

# LAMOILLE NEIGHBORS

## A CULTURE OF CARING

### Vision Statement

Lamoille Neighbors aims to change the culture of aging. We believe that age is a season of growth and meaning. We can find contentment and purpose in our older years through both giving and receiving volunteer service. We can continue life-long learning and maintain wellness and find new friends. We can remain in the homes we love with support from our neighbors.



### LAUNCHING LAMOILLE NEIGHBORS, APRIL, 2019

Lamoille Neighbors is a local non-profit community organization. It is made up of members and volunteers who are committed to helping each other thrive. We are joining a national movement of over 230 “villages” that are active and 130 that are in development. To read more go to [vtvnetwork.org](http://vtvnetwork.org)

If you have questions or want more information attend our next presentation. An e-mail will be sent with the upcoming dates.

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Our Story: After attending a discussion group in Montpelier on aging successfully I came to the realization that if I wanted to stay in my own home, in rural Hyde Park, that I would need to find a creative solution. I put an e-mail out to 7 folks in Hyde Park and I was shocked when 13 people showed up. This was clearly a topic many were interested in. We shared what it means to each of us to age successfully, our fears and hopes for our own lives and for each other. I discussed the Village to Village movement and after meeting monthly for 5 months we were ready to move forward with opening Lamoille Neighbors, beginning with Hyde Park and Morristown. Come join this exciting venture as a member, a volunteer or both. We all have something to offer each other.

Lisa Dimondstein



Kathy taking notes



Our Vermont cohorts. Left to right: Lisa Dimondstein from Hyde Park, Jeanne Hutchins and Betsy Harper from Mansfield Villages, Kathy Geiersbach from Hyde Park and Helen Keith from Huntington. There are currently 4 developing villages in Vermont

Lisa and Kathy attended the annual Village to Village Network Conference in San Diego, the networking and learnings were enormous. We want to give a big thank you to the **University of Vermont Center on Aging** which gave us a grant to be able to attend.

## Help move us forward Volunteer Opportunity

### Technology Committee

You will be trained on the software system we will be using and be able to train others in the future. Contact

Kathy Geiersbach  
[materbach@gmail.com](mailto:materbach@gmail.com)

### Social/Cultural/Educational Committee

We will be planning programs for when we go live.

Contact Lisa Dimondstein  
[lisadimondstein@me.com](mailto:lisadimondstein@me.com)

### We need a **LOGO**

Graphic design experience?  
Can you volunteer your time and skill

Contact Joan Greene  
[jlgreene@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jlgreene@myfairpoint.net)

### Monthly newsletter

Use your creative talents to keep us connected

Contact Lisa Dimondstein  
[lisadimondstein@me.com](mailto:lisadimondstein@me.com)

### Thank You To The Outreach Committee

Maxine Adams, Chair  
Ellen Gibbs  
Diane Williams

Contact Maxine if you want to organize a house party  
[maxineladams@gmail.com](mailto:maxineladams@gmail.com)

### Thank You To The Grant Writing Committee

Joan Greene, Chair  
Kathleen Geiersbach  
Maxine Adams  
Jack Wool

Contact Joan Greene if you have any foundation connections  
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***Seeking more founding members to help with initial set up costs. The dues will cover your first year membership starting on the go live date. The benefits have already started as we help each other after surgeries, with dinners and dog walking and as we begin getting to know each other through social gatherings. If interested in becoming founding member email Kathy at [materbach@gmail.com](mailto:materbach@gmail.com)***

#### Board Members

Lisa Dimondstein, president  
Joan Greene, vice-president  
Kathy Geiersbach, treasurer  
Olea Smith-Kaland, secretary  
Judy Clark  
Maxine Adams  
Sue Moore

We would like to add Morristown folks to the board. Contact Kathy Geiersbach if you would like to join this dynamic group. Help make this vibrant creative solution a reality.  
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Some of the founding members at our first potluck feast.