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Belles and Beaus: Enriching Our Community



Barbershop group practices medley. Georgia Jervey, Nancy Theado, Bruce Baggaley, Joe Kerr, Bill Hooper, Hilton Jervey, Gary Davidson. Front Bill Grafstrom

Nothing lifts the spirits like a great song. The members of Belles and Beaus, Bentley Village Foundation's choral group, know this well. They delighted in rehearsing uplifting classics like "The Sound of Music" and "Phantom of the Opera" to prepare for their March 26 spring concert. Residents packed the Palmetto Room to enjoy an evening of Broadway Favorites.

Since 2005, the Belles and Beaus choral group has enchanted Bentley Village residents with spring and holiday concerts. Belles and Beaus is a special part of our Bentley Village community. The group creates a feeling of togetherness and purpose by bringing together residents who love music. It gives them a chance to express themselves, learn new skills, and make new friends. Their performances bring joy to everyone who listens.

The group is thrilled to have Jodie DeSalvo as director. Jodie is a renowned performer and director. Jodie, who began leading Belles and Beaus in 2023, brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. Sherry Bailey, manager and a Foundation Trustee, met Jodie years ago in Door County, Wisconsin, where both were deeply involved in Birch Creek Music Academy (<https://www.birchcreek.org/academy>). When Belles and Beaus needed a director, Sherry discovered that Jodie was available and jumped at a chance to snag her for our community. She has been a wonderful addition.

SAVE THE DATE
NOV 22ND

Dollars For Scholars

8th Annual Golf Tournament

- Golf with Putting & Chipping Contest
- 50/50 Raffle - Online Auction
- Live Auction - Awards Banquet

Thank you for your continued support!

Love to sing? | Join Belles and Beaus and enjoy these benefits:

Community and Camaraderie: You'll become a part of an enthusiastic community and musical team and build strong bonds with other members.

Regain skills: Even if you haven't sung in years, with practice and perseverance, you can regain your vocal skills. No need to worry about scales or exercises – just come and sing! Plus, you don't have to read music to join; a good ear and a love for singing are all you need.

Experience the Magic of Harmonies: The group uses four-part harmony to add depth and richness to the music, creating an emotionally engaging experience for both singers and listeners. While it might seem challenging, Belles and Beaus provides piano recordings of the song parts to make practice easier.



Sandi and Frank Paniccia. Sandi painted this lovely watercolor which became the cover of the first fundraising event and was sold at a silent auction.

Remembering Frank Paniccia

With the passing of Frank Paniccia this June, the Foundation lost a cherished friend and early supporter. Frank joined our Board of Trustees in our inaugural year, and he and his wife, Sandi, immediately took the lead on our first fundraiser. Despite our fledgling status, their efforts, along with the enthusiastic support of the campus Art Group, resulted in a highly successful event that raised enough funds to offer scholarships in our very first year.

Frank's presence on campus was vibrant and impactful, whether he was playing billiards, attending events, or even during a hurricane evacuation. He had a remarkable ability to keep the spirit high and people engaged and happy. Frank was also deeply respected for his devotion and service to his faith and church community, where he found comfort and meaning following the passing of his beloved wife, Sandi. Both Frank and Sandi are profoundly missed by our community. *From the Bentley Village Foundation Board of Trustees.*

What Members are Saying



Sherry Bailey's musical journey began at age seven. She bought her first piano with her allowance at age ten and learned to read music despite initial struggles. The challenge and sense of achievement kept her going, and she now enjoys helping others find their musical voices.

Judy Jacobs, a dedicated member, emphasizes the joy of community singing. "We are a group of people who love to sing together. It keeps our minds active, which is so important. Memorizing the words and music can be challenging, but the sense of accomplishment is incredible."



GET INVOLVED

Rehearsals are in the Palmetto room every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 PM beginning October 8. Each member will receive a binder with the music and electronic recordings to use for practice during the week. Interested in joining? Contact Sherry Bailey at benbailey-sherry@gmail.com.

Belles and Beaus December 2024 Holiday Performance. Thursday, December 19, in the Palmetto Room.

Current Belles and Beaus Singers:

Bruce Baggaley
Sherry Bailey
Edie Blair
Leilani Brenner
Gail Cordier
Jessie Dalman
Gary Davidson

Susan Dietrich
Anne Marie Eastman
Jim Eastman
Brian Gilmer
Denise Greer
Biff Grafstrom
Diane Halas

Judy Jacobs
Georgia Jervey
Hilton Jervey
Joe Kerr
Herb Koelling
Fran Lauriat
Barbara Marcus

Bruce McCarthy
Mary McCarthy
Carol Mulder
Carol Shaw
Jon White
Natalie Wismar

BOOTS AND BLING RAISES \$24,500 FOR BENTLEY VILLAGE FOUNDATION PROGRAMS



The Boots and Bling Fundraiser held on April 12 by the Bentley Village Foundation raised \$24,500 for the Foundation’s programs. Everyone enjoyed the Western event featuring the Big Cypress Band. After a barbecue dinner, residents danced and were guided in line dancing by Annie, the resident line dancing instructor. During a cocktail party before the event, residents could purchase upscale costume jewelry (bling) created by a resident.

The Foundation’s programs enhance the cultural, intellectual, and emotional well-being of the community and provides programs such as music therapy for people with cognitive impairment.

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Date	Time	Event	Place
July 30	4:30 PM	Doug Williams Piano and Sing-Along	Seaside Lounge
Aug 18	7:00 PM	An Evening With Doug Williams	Palmetto Room
Sept 7	12:30 PM	Metropolitan Opera Streaming “Tosca”	Theater
Oct TBD	7:00 PM	Del Prados Doo Wop	Palmetto Room
Nov 22	8:00 AM	Dollars for Scholars Golf & More	
Dec 6	7:00 PM	Brass Music Elements Holiday Concert	Palmetto Room
Dec 19	7:00 PM	Belles and Beaus Holiday Concert	Palmetto Room
Dec 28	2:30 PM	Metropolitan Opera Streaming “Lucia Di Lammermoor”	Theater
<p>Tuesdays, 4:30PM Doug Williams - Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5 & 19, Dec 3 & 17. Seaside Lounge</p>			

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Dave & Marcia Courtney
Genevieve (Genny) Esayian
Carolyn Fulton
Maureen Genel
Joan Geoghegan
Chester & Nancy Hobert
Susan Kerr
Ruth Pavelchik
Karen Rosenstein
Edson & Joyce Taylor
James Ware

Richard Baker

Wayne Antworth & Bev Gromek

Bob & Carolyn Bashaw

Nancy Bruce
Genevieve (Genny) Esayian
Caroline Fulton
Frank & Diane Halas
David & Claire Spencer

William Bond

Elaine Bond

Ron & Kay Brown

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Kim Conley

Randal & Karen Jones

Helen Craver

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Michel Dabbar

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Susan Demidovich

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Chester & Nancy Hobert

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Chris Curle

Don Feiman

Elwood Schneider

Frank Flood

James Ware

Jim Geist

Joyce Hesby

Bud Getman

Marvin & Barbara Marcus
Shirlee Mason
Karen Rosenstein

Len Haussler

Randal & Karen Jones

Juanita Henning

Orville & Mary Bryant
Lela M. Gershon
Chester & Nancy Hobert
Howard & Marjorie Klein
Diane & Tom McNulty

Shirley Hershey

Stephen & Edna Aronson
Joan Geoghegan
Dave & Sue Leonard

Philip Jason

Karen Rosenstein

Ana Jonas

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Lyle & Gloria Rosenzweig

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Carole Rambo
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Bob Lammert

Randal & Karen Jones

Charles Mason

Elwood Schneider

Angie Nichols

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Jane Paul

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NOTE: Checks may be sent in the campus mail to: Bentley Village Foundation, Treasurer. Credit card use is also available, and this option is online at: www.bentleyvillagefoundation.org. Click on GIVE.

An Evening to Remember



Mark Horn, mandolin; Donnie Harvey, banjo; Clint Dockery, fiddle; David Beaumont, guitar; Tammy White, bass.

Whether lifelong fans or first-time listeners, the residents at the July 5th Hwy 41 South concert unanimously agreed on one thing: the band's lively and exceptional performance made it a night to remember. With a setlist that included old-time favorites like "Foggy Mountain Breakdown," "Orange Blossom Special," and "Blue Moon of Kentucky," along with current songs like "Aimee" and some humorous tunes such as "I Don't Eat Liver," the band captivated the audience. Post-show, the band revealed they were initially unsure of how the audience would respond, but our residents' appreciation and enthusiasm spurred them on. Special guest, Dick Spottswood, a veteran host on Bluegrass Country radio WAMU in Washington DC, noted that the band fed off the crowd's energy, delivering one of their best performances.

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