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Programs Back in Full Swing" for 2023!

Our Programs Committee builds the delivery system for Bentley Village Foundation to achieve the part of our mission that works "to enhance the cultural, intellectual, emotional and physical well-being of our community." You've missed many of these programs over the last two-plus years of necessary COVID restrictions. In 2022, we were able to restart some of our programs. You'll see many more exciting programs in 2023. All of our programs and services are due to your generosity and support of Bentley Village Foundation donors and volunteers. Without you, these programs would not exist. Thank You!

Foundation Music Therapy Program Thrives in Assisted Living & the Care Center



Our programs for assisted living and skilled nursing, closed for nearly three years, were warmly welcomed back. Eight sessions per month are now provided in each facility. Ana Lopez, MA CMT, clinical director of The House of Music Therapy, oversees the services and provides certified therapists and advanced students doing practicums from FGCU. Ana says, "Every music therapy session is different because the therapist responds in a unique way to the person's needs and creative direction." She reports the residents are very enthusiastic and participation from Memory Care, rehab, and other residents have exceeded expectations. Often Music Therapy goals are non-musical in nature but are used to address areas of disability more easily reached by music. Often music therapy sessions consist of live musical engagement through instrument and vocal performance, musical improvisation, moving to music, music composition and/ or passive music listening.

2023 Events

Jan 14 – 2PM - Manhattan Connection, Saturday Jan 14, 2PM Palmetto Room. Join this lively pair for an afternoon dance party with swing and standards to some of today's hits.

Feb 9 – 4:30 PM - Singles Get Together, co-sponsored by Bentley Village Singles Committee and Bentley Village Foundation –, 4:30, East Clubhouse Living Room.

Feb 15 – 7 PM Baron Duo - Classic Violin and Piano Duo plays Beethoven & Tchaikovsky, Room

Feb 18 – 2PM - Bentley Village Foundation Annual Meeting, Palmetto Room

Mar 24 – 7 PM - Paradise Coastmen, Barbershop Chorus, Palmetto Room

Apr 21 – 7 PM - Empire Trio, Broadway and Hollywood, Palmetto Room

Nov 18 – 7 PM American Made Band, Blues Brothers Tribute – Music and Dancing

Music, Memory, and Mindfulness Back on Track

Music is an essential part of the Foundation's efforts to enhance the cultural and emotional well-being of our community. As we grow older, the benefits of music become increasingly significant to our quality of life. In addition to reducing stress, music can decrease heart rate and lower blood pressure." Experts maintain that music goes a step further by lessening anxiety and depression and keeping our minds sharp.

In November, 2022, the 19 members of Brass Elements played to a packed audience and helped us honor our veterans with a rousing salute.



2022 signed out with 'A Holiday Music Special' featuring the piano artistry of Doug Williams in the Palmetto Room, featuring a panorama of old favorites and a choice sing-a-long to help us get into the holiday season. It was an evening full of memories and reminiscences. In 2023, Bentley Village Foundation has scheduled many opportunities to participate in music events.

Doug Williams, gifted pianist and entertainer, is back on the calendar for 2023, playing every Tuesday for "Trips Down Memory Lane" and providing opportunities exercise our brains and vocal cords by singing-along. Research shows that participating in the music by activities such as sing-a-longs increases music's benefits.

See 2023 Events on the next page for some of scheduled stage presentations and events.

Mindfulness: You may have noticed some post-shutdown programs appearing back on the calendar. Mindfulness in September with Angela Tarquini-Sanders was well received. She will be back in 2023.

FGCU's lecture series, which we co-sponsor with Bentley Village, remains on the calendar along with our own speakers. FGCU offers 6-8 programs each month including talks on art, music, history and more. And John Guerra usually packs the house with his tips on using the iPhone.

Belles and Beaus are Back!



Front row: Joe Kerr, Bill Grafstrom, Herb Koelling, Jon White, Bill Hooper, Hilton Jervey
 Middle Row: Anne Marie Eastman, Diane Halas, Natalie Knecht, Gail Cordier, Judy Jacobs, Edson Taylor, Bruce Baggaley, Jim Eastman
 Back Row: Pat Grafstrom, Barbara Marcus, Georgia Jervey, Edie Blair, Carol Mulder, Jessie Dalman, Sherry Bailey, Fran Lauriat
 Missing from the Picture: Gary Davidson, Arne Sigler, Barbara Streicher, Peter Wilson

The Foundation is partnering with Lifestyles to get our beloved Belles and Beaus back on the stage. Under the leadership of Sherry Bailey, our Programs and Services co-chair, former members are being drawn back together and new ones recruited. And now for the big announcement! Jody DeSalvo, a noted pianist and experienced teacher has agreed to direct and accompany the group in 2023. It should be a remarkable experience for us all.

Beginning on Jan 3, weekly rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:30 PM in the Palmetto Room. Concerts are scheduled for March 29 and December with a five-month break between concerts. No experience is necessary. If you love to sing, we want you. Get in touch with Sherry at (239-254-8812) and sign-up.

Foundation Issued Ian Relief checks to Bentley Village Employees



In October, the Foundation joined hands with Collier County Foundation in its disaster emergency relief efforts. The Foundation contributed over \$50,000 to a special fund established to provide immediate assistance to the hourly employees of Vi at Bentley Village, many of whom not only suffered personal losses but also lost days of work.

Foundation members distributed checks to all hourly employees on October 17 and 18. Lynch said, "It was heart-warming be able to assist these employees who have worked so hard to help return Vi at Bentley Village to normal after Ian."

Foundation Awards Maria Juarez for her U.S. Citizenship

As part of its support of the Citizenship program, Bentley Village Foundation awarded Maria Juarez, Food and Beverage with a check to support her efforts to obtain U.S. Citizenship. Persons granted U.S. citizenship must go through a rigorous process showing their knowledge of U.S. History, government and the constitution. One of Maria's English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors, Ron Tougas, commented on her dedication, "I quizzed Maria on the questions for the citizenship exam and she answered all of them correctly."

Maria's ESL Tutors, Ron Tougas, Pete Tougas and Joyce Shields join Shep Drinkwater, Director of Food and Beverage and The Bentley Village Foundation Board of Trustees to celebrate Maria's success.



Front row: Ron Tougas, Chuck Brooke, Joyce Shields, Cyndy Carlson, Sue Goodwin, Tom Lynch, Tripta Sarin, Maria Jaurez, Pat Smart, Pete Tougas, Sue Leonard, Diane Halas. Back row: Steven Kissinger, Shep Drinkwater, Wayne Antworth, Bill Bretz.

Memorials and Tributes for the First Half 2022

In Memory

Alice Gates
Susan Goodwin and Braxton Hinchey

Alice Taylor
Ric & Mary Beth Huttenlocher
Joan Geoghegan
Al & Carolyn Fulton

Betty Cheater
Joan Geoghegan

Carl Jacobson
Alan & Karen Rosenstein
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Ron & Priscilla Tougas
Robert & Janice Conrad
Roberta Smith
Robert & Anita Martin
Ramona McNicholas
Georgina Sands
Jean Stokes
Lela M. Gershon
Evelyn Caldron
Dave & Lucy Killkelley
Elizabeth P Vining
Jim Loffree
Caroline M Fraser
Norma Foss

Dan Morton
Charles & Shirlee Mason
Judith Howe

Ed MacDonald
Robert & Janice Conrad
Al & Carolyn Fulton

Elaine Sauer
Ric & Mary Beth Huttenlocher
Al & Carolyn Fulton

Eugene Blanchard
Frank & Diane Halas
Judith Howe

George Clausen
Frank & Diane Halas

Gordon Johnson
Robert & Janice Conrad
Ric & Mary Beth Huttenlocher

Gretchen Urban
Alan & Karen Rosenstein
Dennis & Janet Vasey

Jean Harvey
Dave & Marcia Courtney

Joan Kuypers
Frank & Diane Halas
Nancy Kay
Judith Howe

John Elliff
Nelda Elliff

Larry Baytos
Frank & Diane Halas
Dennis & Janet Vasey

Lynn Blake
Alan & Karen Rosenstein
Marvin & Barbara Marcus
Al & Carolyn Fulton
Marian Marx

Mary & Frances Mazzeo
Mary Ann Fithian

Mason Colby
Charles & Shirlee Mason

Murray Hendel
Frank & Diane Halas
Alan & Karen Rosenstein
Robert & Janice Conrad
Ric & Mary Beth Huttenlocher
Marvin & Barbara Marcus
Dennis & Janet Vasey
Rose Marie Jordan
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Samuel Levine
Alan & Carole Kaplan
Nancy Wallace and Richard Harrison
Murray Hendel Nancy Wallace
and Richard Harrison

Nancy Tait
Joan Geoghegan
Charles & Shirlee Mason
Clifford & Lindsay Weidner
Dena Sklaroff
Dave & Marcia Courtney
Rosalind L Barr
Lidmila Stecha
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Dave & Sue
Rose Parapiglia

Pat Kell
Dennis & Janet Vasey

Paul Broughton
Judith Howe

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Al & Carolyn Fulton

Richard Calabrese
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Hope Calabrese

Richard Nicklas
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Richard Yoder
Robert & Janice Conrad

Robert M. Tunstall
Janet Tunstall

Robert Seidel
Robert & Janice Conrad
Arlene Whitney

Roland Sutton, Jr.
James & Sheila Ware

Sandra Turner
Robert & Janice Conrad
Joan Geoghegan
Al & Carolyn Fulton
Audrey W. Craver

Tony Mercorella
Dennis & Janet Vasey

William Bond
Frank & Diane Halas
Alan & Karen Rosenstein
Dave & Lucy Killkelley

William Cordier
Frank & Diane Halas
Dennis & Janet Vasey

In Tribute

Frank Harrigan
Virginia A Bailey

Kirsten Gildersleeve
Dallas & Carolyn Mulder

Martha Erickson
Frank & Diane Halas

Richard Dahnke
Frank & Diane Halas
Clifford & Lindsay Weidner
Milton & Barbara Bergwall

Ron Tougas
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The Foundation thanks everyone who has chosen to honor those you love with a contribution in their name.
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