

**BCOA
General Meeting
6/9/2011**

1st Vice President Deborah Coleman called the meeting to order at 8:16. As this meeting was the annual legislative breakfast, the regular schedule was not followed to allow time for the speakers and a Q&A period. Nico Aguilar was introduced to present a brief synopsis of a new service, Senior Health Now, and members were provided with brochures.

Program:

Legislative Committee Chair Anita Todras thanked her committee for their assistance in planning for today's meeting.

Representative Marty Kiar reviewed the legislative session and talked about the governor's line item veto and pointed out that funds attached to a vetoed item go back into the general fund. He also talked about a bill, which was defeated, that would have prevented individuals from suing a SNF for an injury or death. A shell corporation without assets would have been created so a suit would not result in any cash settlement.

Mike Liquerman, aide to Debbie Wassermann-Schultz spoke about the Affordable Care Act and Medicare at the federal level. He talked about the Ryan Plan, which was defeated, which would have kept the 'donut hole' in place and made Medicare a voucher program.

A lively Q&A period followed.

Business:

Minutes:

Linda Malave-Rasche made a motion to accept the minutes. Kim Liberty seconded the motion which passed without discussion.

Outreach:

Chair Annette Wellington presented a check for \$124 to Diane Smith of Senior Volunteer Services.

Legislative: see program

Cheryl Wilson Fund:

The cookbooks are available for sale at \$10 apiece. As all the costs were covered by sponsors and the fee for the recipes, all funds raised will go to meet the needs of seniors in crisis. Applications for disbursement of the funds were made available to members.

Scholarship:

Chair Saul Chapnick announced that they received a record number of applications and the winners have been chosen. The general meeting on July 14th will be devoted to the scholarship and Wings of Angels winners.

Summer Social:

The site and date have yet to be chosen, and committee members are needed. Anyone interested should see Deborah Coleman. The event will take place in late July or early August, and the Pantry of Broward and Broward Meals on Wheels, will be the beneficiaries of any funds raised.

Member Moment:

Deborah reminded members that whoever is chosen for the member moment must be ready to present their moment at the next general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

The next meeting will be at The Garden Plaza on July 14.

Carolyn Wheat
Recording Secretary