



SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY ANNUAL REPORT 2011

“The mission of the Assembly shall be to improve the quality of life for all residents of Southwest; to open to every resident the wide cultural horizon of urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational, and economic opportunities for residents of Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for all; to promote development of the economic and aesthetic potential of Southwest, and preserve its diverse history. This mission shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.”

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(as of March 2012)

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Emergency Preparedness Task Force: Ben Curran

Southwest Retail Task Force: Bob Craycraft

Message from the President

Kael Anderson

I'd first like to thank the community for continued support of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Whether you've contributed funds toward youth activities, written an article for *the Southwester*, donated a computer, or participated in one of our events, we thank you. It takes a community!

I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge immediate past-president Carolyn Mitchel for her confident stewardship of the Assembly during the past two years. I also want to convey my deepest appreciation for my fellow officers, Vice President Jodi McCarthy, Treasurer Jo Chang, and Secretary Laura Shin. Much gratitude is also due to Perry Klein who stepped up when Jodi had to resign in December. Through their expertise and diligence, we were able to overcome significant IRS liabilities and institute more rigorous standard operating procedures.

We continued to carry on our role as Southwest's leading communications and information organization through three principal vehicles: community meetings, *the Southwester* and our new internet platforms. Review *the Southwester* and the Technology Task Force reports for additional detail on the latter two platforms.

Community meetings featured Mayor Vincent Gray and Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells. Other forums focused on specific agencies: WMATA, DPR, and the DC Office of Aging. Recognizing that Southwest's most transformative development in a generation is proceeding, we ended up hosting three events focused in whole or part on the Southwest Waterfront development. The elegant Mandarin Oriental hosted the first Waterfront event, in what was determined to be a record-setting crowd for a Southwest community event. Other events addressed the Waterfront Development's Community Benefits and the community park. Schools, one of the most important yet challenging topics was addressed three times, including a keynote from the Amidon-Bowen Elementary School Principal. Our July meeting focused on the inaugural SW ArtsFest. Of course the most enjoyable affair was the December holiday party where Southwest packed into Station 4.

We made a concerted effort to engage in important events and initiatives affecting Southwest. We provided formal comments on the Southwest Waterfront development, South Capitol Street Study, Maryland Avenue SW Small Area Plan, M Street transportation improvements, a Banneker Overlook museum proposal, Advisory Neighborhood Commission Redistricting, and this spring, we are planning testimony on the Department of Parks and Recreation and DC Public Schools.

We also spearheaded a number of new initiatives. We've developed a Friends of Lansburgh Park entity in coordination with the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and other stakeholders. This entity will host an open charrette to plan and reuse the long-fallow Lansburgh Park. The Southwest Public Information Display System is planned to provide a valuable information source for visitors and also residents. The M Street/Maine Avenue Median Landscaping project is planned to sustainably landscape these ceremonial medians.

Assembly board members represent our community neighbors at events and sit on the various steering committees and organizations in Southwest. Whether it's the Mayor's One City Summit, the various Ward 6 events, or Southwest meetings like those on the Balanced and Restorative Justice Drop-in Center. Board members lead or sat on committees like the SW DC Environmental Justice Group established by Carolyn Mitchell and the Citizens Advisory Committee.

To paraphrase our mission, we look forward to continuing our work to improve the quality of life for all residents, create rich and equal opportunities, assist in providing employment for all, and promote the economic and aesthetic potential of Southwest.

Kael W. Anderson
President

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc
Statement of Operations
January 01, 2011 - December 31, 2011

	SWNA Task Force					Fiscal Agent		SWNA General Fund	Total	Southwester
	Scholarship	Youth	History	Technology	Emergency Preparedness	Southwest Duck Pond	Road of Creativity			
BALANCE 1/1/2011	\$2,851.41	\$8,083.73	\$17,061.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,279.43	\$18,142.99	\$4,382.72
INCOME										
Contributions	\$6,005.00	\$9,134.00	\$1,500.00					\$941.60	\$17,580.60	
Grants							\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	
Interest- Savings								\$6.53	\$6.53	
Interest- CD								\$44.20	\$44.20	
									\$0.00	
Transfer from SWNA GF										\$2,941.55
Southwester Ad Revenue										\$27,471.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,005.00	\$9,134.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$992.33	\$19,131.33	\$30,412.55
EXPENSES										
Grants paid	\$6,900.00	\$4,460.33	\$144.22				\$1,500.00		\$13,004.55	
Printing/Design										\$30,998.59
Distribution										\$1,854.94
Supplies										\$315.00
Administrative	\$17.50							\$529.75	\$547.25	
Insurance								\$455.00	\$455.00	
PO Box								\$96.00	\$96.00	
Verizon - Phone								\$490.08	\$490.08	
Meetings								\$79.26	\$79.26	
Call Box Project			\$1,034.95							
Bank fees								\$100.00	\$100.00	\$336.31
Transfer to Southwester								\$2,941.55	\$2,941.55	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,917.50	\$4,460.33	\$1,179.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,691.64	\$17,713.69	\$33,504.84
BALANCE 12/31/2011	\$1,938.91	\$12,757.40	\$17,381.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,580.12	\$33,658.36	\$1,290.43

The Southwester, SWNA's neighborhood monthly newspaper

Tiffany Klaff and Erin Fitzgerald, Co-Editors (2011)
Dale MacIver, Editor Emeritus

The Southwester published eleven monthly issues, each of which appear in PDFs on SWNA's website www.swdc.org. Other issues dating back to 1999 also appear on that website. During the year, we started a new website, www.thesouthwester.com designed to have regular news updates to supplement the printed editions. Volunteers wrote all articles or condensed releases from city offices or organizations. Many thanks. Advertising revenue and a donation or two covered all expenses. We greatly appreciate the support of our advertisers, without whose help we could not publish. Circulation of 12,000 was made possible by volunteers and 27 orange newspaper dispensers on curbs throughout the area. These were bought from two \$1,000 grants from SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D and other donors.

We took over co-editorship of *The Southwester* in December 2010 from the previous editor, Glenn Favreau. Both Erin and Tiffany previously volunteered for *The Southwester* and learned the ropes from Glenn while helping out in various ways. In 2011, *The Southwester* published 11 issues (the January/February issue was a combined issue) and increased the amount of content and pages published over the course of one year, with five 16-page, three 12-page and three 8-page issues.

The Southwester enhanced our online presence in October 2011 with our own separate website, www.thesouthwester.com, designed by Electronic Ink, Inc., the same company that has been doing our layout for many years. Starting with the October issue, we posted the issues on our new website. Earlier issues are archived on SWNA's community website www.swdc.org.

We created an Advertising Placement Form to streamline the process of obtaining advertisements. The form is for advertisers to fill out and includes contact and billing information as well as ad specifications. We posted it on the SWNA website and *The Southwester* website once it was up and running. We also set up a credit card merchant account so advertisers can now pay by credit card and even set up automatic monthly payments. We hope that this improvement will make it easier for advertisers to pay and help regulate our cash flow.

To improve the quality of the content and the overall journalistic value of the paper, we developed an internal statement regarding submissions for all writers and contributors.

We garnered the help of a volunteer business manager, Alan McCain, who billed advertisers, deposited funds we received from advertising, and paid our bills.

We cannot thank enough our frequent contributors including Kael Anderson, Meg Brinckman, Andrew Finken, Elaine Graves, Derrick Inglut, Thelma Jones, Perry Klein, John McGrath, William Rich and Sheila Wickouski. We are also grateful to our wonderful copy editors Andrea Pawley and Jennifer Wiles for all their work making the paper as accurate, readable, and error-free as possible.

Some highlights for the year include:

- The return of the SW ArtsFest, including a map and schedule for all events and locations
- Metro's launching of the new 74 bus route and ending 70/71 and Circulator routes to SW
- Redevelopment of St. Matthew's Church
- Reconfiguration of the Fourth and M streets intersection
- SW Comm-Unity Day
- Launch of the Southwest Heritage Project

The following semi-regular articles have been added:

- Previews for Arena Stage productions
- Notes on the Nats
- Development news
- A series of articles on area parks
- Washington Kastles articles
- DC Sail
- Stories featuring area residents employed by the Nationals
- Computers-For-Kids
- Health and Fitness
- The police Blotter

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted by submitting information, writing articles, editing articles, taking pictures, or advising us throughout 2011.

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History Task Force

Lida Holland Churchville, 2011 Chair
Cecille Chen, Director, SW DC Heritage Project

During the years 2009 and 2010, the History Task Force succeeded in restoring and enhancing many of the Southwest community's historic call boxes. Once used as critical communication tools for police and fire department workers, these restored call boxes become symbols of Southwest's past and present. Call boxes were dedicated to the memory of a number of Southwest's most important citizens, namely Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; Justin Dart, of American Disabilities Act (ADA) fame; and Dr. Dorothy Height and her fellow Civil Rights Leaders.

But most of the Southwest call boxes were made possible by the help of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, an organization that made available the work of artists who had won the annual Cherry Blossom Award for their artwork over the years. Dedicating these call boxes along the waterfront prepared the background for the year 2011, when the History Task Force worked with other members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly in preparing for the 100th Anniversary of both the National Cherry Blossom Festival and the Titanic Memorial – historic events to be honored in 2012.

In August, following a visit to a DC Community Heritage Project Symposium with SWNA member, Gita Morris, and Cecille Chen, a recent Southwest resident, we contacted the Humanities Council of Washington, DC about a possible grant for a new SW history-focused project called the SW DC Heritage Project. The goal for the project grant called for the need for opportunities for appreciation of local history through access to cultural and educational resources. It called for the creation of a digital archive of SW history, which when completed will be available at www.swdcheritage.org. It will include text, images, and recorded oral history, with a goal of capturing the history of Southwest before it disappears.

Two other projects have emerged from the Southwest Heritage Project:

1. SW PIDS

A group of SW community leaders from SWNA, ANC6D, Gangplank Marina, Washington Waterfront Association, and the Westminster Presbyterian Church formed in October to explore the possibility of installing a Public Information Display System (PIDS) in the vicinity of the Waterfront Metro Station. The Southwest Public Information Display System (SW PIDS) is an outgrowth of that meeting. SW PIDS is a community-focused digital public signage project that will display transportation information, way-finding maps, and community information. It will benefit our community in several ways.

Upon exiting the Metro, visitors need a visual guide that will help them get oriented to the locale and provide them with timely information about transportation options and nearby attractions. However, SW is the only centrally-located area without a BID to provide way-finding personnel. The SW PIDS would display real-time MetroRail and MetroBus arrivals to enable riders to make better transportation decisions. The SW PIDS would also provide walking directions to attractions like the Arena Stage, restaurants and cruise ships along the Waterfront, Nationals Ballpark, etc., which would be very helpful for visitors. Use of QR-code technology will provide smart-phone users with access to interactive maps. Such pedestrian enhancements would foster a "livable walkable community."

As well, SW DC, with a colorful history that dates back to 1791, is presently home to a thriving community of residents, non-profits, businesses, and federal agencies. Yet most visitors are unaware of the many attractions SW has to offer; indeed SW residents are largely unaware of their neighborhood's storied past. In addition, Southwest's unique transportation layout and urban design often makes it challenging for new visitors to find destinations. By displaying information about SW history, neighborhood businesses and community events, the SW PIDS would support the local economy and give SW residents a stronger sense of community. Visitors will find compelling reasons to come back to SW, and a reduction in crime due to increased pedestrian travel might also be a benefit.

The SW PIDS group prepared a pilot project proposal and submitted it to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for funding from DDOT's Performance Parking Fund, under which 20% of parking revenue collected from Ward 6 is designated by law to be reinvested in the community for non-automotive transportation improvements.

2. Titanic 100

In December, a group of SW community leaders from SWNA, the Washington Waterfront Association, Gangplank Marina Slipholders Association, Riverside Condominium and ANC 6D gathered to discuss plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, which occurred on April 14, 1912. The Titanic Centennial is relevant to the SW community because of the presence of the Titanic Memorial in Waterfront Park at 4th Street, near Fort McNair. The Titanic Memorial was erected to honor the brave men who gave their lives so that women and children could be saved from the greatest maritime disaster in history. Designed by Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, the Titanic Memorial was originally unveiled in 1931 at Rock Creek Parkway. When the Kennedy Center was built in the 1960's, the Titanic Memorial was moved to its present location in our lovely Waterfront Park.

The Titanic 100 group is planning a commemorative event at the Titanic Memorial on April 14, 2012. A projection company will be hired to project 60-foot high images of the Titanic, her crew and passengers, onto the facade of Riverside Condominium's north tower. As well, a musical performance is being planned of "Nearer My God To Thee" which according to Titanic survivors was the last song to be played by the Titanic musicians as the ship went down. Finally, the Waterfront Park promenade will be lit up with 1517 luminaries, each labeled with the name of one of the 1517 people who perished in the tragedy. The Titanic 100 Commemoration is being generously supported by Friends of SW, Gangplank Marina, Hoffman-Madison Waterfront, The Humanities Council of Washington DC, Riverside Condominium, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, *The Southwester*, Tiber Island Cooperative Homes, and the Washington Waterfront Association. A promotional website, designed by C2 Media Lab, will include an illustrated history of the Titanic Memorial and can be accessed at www.swdcheritage.org/titanic100.

The event will be open to the public, and all Southwesters are encouraged to invite friends and family from other quadrants to experience our beautiful Waterfront Park and learn about our unique community heritage.

The Southwest Heritage Project was launched to document and make accessible the heritage of Southwest DC at a time when our neighborhood is changing rapidly. The Project promises to become not only an important part of the 100th Anniversary of the Titanic Memorial, as well as the National Cherry Blossom Festival, but a wonderful reason to celebrate our Southwester's 50th Anniversary next year.

Scholarship Task Force

Carolyn G. Mitchell, Chair

This is the 36th year of the SWNA Scholarship Program. Over the past three decades, the community supported fund has helped more than 263 neighborhood youth achieve their educational goals by providing grants for college. These grants of financial support help to defray the cost of tuition, purchase the ever-increasing textbooks, provide for small necessities, or pay for a trip home when a student is feeling homesick.

In school year 2011-2012, seven students were given grants totaling \$7,000 due to the generosity of Southwest residents. This generosity allowed the all-volunteer SWNA Scholarship Task Force the opportunity to assist these seven students achieved their educational goals. Individual student awards ranged from \$500 to \$1,500. Terrance Williams, Delaware State University freshman was selected to receive the Friends of Southwest \$1,500 award.

The Students

Any student who lives in “near Southwest (zip code 20024) community and has been accepted to an accredited college or post-secondary institution is eligible to be considered for a grant. A personal interview, scholastic achievement, financial need, and community service are considered when making the awards.

Because of the varied housing and income levels of Southwest, our scholarship recipients come from public housing, subsidized housing (Section 8) and middle-income residences.

One student’s expression of appreciation follows:

“We can’t thank you enough for the warm gifts of your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity.”

The Volunteers:

Appreciation is due all our volunteers, Rick Bardach, Anita Allen and SW Library Staff, who made sure applications were distributed, collected and that I was kept informed as to the status of the applications.

The Scholarship recipients for year 2011-2012 were:

Imani Allen, Virginia State University

Kirstin Jones, Barnard College

Alan Kellogg, University of Buffalo

Vincent Omekam, University of Pittsburgh

Kenneth Tinsley, Central State University

Yurlee Tinsley, South Carolina State University

Terrance Williams, Delaware State University

Youth Activities Task Force

Rick Bardach, Interim Chair

Our area – near-Southwest DC – contains some of the highest concentration of poverty in Washington, DC. The SWNA Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) leverages donations to support many programs supplying adult leadership and supplies and equipment for dozens of youth in this area.

One of our most successful programs has been the “Computer-for-Kids” computer training program which began in October 2007 under the leadership of YATF member Thelma Jones. That year 14 youth between the ages of 6-12 “graduated” from the 8-week program. In 2008, two more classes were held, graduating 16 youth, ages 10-12. In addition, 10 adults “graduated” from our first adult class. In August 2011 YATF graduated its youngest ever class of computer students, ages 7-9. This pattern has continued and is helping to reduce the digital divide in Southwest, as approximately 60 children have graduated from the program since its inception in 2007. We are grateful to the highly skilled, dedicated volunteer instructors including Gerald Brown, LaShawn Williams, Frank Fu and Craig Ferguson (who recently relocated to Florida – our loss). Upon completion of the classes, each student receives a refurbished computer for their home, with the understanding they will teach other household members the skills they have learned in the program. This program had several partners as follows: SWNA Technology Task Force, King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, James Creek Resident Council, Syphax Gardens Resident Council, and First Time Computers. We are also grateful to Lucky Kabob for hosting the most recent Computer-for-Kids graduation ceremony. A special acknowledgement goes to Friends of Southwest DC (formerly River Park Friends) for awarding us a \$1000 grant for this program a couple of years ago.

YATF provides annual support to the Southwest community schools, namely Amidon-Bowen Elementary and Jefferson Middle Schools. In addition to support by YATF, this year we partnered with Harbour Square Cooperative who has a history of raising funds for Amidon-Bowen for “back-to-school” supplies.

YATF also provided support to Banneker High School Senior Kirstin Jones, who on her own initiative organized a Math Fair in 2010, which subsequently inspired YATF to host one on Saturday, April 30, 2011 with Jones’ support. Both Math Fairs were held at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. Jones’ theme was “Learning math can be fun and exciting.”

YATF again supported sports teams in 2011, as it has in previous years (see below). Approximately 43% of this year’s expenditures went to support the football and baseball programs at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. We are proud to continue our long-standing support of these teams. Long-time Southwest volunteer Ronald “Coach Horse” Hines is the backbone behind the sports programs in Southwest. Also worthy of praise and thanks are the many adults who give a great deal of their time and financial support to coaching the King-Greenleaf teams, led by Malcolm Hilliard who has established the non-profit Wolfpack Team Sports Association.

Near the end of the calendar year, YATF received an awesome \$5,000 donation from “The Bullpen,” which is across the street from the Nationals Ballpark. This donation was made specifically to support programs occurring at the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. This money will be spent in 2012.

Looking ahead, YATF will focus more efforts on programs for young girls and has begun discussions with several groups, specifically Southwest Girls Scout Troop, “Mosaic Love” and “Girls on the Rise.” In addition, we are seeking other partnerships with the goal of increasing programs for youth in Southwest.

In 2011 our expenditures were as follows:

- Assisted King-Greenleaf Recreation Center baseball teams (registration fees & uniforms)	\$ 1,000
- Assisted with uniform purchases for King-Greenleaf Rec Ctr. football teams	1,000
- Refreshments/expenses for Computers-for-Kids program	237
- Supported Amidon-Bowen Elementary School with books & trips	798
- Supported Amidon-Bowen in partnership with Harbour Square Co-op "back-to-school drive," purchasing assorted uniform pieces, book bags & graphing books	1,300
- Supported Jefferson Academy with purchase of 2 digital cameras	294
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Total	\$4,629

Created in 1982, the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force continues to help meet the challenging needs of our community youth. Our efforts continue to make a positive impact in the community that is reflected by the children's enthusiasm and the general support we continue to receive in support of our programs.

YATF continues to be proud of its accomplishments and gratefully acknowledges the support of our patrons and the community at large. Remaining focused on our mission and increasing our membership will help to ensure that we provide support to our community youth and help achieve the overall developmental changes.

Current YATF Members:

Rick Bardach, Interim Chair, Thelma Jones, Vice Chair, Frank Fu, Rhonda Hamilton, Cheryl Hansberry-Moore, Dale MacIver, Lenora Moragne, Mili Patel, Beryl Rice, Delmar Weathers, Niles White and Eve Wilkins.

Rick Bardach – Rrickbar@aol.com (202) 554-8282 and

Thelma Jones – tjones15@verizon.net (202) 488-3746

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Technology Task Force

Perry Klein, Chair

During 2011, the Technology Task Force qualified SWNA as a Microsoft Registered Refurbisher, making us eligible to install Microsoft software on our rebuilt computers at very low cost. Unlike other refurbishers, we don't charge for our computers, but we have minimum requirements before we give any away.

We set up computer centers at Greenleaf Midrise and Syphax for use by residents and as convenient locations to hold classes in computer literacy. With the start of the 2011 – 2012 school year, we set up two new computer labs at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, one a makeover of an older computer classroom, and the other in the newly renovated school library. These were all computers donated by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), located in Southwest, DC. ACOG donated well over 100 computers to SWNA during 2011, including 15 laptops. They also donated a large number of LCD flat-screen monitors, and some printers and scanners.

We converted SWNA's telephone to an internet-based system, which added flexibility and greatly reduced cost.

The Task Force also assisted in establishing the new web site for *The Southwester*, www.thesouthwester.com and arranged for free web hosting. The web site uses WordPress, an open-source web publishing program, and it was set up for us by Electronic Ink, Inc., the same people who do the layout of *The Southwester* each month.

Emergency Preparedness Task Force

Ben Curran, Chair

Created in September 2011, the vision for the SW Emergency Preparedness Task Force is to build a disaster resilient community in SW DC.

The underlying core values adopted by the Task Force are:

- a) to be inclusive of the whole of the SW community;
- b) to coordinate closely with District government officials and other leaders in the District's emergency management field;
- c) to respect and build upon the earlier emergency preparedness planning efforts made in the SW community; and
- d) to pace the program activities in order to develop into a sustainable, model example of community preparedness.

The Task Force mission is to create a viable "SW Neighborhood Corps" to serve SW in the disaster preparedness, response and recovery periods before the beginning of the 2012 hurricane season. By the end of the calendar year 2011 the Task Force consisted of a core group of 10 dedicated SW residents, held four planning meetings, one larger community meeting, and submitted one article to the Southwester. Also by the end of 2011 the Task Force consisted of 7 Teams: Outreach, Training, Risk Assessment, Medical Coordination, Communications, Skills Mapping, and Program Planning & Operations.

Training and outreach are the highest priorities for the Task Force. The communications team is developing a brochure to include overall purpose, mission, team descriptions, DC disaster trivia, and contact information. The Program Planning & Operations Team is developing a series of community meetings with emergency management speakers in order to attract interested residents and recruit more members.

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Southwest Retail Task Force

Bob Craycraft, Chair

The Southwest Retail Task Force was formed to consolidate the interest of SWNA, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D (ANC 6D), and the Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC) as they pertain to retail development and resident opportunities.

The task force was formed in October 2011 and is headed by ANC 6D01 Commissioner Bob Craycraft. The task force has organized the community's retail objectives into several broad objectives:

- Support the development and leasing of Fourth Street, S.W. (immediate)
- Develop ties between the redeveloped L'Enfant Plaza retail concourse and the community (near term)
- Explore innovative, alternative retail opportunities for the community's low-wealth sectors (near term)
- Ensure community opportunities are available at The Wharf (long term)

The task force is comprised of individuals from the resident, civic, and business sectors of the community. For more information, please contact Bob Craycraft at bobc4dcs@gmail.com, or 202-488-3866.