

BCOA
General Meeting
December 8, 2011

Justine Hoo called the meeting to order at 8:15. She thanked The Garden Plaza at Inverrary for their continued support and special holiday breakfast. As this is the annual holiday meeting, most regular business will be suspended to focus on the Wings of Angels Awards and to enjoy holiday entertainment. After the meeting members were asked to visit the Winter Wonder Walk at The Bridge. BCOA is contributing a tree which members will decorate with gift cards.

She thanked people who attended the Winter Networking Event on the 7th of December and announced that \$200 was raised for the 50/50 raffle. The winner, Jeff Luckey of BioRelief, donated most of the winnings to the Cheryl Wilson Memorial Fund. To recognize his generosity, he was asked to present a 1 minute snapshot of his company, which deals with incontinence issues and good hygiene – please see www.BioRelief.com for more information.

Program: The Wings of Angels Awards

Scholarship Chair Anita Todras announced that 12 nominations were received for the semi-annual Wings of Angels Awards which are given to a CNA and an HHA employed by a member agency.

Anita introduced Erica Cohen from Harbor Chase who nominated Pearl Mills for the CNA Award; and Beth Halprin from Alternative Home Health who nominated Natasha Theodore for the HHA Award. Both “Miss Pearl” and Natasha were praised for their devotion to their work and their clients. They were awarded certificates, flowers and a check to recognize their contribution to the betterment of our seniors.

Business:

Minutes: Laura Hoffman made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Sandra Carty and passed without discussion.

Outreach: Chair Vickie Glinton presented a check to Stephanie Orlando representing Broward Homebound. Stephanie thanked BCOA for their continued generosity.

Justine took the opportunity to recognize the work Vickie has done in working with The Bridge to coordinate the tree donations from member agencies, and the delivery of the trees along with food baskets and toys to selected recipients.

In January, members are asked to bring canned food.

Member Moment: John Baldari of The Clean Group presented an overview of his company. They go beyond cleaning to establishing a rapport with their clients and striving to be respectful of the needs of the seniors by balancing the need for a thorough cleaning with ecologically friendly products. They also have a program specifically addressing the needs of Holocaust survivors.

Holiday Entertainment: Laura Hoffman introduced BCOA member Mark Desrosiers of Music in Motion Entertainment. Mark entertained members with a selection of holiday music and they were encouraged to sing along.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20, and the tree was taken over to The Bridge by Justine and several BCOA members.

The next meeting will be at The Garden Plaza on January 12, 2012.

Carolyn Wheat
Recording Secretary