



FUND FACTS

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Keeping the Promise

The Benevolent Fund: Why We Are by Gail Madden

As I step down from the role of president of the Board, I have spent some time looking back on the past year. The Benevolent Fund is a dynamic and growing organization, always looking for new ways to support the community while ensuring that our core obligations are met.

We provide support both financially and socially across the campus. As far as I know, the Benevolent Fund at Panorama is unique in the breadth of its activities and funding when compared to other retirement communities.

This last year, the Benevolent Fund took a step forward in presenting some programs of campus-wide interest and concern. The Dementia Forum with Mary Donnelly is still a topic of enthusiastic conversation. We are planning to bring her back in the late spring of 2020 for another session. We also sponsored the "Get Your Ducks in a Row" seminar on the role of a personal representative/executor in estate planning.

More recently, in January, we sponsored a workshop on the common experience of caregiving for a loved one, especially one with memory-loss issues. We continue to look for programs, topics and speakers that can provide insight and support as we transition through the stages of aging.

The March **Panorama News: 2019 Annual Report** talks about the promise of the Benevolent Fund. That promise serves as our contract between our volunteer-run organization and the independent living residents of Panorama. Essentially, our promise to ourselves to support and care for one another.

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Christmas All Year 'Round

Hope you've had a chance to shop at the "Christmas in July" booth at the annual Patio Sale. It has been a hit since we added it two years ago.

In case you're wondering, Christmas at Stiles-Beach Barn never ends. Volunteers in our decor area receive holiday decorations in January, April, September. It doesn't matter what the season, it's always Christmas! So much so, we have a yearly Santa Sale in December when we deck the halls of Encore with all we've stored away.

Keep it coming folks, and we'll keep the holiday spirit alive year 'round!

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Beyond the Barn by Roxanne Cobb

The Stiles-Beach Barn (SBB) is more than a thrift shop for residents. For the larger community it is a place where sometimes they find necessities, treasures or memories. This is one story.

SBB was given a nice car seat, which we cannot sell. Pregnancy Aide is unable to take it because current laws state they must know the year and model number. All we knew was that it was very clean and barely used. A mother with 4 children under the age of 5 came in. She inquired about it and told us it was a good one. I took great pleasure in telling her we could not sell it to her, but we would give it to her. With tears in her eyes, she told me they were looking for a bigger one for the oldest child but could not afford it.

One of the great things about working in the Stiles-Beach Barn is the joy you bring to others. We are in a unique position to help our residents as well as many people in our community.

Feb. 12 Auction Raised \$4,007.39

The tables were filled with an exciting array of 143 items: highly prized home made cookies and pies, top rated wines, exotic gift baskets, art work, a bicycle, a dinner party for 6, a vacation condo, gift cards, and so much more.

Thanks to all of you who supported the Benevolent Fund through your creative gifts and generous bidding.

The happy winner of the 50-50 raffle took home \$450.

Why We Are (cont)

As I relinquished a leadership role on the board, I am convinced, more than ever, that the Benevolent Fund fulfills a vital and dynamic role at Panorama. We continue to support residents who have outlived their resources. We also support the salaries of the three social service advisors who provide a myriad of services and individual advice and support. And we provide each independent living resident with a SARA pendant.

In turn, we are supported by an amazing network of volunteers who work at the Stiles-Beach Barn and Encore facilities - sorting, cleaning, selling and cashiering. By an acquisitions team who sorts and packs donated items when a home is vacated, and by a truck crew who picks up and delivers items across the campus. By the financial committee and the executive committee members, volunteers who ensure that our resources are well invested and appropriately expended. And by a social assistance team who is the face of the Benevolent Fund for our clients.

It is gratifying to know that our efforts continue to be supported by a strong donor base of residents who contribute through their pledges, donations, and bequests.

As new leadership and new board members take the reins, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to play a role in this amazing organization that reflects the generosity of spirit embodied in the volunteer activities and the community-wide financial support that makes our programs possible. Thank you.



From Social Services: Low Vision Group

Every 3rd Tuesday of each month, the Low Vision Group meets in the Quinault Auditorium at 1:30pm. We share resources and problem solve the challenges of low vision and sight loss in a thoughtful, understanding environment.

In August of 2019, Panorama became an affiliate of the **International Low Vision Support Group**, which provides a monthly newsletter and podcast, featuring motivational speakers and leading experts in the fields of low vision



Tiffany Martin

care, research, low vision products, and rehabilitation. The group listens to this short recorded session and then discusses the topic.

The newest Social Services Advisor, Tiffany Martin, facilitates the group and provides additional follow-up for residents looking for assistance or resources.

She maintains vision related connections in the community and is committed to following up on the interests of the group.

Give a Gift To Yourself

Some folks celebrate their birthday with friends and a party. Others try to let the day pass without much thought. But what if we see our birthday as an opportunity to help others?

You could volunteer for an organization whose work you believe in. Offer a random act of kindness to your neighbor. Or maybe donate **your new age in dollars** on your birthday to the Panorama Benevolent Fund as a way of adding an extra special meaning to your birth day.

Evidence shows that helping others is actually beneficial. It can help reduce stress, improve our emotional and mental well being, and even benefit our physical health. The more we do for others the more we do for ourselves. **Being generous really does make us happier.**

Looking for a Happy Place? 😊

Disneyland may call itself the “happiest place on earth,” but we like to think of **Stiles-Beach Barn** as a close second! Our volunteers know it's a good place to interact with others and do something important for the Panorama community.

Most volunteers work one 2 ½ hour shift per week and many have stayed for years. Some folks split a shift because they cannot stand for 2 1/2 hours. We have lots of available stools.

We currently need people to help with pricing and packing for Patio Sale and to serve as cashier. Our needs are always changing and we'd love to talk to you about where you can fit in.

Call **Kathy Kidwell** at 5924 or **Roxanne Cobb** at 5513, or stop by and visit any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9 and 11:30 am once we reopen.

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Mission Statement: The Benevolent Fund, a not-for-profit organization operated for and by residents provides: 1) financial assistance and support to residents in need; 2) services and funding for quality-of-life projects for the benefit of all residents, and 3) help for a smooth transition through the phases of aging.

President: Phyllis Freitas; **Vice-President:** Christine Voigt; **Secretary:** Carol De Mers; **Treasurers:** Dave Bartruff & Don Whiting.
Members: Ian Christopher, Roxanne Cobb, Cynthia Daniels, Keith Grant, Lu Hamacek, Richard Koeb, Pat LaViollette, Gail Madden, Burt Sarver. **Appointees:** Kristine Bartruff, Jay Felzien, Georgia Vincent. **Social Services:** Tiffany Martin, Corrine Wasmundt, Sara Wasser.

The Benevolent Fund is located in the Quinault Lower Level. Office hours are Mon.—Fri. 7:00am—3:30pm . (360) 438-7556 or ext. 7556. Staff: Executive Assistant Connie Cameron. Visit our website: panoramabenevolentfund.org or like us on Facebook: [Patios at Panorama](#)

Charitable Programs:

Smile Amazon: Amazon will contribute a portion of each eligible sale to the Benevolent Fund once you select it as your charity of choice. Simply go to smile.amazon.com/23-7191166.

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