

**SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**March 29, 1999**



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**Southwest Neighborhood Assembly**  
**Margaret Feldman**  
**March 29, 1999**

Activities of the Assembly this year revolved around the Urban Land Institute Report, new developments in Southwest, and new directions for the Task Forces and Committees. Community meetings were held to keep the neighborhood aware of new developments and to encourage participation.

The big achievement for the Board was to develop and pass new bylaws which reorganized the structure of the organization. The Southwest Community Council, Inc. and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly were folded into one non-profit organization, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. This action was approved at a previous meeting of the Assembly. The Assembly always was the action part of the organization and the Community Council was the non-profit organization. Now there is only one organization with non-profit legal status which includes the Task Forces and to which checks can be written.

New bylaws were needed in order to clarify the legal status of the organization and the relationship between the Assembly and the Task Forces and committees. Those new bylaws have now been approved by the Board and need to be ratified by the Assembly. I will ask for a motion to ratify the bylaws during the business part of the meeting.

#### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Meetings in the spring and fall of 1998 continued the Mall theme with opportunities for community members to hear what was going on.

The May 4th 1998 meeting in the Old Vat Room at the Arena State presented a new video about Southwest and hopes for revitalization.

At the September meeting, Mr. Nichols, a member of the ULI Panel spoke about the Town Center idea which included reopening 4th St. to automobile traffic. The October meeting, planned by the Waterside Mall/Waterfront Task Force, was a time for small groups to express their ideas about what developments they would like to see.

Beginning in the new year, the Assembly turned to other parts of the neighborhood. The January meeting featured the public schools. The Principals of the SW schools were all present: Mrs. White of Jefferson Junior High, Miss Huff of Bowen Elementary, Mrs. Nophlin, the new principal of Amidon Elementary, and Mrs. Hamlette who just retired from Amidon Elementary. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Hamlette for her many years of service to the community. The main speakers were Elois Brooks, Deputy Superintendent of DC Public Schools, and Westy Byrd, newly elected Ward 2 School Board Member. Both discussed new plans for D.C. schools.

February was Black History Month. The Assembly featured "Building Legacies" in Southwest; our heritage as indicated in our buildings and institutions. Read all about it in *The Southwester*.

## DEVELOPMENTS

Development projects are still going forward in Southwest. We hope that soon we will be able to tell you that Randall School has been passed to Mr. Bill Wooby for a Southwest Arts Center, that the Banneker Memorial project at Banneker Circle has the money and permissions to be completed, that Syphax Village, on the property of the old Syphax School, is being built by Manna, that the Parcel 76 site between 7th and 9th has started building new townhouses, that the Fish Market and Marina are being remodeled, and that contractors are out there rebuilding and widening the 7th St. bridge over the Freeway. All these projects are still pending.

Money is being sought to plan the streetscape of M St. SW using the plans developed for M St. SE. Such a plan is necessary to plan entrances to all the SW planned projects for M St.-Water Street SW.

## THE SOUTHWESTER

Our community newspaper has continued and blossomed this year

## TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES

All the Task Forces and Committees are planning new directions and all can use new members. Community people are urged to choose one and participate. You will hear their reports. Each contributes to the fabric of our community and there are opportunities for many more people.

## WEB PAGE

An exciting new development is the setting up of a Web Page: [www.SWDC.org](http://www.SWDC.org). Check out this wonderful addition to our neighborhood,

## LOSSES

We lost two important community members this year. Charlotte Brooks who served in numerous capacities in the Assembly, the Task Forces, church and neighborhood, including the schools, passed in November.

Just this month we lost Leon Fields, a life-long resident of Southwest, one of the founders of the Assembly, director of SW Community House for several years, and an activist for better sports and recreational activities in the neighborhood.

Both are greatly missed.

Margaret Feldman March 29, 1999

# **THE SWNA SCHOLARSHIP**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

1998-1999

The Southwest Scholarship program, the oldest task force operating in the Southwest, completed its 24th successful year. The generosity of the community once again stepped forward to contribute both money and time in support of students from our neighborhood who are attending accredited colleges and universities. The scholarship awards help students with tuition, the purchase of books and other needed incidentals. It might pay for a trip home for a homesick student or pizza when cafeteria food is too much to stomach. This year, total contributions were nearly \$6,500. The new funds plus some from previous surpluses was used to make significant contribution awards to 10 qualifying students.

The students we aided were from families with various income levels who live in the Southwest. Approximately one half of this year's awards were to students whose families earned less than \$20,000. The others were from families who earned moderate incomes but received a bare minimum of need-based federal aid for college students. These students must rely on loans, scholarships and family resources.

Again this year, the committee attempted to encourage and aid more males to apply for the grants. This endeavor remains a challenge, one that will take the efforts of the whole community. The eleven awardees who received a total of \$7,200 increased the total number of students who have been helped by the Scholarship Committee to more than 100 over the past 24 years. The amount awarded brings the total amount of funds awarded to our neighborhood youth to more than \$150,000. One student, Sara Wells, who received \$20,000 in total scholarship from the Design Center through the Scholarship committee, will graduate with a degree in architecture/interior design from Hampton University this year.

The students are serious and appreciative for the financial support they receive and prove themselves in the classroom and in the community. Several of the past awardees have gone on to outstanding and lucrative careers.

The committee members were Carole Early, Henry Evans, Dale MacIver, Herbert Holmes, Phillip Oliver, Miles Slater, and chair, Barbara Murray. Special thanks is expressed to our neighbors, Arlene Altman Wilson, Sue Henrique Payne, Casandra Singleton who developed the rating document and helped interview students.

The students' awards totaled \$7,200 and ranged from \$400 to \$2,500. Expenses for printing, copying and postage were \$451.43.

For the year 1999-2000, the committee is giving a scholarship in the name of a very good friend and neighbor, Mrs. Charlotte Brooks. Mrs. Brooks joins a list of distinguished neighbors such as Thurgood Marshall, Felix Grant, Donald Macdonald, John Wilson and Wiley Branton whom we have honored with scholarships in name over the past 25 years.

The students who received awards in 1998 and the schools they attended are:

Amber Drummond	Emory University
Jaymal Carroll	Frostburg State Univ.
Nakia Edelin	University of District of Columbia
Carlena Solomon	Capitol College
Kiana Council	Coppin State
Tiffany Haliburton	Cornell University
Tamil Nikal Perry	Bethune Cookman College
Scott Evan Frankel	Rochester Institute of Technology
Samuel Abiri Ward	University of Colorado
Candace Wyder	Norfolk State University
Sara Wells	Hampton University

On behalf of the committee, I thank you, the Board of Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, community member and friends for supporting our young southwest college students.

March 20, 1999

*The Southwester Newspaper*

*The Southwester* is our community bulletin board. The editor always encourages people to submit articles to the paper. The more people that submit articles, the greater the chance that all areas in SW will be covered. If you have a news item, an upcoming event, a report about a happening, a general informational article, a poem, etc. — drop it in *The Southwester* box at the SW Branch Library or mail it to POB #70131, Wash., D.C. 20024.

I want to thank the people who have helped so much with the paper, especially our advertising chair — John Hartwell and our business manager, Cathy Wallace. Because of John's hard work at increasing the amount of advertisers, your support of the paper through contributions and Cathy's efforts at keeping the paper on an even keel — the finances of *The Southwester* are doing very well, 1999 is a Banner Year for us. Our balance this month is about \$1,640.00.

As of this writing, the editor has successfully brought the printing bill down to \$750 each month, the Distribution is the same, the Desktop Publisher costs about \$375 a month; an issue costs an average of \$1,200.00.

In the next year, the editor would like the paper to start a writing program with Jefferson Junior High School. If there is a former teacher among us, I am sure that she would welcome their guidance with this project.

Besides those who submit articles, I'd like to thank the board for giving *The Southwester* its support and advice this past year, Jim Early for his patience at answering the phone and door and ...; Dale MacIver for his archival, proofing, delivery, photography and writing help (and so much more), CW Hargrave for "The Calendar", Susan Fischer for helping to get lots of new advertisers (especially L'Enfant Plaza) also, she has helped tremendously with proofing. Along with Beryl Rice, she brought Tiber Island on board. Lots of thanks to Karen Finkel, our Desktop publisher, Silver Communications, our printing company; George Morgan - bulk distributor and Gary Hill, who supervises the youth helpers distributing papers to stores and townhouses.

If anyone else would like to help in any capacity, please submit your name. We need writers, people to help get advertisements and a former teacher. If anyone is interested in helping, the next *Southwester* meeting will be at the SWNA Office on Thursday April 1 at 7:30 pm.

Budget for Southwester

Printing Bill .....	\$950	each month
Distribution.....	\$600	each month
Desktop Publisher .....	\$375	each month
misc. (prorated cost of.....	\$10	each month
Post Office Box, stamps and office supplies)		

Each issue costs an average of \$1,322.83

**ANNUAL REPORT  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE**

**MARCH 1998 - MARCH 1999**

**The Youth Activities Task Force** has usually met every second Tuesday of the month this past year (July and August were call meetings). Our Christmas get-together was cancelled as we mourned the loss of Charlotte Brooks, a past chair and original member of the Task Force. Her death is a great loss to the Task Force as well as to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and our community.

**Current Task Force Members** are: Delmar Weathers, Chair; Jean Macdonald, Secretary, Mary Ann Bailer, Rick Bardach, Eve Brooks, Walter Brooks, Betty Brown, Vyllorya Evans, Wyatt Green, Thelma Jones, Dale Maclver, Melvin Pickett, Beryl Rice.

**Task Force Activities**

**Support for a variety of youth programs:**

- Contributed \$50 a month for carrier boys for the Southwester
- Funded after school jobs for 3 students (\$583.50)
- Contributed to programs and activities of Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club #4:
  - Assisted sending 12 SW Under — 10 yrs City Champs to Nationals (\$500)
  - 12 youth to Camp Ernest Brown (\$600)
  - Registration fee for 75 lb Football team and equipment for Mitey Mites (\$1000)
  - Trainer for Computer Room (\$500)
  - 25 youth to Washington Redskins Training Camp (\$375)
  - Street festivals supervised by Police Director - citywide for MPBGC (\$200)
- Sent 4 youth to Sidwell Friends Summer Basketball Camp (\$660)
- Funded 60 youth to Stallions Football Camp (\$1100)
- Funded 10 High School students as aides to Project Wonder (1 week camp) (\$500)
- Sponsored I student to Living Stage Theatrre Company (\$300)
- Donated \$400 to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for their youth work
- Sent 4 Jefferson Jr. High boys to GWU Shoot Straight Basketball Camp (\$900)
- Sponsored "Stars of the Future" a concert & art exhibition by local youth, May 17, 1998
- Funded 2 SW Child Devt Center field trips –The Zoo & Children's Museum (\$354)

## **Task Force Mission Statement**

The Task Force held a retreat in March 1998 and decided that the YATF mission needed change — "that it should involve being an organization that gathers information about all services available for youth in SW, disseminates the information, identifies gaps in services and initiates efforts to fill the gaps, raises money for youth activities and services, engages the community (especially youth themselves) in defining the needs and how to fill them, and recruits volunteers for all programs serving youth in SW."

The mission statement, adopted in June reads:

*Dedicated to the welfare and personal development of youth in SW the YATF of the SWNA is committed to advocacy and the bringing together of people with similar interests and concerns, so that we can speak as one community on the needs of youth and the services required to fulfill those needs.*

## **Youth Planning Group Initiated**

On March 4, 1999, a meeting at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, initiated by the Youth Task Force, brought together thirty people, representing 12 agencies all serving SW youth, to meet each other and learn what each is doing. Chaired by Delmar Weathers, the luncheon meeting focused on what resources now exist, how they might be expanded to meet unfulfilled needs, and how to coordinate and focus services to SW youth while avoiding duplication. This newly formed SW Youth Planning Group is enthusiastically committed to working together to improve services to SW youth. The next meeting will be a luncheon meeting on April 7, hosted by Joy Majid of Link and Learn. Updates on plans of the group will be published regularly in *The Southwester*.

## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

In May we will hold our third annual "Stars of the Future" concert, featuring the talents of our SW youth.

A fundraising drive will be held in May or June.

*Committees* formed to implement the plan of action outlined by the Youth Planning Group have begun their work.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

We continue to be grateful to the World Bank for their generous support of our programs. We are grateful, too, to St. Augustine's for providing space for our first youth planning lunch meeting and for our concert, and for the parishioners who prepared the refreshments for it.

Jean Macdonald for Delmar Weathers, Chair

**1998 Annual Report to the  
Southwest Neighborhood Assembly  
from the Waterside Mall/Waterfront Task Force  
Co-chairs: Mercedes Sandoval-Beene and Judith Chayes Neiman  
Submitted March 17, 1999**

*This is a watershed moment for the city and Southwest: the economy is booming, we have a new mayor and city administration, a new economic revitalization plan for the city, and a DC Council more actively involved in Southwest activities. Now, more than ever, it is the mission of this Task Force, as part of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, to build on its track record and continue to evaluate, recommend, communicate and rally community support for revitalization plans that best serve the needs and interests of Southwest residents.*

*Culminating a year of extraordinary activity, we initiated the first-ever Southwest-wide community task force led by Ward Two Councilmember Jack Evans. Mercedes Sandoval-Beene is the facilitator. Its first meeting on February 11, 1999, drew more than 20 community leaders, key stakeholders and city officials whose purpose is to identify key concerns of the community, determine what has to be done, and involve the resources of the city council — and other city agencies — to achieve its goals.*

Here are highlights of the past year:

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- A seven-minute video. "Southwest: Our Home, Our Future," was written and produced by Mercedes Sandoval-Beene. It debuted May 4, 1998, in the Old Vat Room of Arena Stage, where the Task Force presented the ULI recommendations to the community. More than 200 residents and several city officials attended.
- "Southwest. Closer Than You Think," a four-color publication written and produced by Judith Chayes Neiman, was distributed through the June issue of The Southwester to approximately 12,000 Southwest residents.
- The video and the publication were hand-delivered to all ULI cosponsors, the Southwest Branch Public Library, and relevant Councilmembers. Task Force member Meg Brinckman organized the distribution efforts.
- The official ULI reports were distributed in September, 1998, by Task Force members Meg Brinckman and Dick Westbrook. Thousands of the 60-page booklet went to ULI co-sponsors, contributors, Washington Waterfront Association members, Fish Wharf lessees, the Southwest Branch Library, Historical Society, Greater Washington Board of Trade, American Institute of Architects, George Washington University, Southeastern University, the Economic Resurgence of Washington, D.C. Conference held at the World Bank, and planning groups like DC Housing Authority, Fine Arts Commission, and the National Capital Planning Commission. A special presentation was made to Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis, who heads the Council's Economic Revitalization Committee.
- The Task Force conducted a community-wide survey on the ULI recommendations; results were published in The Southwester.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

- NewsChannel 8 live cable TV reports on the ULI.
- Articles on ULI in the Washington Post, the Washington Times, City Paper.
- Major coverage on FoxFive News (WTTG-TV), May 27, 1998. The entire morning was devoted to "Neighborhood News" reports on Southwest history, attractions, and interviews with community leaders. It was broadcast live from Hogate's restaurant on the Waterfront.
- Monthly updates for The Southwester.

**Thanks to Task Force members:** Claudia Askew, Mary Ann Bailer, Gene Bellin, Meg Brinckman, Russ Daly, Michael Dugas, Barbara Ehrlich, Margaret Feldman, Joe Foote, Rikki Kramer, Andrew Kreider, Ahmed Nurriddin, Nancy O'Brien, Davelene (Davie) Renshaw, Gottlieb Simon, Robert Sockwell, Gene Solon, Beverly Stroud, Dick Westbrook, and Ethel James Williams.

# *Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT as of December 31, 1998**

### **Balance Sheet**

#### **ASSETS**

Checking Accounts:	NationsBank		10,518.09
Certificates of Deposit:	NationsBank	4,640.07	
		15,289.52	
		<u>20,934.39</u>	
			<u>40,863.98</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			51,382.07

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#### **LIABILITIES (Program Funds - Restricted)**

Other (Fannie Mae Foundation)	10,000.00
Southwest Scholarship Committee	4,166.64
Southwester	1,877.18
Youth Activities Task Force	16,266.81
Waterside Mall & Waterfront TF	<u>15,205.13</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** 47,515.76

**GENERAL FUND** 3,866.31

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND GENERAL FUND** 51,382.07



Robert Listou  
Treasurer

# *Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1998

1 The Finance Committee appointed on November 2 has not yet met. No chairperson have been designated, I agreed on December 7 to convene the committee, but have been unable to find a time convenient for all.

3 Note on the balance sheet that the Southwester now has a balance of \$1877.18 and no unpaid bills.

4 Attached is an update of the Norms for Financial Management. Item 10 is new. All blank checks have been given to the secretary, and she also receives from me each month a printout of the register so she can verify that all checks have been accounted for.



Robert Listou  
Treasurer

### Attachments

Balance sheet

Operating statement (includes status of each program account)

Norms for Financial Management

List of year-to-date transactions (task force chairs only)