

BNOA 2012/2013 Accomplishments

2012 Outreach Committee

1. Members took part in the Senior Services Aging Your Way Summit, March 21, 2012.
2. Sponsored a Bellevue Network on Aging table at the following fairs:
 - Overlake Hospital Active Senior Fair- March 10
 - Strawberry Festival- June 23 & 24
 - Annual Seniors vs. City Softball Challenge game-August 23
 - Crossroads Farmer's Market – August 28
 - Chinese Information & Service Center Resource Fair- September 6
 - Bellevue Farmer's Market – September 13
 - Home Is Where the Heart Is Housing/Health Fair- October 20
3. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation- June 18, 2012. Bellevue City Council
4. Article on elder abuse in connection with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was published in the Bellevue Reporter on-line edition.
5. Added Senior Information and Assistance information in the Utility Bills beginning in October 2012.
6. Secured funding from Symetra Financial for an additional 500 Vials of Life for distribution to the public.
7. Provided an annual update to the Human Services Commission on Tuesday, October 16th, 2012.
8. Bellevue Network on Aging table on October 25 at the Bellevue YMCA.
9. Provided SHIBA videos for airing on Bellevue TV- Fall 2012
10. Secured 2011 statistics on Adult Protective Services Reports and Cases from DSHS.
11. Two members met with the Chinese Information and Service Center staff to explore avenues for enhanced outreach and community participation.

2013 Outreach Committee

1. Sponsored a Bellevue Network on Aging table at the following fairs:
 - Overlake Hospital Active Senior Fair- March 9
2. Members assisted with the Community Conversations for the Human Services Needs update. Older adult community conversations took place in April at Circle of Friends and the Bellevue YMCA.

2012 Advocacy Committee

1. Monitored bills of interest during legislative session.
2. Members visited state legislators in Olympia as part of Senior Lobby Day in February. Followed up with Thank you letters after the session ended.
3. Presentation to Bellevue City Council, February 6 under "Reports of Boards and Commissions" recapping the 2011 Legislative Forum and BNOA Legislative Agenda items.
4. Worked with Qualis to edit and distribute a PowerPoint presentation to educate older adults about hospital stays and observation status as it relates to Medicare funding.

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5. Members attended the Eastside Human Services Forum June gathering and helped facilitate discussion groups around older adult issues.
6. Sent a letter to Congressional representatives in June regarding reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and funding of the Elder Justice Act and sent an additional letter in October reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.
7. Testified before the Bellevue City Council in support of continued City budget funding for older adults Parks and Human Services programs. July, 2012.
8. Worked cooperatively with AARP, Aging and Disability Services, the Kirkland Senior Council and others to produce and publicize the "Silver Tsunami" Candidates Forum, October 1, 2012 at the Mercer Island Community Center.
9. Coordinated with the Eastside Human Services Forum to develop the legislative agenda with issues affecting seniors.
10. Members attended the Senior Lobby Conference, October 2012 in Tacoma.
11. Jullie Gray gave a presentation on Elder Abuse to the AAUW (American Association of University Women) of Issaquah, October 2012
12. Members attended the Mercer Island Senior Advisory Board 10-24-2012 meeting to meet and extend an invitation to attend our meetings.
13. Sent a letter to the Bellevue Botanical Garden with request for accessibility for less mobile individuals.

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1. Monitored bills of interest during legislative session.
2. Members visited state legislators in Olympia as part of Senior Lobby Day in February. Followed up with Thank you letters after the session ended.
3. Members met with Congressman Smith and his staff in April to advocate for the "Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act of 2013" (S.569, H.R.1179), the Older American's Act Federal Funding and the Elder Justice Act.
4. Members met with Representative Reichert and his staff in April to advocate for the "Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act of 2013" (S.569, H.R.1179), the Older American's Act Federal Funding and the Elder Justice Act.

2012 Transportation & Housing Committee

1. Members attended and took part in the EERC Transit Communities Exchange Forum, February 29, 2012.
2. Members took part in the EERC Transportation Forums at Highland Community Center and Bellevue City Hall.
3. Members assisted the Transportation Department with outreach to older adults on the Transit Master Plan.
4. Members facilitated 2 community conversations for input on the Transit Plan. One was translated for Spanish speakers and the second was translated for Chinese speakers.
5. Members toured the City of Bellevue Traffic center to learn about and give input about traffic signals, crosswalk timing, and innovative pedestrian crossing solutions.
6. Worked cooperatively with ARCH Housing to do the annual proofing and update of the Senior Housing website.

BNOA 2012/2013 Accomplishments (Continued)

7. Provided an annual update to the Transportation Commission on the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative on October 25th.
8. Advocated for Age Friendly Design in new buildings.
9. Members distributed information about Winter Shelters.

2013 Transportation & Housing Committee

1. Members reviewed the Housing and Transportation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan and developed a list of items to support in the update of the Plan.

Other

1. *Members served on the Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council*
2. *Members served on Eastside Human Services Forum Advocacy Committee*
3. *Members served on the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative*
4. *Member served on the Eastside Time Bank Board*
5. *Members served as Long Term Care Ombudsman*
6. *Annual report: delivered to City Council during Older American's Month May 2012 & 2013*
7. *Older American's Month Proclamation May 2012 & 2013*