

**BCOA  
General Meeting  
1/14/2010**

Ray Levi called the meeting to order at 8:20. He announced that in addition to the normal collection to be presented to a non-profit member agency, a special collection was being taken to assist in the relief efforts to help Haiti recover from the earthquake. All funds collected will be given to the Red Cross. Before the end of the meeting Ray announced that \$370 had been raised.

**Member Moment:**

Christina Levine spoke enthusiastically about Covenant Village whose host organization, Covenant Retirement Communities, Inc., is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 4/1/2010. She talked about the diversified services and programs which the organization is involved in and pointed members to the website [www.havingtheconversation.com](http://www.havingtheconversation.com).

**Program:**

Program chair Deborah Coleman introduced Yolanda Rodriguez, the Assistant City Manager for the City of Margate, who serves on the Executive Council of AARP, and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Florida Association of Aging Services Providers. She reviewed the 2009 Legislative Session and the impact on senior focused programs; she then discussed the issues that AARP will be advocating for in 2010. Her presentation was warmly received.

**Business:**

**Minutes:**

Ray asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting; Coleen Brown so moved; Linda Manzini seconded the motion which was passed without discussion.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

No report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**

No report

**Treasurer:**

No report

**Outreach:**

No report

**Membership:**

Linda Malave Rasche reminded members that the February meeting is the annual membership meeting. All are urged to bring as many guests interested in joining BCOA, as possible. There will be plenty of opportunity for networking as well as prizes for some members who bring guests.

**Public Relations:**

No report

**Legislative:**

Anita Todras announced that a list of legislative contacts were on the tables for members to assist their advocacy efforts.

**Cheryl Wilson Fund:**

Barbara Brietstein shared the history of the Cheryl Wilson Fund with members and urged them to buy calendars. As the sponsors share the cost of the calendars, the total proceeds are devoted to meeting the needs of seniors in crisis. Barbara shared a story about the most recent situation resolved by the fund. She also announced that next year's theme will be 'generations', so members who wish a month will need a photo encompassing more than one generation of their family.

**TRIAD:**

No report

**Program:**

No report

**Scholarship:**

Saul Chapnick alerted those who were interested or who were already members of this committee that a meeting would be scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance:**

No report

**Web Page:**

No report

**Leadership:**

Christina Levine reported that her committee had started meeting and planning has begun for an event later in the year.

**Broward Aging Alliance:**

Justine Hoo reported that she has accepted responsibility for planning the program part of the BAA meetings and would like anyone interested in addressing the Alliance to contact her.

**Roadmap for Aging:**

Lorraine Bindman, Barbara Brietstein and Carol Wheat updated membership on the Roadmap for Aging initiative. There will be a luncheon on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at Aston Gardens in Parkland and at the Classic Residence by Hyatt in Hollywood on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> for members interested in volunteering as roadmap specialists. Those interested were asked to call or email Carol Wheat ASAP.

Deborah Coleman reviewed **all the opportunities to become a Roadmap for Aging** Sponsor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

The next meeting will be at The Garden Plaza at 7:45 am on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Carolyn Wheat  
Recording Secretary