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### 2023 SPRYE in Action

What an exceptional year 2023 was for SPRYE! The inspiration to make SPRYE a household word led to the hosting of an exceptional Wellness Fair in May 2023, open to everyone at no cost. The fair showcased over 30 health-care and community providers who shared valuable information with more than 200 attendees. Our served communities of Harrison, Port Chester, Rye and Rye Brook saw the extent to which SPRYE can assist our members 55-years and older in remaining confidently in their homes while connected meaningfully to their surroundings.

Thanks to its many generous donors and dedicated volunteers, SPRYE, now in its 12th year, continues to reach more older adults, ensuring they age with dignity, purpose, and joy. Operating without city, state, or federal funding, SPRYE relies on donations to support its mission. This support enabled SPRYE to host a full slate of in-person events, provide transportation services, and engage in numerous community activities.

Some of our programs in 2023: The Art Appreciation Group led its first foray in February to the William Louis-Dreyfus Museum; there was a May excursion to see the Mets win; a breezy Jazz in June picnic blew us away; the Cruise to Nowhere in August brought us home again; Edgar Allen Poe appeared in October and treated us to "The Raven;" we feasted with friends at the Fallfest Benefit; and tech expert Rich Malloy took us through the mystery of Artificial Intelligence.

In addition, throughout the year SPRYE sponsored a loyal, on-going weekly Book Club, monthly Public Affairs luncheons, and Gentle Chair Yoga. Let us not forget the Movie Club, that captivated us with recent releases such as *Maestro* and *Boys in the Boat*.

The Board is now actively focused on bringing programs of interest directly to low-income and lesser-served older populations. We plan to begin with weekly exercise classes, then expand to "Lunch and Learn" gatherings and programs "From Bingo to the Beatles."

From new and long-time supporters, SPRYE has received accolades for the genuine compassion, caring, consideration, and empathy it embodies. The full depth of SPRYE, including its mission, values, and vision, can be explored on the website www.sprye.org. Heartfelt gratitude goes to our donors that make it possible for members and their families to have peace of mind, knowing that SPRYE is there.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey!

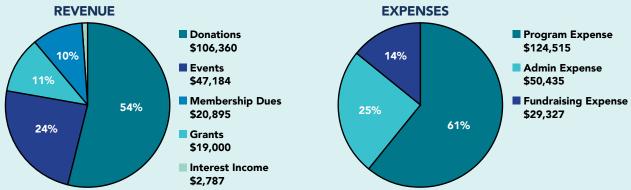


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# FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023



SPRYE's Executive Director and Finance Committee carefully monitor revenue and expenses. Volunteers help defray the costs of delivering programs and services to our members. Annual donations remained at last year's strong levels thanks to the generosity of our supporters. The new investment account produced a significant increase in interest income.

Program expenses continued to grow with the breadth of SPRYE's offerings.

### SPRYE 2023 – A YEAR IN REVIEW

Serving Harrison, Port Chester, Rye and Rye Brook Since 2011

### Here's a look back at a very active year.







## FILM AFICIONADOS FORMED THE MOVIE CLUB AND SAW:

 Golda, Maestro, 80 For Brady (53 total).

### LECTURES AROUND TOWN INCLUDED:

 Author Gretchen Dykstra at the Wainwright House; Rich Malloy, tech expert on A.I., at the Rye Library; and Harlan Campbell as Edgar Allen Poe at Rye Presbyterian Church (90 total).

## LIVE THEATER PERFORMANCES GAVE US:

 "Insignificant," a play about women students at Harvard; and "Season's Readings," a holiday favorite in December (80 total).

## THE NEW ART APPRECIATION GROUP WITH TRIPS TO:

 New York Historical Society, William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation in Mt. Kisco, the Bruce Museum, and Canfin Gallery in Tarrytown (50 total).

### **POPULAR LUNCHEONS INCLUDED:**

 Jazz in June picnic at Crawford Park; Valentine's Day party at Crawford Manor; Annual Holiday Luncheon, with attendees supporting Open Door Family Medical Center with toys; New Year's Eve Luncheon at Rye Manor; Westchester Community College Culinary Café. (Total 210).



## SPORTS, EXERCISE & TRIP TO NOWHERE:

- Trip to see the Mets beat the Phillies, Cruise to Nowhere on the Long Island Sound, Spring and Fall Gentle Chair Yoga classes. (325)
- SPRYE's 12th Annual Benefit at Shenorock Shore Club, attracting 160 supporters.

#### **ON-GOING PROGRAMS:**

- Weekly Book Club devotes meet on Zoom
- Arthur Stampleman passed the baton to Van Siler to lead Public Affairs., held monthly at Rye Grill and Bar. The civic-minded group has grown from 12 to 22.
- SPRYE's fabulous volunteer drivers provided 425 roundtrip rides to members to medical and dental appointments, shopping trips, hair salons, and senior centers.

### **SPECIAL SPRYE MOMENTS:**

- SPRYE coordinated with Visiting Angels and the Port Chester-Rye-Rye Brook EMS unit to install a ramp for a member.
- A volunteer helped a member load his scull into the Sound for a fall row
- A longtime SPRYE member who is visually impaired had two volunteers help her read mail.

THE CARE TEAM BROUGHT CHEER TO MEMBERS with cake, balloons, and off-key Happy Birthday songs. (18 total).

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