



November 2016

Fund Facts

What it's for!

BY MARY JO SHAW

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Sharon and Bob had cherished owning a diner and serving their friends with their hearty menus. It kept them going for 35 years. Sharon worked the tables, counters, floors, and hired a young adult to wash dishes and clean. Bob was in charge of the kitchen.

They lost their small diner business due to an electrical fire. In their late 60s, they felt too old to start again. They had lived rather frugally while saving for retirement. Now they longed to climb into bed at a decent hour and be free from nightmares of food spoiling, over or under purchasing supplies, and paying bills.

They found a small home in Panorama. After those years of hard work and lifting heavy food cans, they were grateful every day for the family of friends, volunteers, and activities at Panorama. However, Bob developed slipped and herniating discs. Insurance only paid for a few months of therapy and

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Holidays at Stiles-Beach Barn

BY CAROL THOMAS

The activities at the Stiles-Beach Barn are integral to the success of the Panorama Benevolent Fund. An especially festive event is Santa's Shop, celebrating its 12th year. Mark your calendars!

Santa's Shop is a special sale for Panorama residents, staff and merchants. Santa's Elves greet visitors, hot apple cider and cookies add to the holiday spirit and, of course, there are items to help decorate your home, inside and out, and gift items suitable for family and friends.

You will find wreaths and Christmas trees of all sizes; some of these have already been decorated for you. Holiday décor items including scores of ornaments will add cheer to your home. Gifts include pictures and beautiful hangings, collectibles of all kinds...cut glass, crystal, table decorations, figurines, and linens and tablecloths with delicate embroidery. And don't forget the famous Santa's Shop Mustard!!

Friday, December 2, 2016

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday, December 3, 2016

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Panorama Benevolent Fund wishes you a wonderful holiday season. Join the fun, and let it begin with your visit to Santa's Shop at the Stiles-Beach Barn! ♦

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medications. His depression and constant care wreaked havoc on Sharon's psyche. They had run their once-comfortable financial portfolio down to rock bottom with medical expenses.

Bob wouldn't consider asking for help. Sharon knew he was proud of his achievements and of doing it without financial help.

However, Sharon thought: "If our finances were somewhat eased, I wouldn't be so stressed. I miss participating in anything, and I know Bob does too...movies, simple meals with our friends, the classes, and lectures. We both loved our volunteering at the Barn or auditorium. After I take him his lunch, and he's napping, I'll talk to the social workers. I'll leave him a note saying I went walking."

Sharon appreciated the friendly welcome by the staff. They are used to having one spouse hesitate to talk about qualifying for help. They spoke about handling the situation with Bob.

In the end, he was willing to listen and work with the only two people who know that he qualified for the Benevolent Fund Financial Assistance Program. They helped him realize that his situation is what the Fund is for!

After several months of financial help with therapy, Bob was Bob again. He and Sharon participated in their familiar activities, and friends welcomed them back to the fun of their volunteer "work". ♦

What's on deck at your Benevolent Fund?

BY DALE VINCENT

Can you believe that it is the Holiday Season! Thanksgiving is this month and Christmas is just around the corner.

This is a perfect time of year to remember that the Benevolent Fund is here, year around, ready and available to provide financial assistance to Panorama residents in need and who qualify for financial assistance. This is a great time to think about your friends and neighbors who may need some help. If you are concerned about someone special, please remember how easy it is to make a private, confidential phone call to our social assistance workers. Just call x 7776. Your friend or neighbor will never know you called and they may really appreciate the offer of help.

Welcome to Don Whiting, the Benevolent Fund's new co-treasurer. Don will be replacing Gloria Siciliano who has done yeoman volunteer work for six years; paying our bills, making sure that resident's financial assistance checks are deposited in their checking accounts, and keeping the IRS and our auditors happy. Don used to be the Washington State Director of Elections working in the Secretary of State's office. He will be a great addition to our management team, and as co-treasurer, he also sits on the Benevolent Fund's Board of Trustees.

The new Benevolent Fund Patio Sale leadership structure seems to be doing very well. I recently had the pleasure of visiting with each of the patio sale work group leaders. They are working hard getting ready for next July's patio sale and running the year round activities, sales, close outs, pick ups at the Stiles-Beach Barn and the 14th Street Furniture and Books Warehouse.

The Stiles-Beach Barn, and 14th street Warehouse are open all year, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 11:30, for both sales to residents and for your donations of those extra items that you don't need or want around your home. The sales from these locations are vital to accomplishing the Benevolent Fund's mission of helping residents. There is a great selection of books and furniture for sale. We

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Election results

BY SUZANNE DAHLMAN

The Board of Trustees welcomes newly elected or re-elected members are Jay Felzien, Gail Madden, and Diane Stiles. President Dale Vincent announced the election results at the October 2016 board meeting. These three individuals will take office at the end of the January 2017 board meeting. Their terms will run for three years each.

All of the candidates had been contacted and notified of the results by President Vincent. He also thanked all of the candidates and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

He also indicated that they would be the first ones considered for appointment to the board should vacancies occur during the year. ♦



Gail Madden



Jay Felzien



Diane Stiles

Panorama
Benevolent Fund
Mardi Gras
Masquerade Madness



Gala and Silent Auction 2017

February 9th, 2017

3:00–5:00 p.m.

Seventeen51 Restaurant & Bistro

BY GAIL MADDEN

The Benevolent Fund Board wants you to mark 3:00– 5:00 p.m. on the afternoon of February 9th on your calendar and come to the Annual Fund Drive Kick-off Silent Auction. This year the theme is *Mardi Gras Masquerade*. Please join us for a glass of wine, appetizers and a 50/50 raffle as well as a silent auction of goodies, services, and treasures you can bid on through the afternoon. And don't forget to wear a Mardi Gras masque and perhaps win a prize. What about a sailboat ride or a catered picnic, movie tickets, some cookies, or a spring garden basket? Individual items as well as small and large baskets of items will be up for auction. The 50/50 Raffle is a chance to buy a ticket where one winner will split the proceeds of the raffle with the Benevolent Fund—certainly that's worth a chance or two.

When you come to the auction, you may bring your cash or check donation with you or sign a pledge card for a monthly amount to be added to your Panorama bill. The Panorama Corporation has worked with us to ensure that monthly pledges made this year will continue without interruption into future years until you instruct us to stop or change the allocated amount.

Now about donations—WE NEED THEM. Do you have an item, a service, a weekend at a vacation home, sports or theater tickets you can donate, or perhaps you can bake, or sew, or give some car wash coupons, or a free window washing gift certificate, dinner out, or a car ride to Seattle for a day of shopping. Our auction items are as varied as your imagination – so get your thinking cap on and donate to the Benevolent Fund Auction. If you have questions about the suitability of a donation, please call Gail Madden at 5065.

So why give? Simple. The Benevolent Fund is “living insurance” and your funds go to support our programs—financial assistance for independent living residents who have outlived their resources, the three full-time social services staff in Independent Living Services, and the SARA life-alarm devices. We are all interconnected and interdependent whether we like it or not. The moment we decide to give, is the moment we admit that as people we have a responsibility to sustain each other. The fact that helping others also helps us does not diminish the act of giving; it is a certainty that giving makes this community work.

Join us February 9th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm and join in the *Mardi Gras Masquerade*.



Panorama Benevolent Fund

2017 Auction Donation Form

Mardi Gras Masquerade

Thursday, February 9th, 2017

Donation deadline: Please return form by January 25, 2017.

Donor Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Item donated: _____

Description: _____

Any restrictions e.g. expiration, date(s), deadlines, special arrangements?

Value: _____ Suggested starting bid: _____

- Donation will be delivered to the Benevolent Fund office by February 1st, 2017.
 Donation certificate is enclosed.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Please complete and return to:
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constantly receive donations, so come and see what's new. Be sure to take resident transit to the 14th street warehouse. Parking is very limited.

Volunteers are always needed! Since it takes around 650 volunteers to put on the annual July sale, we really do need your help! Please call the Benevolent Fund office to get involved. It is a wonderful way to meet people and it is fun!

Elaine Rost passed away last month, I hope you got to see the lovely tribute to Elaine at the most recent KPAN production in the Auditorium. She was a great person and is missed. She was a long term, valuable volunteer for the Benevolent Fund. Elaine created brochures and flyers for us. She was also the editor of Benevolent Fund Facts from 2010 to 2013. R.I.P. Elaine!

Panorama recently asked the Benevolent Fund to consider expanding our resident financial assistance program to residents in Assisted Living. For many years, our financial help has been limited to those in Independent Living. It was always felt that Assisted Living was just too expensive for the Benevolent Fund to be able to afford. So, a task force of Benevolent Fund board members and volunteers has been formed to look into the possibility of conducting a limited, one year trial just to see if expanding financial assistance is possible.

We can never predict how many Independent Living residents will qualify for assistance, nor can we forecast just how much money will be needed for any individual resident. No decision has been made yet. Any trial that might be conducted will have to be very limited in the number of people it can support, and the amount of that support will also have to be limited. We always have to be prudent and cautious in these decisions. No matter what, we have to make sure that there are adequate funds available to meet the needs of Independent Living residents, no matter what happens, no matter how many need help, and no matter what investment market conditions may prevail. We will keep you informed of our efforts.

Norman Wohlken is leading the effort to create a Benevolent Fund website with the help of the Panorama Library and David Forsythe. We think this could be a great new resource to provide information to residents on a broad range of topics. Benevolent Fund News, how to apply for financial assistance, elections and fund raising could all be included in an Internet website. Stay tuned!

Patio Sale leaders are considering trying a Saturday Sale at the 14th street warehouse. Wouldn't it be great if enough books and furniture could be sold throughout the year and thereby just perhaps making it unnecessary to move all that furniture and all those books for the July annual Patio Sale? The trial for a Saturday sale may happen in April.

Thanks to everyone who voted in the recent Benevolent Fund Board of Trustee elections. Over 700 ballots were received! We really appreciate the high level of resident interest in your Benevolent Fund. Congratulations to those who were elected. You will be pleased to hear that the candidates that did not happen to be elected continue to be involved in Benevolent Fund leadership volunteer efforts.

Thank you! ♦



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