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Fund Facts

Baby food to garlic spreads

BY MARY JO SHAW

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Maria had resources to be accepted in Panorama. She made simple items for the gift shop to bring in a little more income. Soon she purchased new glasses. She sold her old car at a low price to her granddaughter so she could drive to college while caring for her sickly father.

After a few years, the car money ran out. When Maria needed false teeth, she tired of eating soft baby foods. She used her lovely fresh pea patch veggies. But running them through the blender was not the same for her psyche or her physical needs.

Time passed. Maria answered her door and beamed at the little basket of fresh corn on the cob her neighbor proudly presented with stretched-out hands. "Oh, how nice, but..." Maria's beam turned down a notch.

"What's wrong, Maria?" Maria stuttered and shook her head. With gentle coaxing, they

See **GARLIC SPREADS**, page 3.



Photos by Paul Enns

Not-so-silent auction

BY GAIL MADDEN

It was anything but silent at the Seventeen51 Restaurant on February 9th when the Panorama Benevolent Fund held the third annual silent auction as a kick-off to the month-long fund drive. More than 130 items including handcrafted items, gift certificates, vacations, and baskets of goodies went on the block as Panorama residents circled the tables looking for just the right thing. Almost all of the items were bid on and sold in the two-hour auction.

Many items were contributed by local businesses and non-profits including the Olympia Film Society, the Hands-on Children's Museum, Orca Books, the Iron Rabbit, Cutters Point Coffee and Falls Terrace Restaurant and Olympia Little Theater to name a few. The Panorama Corporation contributed a gift basket, housekeeping hours, Seventeen51 lunches and dinners. Lifestyle Enrichment provided two sets of tickets and bus ride to the Paramount Theater. The DeTray family contributed a week in Maui at a Kihei Sands condo while dinner and a night at Quinault Beach Resort was also available. Timberland Bank provided us with a donation to purchase Fred Meyer gift certificates which were used as bidding items, raffle offerings and prizes. Bidding was fierce on a dinner at Anthony's

See **SILENT AUCTION**, page 3.

Service, Transition, & Innovation

BY DALE VINCENT. PRESIDENT



Thank you for your support of the Panorama Benevolent Fund this past year. Your commitment, dedication, leadership and hundreds of volunteer hours are deeply appreciated. Please be assured that your efforts make a fantastic difference in lifestyle quality for Panorama residents.

Your efforts have made my job remarkably easy, and a lot of fun this past year. I fully believe that the opportunity to serve as President of the Panorama Benevolent Fund is the best volunteer job on campus. It has been extremely rewarding to see the wonderful accomplishments of all the great people who volunteer and work in this endeavor.

We are in the “Peace of Mind” business. A resident may never need to call on the Benevolent Fund for financial assistance, may never make a call or an appointment with one of the Social Assistance staff, and may never have the occasion to push their SARA button. But just knowing that such assistance is available, and just knowing that the Social Assistance staff can help with a host of issues involved in the aging process, provides that all-so-important “Peace of Mind.”

Almost no one ever knows about some of the most important accomplishments of the Benevolent Fund on behalf of individual Panorama residents. Some of the critical problem solving work in providing home care and home health care for individual residents and for solving all kinds of problems and crisis situations is some of the best work that we do. A great number of people who never need financial assistance and who never become qualified “clients” are your most grateful and appreciative supporters.

For those individuals who are part of our financial assistance programs, there is frequently a great team effort with our Social Assistance workers, i.e. Adele, Corrine, and Sara, and the Benevolent Fund financial assistance volunteer as they work through joint problem solving to make life easier, more rewarding, and regularly, on an almost daily basis, smooth out the

bumps in the road as we advance in age and decline in ability. Most folks never hear these stories, but they represent some of our most important work. Thank you all for what you do!

You all have some remarkable accomplishments during this past year. For most of these, I have enjoyed watching your achievements and the improvements you have made.

We changed investment brokers and financial advisors. After sixteen years with Morgan Stanley, we moved our accounts to US Bank Charitable Services. This was the culmination of two years effort on the part of the financial committee under the leadership of Gail Madden and Norm Wohlken. This resulted in an annual savings in brokerage fees of more than \$20,000.

We followed the recommendations of the Patio Sale Sustainability Team and made major changes in the annual Patio Sale leadership. The Benevolent Fund moved from relying on a single patio sale leader to a distributed leadership structure. This involved the leadership of a great many patio sale volunteers. I cannot thank everyone enough for their willingness to assume the leadership and responsibilities involved. This simply could not have been achieved without many, many Volunteers in Charge making it happen. I will always be indebted to the support and cooperation of Diane Stiles. Without her willing participation, this would not have been possible.

The Benevolent Fund established a new website: www.panoramabenevolentfund.org. Norm did a remarkable job of making the website happen in a very short time and at limited expense.

Lastly, the Benevolent Fund responded to a request from Panorama that we expand our financial assistance to residents by providing support for residents who live in, and/or who may want to move to Assisted Living (AL). We created a limited, one year trial program for AL assistance. The trial is limited to a maximum of three people, with a maximum monthly assistance of \$1,500.

It has been a great year! Thank you all for making it happen. ♦

Silent Auction



contributed by the Panorama Board and of course the highlight was the opportunity to bid on getting your car washed and detailed by the CEO and CFO of Panorama! This event will be memorialized on video when it is scheduled.

The Mardi Gras theme was prominent as several residents wore masks or costumed themselves to fit the theme. Bud Konopaski, decked out as a New Orleans pirate, won a \$25 gift certificate to Fred Meyer. Kudos to the peacock feather mask constructed and worn by Marlys Baker. Sue Ballard came within one of

guessing the correct number of M&Ms in a large jar (194, Sue guessed 193). Prizes for the oldest and youngest attendees as well as to the person present who had lived at Panorama the longest went to Reta Alberti, Joel Romanelli and Barbara Nichols respectively.



Residents, as is traditional at Panorama, managed to arrive before the 3:00 p.m. start time and stayed until the end when raffle winners were announced. Food and wine were consumed and raffle tickets purchased throughout the afternoon. Judging from the smiles, active bidding and animated conversation in the room, I think it safe to say that a good time was had by all! At the final drawing for the 50/50 raffle, it really did become a silent auction and people waited to see if they would win the more that \$600 dollars available. The winning ticket was held by John Giese who claimed his prize and, completely bowling over the auction organizers and the PBF board members, donated it back to the Benevolent Fund! Thanks, John, for your wonderful generosity.

So many of you have asked — what was the bottom line? I'm happy to say that the auction was a success in every way raising more than twice the money we made last year at the same event. The gross total was \$ 8,448.77. Thanks to all who donated and who purchased raffle tickets and auction items. Thanks to our donors who handcrafted item, donated items and supplied us with gift certificates and services. Also a big thanks to those who helped organize, sell tickets and otherwise



support behind the scenes of a fun afternoon. When you are out and about, remember to thank those businesses that donated to our Benevolent Fund. All of this activity is to put the "fun" in fundraising to provide you with a memorable afternoon and to support one another through the activities of the Benevolent Fund. Thanks for coming and participating, and if you missed it, there's always next year. Stay tuned. ♦

Garlic spreads

spoke about the small case of baby foods on the table.

"Maria, why not talk with Panorama Social Services? They work with the Benevolent Fund for things like that. Remember when we paid our lifetime dues of one whole dollar?" She continued. "You always worked at our huge summer patio sale." "But that wasn't work. That was fun. I'd feel odd going to Social Services."

The neighbor offered, "Think it over. I'll be glad to walk with you when you feel ready." "Well, I'm free now, are you?" With the unexpected, last minute agreement, the two began strolling to the campus office. They chatted about how they'd been encouraged in sessions Panorama presented about such help. Only two people know the names of independent residents asking for assistance in qualifying for funds. Both women laughed when Maria teased, "Well, I'll have three people who will know. You are a good friend and neighbor."

Approaching the building, they recalled that many residents give a little each month, participate in the silent auction, and purchase or donate items to the Stiles-Beach Barn. "A little from many adds up to a lot," they agreed. Maria thanks the Benevolent Fund; no more baby food. Her blender now whips up garlic spreads for herself and friends. She delights in chomping on her fresh veggies, especially her corn on the cob! ♦



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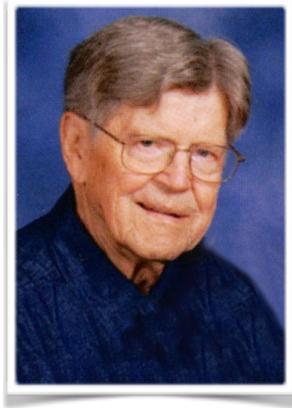
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LEGACY OF GEORGE WALLING



BY DALE VINCENT

The Benevolent Fund expresses its deep appreciation for the recent bequest of \$28K from George Walling. George was a long time Panorama resident, involved in many activities and a good friend of the Benevolent Fund.

His most generous contribution will go a long way to supporting and promoting the mission of the Benevolent Fund to provide assistance to Panorama Residents.

Thank you George and family.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS!

The following residents donated to the work of the Benevolent Fund this quarter. The donations were in the form of memorials, gifts of appreciation, cash donations, or bequests. The Benevolent Fund, a not-for-profit organization operated for and by residents, 1) provides financial assistance and support to residents in need, 2) provides services and funding for quality-of-life projects for the benefit of all residents, and 3) helps provide a smooth transition through the phases of aging.

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