



# The Foundation PAGES

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**Join Us at  
the  
Senior  
Follies**

**Friday, March 26  
7:30 p.m.**

**Tickets  
Only \$7.00**

Catherine Hickman Theater  
5501 27th Ave South  
Gulfport

Thanks Again

## Looking Ahead to a Successful 2010

**Message from the New Foundation President, Sarah Peel:**



Your generous Foundation membership and other donations during the past year have provided the Senior Center with the following enhancements:

- Fitness room equipment
- Public computers and work stations
- Addition to the snack bar
- Continuation of the diabetic instructor
- Other assistance to Senior Center programs

The evaluator for the accreditation sought by the Senior Center, Susan Orr, expressed the need for work blend between the Center and the Foundation. Through the guidance of the Foundation Board and the Senior Center staff we will accomplish that in the coming year.

The past five years were a growing experience. We have passed the infant stage and are entering our period of maturity.

With your continued assistance through the form of money, volunteer time, suggestions, and participation, your Senior Center and your Foundation will continue to grow.



## Pledge \$1 a Mile to Support the Foundation Mike Calamari to run 18K Canadian Race In Ontario, Canada March 29, 2010

Board Vice President Mike Calamari, age 65, is running for donations for The Gulfport Senior Center Foundation. The event in Hamilton Ontario, Canada on March 29, 2010 will be held snow or shine. The distance is 30K (18 miles) -- running around Hamilton Harbour & Lake Ontario. Unlike races in Florida, this race has many hills to overcome. Mike is asking for donations of \$1.00 per mile – only \$18.00. Please make checks to The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc. (RACE). Please help our wonderful Center prosper,

Thank You, Mike for this unique fundraiser!

# ... Looking Back at a Successful 2009

## Weekend Wonderland Fundraiser December 4 & 5, 2009 Raises Over \$8,000

The Senior Center's First Annual Winter Wonderland Fundraising Event was a great success and would never have happened without the wonderful support of some very dedicated volunteers. Spearheading the event were volunteers Julie Fuce, Pam McGinnis and Jay Edwards.

The Friday evening Live & Silent Auctions were great fun and Foundation Board member David Lemke did a sterling job as auctioneer. The Saturday Flea Market and Better Boutique provided some great bargains for holiday shoppers while Woody Bianchi enhanced the morning with lively music.

The Senior Center is very appreciative of the time and talent so many individuals gave to make this event so successful. The Center is also grateful to the many businesses who donated auction items, monetary support and food items for the enjoyment of the nearly 200 people who attended the Auction on Friday evening.

All the proceeds, over \$8,000.00, went to the Senior Center Foundation which is the fundraising arm of the Senior Center. All in all it was a fabulous event and we absolutely must do it again.



## Volunteer of the Month Janet Vosler

These days, you can find Janet at the reception desk in the lobby. Janet has held a variety of volunteer positions at the Senior Center, including the Fitness Center, Snack Bar, Flea Markets, and special events.

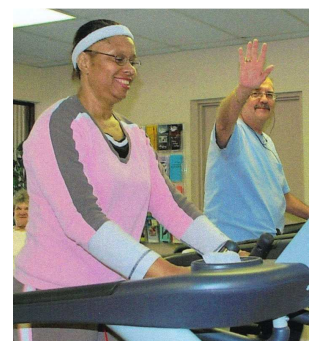
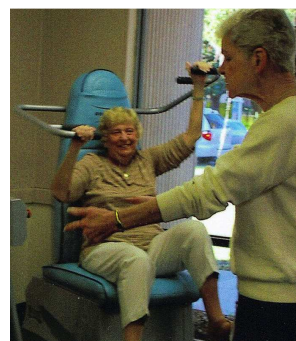
While she is stationed in the lobby, Janet's goal is to recruit at least one new member to the Foundation during her shift. She is surprised that some folks still don't realize all the Foundation does for the center and she proudly tells them about it!

Janet is also known as, "The Cookie Lady". From time to time, she will ask someone "What's your favorite cookie?" and then much to the person's delight, she arrives the next day with homemade cookies, their favorite, of course! A member of the Senior Center's Leadership Team. Janet is a pleasure to work with and always comes to work whenever or wherever needed

- Pam McGinnis

## Foundation Fitness Room Opens in 2009 Usage of Fitness Equipment Continues to Grow

Individuals Using Fitness Equipment		
	<u>Machines</u>	<u>Treadmills</u>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>190</b>





## Foundation Annual Dinner A Gala Night of Fellowship, Food and Fun!

Nearly 200 people attended the Senior Center Foundation Annual General Meeting and Dinner on November 16, 2009. It was a record turn-out and Sue Frank, director of the Senior Center said they had to do some very creative seating to accommodate the crowd. For many, it was their first annual meeting.

Members, staff and friends were treated to a delicious buffet dinner, live music, and a singer performing all sorts of favorites tunes and flirting with the ladies. Foundation Board member David Lemke kept the program moving as emcee.

Foundation President Jane Ogilvie gave the annual address which included many outstanding accomplishments this year. The star on our cap is that the Foundation was the donor of the \$85,000 worth of exercise equipment being utilized by many very happy senior center participants. Additionally, the Foundation constructed and now supplies the snack bar, has donated a television, computers, baskets for opportunity drawings, door prizes, food for events and more. **Well over 75 cents per dollar donated directly benefits the Senior Center, its activities and programs.**

Ogilvie, who is one of the founders of the Foundation, also told the crowd that she is passing the reigns of the presidency to a new member of the board for 2010. She will however remain on the board.

-- Greg Stemm

## Thank You, Jane Ogilvie



As many of you know, Jane Ogilvie recently retired as President of the Senior Center Foundation. For those who don't know, Ms. Ogilvie had a lot to do with the formation and development of the Senior Center Foundation. It all started six years ago when three very inexperienced but determined women realized the benefit of having a Foundation and pushed that idea forward with a lot of work and a little help from their friends. The threesome consisted of Sarah Peel, Jane Ogilvie and myself. Ms. Ogilvie opened a bank account for the Foundation with \$5.00 from her own pocket.

Who would have thought that within five years that seed money would be the start of large and small donations that provided the means for the Foundation to remodel the Senior Center Snack Bar, create a fully equipped Fitness Center, provide three computer stations, pay for special educational classes, enhance Senior Center activities and so much more! Hats off to Ms. Ogilvie who served as Foundation president from the beginning! As with any new organization, it had its growing pains but Ms. Ogilvie stuck through it thick or thin. She nurtured this "baby" through the toddler stage, and beyond. The Foundation is now well established and Board members have a very firm hold on the purpose of the Foundation and how to go forward. Thanks to Ms. Ogilvie for her persistence, determination and conscientious endeavors that have served the Foundation well over the past six years.

-- Sue Frank, Senior Center Supervisor

## Foundation Partners

### FRIEND \$100 +

Aldrich, Bette  
Banks, Emma  
Barnett, William J. & Lucy A.  
Brockmoeller, Ida  
Czechoslovak Cultural Center  
Erpenbeck, Richard A.  
Frank, Abby  
Goldsmith, Henry & Dorothy R.  
Greene, Hugh M. & Raissa  
Gulfport Merchants Assn. Inc.  
Hayes, Jean  
Hill Law Group/April D. Hill Esq.  
Holmes, Jerry A.  
Lamb, Norma M.  
Milford, John & Marjory  
Mitch, Esther P.  
O'Brien, Violet  
Reed, Donald P.  
Schroff, Alyce L.  
Senior Center Bridge Club  
Shovlin, Agnes  
Smoot, Pat  
Stutz, Janet B.  
The Gabber/Ken Reichart  
Wakefield, Caroline C.  
Wingard, Donald & Shirley  
Wood, Elizabeth M.  
Wright, Bernard

### BRONZE PARTNER - \$250 +

Lang, Nancy A.  
WellCare of Florida

### SILVER PARTNER - \$500 +

Allstate Insurance Kilroy Financial Services/Craig R. Kilroy  
Blair, David & Michelle  
Italian American Society of St. Petersburg  
Palms of Pasadena Hospital

### GOLD PARTNER - \$1000 +

Abbe, Susan R.  
Beckman, Sabina B.  
Chapple, Carole  
Estate of Ann L. Bell  
Family of John Shaw  
Fisher, Dawn

### GOLD PARTNER - \$1000 +

Senior Citizens Harmonica Club of Gulfport  
Stanley, Francis A.  
The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg  
Wal-Mart

### PLATINUM - \$2,500 +

Humana, Inc.  
Neighborhood Care Network  
St Vincent's Episcopal Church

### DIAMOND \$5,000 +

Estate of Marguerite P. Brown  
Sjolund, David C & Carol F.

### BENEFACTOR - \$10,000+

Eleanor Daly Troy  
Shapemaster Florida LLC

### BENEFACTOR - \$50,000+

Estate of Marion T. Kester  
Estate of Elsa J. Feeny

## Lifetime Members Of The Foundation

Andrews, Kathleen M.  
Barry, Ed & Joan  
Connell, Mary  
David & Michelle L. Blair  
Dean, Cynthia M.  
Distel, William H.  
Frank, Susan K.  
Gabrio, Carole C.  
Hardeoerfer, Barbara  
Horton, Barbara  
Milch, Mary Lou  
Myers, Robert J.  
Ogilvie, Jane D.  
Peel, Sarah  
Protz, Shirley J.  
Richards, Gloria G.  
Sciullo, Felice & Juanita  
Sjolund, David C. & Carol F.  
Strickland, Betty  
The Woman's Club of Gulfport  
Wolf, William R.  
Yarborough, Courtland

## Supporting Your Senior Center Through Membership and Becoming a Volunteer

We rely on donations and volunteer energy to keep bringing you the services and the no cost/ low cost programming that you have come to expect from the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center. Thank you for joining the Senior Center Foundation as the way to provide that support.

### Here are some ways you can help:

#### Volunteer!

We can always use help in any number of ways, particularly with organizing fundraising activities for improvements to the Senior Center's facility and range of services. For more information, see the volunteer opportunities listed on our web site or call 727-893-2237 or 893-1231.

#### Make a donation through Foundation Membership!

The Senior Center Foundation is supported principally by those who use and appreciate what the Senior Center has to offer them. Becoming a member of the Foundation on an annual basis contributes in no small way to its ability to maintain and enhance Senior Center services and activities. There are in addition, a growing number of businesses and collaborating partners that are pledged to support its role as an important community resource by becoming a Partner Member at the various levels each is able to afford to keep us maintaining our high standard of service.

#### NEW!

#### Become a Sustaining Member!

If you feel that you would like to support the Foundation by making a small monthly contribution to its funds by an automatic transfer to its account through your bank, then a most convenient way for you to do so is by becoming a Sustaining Member and in this way contribute to the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation Inc. on a regular basis. Your monthly contribution (at least \$5 a month) will automatically be deducted from your checking account. This involves you in no credit card fees, no interest charges, no reminder notices about annual dues! It is a very easy and secure way for you to support your Senior Center Foundation.

## New Foundation Board Officers for 2010

**As is customary, the Senior Center Foundation Board members appointed their officers for 2010 at their regular December meeting; this year saw some changes in personnel.**

The newly appointed President is Sarah Peel, a former very well liked Senior Center employee of many years standing. Sarah was one of the three founding persons of the Foundation and is found frequently at the Center as a SHINE representative for the Department of Elder Affairs.

The new Vice President is Mike Calamari – a Family Service & Prearrangement Coordinator for R. Lee Williams & Son Funeral Home, and the owner of Cemetery Connections Inc. a discount cemetery property. Mike also serves as a Board Member for the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and for the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg. Mike serves on Trusts/Projects & Scholarship Committees and is a certified Walk and Run coach.

The Secretary/Treasurer's position remained unchanged with Cynthia Dean serving in that capacity.