

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

ANNUAL REPORT

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SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

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SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

Statement of Operations

January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000

	Scholarship	Southwester	Youth	Waterside Mall	Fannie Mae	History	TOTAL	General Fund	TOTAL
Balance 1/1/2000	4,360.00	(301.74)	6,569.81	14,609.80	10,000.00		35,237.87	2,806.82	38,044.69
INCOME									
Contributions	5,575.00	175.00	4,405.00			1,300.00	11,455.00		11,455.00
Grants			10,000.00			2,250.00	12,250.00		12,250.00
Total Contributions & Transfers	5,575.00	175.00	14,405.00	0.00	0.00	3,550.00	23,705.00	0.00	23,705.00
Program		23,520.00					23,520.00		23,520.00
Interest							0.00	1,769.48	1,769.48
Total Income	5,575.00	23,695.00	14,405.00	0.00	0.00	3,550.00	47,225.00	1,769.48	48,994.48
EXPENSES									
Program	6,100.00	19,047.95	4,100.00			686.12	29,934.07		29,934.07
Grant			1,500.27		10,000.00	2,000.00	13,500.27		13,500.27
Total Program & Expenses	6,100.00	19,047.95	5,600.27	0.00	10,000.00	2,686.12	43,434.34	0.00	43,434.34
Fund Raising	448.00								448.00
Administrative	44.00	44.00		864.00			952.00	673.75	1,625.75
Total Expenses	6,592.00	19,091.95	5,600.27	864.00	10,000.00	2,686.12	44,834.34	673.75	45,508.09
Balance 12/31/2000	3,343.00	4,301.31	15,374.54	13,745.80	0.00	863.88	37,628.53	3,902.55	41,531.08

The Southwester Annual Report - 2000

The Southwester is published monthly by volunteers of The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. In 2000 The Southwester published 12 monthly issues - Jan. 2000 through Dec. 2000.

CIRCULATION

Usually the number printed was 10,000. Each issue was 8 pages long. Copies are free.

DISTRIBUTION

Door to door distribution has been made to most townhouses and a few of the apartment houses in Southwest. Some apartment houses receive stacks of papers placed in the lobby or mail room to be picked up by the residents. Distribution is made to schools, churches, businesses, some federal office buildings in Southwest and to the Navy Yard and House Office Building. Copies are mailed to council members and some District offices.

PHOTOS AND STORIES

A typical issue has 30 photos and 25 stories, all provided by volunteers or received as press releases by mail or e-mail.

ADVERTISING

The cost of preparing and printing the paper is covered by charges to advertisers, scaled according to the size of the ad. No one is paid to solicit ads. This is a requirement for the tax-free status of non-profit organizations, such as the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc..

REPORTERS

In 2000 some of those who supplied stories were listed in a box on page 2 or with bylines by the stories. In chronological order - Jan to Dec. - these were: Wallace Babington, Maurice Cook, C.W. Hargrave, Lakeisha Johnson, Kevin Turner, Carole Early, Sherry Klein, Elaine Fowler, Gene Solon, Alberta E. White, Rev. George E. Holmes, Rick Bardach, Margaret Feldman, Betty Brown, Herbert Holmes, Maurice Boyd, Barbara Murray, Naomi Monk, Gottlieb Simon, Nancy O'Brien, Janet Butler, Rhonda Hamilton, Susan Fischer, Judith Walters, Baybay Shannon, Jean Macdonald, Rev. John Talbot. Many others supplied story material.

ADMINISTRATION AND PRODUCTION

Titles held by some of the volunteers with The Southwester, include: Assistant Editor - Dale MacIver; Business Manager - Cathy Wallace; Advertising - Susan Fischer, Maurice Boyd; Calendar - C.W. Hargrave. Silver Communications Corp. prints The Southwester. Karen Finkel is Desktop Publisher. Production assistant - Rodney Horns.

FINANCES

The income and expense of publishing The Southwester in 2000 are as follows: Opening balance: (301.74) Income: Donations \$175 Ads \$23,520 Total: \$23,695 Expenses: Production & printing: \$19,047.95 Administrative \$44 Total: \$19,091.95 Closing balance Dec. 31, 2000: \$4,301.31

**SWNA
SOUTHWEST SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
2000-2001 ANNUAL REPORT**

In school year 2000-2001, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Scholarship Committee celebrated its 26th anniversary. The community-supported fund assisted ten (10) neighborhood youth achieve their educational goals by providing \$ 9,100 in grants. More than 160 neighborhood youth have been assisted from the fund, which started in 1974 when six neighbors in the River Park Cooperative Apartments thought it would be a worthwhile endeavor for the Cooperative to support neighborhood youth who wanted to go to college. That year, the neighbors contributed \$700 to three students. This year River Park Cooperative Friends and the Westminster Presbyterian Church helped to embellish the program by providing special scholarships of \$1000 each to three students. In addition, the Riverside Condominium continued their tradition of providing a substantial contribution from their annual yard sale.

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

This year, two of the interviewers were former scholarship recipients, teacher, lamella Ball and architect, Sara Wells, (Design Center awardee).

The scholarship Committee is made up of volunteers who have devoted numerous hours in this community effort. Of the \$8,575 contributed this year by the community, local churches and businesses, \$592, less than 7% was spent on supplies, postage and printing.

The following note from one on the students attending college in New York expresses the appreciation students feel for the work of the Committee.

Dear Southwest Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for your continuing support: it is greatly appreciated. School is going very well now as midterms are approaching. My family and I are extremely fortunate to have your support, and I will continue to strive for excellence.

Abiri Ward

Students who received grants this year were:

Paris Davis
Amber Drummond
Scott Frankel
Tiffany Haliburton
Rhonda Hamilton
Shenearah Lassiter
Samson Mamo
Alexander McMahan
Davina Minnix
Abiri Ward

University of Cincinnati
Emory University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Cornell University
University of the District of Columbia
University of Maryland - Eastern Shore
State University of New York
College of West Virginia
University of Maryland
Hunter College

The members of the Committee that were responsible for soliciting contributions, designing applications and collecting data from the students, printing stationary, writing and calling students, sending thank you notes to contributors, recruiting interviewers from the community, arranging student interviews, etc were: Carole Early, Cathy Wallace, Henry Evans, Herbert Holmes, Dale MacIver and Barbara Murray. Special thanks go out to Lonnie Murray, CW Hargrave, River Park Friends, Westminster Church, Riverside Condominium, Sherry Klein, SWNA's treasurer, Ellen Winship, Jenny's Restaurant and the generous Southwest community, without whom there would be no program.

Submitted By Barbara A. Murray
February 19, 2001

ANNUAL REPORT of YOUTH ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE

For CY 2000

Current Task Force Members are:

Rick Bardach, Co-Chair, Jean Macdonald, Secretary, Walter Brooks, Betty Brown, Herbert Holmes, Thelma Jones, Dale MacIver, Beryl Rice & Delmar Weathers.

Task Force Mission Statement:

Dedicated to the welfare and personal development of youth in Southwest, 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.

Task Force Activities:

- I. The award of a \$ 10,000 grant from The World Bank Community Outreach Program has positively influenced our year. The grant was received in May. Our first task was to hire a part-time Youth Coordinator. We were fortunate to contract for the services of Dr. Ann E. Pharr, a Southwest resident with much experience in consulting work. The cost for this was \$ 2500 thru December.

We were successful in implementing three programs for the summer.

1. Tennis - Volunteer Tom Robinson held a very successful two-week tennis camp for 15 youth who attended very regularly and graduated by receiving a new tennis racket and can of balls.
2. Swimming - The Waterside Swim & Fitness Club allowed one of their lifeguards, Jill Turner, to conduct lessons for three weeks in the mornings. About 15 youth attended at least one session but only seven "graduated" with regular attendance. They received a swimming ribbon with medallion.
3. Chess - Volunteer Vaughn Bennett conducted lessons over a three-week period at two locations: the Southwest Library and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Although about 15 youth attended at least one session, none attended on a regular basis so there was no graduation for this effort.

Subsequently, the Youth Coordinator and Task Force members have worked hard to establish programs for the school year. Significant obstacles were encountered but ultimately some programs have begun. Only one program began before the end of the year, that being a computer class held at DC Link & Learn (Waterside Mall) for ten youth that are members of a basketball team at the Metropolitan Boys & Girls' Club #4. The instructor is Lola Singletary, an instructor at DC Link & Learn. A second class was developed for students from Jefferson Jr. High School that will commence in January, 2001.

Other programs that are being developed for the year 2001 are:

- Another computer class for younger boys of Boys/Girls Club #4
- A tennis program operated by the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation A theater workshop sponsored by Arena Stage
- An "Image Awareness" program for girls from Jefferson Jr. High School
- A Tae Kwon Do martial arts class

As of December 31, only \$1500 of the \$10,000 grant had been expended.

II. Financial Support for several youth programs operating in Southwest

- Boy Scout Troop/Second Baptist Church skiing trip (\$250)
- Easter egg hunt (\$150)
- Metropolitan Police Boys /Girls' Club #4 support (\$1100)
Football Homecoming activity & Basketball program
- Jefferson Jr. High School Basketball team trip to NY City (\$ 100)

III. Fundraising

Our only fundraising effort this year was a solicitation mailing done in August. This resulted in 62 contributions totaling \$ 4405.

IV. Financial Summary

The YATF Account balance as of January 1,2000		\$ 6,569.81
Revenues during the year:	The World Bank grant	\$ 10,000
	Individual Contributions	4,405
Expenses during the year	Grant program costs	\$ 1,500
	Youth Coordinator	2,500
	Support to other programs	1,600

The YATF Account balance as of December 31, 2000 \$ 15,374.54

V. Future Plans

Continue developing & coordinating programs with The World Bank grant, which will go at least thru the end of the school year and possibly into the up-coming summer.

The YATF is in desperate need of new members and/or volunteers to work with youth. We hope some that read this report would volunteer their time and talents to mentor or teach a skill to the youth of Southwest via the YATF.

SWNA WATERSIDE MALL/WATERFRONT TASK FORCE ANNUAL REPORT 2000

The Task Force met monthly on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Taskforce mission was to work to maintain and revitalize the Waterside Mall and to work to revitalize SW Waterfront and other areas of SW.

Ms. Nancy O'Brien, Chaired the Taskforce from January - September 2000.

Some attendees and or supporters of the Taskforce were Mr. Andrew Altman, Mr. Gene Bellin, Mr. Sidney Bresler, Mr. Russ Daly, Mr. D'Amato, Mrs. Carol Early, Mrs. Barbara Ehrlich, Vanessa Ruffin, Mrs. Margaret Feldman, Mr. Irv Gamza, Rev. George E. Helmey, Mrs. Rikki Kramer, Ms. Diana Mayhew, Mr. Dale MacIver, Attorney Mary McLaren, Ms. Naomi Monk, Ms. Nancy O'Brien, Mr. Gottlieb Simon, Mr. Eric Slaughter, Mr. Ray Solem, Mr. Gene Solon, Mr. Bob Stickell, Mr. Richard Westbrook, Mr. Joseph Wolfe.

Fruitful endeavors accomplished by the persistence of Taskforce members and other residents.

On January 24, 2000, Mr. Gene Solon along with SWNA President Rev. George E. Homes and First Vice President Davelene Renshaw convened a successful Southwest Neighborhood Summit. Residents from Public Housing who were not well represented at Major Williams' Summit, were well represented. Residents listed as first three objectives: (1) eliminate drug dealing, (2) revitalize Waterside Mall, (3) improve the schools, (4) improve public safety, (5) improve the waterfront...

Ms. Monk received a reply to her e-mail from GSA Executive, Mr. Tony Costa, February 3, 2000, which stated details of the Mall from its infancy 30 some years ago to its possible renovation in 2002. This e-mail was widely distributed through the Southwest neighborhood.

Throughout year 2000, Ms. Monk meet Waterside Mall Manger, Mr. Dale Jones, his Maintenance Contractor, Mr. Kirn and the Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Santos. They walked the Mall most Thursday mornings at 10:30 and ensured that the inside and outside of the Mall was maintained well.

The Taskforce and other residents met with Mr. Sidney Bresler a few times. At the meeting, May 3, 2000, the Taskforce asked Mr. Sidney Bresler to assist in improving a list of possible cosmic improvements at the Waterside Mall. Ms. O'Brain compiled this list that was advertised in the Southwester newspaper for comments for Southwest residents. Some items of improvement are: the underground parking garage was painted, beautiful flowers placed in flower beds especially in the back and sides of the Mall, flower beds placed at the entrance of the Mall for better flow of traffic... Mr. Bresler also presented preliminary plans for renovations of the Mall in 2002.

The Taskforce placed articles in the Southwester newspaper when they were to hold meetings with the Mr. Bresler and the DC Planning Office. These meeting were open to all Southwest residents. After the meetings, articles were placed in the Southwester giving details about the meeting.

July 27, 2000, Mr. Uve Brandes and Mr. Bob Patton from the DC Planning Office met with the Taskforce with other residents in attendance. A follow up meeting was held August 8, 2000. A wealth of information was exchanged and visionary planning proposed for a successful Southwest revitalization. At the later meeting the Taskforce was honored to have over a dozen Massachusetts

Institute of Technology (MIT) graduate students and three professors present visionary planning for a successful Southwest revitalization. They are continuing to work with Southwest. December 1, 2000, Mr. Eran Ben Joseph at MIT e-mailed numerous Southwest residents to let them know about the MIT web site that they used to record their work on SW. You can visit the web site at <http://web.mit.edu/course/11/11.332/www/>.

Corporate Information Management, Director John Imparato provided important information about revitalization at the Navy Yard throughout the year 2000.

November 2000

Beautiful waterfront benches were reinstalled at the persistence of Mr. Solon. Three early supporters of this project were Mr. Bellin, Mrs. Feldman, and Ms. Coralee Farlee.

Mr. Bresler presented the Waterside Mall redevelopment preliminary plans for the project to the SW Community. The new working name is "Waterfront." The project, Bresler and Reiner and their partners Kaempfer Company and Forest City Enterprises are to spend \$50 million dollars.

First District US Attorney Mary McLaren presented her plan to improve the vitality of Southwest Public Housing complexes.

December 6, 2000, plans were made to host Southwest Revitalization Workshop with the DC Planning Office. The DC Planning Office and sponsor of the Workshop plan to distribute to Southwest residents comprehensive mapping of all the areas in Southwest and Southeast what projects are or are expected to be revitalized. Funding sources of these projects will be included. This was to ensure that projects have some consistency, it was deemed important to include MIT constituents, input from all the various groups and residents in Southwest.

Treasury Report by Mr. Solon

Respectively,

Naomi J. Monk
Chair