

THE HCBA LOOKS TOWARD A YEAR OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Community Services Committee

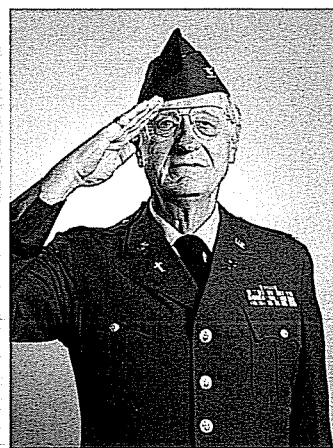
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Another hot Florida summer is behind us and the 2011-2012 HCBA year is in full swing. We look back at last year's events and applaud the HCBA members who donated their time, money, and personal items to the worthy causes we have supported. A special thanks is owed to Stacy E. Yates, our former committee

chair, for three years of outstanding service to our Community Service Committee. We also give thanks to former Co-Chair Lori Vella and former Co-Chair Mindi B. Lasley for their leadership roles in our Community Services Committee.

We look forward to this HCBA year. We have planned several new opportunities to give back to our community. This year, we will again



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take part in the annual Make a Difference Day. This event takes place annually across the United States on the 4th Saturday in October. Last year, more than 3 million Americans volunteered on Make a Difference

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Day. The HCBA is proud to be part of that group of volunteers. This year, the HCBA Community Services Committee will participate again in the Adopt a Veteran Project in conjunction with Make a Difference Day.

The Adopt a Veteran Project will assist another project, the Homeward Bound for Those Who Served project. Deborah Gottardi, Chief of the Voluntary Services with the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, began the Homeward Bound for Those Who Served project in Tampa in 2005. This project is a "medical foster home program that provides an alternative to nursing home placement for approximately 50 non-service connected veterans who are dependent, chronically

or terminally ill with limited family support and finances." There is limited funding for the care of our elderly veterans. This is where the Adopt a Veteran Project comes in. The Foster Home staff and caregivers obtain "Wish Lists" from each of the veterans in the program. The HCBA will coordinate efforts with Ronika Anderson, Veteran Affairs Voluntary Services, to obtain these Wish Lists. Volunteers like you "adopt" the veterans by purchasing the items on the wish lists. Items include everything from board games, to clothing, to toiletries. Volunteers are then encouraged to deliver their donations to the veterans at the VA Hospital on Make a Difference Day. Visiting the veterans and hearing their stories is one of the most rewarding aspects of

this event. When we give back to those who served our country, we show our appreciation for their contribution to this country. In years past, volunteers have taken great joy in brightening the days of our elderly veterans. We look forward to doing so again this year.

As Co-Chairs of the Community Service Committee for the 2011-2012 year, we look forward to working with HCBA members to make this event, and several others, a huge hit. Assistance is always needed, so please contact us at shammett@saxongilmore.com or zglaser@sponslerbennett.com for more information.

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