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### FESTIVAL 2018

We were very pleased to welcome many old friends to Fall Festival, 2018. Our volunteers worked very hard to produce this annual event to raise funds for our Fellowship of John program to provide assistance to our residents who have outlived their resources and want to continue to live at Foxwood Springs.

We appreciate the dedicated leadership provided by Fall Festival Committee Chairs Bob and Donna Wallis and Larry and Carol Ann Parker. They have worked very hard for many months to plan the Festival, and now, they can look forward to a very well-deserved rest.

Donna and Bob have visited many businesses throughout the year. They estimate the value of donations the area businesses contributed to be worth \$1,100. Some of these items were listed for the Silent Auction, and others were given as door prizes.

Larry Parker secured the valuable assistance of a Boy Scout troupe from this area to help at the Festival. The Scouts helped Donna Longhenry, Gift Shop Manager, transfer her sales items from the Gift Shop to Holmes Hall. They also helped in the Food Court with trays that needed to be carried to the tables and also by cleaning the tables for new customers.

For the first time, the Silent Auction was held in Bromwell Lounge. Pat McLaughlin, who has chaired this activity for several years, was able to help this year by preparing the bidding forms. Donna Wallis and Carol Ann Parker have worked with individual donors and Parishes to collect the baskets for sale. On Thursday, the day before the

Festival began, Mayor Kris Turnbow came to Bromwell Lounge to judge the baskets prepared for the Silent Auction by different parishes. Parish 4 was selected as the winner, but Mayor Turnbow said the decision was very difficult because there were so many excellent baskets. Parish 4 was honored at Mix and Mingle the following week.

The entertainment was also very successful. Howard McHenry and Bonnie Hanchett played near the Bistro for four hours Friday, and John Hendershot played his guitar there on Saturday; John has CDs for sale!. Herwana Sayre and Shirley Divelbiss played the piano in Holmes Hall during lunch. Residents who were not working or were on a break appreciated the opportunity to attend the entertainment events. Chris Fox, Brookdale occupational therapist, brought his miniature service ponies on Saturday morning.

The Gift Shop sold their merchandise in three locations: the Gift Shop in Apartment 112C, the first floor lounge and Breezeway, and in Holmes Hall, where, in addition to their wonderful resident created products, they were able to continue their month-long fabric sale.

The Bake Shop is always a favorite venue for many of us. Betty Wilkerson and Earl Cooper and our excellent Foxwood bakers and cooks have spent many weeks creating the desserts, especially blackberry pies with berries from Foxwood, cakes, cookies, bread, rolls, jellies, and relish. Mary Wurtz and her workers received and organized the candy, which was sold in the Bake Shop.

The Food Court streamlined their menu this year. Lunch, with a sandwich, chips and a drink cost \$6.00 and dessert prepared by our resident bakers was \$2.00. One venue chair told us the turkey hot

dogs were very good. We appreciate the work of Donna Green and Jane Fisler-Hoffman and all of their servers at lunch. The men who prepared the meat outside of Holmes Hall were also very efficient and delivered good sandwiches for the servers and customers in Holmes Hall.

Mary Lou McClure, Ruth Baird, Joyce Giaccetti, and their workers in the Jewelry Shop dramatically increased their earnings this year. They worked from May on gathering, repairing, polishing, and pricing their jewelry. Barbara Crouse, Darlene Boehm, and their volunteers started working in July to prepare their Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Halloween items for sale. They increased the Holiday Shop profits by 25% this year. Barbara Peden, Carole Mocker, and their Library workers featured an excellent selection of books for exceptionally good prices.

The Bargain Barn, Thrift Shop, Furniture Garages and Gift Shop were open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, as usual. They have many customers who return to shop frequently throughout the year. We recognize and very much appreciate Donna Saunders, Yvonne Paysinger, Lew Longhenry, Al Morse, Donna Longhenry and their many volunteers who frequently welcome weekend community customers.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Assistant Treasurer Carol Middleton has prepared the following financial report comparing the proceeds of the 2017 and 2018 Festivals. We cannot really predict the proceeds according to what we have previously received since that depends on the customers who attend and the purchases they decide to make, but it is helpful to see a comparison of the current and past years.

INCOME	2018	2017
Bake Shop	2,742	2,739
Vendor Donations	0	2,150
Raffle	0	903
Holiday Shop	1,551	1,202
Jewelry Shop	4,582	3,609

Individual donations	276	450
Food Court	2,115	2,841
Silent Auction	2,444	1,773
Book Nook	554	595
Thrift Shop/Furniture	2,536	2,430
Bargain Barn	1,263	1,133
Gift Shop	1,168	1,594
Total Fall Festival	19,230	21,419

Some expenses for the Festival are still pending, but a final report will be published in the next newsletter.

We especially appreciate the assistance of our Maintenance workers. They have, as usual, been outstanding in transferring sales items to the locations where they could be sorted and priced. They set up Holmes hall with shelving and tables early in the week before the Festival. When activities in Holmes hall were finished, they quickly removed shelving and boxes of items that were to be taken back to the Bargain Barn.

We are very grateful to all of our faithful volunteer workers, to Brookdale Senior Living, and our many customers for working with us and sharing this annual community event with us.

The current and past Festivals. (Numbers are rounded to the nearest dollar.)

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