

**BCOA**  
**General Meeting**  
**April 14, 2011**

President Ray Levi called the meeting to order at 8:25.

He thanked the Garden Plaza at Inverrary for their continued support in hosting the general membership meetings. For the benefit of guests and new members, he reviewed the practice of circulating a collection basket, the donation to be matched up to \$75 by BCOA and shared with a non-profit member, and business card basket to give members an opportunity to showcase their organization in a Member Moment. Diane Smith of Senior Volunteer Services, who had last month's Member Moment, chose Genesi Gonzalez of SeniorBridge for the next Member Moment.

**Program:**

Program Chair Laura Hoffman introduced Laurie Orlov who spoke on "Technology for Aging in Place." Her theme was that technology is an underused resource in meeting the needs of seniors. Technology can address the decline in engagement due to mobility and memory issues and contribute to aging in place in 4 main areas:

1. Engagement and Communication
2. Learning and Contribution
3. Security and Safety, and
4. Health and Wellness

The first two represent 'wants' and the latter 2, 'needs'.

**Business:**

**Minutes:**

Tom Elek made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Laura Hoffman. The motion passed without discussion.

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

No report.

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

No report.

**Treasurer:**

No report.

**Outreach:**

Outreach Chair Annette Wellington presented a check for \$148 to Chris Dragomer representing the Alzheimer's Association. She also reminded members that next month BCOA is collecting hurricane supplies.

**Membership:**

Membership Chair Daniel McDermott announced that since January, 22 new members have joined the Coalition.

**Communications:**

No report.

**Legislative:**

Ray Levi announced that the legislative breakfast will take place at the June meeting. The list of those legislators attending will be available at the May meeting.

**Cheryl Wilson Fund:**

CWMF Chair Barbara Brietstein reported that she hopes to have the cookbooks available for the May meeting.

**TRIAD:**

No report.

**Program:**

Program Chair Laura Hoffman announced that the presenter at the May meeting will be Martha Martin from ADRC.

**Scholarship:**

Scholarship Chair Saul Chapnick reminded members that the July meeting will be devoted to awarding both the Wings of Angels Awards and the Scholarships; the deadline for applications is May 15<sup>th</sup> – the applications are available on the website.

**Finance:**

No report.

**Web Page:**

Web page Chair Frank Fernandez reminded members to let him know if their contact information as reported on the member's page is incorrect.

**Leadership:**

No report.

**Broward Aging Alliance:**

No report.

**Roadmap for Aging:**

The Roadmap for Aging has been rescheduled to September. There will be a committee meeting immediately following the general meeting and members were encouraged to attend.

**Summer Social:**

Ray announced that a chair is being sought.

**Member Moment:** There was no member moment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48.

The next meeting will be at The Garden Plaza at 7:45am on May 12.

Carolyn Wheat  
Recording Secretary