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**Congratulations  
Kathleen Andrews!**

Jane Ogilvie, right, prepares to present Kathleen Andrews with a plaque and a lifetime membership to the Foundation. Kathleen submitted the winning name for the Foundation newsletter which appears above. Her entry was selected from among more than two dozen submitted. The award was announced at the Ice Cream Social held at the Senior Center on Monday, June 23.



**Jane D. Ogilvie, President**

Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to "Foundation [PAges](#)". So much has happened since March! The work of the Foundation is never done!

The Allegro Trio Concert on March 27<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success. Our annual membership and sponsorship rolls are growing. The construction of the Snack Bar in the lobby area has been completed and we've heard so many great things about it.

Last month we received a Thank You note from Center Volunteer Pam McGinnis. She said it has made such a difference to Center participants and guests!

Board member Greg Stemm has stepped up to the plate as our new Vice President. Greg is taking over for Mr. Bill Wolf who resigned after 5 years of service. Greg oozes with non-profit experience and we are most happy to have him as our Vice President.

Also joining our Board is Mr. Michael Calamari. Mike brings significant experience in the non-profit world as well, and has a unique understanding of senior concerns and needs.

The Foundation has joined Charity Works, Inc. as a new member. Charity Works is a non-profit 501 c3 like us. Their Mission is to connect corporate donors with non-profit organizations to enhance non-profit purchasing power for goods and services they may need. We expect we may need to put their phone number on "automatic dial".

The Board has approved supporting the Senior Center's desire to create an exercise room. A Senior Center survey indicated that there was great interest in this. Our support will enable the Center to purchase the equipment that will be needed. You'll be hearing more about this as time goes by!

Our Speakers Bureau is taking off, we are generating organizational "name awareness" throughout the community, we continue to work on our fundraising plans, and we're excited about the challenges that lay ahead.

We couldn't do what we're doing without you! Thank you, and please enjoy the rest of YOUR "PAges"!

**Jane D. Ogilvie, President**

## What is the Foundation?

The Foundation is registered with the State of Florida as a 501 c 3 charitable non-profit organization. We are a completely separate legal entity from the City of Gulfport.

The City of Gulfport maintains the physical building and property, and is the Administrator for the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center.

## What is our Mission?

Our primary Mission is to aide, assist and enhance services, programs and activities offered through the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center located at 5501 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. in Gulfport, Florida.

## How are we Governed?

The Foundation is run by an all-Volunteer Board of Directors. We have a President, a Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer. We meet on the last Thursday of every month at the Senior Center. Sub-committees meet prior to the general Board meeting. Special meetings are called when necessary.

## Who do we serve?

The Foundation directly serves all Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center participants, their loved ones, and families. We indirectly serve all residents of Gulfport and neighboring communities. If you're a Baby Boomer, we have your future interests in mind!

## How do we help?

The Foundation actively pursues fundraising in order to provide for special needs of the Senior Center. For example, the Foundation is committed to helping the Center achieve National Senior Center Accreditation.

## What do we need?

We need YOU! Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give".



Foundation sponsors successful concert - The Senior Center Foundation sponsored the Allegro Trio in concert at the Catherine Hickman Theatre on March 27. The fundraiser brought in about \$3,000 for the Foundation and entertained a large crowd

## Hearing Support Group Helps Members Cope

A core group of people who experience hearing loss have from the year 2000, met at the Senior Center to learn how to cope better with this invisible but most real disability in the everyday world. Until two years ago the group focused on learning Speech Reading skills benefiting from the experience and leadership of the late Lillian Trussell. From that time the group evolved into the support group that now identifies it. It meets on a bi-monthly basis to share concerns, challenges and solutions to mutual problems. The members, a core group of six people who would very much like to see their numbers grow, are ready to tell you that by coming together in this way they experience new ways to handle challenges, cope with changes, and maintain new behaviors as a result. Their group leader, Foundation Member Betty Tracey, is herself a highly motivated activist on behalf of the deaf community; among her projects to promote support for people who live with hearing loss, are her Hard of Hearing

Awareness Kits for hospitals and medical facilities to "assist successful communication with hard of hearing patients." These kits are available at no charge at the Gulfport Senior Center to you, your family and friends who have or have ever had difficulties talking about their medical needs and treatment with their medical providers. The Hearing Support Group will resume their regular meetings at the end of August. The date will be announced in the regular monthly Senior Center Calendar.

The Senior Center hosts other support groups which may interest you – for caregivers, people with diabetes and the visually impaired. For information about all these support groups, visit the Gulfport Senior Center, call for more information – 893-2237 or 893-1231 and /or ask for the monthly Calendar of events to be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to you. Meeting with a group of people who have a shared experience can provide valuable moral support, information, and a sense of belonging.

## A Message from Sue Frank, Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Director



Dear Senior Center Participants,

A past Senior Center participant recently visited our facility after a long absence. She reacquainted herself with old friends, staff and volunteers. It was a happy reunion! Before she left, she gave the most wonderful compliment. She said, "This Senior Center is even better now than it use to be". And how could it not be? We have a very

supportive Senior Center Foundation that truly does enhance our services and helps make our dreams come true. Our popular new Snack Bar is proof enough! And now we are dreaming once again. And just for the record, we just don't dream things up on our own. They are *your* dreams! Your comments are taken seriously as well as the verbal and written surveys you helped complete. So thank you for your interest and input.

Many of you are saying you would like an exercise room? Wouldn't that be nice! It's possible! All things are possible with everyone's support of the Senior Center Foundation. If you aren't a member now, please considering becoming one! A year from now someone else may come through our doors and say, "This Senior Center is even better now than it use to be". We count on that!

Sincerely,

Susan Frank  
Senior Center Supervisor



Sue Frank and Sarah Peel pose in front of the new refrigerator which is part of the Senior Center's new lobby area snack bar. The refrigerator was donated by Neighborly Care Network and the remodeling and funding for food and beverages is provided by the Senior Center Foundation.

**Did you know the Senior Center will turn 25 in October?**

**Watch for news of a birthday party to remember!**

**Plus, a special event in November just for Foundation members and sponsors!**

### The Deaf and Hearing Connection Returns to Center

A few months ago, Senior Center Supervisor Sue Frank informed the Board of Directors that The Deaf and Hearing Connection of Seminole had discontinued services to the Center due to budget cuts.

This organization had provided an invaluable service to Center participants and members of our community. They offered free hearing tests, made available free, amplified telephones and other devices, and provided training and education.

Their absence created a gap in care for people who had depended upon them previously, and for those who needed their assistance but were no longer able to get it at the Center.

Our GEMS bus doesn't go to Seminole, so for seniors who don't drive anymore, it meant asking a friend, taking a long bus ride, or an expensive taxi ride. For some participants the bus or taxi weren't options.

Sue Frank and social services coordinator Sarah Peel would volunteer to drive them to Seminole. It was the only way they would get the services they needed.

The Foundation researched, considered, and ultimately approved to fund The Deaf and Hearing Connection in order to regain this important service. In May, they returned to a full house! Demand was so great that they re-evaluated the need at the Center and decided to waive their fee!

The Foundation is most appreciative of this action, and the Center is most grateful. Thank you Deaf and Hearing Connection!

*If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should never grow old.*

— John Kenneth Galbraith

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And we continue to grow! Encourage your friends and relatives to join too.

**Special Thanks**

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