month, every third Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, from JAN-JUN.
- The first session starts January 18th, 2024.
- Register: Email Gail Myers at gail@nysenior.org

Mary Ann Hildebrandt

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

I became very interested in joining StateWide after attending a Lunch and Learn series at the Ulster County Office for Aging where StateWide presented on a variety of issues. I'm a proud member of StateWide and I'm listing below the benefits of our advocacy work for seniors and the disabled.

- Don't forget the membership fee is a mere \$20.00 per year.
- By joining StateWide, you will have an impact on state and federal issues that are important to older New Yorkers such as Medicare, Social Security, prescription drugs, patient's rights, long term care and budget issues.

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