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Message from the Executive Director



Spring, 2008, has been a very busy time for Senior Services of Alexandria. Volunteers have continued to deliver hundreds of meals each day to senior citizens who cannot prepare food for themselves; our reservationists link those who cannot drive with Senior Taxi service and our DOT program, and our money management counselor has continued to advocate for our clients and assist them with bill paying.

In May, our employment counselor, Eugene Thompson, left SSA to pursue other opportunities. We wish him well and thank him for his service to SSA. In the meantime, the SSA staff is responding to requests for employment from senior citizens and inquiries from employers in need of personnel. In addition, we are carefully considering the changing demographics of those we serve to determine program needs in this area.

The main event this spring was our Founders' Ball on May 17, where we honored five of SSA's founders and celebrated 40 years of service to Alexandria's older residents. We held the ball at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Old Town and recognized the leadership of Nelson Greene, Nancy Kelly, Mary Ann Ormes, Lewis Stearman and William Vosbeck.

SSA produced a video in which these five founders were interviewed about their efforts to start the organization and in which we shared SSA's accomplishments since 1968. Mayor William D. Euille joined SSA Board President Carl Behnke to present our honorees with

a copy of the video and a certificate of appreciation. We also celebrated Mr. Greene's 94th birthday and Mr. Vosbeck's 80th. After the program, everyone stayed to dance to the music of the T. C. Williams High School Jazz Band.

More than 250 people attended the Founders' Ball, raising over \$50,000 for SSA's programs. Also, more than 50 individuals and businesses contributed items for our Silent Auction. Thanks to everyone who made this event such an amazing success. For those of you who could not attend, we are including some pictures.

We have a number of exciting programs planned for the fall, including a travel series, which is being planned and will be presented by Hugh and Barbara Barton. You can learn more about this in an article in this newsletter.

Our restaurant night at Tempo Restaurant was so successful that we are planning several such evenings next year. We are planning one restaurant night every two months, beginning in September. We will post exact dates and locations on our web site as they become available.

As I mentioned earlier, we are revitalizing our employment counseling program to better meet the needs of our changing clientele. We are also exploring the possibility of creating a "senior village" in Alexandria. These "villages" have been very successful in cities like Washington, DC, and Boston. Basically, for a membership fee, senior citizens can access an array of services including everything from finding someone to house sit when they are on vacation to arranging for

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TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH HUGH AND BARBARA

Special Announcement! Make plans to join Hugh and Barbara Barton of Barton & Barton Travel Consultants for a new travel series this fall. The series will be cosponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria.

The Bartons will present four informal lectures about various aspects of world travel particularly designed for seniors. The Kincaid Travel Series, which will begin in September, is named for the late Claire Kincaid, and will be held at Stardust Restaurant, 608 Montgomery Street, at the north end of Old Town. Kincaid was the mother of Stardust owner Avery Kincaid.

Topics will include: traveling with grandchildren; using the Internet to plan itineraries and book transportation and accommodations; the advantages and disadvantages of group tours; driving abroad and other tricks of the trade collected by the Bartons in their travels.

Hugh and Barbara are both retired from destination



marketing careers that have included living in and planning trips to: Hong Kong; Guam; Virginia Beach; Huntsville, Alabama; Alexandria and Arlington. They now market holiday villas in Italy, Ireland and the United States and engage in a variety of other travel consulting.

The series will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The dates are: September 9, October 14, November 4 and January 13. The cost is \$15 per person per lecture, or \$50 for the whole series. Light refreshments will be offered with a cash bar. Stardust Restaurant will also provide discounts for dinner to series attendees.

To register, call 703-836-4414, ext. 11, or email directorssa@comcast.net

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temporary in-home care because of an illness or some other unexpected event. The membership fee gives the senior citizen peace of mind that an organization has thoroughly vetted all vendors before including them on a list of providers available to the older client. We are still

very much in the exploratory stage for this project and will keep you informed as we move forward.

Thank you for your continued support for SSA and let me know if you have any suggestions about ways to improve our services.

We thank our sponsors of the Founders' Ball

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THIS IS YOUR SPACE!!!!

Each edition of Silver Streak will provide this space for any senior to provide a photograph, a short story, a poem, a joke or any creative expression. Send your submission and share it with our readers. This issue features photos of the Founders' Ball by Hope Gibbs.



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Mayor William D. Euille



L to R: Founders William Vosbeck, Nelson Greene, Mary Ann Ormes, Lewis Stearman and Daniel Kelly representing Nancy Kelly



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L to R; Carl Behnke, Nelson Greene, Mary Ann Ormes, Lewis Stearman, Mayor Euille and Daniel Kelly display the plaque given to the honorees



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Callie Terrell sings "You Are The Wind Beneath My Wings" to the honorees

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A Hearty Welcome to our New Transportation Reservationists!



Lamanda Jones worked for White Top Cab Company, one of our transportation partners, before joining the SSA family.



Delmy Arias was a stay-at-home mom who was looking for a part-time job. She brings very important bilingual skills to us.



Callie Terrell retired from the Alexandria Fire Department, where she served as the Administrative Assistant to six fire chiefs before coming to SSA.



Our newest reservationist is Dana Dundidge. She joined SSA in May and has a wide range of experience in administrative work and as a transportation reservationist.

And Good-by to:



Verdine Holmes has worked as a transportation reservationist in both the Senior Taxi and DOT programs. Our clients will miss her friendly voice on the telephone and her kindness. Verdine is leaving to spend more time with her grandchildren. We wish her every happiness.

Staff pictures by Regan Kireilis

*“We do not stop playing because we grow old;
 We grow old because we stop playing.”*

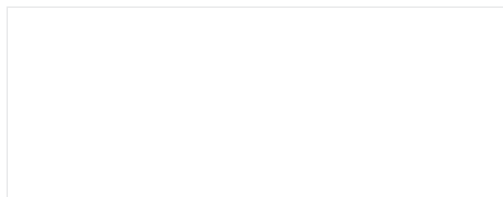
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