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Oatfield Center Celebrates Five Year Anniversary

They say time flies. It really does! The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Oatfield Center was held on March 20, 2006, with much happiness, as community leaders and major contributors were recognized. It would not have

been possible without the hours of planning, fund raising efforts and generous contributions from individuals, businesses and corporations in the community. The response was so great that by the opening seniors entered a beautiful 8100 square foot building totally paid for! The project was spearheaded by the Panama City Beach Senior Services Foundation, with great support and guidance from Mayor Lee Sullivan. The Foundation's sole purpose for existence is to ensure that there is an operating Senior Center in Panama City Beach. The Foundation works in partnership with the City of Panama City Beach. The annual operating budget for the Center is \$97,000. The City provides \$40,000, water and telephone service. The foundation has the task of raising \$57,000 each year. Due to the support and cooperation of so many we have been able to do this. When we opened in 2006 we were sure our space needs for activities were taken care of for years to come. This year we are beginning to wonder. We continue to grow every year. At the November Board of Directors meeting the membership count was around 708! But with dedication and ingenuity there is confidence that we can meet the challenge, as we continue to add new programs. Programs are developed in response to the expressed interests of seniors.

It is possible to offer them because, so often, those interested are willing to take on the responsibility of running the activity. They are essential to the success of the Center. Fortunately we have many very talented seniors. For example, the articles created in Painting with Partners, Woodworking and Stained Glass classes.

So now it is time to celebrate! We are setting the date Wednesday, April 6 at 4:30 P.M. for a time to recognize the many who have made this Center possible.

Joe Monte Wins Gyr Falcon

Only one hundred tickets for the hand carved Gyr Falcon were offered at \$5 each to benefit the Panama City Beach Senior Services Foundation. Since all of the tickets sold quickly, the drawing for this outstanding work of art, carved by Kris Karlsson and donated by Kris and his wife Jean, was moved up from the St. Patrick's Day Dance and was held during the Moonlight and Roses Valentine's Day Dance on February 12th in the Lyndell Building at the Senior Center.

Joe Monte, a member of the Foundation Board, purchased ten tickets in hopes of winning this one of a kind treasure. According to Joe, "I've never won a raffle before, but purchased the tickets because I wanted to support the Foundation and maybe be lucky enough to win as well." Joe's luck turned around when his winning number was drawn from the raffle jar during the foundation's Valentine's Day Dance he was attending with his wife, Jeanette.



The President's Corner



As of today it looks as though winter is gone.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our winter visitors. Some have already started their homeward trek. Its always sad to see our friends leave but we look forward to next year and their return.

Our dances this year have been overwhelmingly successful. We have one more in March. Our St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 12th from 7 until 11 pm featuring the music of Jim Lawson and sponsored by Beef 'O' Brady's will be the last of the season. We hope you will come out and enjoy. Hopefully some of our winter guests will enjoy our area so much that they may choose to relocate here. If not, enjoy seeing them as winter guests year after year.

God Bless,
- Mugsy Parens



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RAMBLING THOUGHTS

It's that time again. St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner. The life and teachings of a priest, who lived in the 4th and 5th century in Ireland, have had a profound effect on the people of the world. It is a national holiday in Ireland and some other parts of the world populated by Irish descendants. It is celebrated by Irish and non-Irish alike in such far parts of the world as Japan, Korea, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Montserrat and most English speaking countries. Everyone gets into the act. Chicago paints its rivers green, as does a community in New England. The fountain on the north lawn of the White House was dyed green in 2009 and 2010. Some cities paint a green stripe down the streets to mark the parade route.

How is it that this celebration has become a global one? Perhaps, because it represents a time for celebration of life - with comradeship, good cheer and revelry. It provides people with an immediate sense of connection and sharing. There is nothing more heartwarming. While writing this my thoughts turned to our Senior Center and the activities offered. A variety is offered, with none being earthshaking. The value lies in that they bring people together for a shared purpose that leads to a sense of connection and friendship. Friendships that we trust are essential to a happy life. A framed saying on my doctor's office wall: "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

Submitted by Lily Oatfield

Bulletin Board

-  **SENIOR POTLUCK:** Pot Luck social is held on the third Wednesday of each month following the Foundation Board Meeting. The March Potluck will held on March 16th, March's Potluck entertainment will be announced at a later date The April Potluck will be on April 20th. Please bring a covered dish of your choice and enjoy the fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there.
-  **BUNKO PARTY:** is held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Oatfield Building. The cost is \$5. Come join the group for an evening of fun every Thursday evening! You do not need to be a member in order to participate in Bunko.
-  **AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM:** The upcoming dates for the AARP Driver Safety Program are March 1st and 2nd and April 5th and 6th. The class is a two day class and sessions run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm each day at the Cypress House. You must pre-register to attend. Cost: AARP Members- \$12.00 per person; Non-Members—\$14. and must be paid when you pre-register. A certificate of completion is issued at the end of the class. **YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE.** Checks should be made out to: AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM. Age requirement: 50. For more information call Ramona at 236-3038.

Painting Partners Paint Zoo World

Eleven painters from the Senior Center's "Painting Partners" (Mondays, noon to 3:00 p.m.) stepped up to the plate to help produce a tropical rainforest backdrop in the new reptile house exhibits at Zoo World. Along with a lot of paint everywhere, there was a lot of laughter, smiles, and satisfaction.

It's a big step from creating a watercolor painting to generating a work of art with acrylic exterior house paint. We did this on three plywood canvases each 5 feet by 7 feet long. In a mere seven days, plain white plywood was transformed into a rich, warm, green forest accented by red and yellow flowers poking through lush ground leaves and shaded by soaring mountains under a cool blue sky. Each of the three rooms is a unique painting that flow logically from room to room.. Stop by Zoo World on Front Beach Road and see the tropical rain forest in the new reptile house exhibits. Better yet come and join us paint the next exciting renovation project. *Submitted by Maggie Lillo*



HURRAH FOR OUR YEAR ROUND SENIORS

We look forward to welcoming the snowbirds every year. They bring new faces as well as some familiar ones and take a very active part in our programs. In the early years of operations their membership number was greater than that for the locals. The tide turned about three years ago and now we have many more active locals participating than snowbirds. We have a real treasure in the atmosphere created by the seniors who voluntarily contribute their time, day in and day out, throughout the year to run our programs. Sarah Ruzack has started and conducted so many classes to keep us healthy and active that it is impossible to name them all. Her example has encouraged others to step forward and willingly contribute their time in leading Yoga, Bocce, Zumba The same pattern exists in the various table games – bridge, bid euchre, cribbage. Mahjong. Of course we've all seen the skills develop and grow in such classes as woodworking and stained glass. Another offering – Painting with Partners – has shown amazing growth over the years. Another activity – Dominos – was started by Tom Dillard to provide an interest for his 90+ year old father. Tom has a full time job in Panama City and still oversees this group.

We have many generous seniors whose actions create a special atmosphere that is contagious and valued by all. God Bless.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

2010 FINANCIAL REPORT



The financial goal of the Panama City Beach Senior Services Foundation is to create a sound fiscal policy in order to achieve the overall goal of helping seniors to achieve a better quality of life. The policy includes the establishment of a reserve to cover all insurance deductibles in the event of a disaster. It is also our intention to add to our established endowment fund with the overall goal of being self sufficient in the future.

What did we accomplish in 2010? We stayed within our expense budget and exceeded our income budget. This made it possible to add \$15,000 to our endowment fund and to plan for updating our computer room by replacing seven year old computers.

The Budget for 2011 has to be increased due to increased costs in basic items. Our membership has grown and our building has increased usage. We feel that planned maintenance is less expensive than crisis repair.

We must continue to find ways to earn income necessary to keep our Center vital and relevant.

| EXPENSE | | | |
|---------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| | <i>EXPENSE YEAR TO DATE 12/31/10</i> | <i>BUDGET 2010</i> | <i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2011 — EXPENSE</i> |
| INSURANCE | 12,730 | 13,000 | 15,000 |
| UTILITIES | 7,356 | 8,500 | 10,000 |
| MAINTENANCE | 10,591 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| SECURITY | 2,431 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| OFFICE EXPENSE | 4,330 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| FURNISHINGS | 1,245 | 1,500 | 2,000 |
| PAYROLL | 39,267 | 40,000 | 41,000 |
| CONTINGENCY | 8,546 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| COMCAST | N/A | N/A | 2,000 |
| COMMUNITY RELATIONS | N/A | <u>1,000</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| TOTAL | \$86,496 | \$90,000 | \$97,000 |
| INCOME | | | |
| | <i>INCOME YEAR TO DATE 12/31/10</i> | <i>BUDGET 2010</i> | <i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2011 — INCOME</i> |
| PCB STIPEND | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| MEMBERSHIP | 16,515 | 13,000 | 15,000 |
| EVENTS | 18,297 | 12,000 | 15,000 |
| RENTALS | 5,051 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| PARTICIPATION | 8,462 | 6,000 | 7,000 |
| DONATIONS | 19,085 | 14,000 | 15,000 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 441 | 00 | 00 |
| CD INTREST | <u>3,466</u> | <u>00</u> | <u>00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$111,317 | \$90,000 | \$97,000 |

*Submitted by: Irene Ziegler, Chief
Financial Officer*