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## **ANNUAL REPORT: 2012**

### CELEBRATING SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

As the national scene became convulsed by the Presidential campaign of 2012, SW Washington, D.C. staged its own neighborhood celebrations. “Hurrah for Southwest,” we proclaimed.

The Friends of Southwest D.C. (FOS) joined in the year’s festivities, contributing funds to help support several neighborhood celebrations during the year. Especially noteworthy was the Titanic Centennial event, in memory of the hundredth anniversary of the Titanic steamship tragedy. The anniversary date was April 14th, 2012, the occasion being one hundred years since the collision between the great ocean liner Titanic and the iceberg that caused the steamship’s sinking to the bottom of the North Atlantic with a loss of more than 1500 lives. The FOS helped provide funds for a remembrance of this tragedy when hundreds of Southwest neighbors assembled at our own Titanic monument by Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney. We came together after dark, witnessed giant projections of the ship, heard live and recorded music of the period, and saw candle-lit luminaries, each one representing a tragedy victim.

During August, a neighborhood field event known as the Southwest Comm-Unity Day attracted adults and youth to Lansburgh Park to enjoy food, beverages, and organized fun and games, sponsored in part by FOS.

At the time of the March, 2012 annual meeting, the FOS board of directors expressed doubts that it had enough energy to continue. Despite our doubts, enthusiasm from neighborhood activists rejuvenated the board, encouraging both donors and program sponsors to redouble their support.

The enthusiasm persisted. When the board announced a spring fundraising drive, an anonymous donor made a pledge of \$5,000 which was matched, raising additional funds. Other donations followed, increasing our treasury to a comfortable level.

The board faced one additional obstacle in 2012: responding to a change to DC law that regulates nonprofit organizations. The board has been able to modify and update the FOS Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to meet the DC legal requirements. To be voted on at the March 2013 Annual Meeting, the new governing documents will, when adopted, make the FOS function as a donor organization, rather than a membership organization.

## A REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

Friends of Southwest DC began 2012 with the following officers and board members: Coralie Farlee, President; C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer; Joyce Bouvier, Secretary; Donald H. Flanders, Keith E. Melder, Ezra A. Naughton, and Rodney A. Ross. Farley Fisher joined the Board at its April 17, 2012 meeting.

The Annual meeting was held on March 29, 2012. Joyce Bouvier was elected to a new three-year term.

### Expenditures for Grants vs. Administration

Friends of Southwest DC functions with volunteer board members, no paid staff, and keeps administrative costs to a minimum. In 2012, administrative expenses were 11.9% of total spending.

### 2012 Awards to Community Projects

Ten awards were made to seven organizations.

#### AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter School

AppleTree develops and provides early childhood education programs to underserved three- and four-year-olds in DC. Our grant supported an event for parents, providing an opportunity for them to learn about their childrens' nutritional needs, making healthy food choices, and general childhood wellness. AppleTree has campuses at Riverside Baptist Church and Amidon-Bowen School in SW.

#### Arena Stage

Our grant provided a scholarship for a Southwest student to attend the four-week intensive session of Camp Arena Stage, a multi-arts day camp for children ages 8 through 15, which gives an opportunity in which budding artists can be creative in classes in theater, dance, visual arts, and music.

#### DC Sail

This year's grant provided scholarships for six students from Southwest to participate in the Kids Set Sail (KSS) summer camp. DC Sail, the community sailing program of the National Maritime Heritage Foundation, held its camp on the Southwest Waterfront for six weeks for at risk youth ages 7-14. KSS engages youth in physical fitness, teaches leadership, teamwork and decision-making skills, and helps participants develop a sense of accomplishment in an unfamiliar environment.

#### EmmaUS Learning Center

This organization conducted its twelfth summer enrichment program for Southwest youngsters. Our grant supported an educational trip to Philadelphia for twelve students and their chaperons. There they visited the National Constitution Center where they were exposed to our nation's early history.

#### Smith Center for Healing and the Arts

Our grant helped underwrite the cost of George Washington Cancer Institute Executive Training on Navigation and Survivorship: Finding Your Patient Focus, for Thelma Jones, a Southwest resident. Ms. Jones has for some time been providing breast cancer information and counseling in SW, including at Syphax Gardens, Greenleaf Mid-Rise and Hi-Rise, James Creek and Greenleaf Seniors, where opportunities for screening, prevention, treatment and

survivorship are not well known. The Smith Center's mission is to develop and promote healing practices that explore physical, emotional, and mental resources that lead to life-affirming changes for people with illness and for the community at large.

Southwest CommUnity Forum

Our grant helped provide the children's entertainment at the Forum's summer fair, held at Lansburgh Park on August 25.

The Southwester, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.

Our advertisements in The Southwester help support this important community resource. They increase FOS's visibility in SW, as well as that of our grantees as we solicit donations and grant applications.

Southwest Heritage Project, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.

FOS provided a grant in support of an event at the Titanic Memorial, located on the SW Waterfront, on the night of April 14, on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. This very moving and highly successful commemorative event drew people from throughout the Washington area.

Southwest Scholarship Fund, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.

In 2012 our annual scholarship was awarded to Da Zhang, who was entering Montgomery College as a freshman and planning a computer science major. He is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School.

Technology Task Force, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.

The Technology Task Force has, for several years, received and refurbished donated computers and made them available to needy families in SW. They have set up computer labs at Amidon-Bowen, at Syphax Gardens, and Greenleaf Gardens. The FOS grant provided funds to help set up an internship program to teach the refurbishing of computers, to provide the materials needed for eight computers, and a stipend for one intern. The eight computers were destined for the Greenleaf Seniors building.

Grant Commitment

In addition to the grants above, FOS committed to make grant funds available for the Southwest Public Information Display System (SW PIDS), a project of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. This project is designed to provide much needed signage at the Waterfront Metro exit. It would provide real-time MetroRail and MetroBus arrivals and would also provide directions to SW attractions. Our conditional grant is dependent upon the District Department of Transportation's funding of at least the hardware and software components of the project and would be used to fund the creation of digital slides displaying SW community wayfinding information.

FUND RAISING

In 2012, FOS raised over \$16,000.00 through two fund-raising campaigns and matching funds. Grants totaling \$11,005.00 were awarded. Donations are welcome throughout the year. Tax-deductible contributions should be made out to "Friends of Southwest DC" and mailed to 389 0 St., SW, Washington, DC 20024. Donations by credit card may also be made via Razoo at: [www.Razoo.com](http://www.Razoo.com), and enter "Friends of Southwest DC" in the upper right-hand side in the box "Find Cause or Fundraiser."

## STATUS OF FOS AT END OF 2012

Contributions in 2012 far exceeded those in any previous year. We also added 15 new donors. As always, our year-end account balance reflects the fact that our primary fundraising occurs in the latter part of the year.

While we have valued our donors as voting members of FOS, the new DC non-profit law makes it impossible for us to continue as a membership organization since we have no staff and administrative requirements are quite onerous. Our proposed new bylaws will make us a donor organization, but we shall always value our donors' suggestions and advice.

We do very much need "new blood" on the board of directors and seek people who can give a little (or a lot) of time to this worthy cause.

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AT THE END OF 2012

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