

BASA MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

- 34 people were in attendance.
- **PRESENTER:** Nicole Westrick, Reynolds-Jonkoff
Nicole decided to speak of the Perry Hannah building instead of a recap of the services provided by Reynolds-Jonkoll funeral home - which we all know by now. It was a hit and very interesting. Just a few of the highlights: The building was built for Perry to live in upon his retirement - it was started in 1891 and finished in 1893 with up to 60 workers contributing their talents at any given time. He lived there for 10 years before his death in 1904. Within the year his son Julius passed away and his wife passed away 5 months later leaving the house to his daughter-in-law, Elsie. She lived there until 1935. There are 10 working fireplaces in the home however only 2 have ever had fires in them - the house had steam heat and was the first area residence to have electricity. Cost for building ran between 35,000 and 40,000. It began being used as a Funeral Home in 1937. Dan Jonkhoff is the 5th generation of Funeral Directors in his family.
- **SPEAKER:** Heidi Gustine, MI Thrive
In 2019 we identify 3 different generation - Silent Over 70 = 10% / Baby Boomers 55-70 = 35% / Millennials/GenX - 17%
By 2024 - 30% of the baby boomers will be eligible for social security. When you reach 70 more people start needing services. Everything is impacted by the increasing aging population. We are not replacing people anymore one to one - people are marrying later, having babies later and choosing to have only one child. It used to be that 55 people supported 1 person on Social Security - by 2022 that number will be 70 to 1 and 1 in 3 people are going to be over 60. The retirement age will have to increase to 70. More women are living alone due to many variables which changes the dynamics of the retirement picture.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT:

- **BASA Care Awards** - John Elwell, Coordinator: 8 to 10 grants at \$1000. Nominations are due today and will be given out at the annual meeting on October 16th.
- **MEMBERSHIP**
Irene Hogan is our Membership Chair.
There are 102 Paid members at present
2019 dues are \$35 for new members. Dues have increased as of January 1, 2019 to \$50 for current members. If you are a new member please make sure you get on the website and check it out. There is an orientation on the website to introduce you to BASA and familiarize yourself with BASA's contributions to the community and its role in supporting the seniors in our area. If you need a nametag see Irene or Russ.
- **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:**
On the 1st Tuesday, TV 9&10 features "The Art of Aging" with Russ and Leslie Knopp. This month it is about how seniors can continue to have a purpose in their life.
Mary Sue has a new CD of folksong favorites for the young and old. She is also going to be making videos for a "It's Never Too Late" series. She will have seniors get in her car with her and do sing-a-longs.
- **SENIOR EXPO 2020:** Expo meeting on September 4th at 1pm in the Blue Room at the Chamber.
- **SENIOR SUPPORT:** There will be a meeting immediately following our September 18th General BASA Meeting.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Heart to Heart: Mary Sue will be conducting a community sing for people with dementia. For more information check out her website at SingingHearttoHeart.com. There is a Dementia Conference in Lansing at the Crown Plaza September 9th and 10th. Information can be found on MI Assisted Living.org.
Bright Star: On September 28th from 5p to 7p - \$1.00 for every pint sold will be donated to Alzheimer's at Shorts in Elk Rapids.
Alzheimer's Association: Walk is September 28th - Accelerate the Cure - Classis Car Show on Friday night before the walk. Need people to put up yard signs.
Nustar: New medicare rates will come out the end of the month. Sign up is October 15th through December 7th.
Parkinson's North: Hettie needs help with fundraising. She also has a garage full of medical equipment. (walkers, wheelchairs, etc.)
GT Pavillions: There are only 2 concerts left. PACE is going to happen - they have received their CMS approval. Ribbon cutting ceremony is September 20th - 2p to 4p. Life Event is on September 7th. Deadline on Friday for ads.
Reynolds Jonkhoff: Lunch and Learn on September 7th at 11:00 pm at Sorellina's - please call for reservations.
Monarch Home Health Services: Bonnie decided to move on.
Catholic Human Services: Karl Knauf - Senior Volunteer of the Year award
Leelanau Senior Services: Needing some board members on their Senior Substance Abuse Council.
John Scott: Kirstin Keilitz has joined their staff.
Traverse Health Clinic: Their recovery program is up and running. The "Walk Out of Darkness" walk for Suicide Prevention is September 14th.