



SHARINGS

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“UMMM . . . THAT’S SOME GOOD SPAGHETTI!”



Will Anthony (right), son of Phillip and Ginny Anthony, was one of the over 700 diners enjoying sumptuous spaghetti with all the trimmings at the 11th Annual CSC Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, February 27. Mary Ann Bousquet, (above) Event Chairman, reported net proceeds from the event exceeded \$32,000.

See additional photos of the Spaghetti Dinner inside along with list of sponsors.



CSC IN-SERVICE TRAINING



Seventy-six volunteers attended the Center's annual In-Service Training. Held in mid-January each year at Gulf Shores First Presbyterian Church, the training provides an opportunity for volunteers to review procedures, discuss needed changes, and get to know each other better. Break-out groups consisted of Food Pantry, Caseworkers, and Administrative Assistants.

Photos: (Above) In-Service Group; (left) Mary Jo Berver and Nancy Hietanen prepare for the meeting while Diane Urban readies food for breakfast.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



By Linda Chappelle

One of the lesser known services of the CSC is to help qualified persons receive assistance with prescription drug needs.



This service is provided through the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy for **uninsured** individuals and is administered by Catholic Social Services. The program (out of Mobile) serves residents from Mobile, Baldwin and

Escambia Counties in Alabama. Prescriptions available are mainly generic drugs, limited diabetic drugs and supplies, and do not include controlled substances. Individuals who qualify receive a 30-day supply which must be picked up monthly at the Catholic Social Services office in Robertsdale. To continue in the program, recipients must be recertified every six months.

To determine qualification, a client must bring a photo ID, a current bill showing address, documentation of all income of **everyone** in the household (pay stubs, tax return, food stamp letter, statement showing social security, disability, or retirement benefits), and a written prescription from their doctor (not the medicine bottle). If Ozanam does not have the drug, Catholic Social Services does offer a Patient Assistance Program to help the client get into a manufacturer's program.

Appointments to determine whether a client is qualified for the program are conducted on Wednesdays and generally last for an hour.

MEMORIAL GIFTS



PAULINE THOMAS

Jan & Howard Zimmerman
Mary & Thomas LaHaye
Janice McVey
Mildred & Gerald Kidd
Thomas & Nell Harris
Karen Balkman
Sandra Stewart
Hazel Martin
Johnnie Jones
Bernice Deckman
Linka Sklar
Len & Pam Meredith

JOAN BERRY

Russell & Catherine Muldoon

LOIS BROWN

Esther Hellmich

SCOTT DAVOS

Stan & Janice Moss

FOUR WINDS CHORUS SINGS FOR CSC



The popular Four Winds Barbershop Chorus presented two concerts in February to benefit the CSC. First, on February 9, the group was hosted by Orange Beach United Methodist Church and again on February 13, at St. Andrew by the Sea. In both cases, a love offering was taken with the Christian Service Center being the benefactor.

The Chorus, a combination of snowbirds and locals, began singing in 1994 with seven members. Now 30+ strong, the group performs December through March each year. Louie Lubahn, one of the original members, says the group practices twice a week and performs once or twice a week during that time.



SPOTLIGHTS

Church

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By Bev Soenksen

"...where two or more are gathered together in my name" ~ Matthew 18:20

With the above in mind, this verse was the catalyst for the organization of the Gulf Breeze RV Church which began in the fall of 2001 with 12 people in attendance. Sunday mornings now find over 100 worshipers representing as many as 14 denominations gathering in the RV Park's clubhouse located at 19800 Oak Road West, which is just off County Road 6 in Gulf Shores. Services are held from November 1st through the following Easter each year.



Working through the owner of the RV Park, a winter resident was instrumental in getting the Church organized. His desire was to have a "teaching" rather than a "preaching" service for the park's temporary residents.

Since the church's inception, there have been three pastors. The current pastor is A. O. McGill, a permanent Island resident. Helen Hastings has

been the Pianist since 2001.

One of the early decisions of the Church was to give its weekly offerings to the Christian Service Center – a practice still continued today. And even though the congregation meets only six months each year, it is one of the Center's most generous Church donors. Bev Soenksen, the Church's representative on the Center's Board of Directors, said, "It is a great feeling to know a small group of people who meet only six months a year can make a difference at the CSC. We believe in what the Center does, and we consider it a blessing to be a part of their mission."

Sponsor

This issue's "Sponsor Spotlight" is on the *Mullet Wrapper*, a bi-weekly



publication serving local citizens as well as visitors to South Baldwin County. In addition to being a repeat financial sponsor of the CSC Spaghetti Dinner each year, the Mullet Wrapper provides year-round support for the various programs and events of the Center. News releases, photos, and event announcements find a regular home among the many activities included in this free newspaper.

Founded in 1990 by Fran and Melissa Thompson, the *Mullet Wrapper* reaches a minimum of 16,000 people every-other-week, and it provides a fun and informative look at life on the Island. Locals and visitors alike look forward to reading the bi-weekly publication while often finding their own photos among the myriad of featured activities.

When completing his Spaghetti Dinner Sponsor form at the Platinum Level, Fran Thompson wrote, "We are lucky to have you guys in our community." The same can be said of the *Mullet Wrapper*. This community and the CSC, in particular, are fortunate to have the continuing support, both

financially and with the publicity provided, for the work the Center does and for our efforts to secure funding to support these efforts.

The financial contribution is easy to quantify, but the publicity supporting our efforts is not so easy to measure. We, too, are proud of the relationship we share, and we look forward to the *Wrapper's* continued help as we seek to help others in the future.

Volunteer



Toni Turner

By Pat Campbell

As an all-volunteer service organization, the Christian Service Center is fortunate to count Toni Turner among its members. She comes to us from the First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores where she first heard about the Center and has been volunteering at least four times a month, often more, for almost 10 years now

Beginning her volunteer work sorting and stocking shelves at the food pantry, she now works as an administrative assistant at the Center. Her work as an administrative assistant means she is the first person people needing assistance see and she works hard to welcome them and make them feel comfortable. She says working to help solve other people's problems keeps her own in perspective.

Toni and her husband, Phil settled in Bon Secour 16 years ago. She worked as a decorator then and still does occasionally but her happiest times were those spent teaching kindergarten. She says there is no better feeling than to see a small face light up when understanding registers.

The Turners have two daughters who live close by allowing them to enjoy their company as well as that of their eight grandchildren.

When she has some spare time, Toni is an avid reader and book club member. She is also a talented watercolorist and enjoys sailing on their boat to such distant ports as the Bahamas, Guatemala and Honduras' Roatan Island.

So, we here at the Christian Service Center, thank Toni Turner for her years of service and wonderful outlook on life and realize how lucky we are to have her with us.

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◆ HONOR GIFTS ◆

Ken Ketzler's Birthday
Bill & Elaine Durmer

Kay Palmer
Thomas & Diane Kleczewski

Mike Chaudron's Birthday
Leon & Ginger Chaudron

Pati Mara
Frank & Susan Carpenter

Paul & Nancy Hietanen
Greg Bell
Laura Stewart & Chuck Myron

Dr. & Mrs. Hughes
Martha & Duane Pugh

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

April 6 - Office Closed-Good Friday

April 9 - Board Meeting - Noon*

MAY

May 14 - Board Meeting - Noon*

May 28 - Office Closed-Memorial Day

JUNE

June 11 - Board Meeting - Noon*

**Board Meetings are held at The
First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores.*

◆ WISH LIST ◆

General Needs

Adult bicycles
Color copier
Newsletter sponsor – quarterly –
cost: approximately \$350.00
Pink copy machine paper
White copy machine paper
HP 56 Black printing cartridges
New blinds for CSC (3 windows & 2 doors)

Medical Needs

Wheel chairs (in good condition)

Food Pantry Needs

Canned meat; i.e. tuna, chicken
Ramen noodles
Saltine crackers
Cereal
Oatmeal (individual packets)
Grits (individual packets)
Boxed dinners; i.e. Hamburger Helper
Jelly – any flavor
Peanut butter
Mac and cheese
Plastic shopping bags
Bar soap
Shampoo
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Feminine hygiene products
Miscellaneous toiletries
Clothes detergent (small package)
Dish washing detergent (small package)
Disposable diapers
Baby wipes

