

SABINE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
March 26, 2009

Oh, what a night!! I can't say enough good things about our first Community Dance, which was held at the Toledo Center facility on Friday, March 20th. I believe all who attended will attest to the fact that it was a success. Our staff, lead by Jeri Arthur, rearranged the tables and chairs and decorated the building with spring flower arrangements and special lighting. It was a great venue for an evening of dancing. The Gary Cathey Band performed and much fun was had by all. We had so many requests to "do it again" that we have reserved the third Friday night of each month for our dances. We will advertise even more extensively for next month and expect an even bigger crowd.

Tuesday night, March 31st, is the annual Sabine Parish Hall of Fame Banquet. I encourage everyone to attend to help honor one of our own. Lewis McBryde is being recognized with the Good Citizen Award and we certainly want to show our support and congratulate him on this honor.

Our Silent Auction, which was scheduled for March 13th, had to be canceled due to bad weather. As soon as it is feasible, we will reschedule it. Look for an ad in the Sabine Index for the date.

Easter is coming up and each of our five sites will be planning special celebrations to observe the holiday. All sites will be closed on Good Friday (April 10th). April 21st will be our annual Volunteer Appreciation Day, at which we honor our many volunteers. Henry Shoemaker has agreed to entertain us again this year and I hope all our volunteers and donors will make plans to attend.

February absolutely flew by at the Council. We served 1,315 Congregate meals at our meal sites and delivered 3,920 meals to Home Bound seniors. We provided 185 units of homemaker service for our seniors, 107 hours of Caregiver services, and 59 contacts have been made for Outreach, Information & Assistance. We provided 647 units of transportation, 490 units of wellness, and 1,622 units of recreation.

Be sure to check our April calendars for current events and special activities. A complete calendar, listing all the regularly scheduled activities is available by calling our office 256-4140 or checking out our website (www.sabinecoa.com).

Respectfully submitted,
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