

2017-2018 Board Officers

President



Peter Barth comes to the CRIS board of directors after a career in education and with a long history of community and public service.

He is retired after 40-plus years with New York State, most recently as an educator, hostage negotiator and former team leader of a Crisis Intervention Unit for the New York State Department of Correctional Services.

He served two terms as Assessor and had just been elected to his third term as Supervisor of the town of Macomb, when he and his family relocated to Central New York. He served on the Town of Lenox Zoning Board of Appeals before moving to Cazenovia eight years ago.

He is active with volunteer work at CazCares and as a driver for CRIS-CAT. In his spare time, Peter enjoys traveling, gardening and endeavoring to rise tinkering to a fine art. He is a classic motorcycle and car enthusiast who can be found taking a spin on warm and sunny days.

Vice President



Jean Shirley Jean Shirley moved to Syracuse in 1973 after graduating from Mercyhurst College with a degree in social work followed by one year of graduate studies in social work at Syracuse University. She and her husband Jay Gullo moved to Cazenovia in 1998. She currently lives with her wonderful golden retriever, Molly. Jay sadly passed away in 2011.

Jean is employed at Hiscock Legal Aid as a Client Advocate in their Family Court Program. She has previously served on the boards of the Coalition of Health and Welfare and Criminal Justice Committee in Syracuse. She has volunteered at Literacy Volunteers, Pet Visitation at St. Camillus and Loretto long-term care facilities for 10 years, the Eden Alternative, From the Ground Up (an equine therapy program), GCACC Senior Housing Study Committee, and the Riverside Drive Committee. She received a certification in the Eden Alternative's "Eden at Home" for care-partnering. She currently serves on the Cazenovia Forum board, the CRIS TimeBank Advisory Committee and volunteers at the Friendship Inn (a weekly free dinner offered to the community). She has been a board member of CRIS since its inception.

Secretary



Cindy Underriner's educational and professional backgrounds have been centered on various genres of healthcare over the last 30 plus years. With degrees in Paralegal Studies and Healthcare Administration, she has held various administrative positions in Hospice, Pain Management, Quality and Risk Management, OB/GYN, Home Health Care, and currently, as the Administrator of CAVAC Ambulance.

However, it was through the personal experience of caring for her elderly mother for over 19 years, that she became intimately aware of and concerned with the quality of life available for seniors. When she heard about the development of CRIS, Cindy knew it would be a vital organization that would bring much needed services to the seniors of the surrounding area and wanted to be part of making that happen for our community. "Being able to become a member of the Cazenovia community and having the opportunity to be able to give back in some small way has helped me realize how fortunate we all are to be able to live and age in a community where people truly care about one another. I feel that CRIS is a vital component in continuing this enduring spirit in the Cazenovia area". Cindy has been a resident of Cazenovia for 11 years, having moved here from the Binghamton, NY area. She and her husband Larry have three grown children ages 30, 24 and 21.

Treasurer



Jon N. Davidson graduated from Springfield College in 1964 and went on to teach and coach at the Junior and Senior High School level for seven years.

After leaving teaching in 1973 he entered the Investment Business starting with EF Hutton. He has been an investment professional for more than 40 years. Since 1989 he has been managing portfolios on a discretionary basis for retirement and individual accounts. He currently is a financial consultant with Cadaret, Grant and Co., Inc. and operates an independent branch office out of his home in Cazenovia. Jon also owns and manages Windmill Courts an apartment complex located on Clark Street in Cazenovia.

Jon has been a resident of Cazenovia for more than 40 years and has had two daughters who went through the Cazenovia School System. .

While attending a dinner meeting describing the start of the CRIS-CAT driving program he volunteered his time to create a software solution for CRIS-CAT. The software was created using Filemaker, a relational database. This solution allowed CRIS to be able to track the Drivers, Passengers and Schedules created by the program.



Allisyn Roszel joined the CRIS board in December 2015. She became familiar with CRIS while being a volunteer driver and scheduler for CRIS-CAT. She recognized the need for developing services for seniors in Cazenovia and felt that CRIS was the organization to do just that.

She has been a resident in Cazenovia with her husband, Hugh, for 24 years. Before that she and her husband lived in several places including Singapore, Atlanta, and Philadelphia. They decided to make Cazenovia their home and raise their 3 children. During this time she did some substitute teaching and helped her husband start and run his manufacturing business.

Now that her kids are grown, Allisyn spends a lot more time with volunteer activities-which include: CRIS-CAT scheduler and driver, Cazenovia Garden Club and Fresh Foods/Caz Cares.

Allisyn is a native from Texas where she received her Bachelor of Science in geology from Stephen F. Austin. She loves the outdoors and walking her dog.

Susan DeSantis is a retired Registered Nurse, mother and grandmother. She has lived in Cazenovia for 9 months and enjoys meeting new people and helping wherever she can. She loves animals, plants, and the out of doors. Susan has many hobbies that she could share, including her current passion for genealogy. She is connected to one of Cazenovia's oldest resident, Jabish N.M. Hurd.



Diane Ryan has been a resident of Cazenovia for over forty years. She has been employed by the Community Action Partnership for the past 20 years and currently holds the position of Development Director. She has a background in education, social services, grant writing and public relations. Diane has been active on committees or Boards at St. James Church, Madison County Housing Coalition, Head Start, Project Café and Cazenovia/Fenner Community Chest. Diane holds a Master's Degree from Syracuse University in Social Work. She and her husband, Ray, have five children and eleven grandchildren and they enjoy visiting and hosting them! She is very interested in the mission of the CRIS Board and happy to be involved with the organization.



Karisha Solomon grew up in Upstate NY where she received her B.A. in Gerontology and Health Care Administration. She then went on to receive her Masters in Gerontological studies from Miami University and was the first person to complete the Administrator in Training (AIT) for the “small houses” in long term nursing care.

She has settled back into the county where she was born with her family.

She volunteers for the nutritional piece of the osteoporosis prevention exercise program called Bone Builders in Cazenovia and as a Chronic Disease and Pain Management Leader for the Office for the Aging. She is a member of the Timebank program and an adjunct professor at Syracuse University teaching Gerontology.

She has worked in a number of age related industries including, area agencies on aging, architecture, nursing homes, continuing care retirement communities, and assisted living. Her true passion continues to be in home and community.

She has presented nationally and locally on topics such as aging in place, universal design and livable communities for older adults.

She has always had a passion for the aging population and many moons ago use to ride her bike from North Norwich to Norwich to volunteer as a candy striper where she spent most of her time with the older patients.



Theo Gilmore BSN RN, Has forty years of experience in health care treating the very young to the very old. An Early start with CAVAC ambulance and the National Ski Patrol at 15, lead the way to earning degrees in education and nursing, and certification in Gerontology. Work experience ranges from the back country camp nurse to rural and metropolitan hospitals, and medical offices..

Teaching and Lecturing cover from for the community, Emergency Services, to hospital staff. Basic Philosophy: Safety first, quality of life second. There are times when Quality of life is #1. We all have a responsibility to care for ourselves first, family second and the community third.



Bob Engle

My wife Doris and I moved to Cazenovia 31 years ago. I worked for Agway at that time. Following that I worked for a milking equipment manufacturer and traveled extensively across the USA and Canada. When I retired about 6 years ago a couple things I really wanted to do was get involved in the community and do volunteer work. The CRIS organization gave me the opportunity to do both which is very rewarding.



Patsy Scala

Patsy Scala is an Associate Real Estate Broker with HUNT Real Estate ERA, and is a resident of the Town of Cazenovia, where she lives with her husband and their cat on Mystic Mountain in New Woodstock. Formerly a Vice-President and Investment Advisor with Merrill Lynch for 27 years, Patsy is also a published writer, with two books so far, and she is an experienced public speaker. Patsy is on the Board of Directors of the Fayetteville Senior Center, and teaches classes in Real Estate at Oasis, and as such, she is deeply involved in the needs of the senior population. Her passions include writing, yoga, hiking, and long walks in the woods.

Executive Director—CRIS



Ms. Parker has a breadth of experience working with nonprofits, as a director of programming in one of the largest senior centers in Syracuse to Park Steward and most recently as an educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension. Susan's passion is discovering unique ways in which to build community by matching individuals with their specific skills, talents and interests. Her tenure with CCE built a robust community of volunteer educators who developed programming, conducted research and built bridges into marginalized inner city communities so they had access to healthy local food.

She is thrilled to focus her attention on Cazenovia elder population to create a vibrant living community for everyone. She believes that everyone wants to contribute in some way; her goal is to foster meaningful relationships between the individual and organizations that support seniors.

Sue Parker has lived in Madison County for 23 years and raised 3 children she has a lifelong passion for gardening, art, fibers and travel. She lived in Oregon for over 10 years working for the US Forest Service, has degrees in Environmental Forestry and Horticulture Therapy. She currently lives in the village of Cazenovia, and is extremely grateful to be living in such a supportive caring community.