



A Friend to Seniors

Picking up on the many comments in Florida Today and by the Brevard County Commissioners regarding funding for nonprofits, I have the following story to tell. This story drives through many myths about who helps and who does not, and whether or not the county has responsibility for helping the frail elderly, the homeless, and disadvantaged.

Regardless of your position, it is true that there are many needs that are not being met. Community based organization funding of \$510,000 is a small drop in our county budget. However, to the nonprofits who receive said funding it represents community support of their efforts to help those in need. It is one thing to say the business community will support, but rather another to actually receive that support. It is easy to say how something can be done but when it comes time to fundraise, it is another ball park – a ball park with often closed doors.

My story is about a local business that steps up to the plate to help others yet receives few accolades for its work. In 1994 I asked a car dealer to help me raise funds for Alzheimer's patients. He provided cars to raffle, gave us free advertising, hauled the raffle cars to Daytona and local events, and put on events at his store at no cost to us. At the same time he loaned us three vans to take clients to and from daycares.

Time moved on. After starting Helping Seniors in 2011, I went to seven car dealers for similar help but had no success. Just recently I called the same dealer and said I wanted to buy a car but could not afford anything expensive. The dealer asked me to come in and talk. He insisted

we get a muscle car, but I told him it would be too expensive. He then pointed to a 1951 Ford Victoria and said, "I could sell that car for (X dollars) but for you the price is zero because I want to help you help seniors."

Yes, folks, A.J. Hiers of Boniface-Hiers gave us the car from his personal collection and we will use it as our 2017/8 raffle fundraiser car. It is similar to the one driven by Robert Mitchum in the 1951 movie Thunder Road, with matte black finish, high gloss gold top, and matching interior. You can view the car at www.Helpingseniorsofbrevard.org.

The Commissioners' decision to delete county financial aid will make it necessary for nonprofits to develop new partners. I could write several articles about A.J.'s support of charities, but I think my point is made. There are people like A.J. in our community who will help if asked and if they identify with the cause they are asked to support. A.J. has supported seniors and children for the 23 years we have known each other.

Raffle details and a schedule of the car's showing can be accessed on our web site or by calling us at 321-473-7770. Or you can go to Boniface-Hiers dealerships to see the car and get raffle tickets. I encourage you to stop by and also tell others about this very special car and the purpose for which it was given – to help seniors. Thank you, A.J.

Joe Steckler is the President of Helping Seniors of Brevard, a non profit organization designed to advocate, educate, and fundraise on behalf of Brevard's senior citizens. Feel free to contact us at: info@helpingseniorsofbrevard.org or calling: 321-473-7770 **SS**

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diagnose the pain source, explain how it can be treated regeneratively, and what measures of pain relief can be expected." Says Nicole Hadjadj, RestoraLife CEO/Clinical Director. "Many people are surprised to learn that chronic pain can often be treated without the use of steroidal injections, medications or surgery. A major benefit to this form of treatment is that it requires no recovery time. Furthermore, surgery does not always fix the "pain" problem and it could very well be an unnecessary procedure resulting in more pain. Many of our patients have experienced that exact scenario."

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See page 54 for details on this month's free lunch and learn seminars.

To reserve your spot or take advantage of a free consultation, please contact us at (321) 610 – 1848 or find us online at www.RestoraLife.com. **SS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

China Presentation Saturday June 3rd 11am-1pm at the Viera East Club House, 2300 Clubhouse Drive Rockledge, please RSVP to 321-631-8080 by June 1st

14 Night New Zealand and Australia Cruise Celebrity Solstice - Nov 11th-25th, 2017 - Join Jean as she sails down under starting in Auckland sailing to the Bay of Islands, Tauranga, Wellington, Akora, Dunedin, Dusky-Doubtful-Milford Sounds, then onto Australia with an overnight in Melbourne and ending with overnight in Sydney. I will be going to New Zealand before the cruise and staying on in Australia at the end so be ready for an adventure! Limited space still available, Call today

11th Annual Key West Trip - Dec 3rd-6th, this trip will include roundtrip motorcoach, lunch on the way there and on return, dinner first night upon arrival at the hotel, 3nights accommodations at the Fairfield Inn and Suites that has the trolley stop at, breakfast daily, and a Behind the Scenes tour at the Mel Fisher Museum. There will also be an optional excursion offered for female impersonator show at La Te Da as this was a huge hit last year. Non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is now being accepted. Minimum of 40 passengers needed for this trip. Will have flyer with cost and more details soon.

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