

*An overview of  
programs and activities*

**2006-2007**

# **BASCC Annual Report**

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*Eugenia Florek listens as Claire, a Birmingham Covington School third grader, reads to her May 16, 2007 during a special Intergenerational reading project.*

**T**he BASCC Board of Directors and staff proudly present the 2006-2007 Annual Report that highlights our 29th year of serving local seniors and their families. BASCC offers seniors a wide variety of programs, special events, travel opportunities, and a whole host of outreach services such as information and referral, home delivered meals, and more.

Our organization continues to work on implementing the recommendations from our five-year strategic plan. Evening programming is being developed, collaborations with new partners are being formed, steps have been taken to create an independent website, and a more stable funding source for BASCC continues to be explored.

Since its inception, BASCC has grown and flourished into a 1,400-member organization whose participants enjoy the benefits of a full-service senior center. This is due to the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, a dedicated staff, and great community support.

As always, we are thankful for the generosity of our supporters and benefactors who responded to appeals throughout the year. Contributions from the "Share the Spirit" and "No-Show Glow" campaigns, yearly dues, and everything in between, benefited BASCC in some way. All contributions are needed and appreciated.

We gratefully acknowledge the community support BASCC receives each year, especially from the Birmingham Public School District, local municipalities, businesses, donors, volunteers, members and staff whose contributions resulted in another truly great year for BASCC.

## 2006-2007 Outreach Efforts

### Outreach Services Help Others Year Round

Throughout the year BASCC's Outreach Department worked diligently assisting seniors to maintain their independence and dignity. Individuals and family members benefited from accessing information and referral services, durable medical equipment loans, prescription drug information, home chore and repair assistance, phone reassurance, transportation, health screenings, Meals-on-Wheels, and much more.



*Members can have their blood pressure checked once a month. Here, Shirley Kenning checks Eugenia Florek's blood pressure.*

### BASCC Support Groups Meet Special Needs

BASCC hosts support groups, which are an important means of coping with life's often challenging experiences. Support group meetings held at BASCC include the Vision Enrichment Group, the Alzheimer's Support Group, and Birmingham SHHH (for those with hearing impairments). New this year is the Caregiver Support Group sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care.

### Annual Flu Immunization Clinic

Over 300 people were immunized at the annual flu immunization clinic again this year. BASCC staff and volunteers assisted as nurses from the Visiting Nurse Association administered the vaccine.

### Income Tax Assistance Provided at BASCC

This vital service has been provided at BASCC for many years by highly qualified volunteers trained by AARP. Over 275 individuals accessed this service that was provided weekly from February through early April.

### Members Share the Warmth of the Holidays

For the fourth year, BASCC members, supporters and the public contributed new adult and children's gloves, hats, mittens, scarves and socks for its annual Project Warmth program held in November. Nearly 450 items were delivered to the Lighthouse of Oakland County for distribution to those less fortunate.

### Popular Senior Housing Tours Continue

Several tours were arranged again this year so members could visit local senior housing facilities. Participants learned details of services and living arrangements offered at each facility including lunch and transportation.

### Medicare Enrollment and Prescription Drug Assistance Provided

This valuable service was provided at our Senior Center through the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. Trained volunteer representatives were on hand to explain the program and provide individual assistance with plan selection and online enrollment.



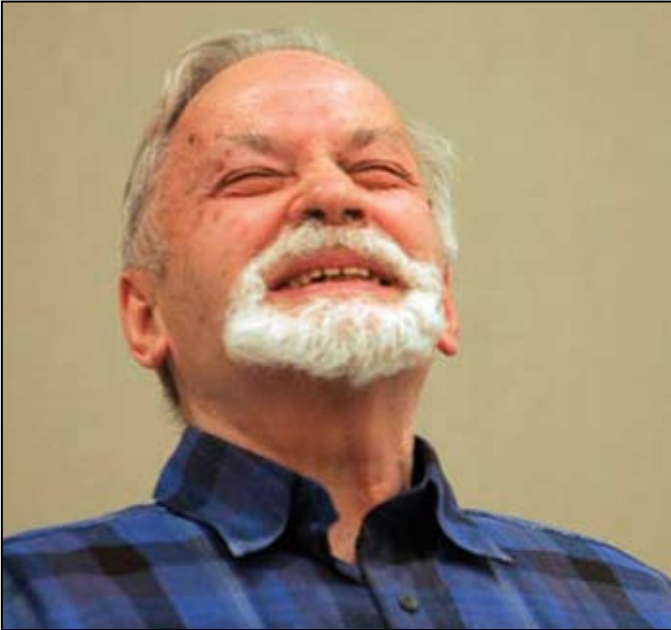
*BASCC Vision Enrichment Support Group poses with retired staff member Kay Higby and new staff member Jennifer Marsh.*

### Outreach Services 2006-2007

Counseling  
Health Services  
Home Maintenance  
Information & Referral  
Nutrition Programs  
Support Groups  
Transportation  
Telephone Reassurance

**27,100 Total Units of Service**

## 2006-2007 Program Highlights



*The moment of truth...Al Rosie realizes he misspelled "ratatouille" during the 2007 Oakland County Senior Spelling DUEL February 27. Photo courtesy of The Detroit News.*

### 1st Annual Cornucopia: A Harvest of Arts & Crafts

Over 40 exhibitors provided an exciting variety of works including jewelry, wood, fibers, painted fibers, pottery, Christmas items, and much more. The BASCC knitters made over 150 items to sell and donated all proceeds to the center.

### Women's Handbell Choir Ushers in Holidays

For the 14th consecutive year, BASCC hosted the perennial favorite Bread and Bells Feast and Concert in December. The BASCC Hospitality Committee prepared a delicious continental feast of specialty breads followed by the beautiful sounds of the Women's Handbell Choir of the First United Methodist Church, Birmingham.



*The Women's Handbell Choir of the First United Methodist Church under the direction of Chris Hall performs at the annual Bread and Bells Feast and Concert.*

### 2007 Oakland County Senior Spelling DUEL

Once again BASCC was represented by Helen Daller, Al Rosie, and Bill Wiebrecht at this annual countywide event. While Helen and Bill were eliminated early, Al stayed the course through 39 rounds before finally being eliminated by this year's winner Bill Dollar.

### Series on Aging Launched Evening Programming

BASCC partnered with Home Instead Senior Care to offer this series which was designed to help one understand some of the issues associated with aging and provide guidelines for addressing them. Speakers were Lynn Alexander, owner, Your Aging Well Advisor; Barbara Feleo, Grief Counselor, Pathways to Wisdom; Dr. Peter Lichtenberg, Director, Institute of Gerontology-Wayne State University; and, Danielle Mayoras, Center for Elder Law.



*Seaholm High School student Erin Geller gives a "thumbs up" as she helps with the set-up for the craft show.*

### Intergenerational Projects – Everyone Benefits

Birmingham middle and high school students volunteered at the annual picnic in August and the craft show in October. Elementary school children made delightful holiday gifts for Meals-on-Wheels recipients. BASCC partnered with the Early Childhood Center for both the Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive and Project Warmth.

#### Programs & Events 2006-2007

Arts & Crafts  
Educational Enrichment  
Fun & Fitness  
Special Events  
Travel

**14,500 Total Units of Activity**

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2006-2007**

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*Seaholm High School String Ensemble under the direction of Tony Krempa (playing the double bass) performs at the Annual Holiday Dinner.*



*Student volunteers take a break during the Annual Picnic in August.*