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◆ Board member Charles Hardy welcomes presenters Sally Migliore and Trisha Lester (center) at the February "Building an Effective Board of Directors" workshop.

◆ Sixty-two board and staff members of area nonprofits were treated to "Building an Effective Board of Directors," a workshop sponsored by the Outer Banks Community Foundation and presented by the N.C. Center for Nonprofits on February 7. A total of 99% of the participants rated the workshop and speakers as either excellent or good.

◆ Many thanks to the Ramada Plaza and owner Sterling Webster for providing space and refreshments.

NEW FUNDS for the First Quarter of 2007

◆ The Elmer and Betty Jo Sawyer Scholarship Fund, established by Mrs. Sawyer as a memorial for her late husband, will award two \$700 scholarships each year to students pursuing a career in nursing.

◆ The East Carolina Bank Living Legend Endowment Fund was established by the bank to honor David Stick and subsequent recipients of the Living Legend Award. It was announced during the Land of Beginnings Festival.

◆ Matching Grants of up to \$1000 were awarded to 14 nonprofit organizational endowment funds and 19 scholarship funds during the special Matching Grant Challenge in 2006. The Foundation challenged nonprofit organizations and scholarship fund donors to establish or add to their fund in order to receive additional funds. A total of \$25,217 was added to these funds as matching grants.

◆ Barbara Bingham, Executive Director of the Outer Banks Community Foundation, recently renewed her Certified Association Executive (CAE) status with the American Society of Association Executives. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry; fewer than five percent of all association professionals have earned this distinction.



◆ Staples in Nags Head opened March 8 with the usual events plus one extra—a charitable donation to the community. The Staples Foundation for Learning presented a \$1,500 check to the Outer Banks Community Foundation for the Dare Education Foundation Endowment Fund that it manages. Receiving the check were Bill Pfeifer, Chairman of the Board of the Dare Education Foundation, and Helen Ford, President of the Board of the Outer Banks Community Foundation



◆ The Outer Banks Community Foundation recently awarded a grant to The Elizabethan Gardens to assist with repairs to the brick walkways so that the Gardens will be safer and more accessible to visitors. June Bell, left, member of the Board of Directors of The Elizabethan Gardens, and Dawn Enochs, member of the Board of Directors of the Outer Banks Community Foundation, observe some of the work in progress at the entrance to the Gardens.

\$39,600 in undesignated, designated and donor-advised grant funds were approved for distribution by the Foundation's Board of Directors in the first quarter of 2007.

Some of these grants include:

- ◆ Outer Banks Family YMCA from the Benevolent Fund to start the Head Start Aquatics Program. This is the first grant from the Benevolent Fund that was established by anonymous donors to help meet the needs of the poor, sick, infirm, youth and strangers.
- ◆ U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla 1607 from the General Fund to expand programs on boating safety.
- ◆ First Flight High School PTSA from the Ruth Pitt Performing Arts Fund to bring a musical enrichment program to area schools.

BEING 70-PLUS HAS IRA ADVANTAGES

This is the last year for older Americans to take advantage of an unprecedented opportunity provided by the Pension Protection Act of 2006 to donate Individual Retirement Account distributions up to \$100,000 to nonprofits such as the Outer Banks Community Foundation. To qualify you should:

- ◆ Be at least 70 ½ by the end of 2007
- ◆ Have an IRA account
- ◆ Plan to make a donation in 2007 to a public charity
- ◆ Need to make your required minimum IRA distribution
- ◆ Want to have the gift from the IRA excluded from being taxed as income
- ◆ Want to help your community with a charitable gift

At the Outer Banks Community Foundation your gift can create or add to an existing scholarship fund, designated fund, field of interest fund or unrestricted fund.

Details on IRA charitable transfers for older Americans are at www.obcf.org.

- ◆ GRANT DEADLINES
May 10
August 10
November 9



- ◆ College of The Albemarle Certified Nursing Assistant program students, Teresa James, Dean of Dare County Campus, and Lynne Bunch, COA President, enjoy the Annual Meeting Luncheon. The first grant awarded from the Thomas & Annie Baum Memorial Fund was given to COA for equipment for the CNA Lab.

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON

The Outer Banks Community Foundation hosted its Annual Meeting March 15 at Penguin Isle. The 120 attendees, a record number, celebrated 2006 and helped kick-off the 25th anniversary year of the Foundation. Helen Ford, President of the Board of Directors, led the meeting.



- ◆ Helen Ford announced that the recipient of the Champion Award, given to recognize significant contributions to the Foundation, was Mike Reeves. He conceived and developed the idea of the David Stick Legacy Society to recognize individuals who have indicated they plan to leave a gift to the Foundation.



- ◆ Current and former board members among the attendees were recognized, including Foundation Founder David Stick (left), and Edward Greene and Ray White who helped develop the idea and became members of the first Board of Directors.



- ◆ Former board member Mike Kelly (standing) greets Edward Greene (seated) just before the festivities begin.

- ◆ Foundation members elected Skipper Hines and Lila Schiffman to their first three-year terms on the Board.



- ◆ Background music during the luncheon was provided by Leslie Erickson on violin and Sue Waters on viola.

- ◆ Ray White takes some time to chat with guests.



- ◆ Special entertainment was provided by John Golden, a folksinger and storyteller from Wilmington. He is joined by Marcy Brenner, a former member of the Foundation's Board.

