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A Great Way to Start the New Year...

Council on Aging Breaks Ground, January 6, 2012



From Left to Right: **Greg Frick**, COA Transportation Manager, **James Bennett** and **Philip Worth** representing FDOT (who funded a major portion of the project) and **Tom Moss**, COA Executive Director.

An exciting new chapter began for us at the **Council on Aging of Nassau** with the groundbreaking ceremony held on Friday, January 6th on construction of both *The Life Center* and *The Transportation Center*. While *The Transportation Center* is fully funded, our greatest challenge lies ahead as we continue our efforts to raise funds to complete our new senior center building--*The Life Center*, to replace the existing building across the street from Baptist Hospital Nassau on South 18th Street.

COA's goal is to begin construction of *The Life Center* as soon as possible after the completion of *The Transportation Center*.

Through donations and pledges, we are well on our way towards having the funding we need. The COA will continue to reach out to the local community seeking individuals and businesses (looking for their support), while also actively seeking grants from government organizations and foundations that support senior projects. **With everyone's help, this dream can become a reality. The importance of this construction project cannot be understated.**

To donate to our construction project,
call Susan Lee 261-0701 x120

or visit the donor page on our website:

<http://coanassau.com/donate/>



L to R: **Susan Steger**, COA Advisory Council member; **Greg Frick**, COA Transportation Manager; **Steve Kelley**, Chairman of the TD LCB and County Commissioner; **Danny Leeper**, County Commissioner; **Walter Boatright**, County Commission Chairman; **Philip Worth & James Bennett** FDOT District 2 Management; **Fran Shea**, COA Board of Directors President; **Tom Moss**, COA Executive Director; **Tom Henderson**, Campaign Committee; **Allen Lennon**, Capital Campaign Chairman of COA Board of Directors; **Arlene Filkoff**, City of Fernandina Beach Mayor; **Tom Silverio**, COA Board Member Emeritus; **Bill Hardy**, ElderSource, are ready to break ground.

We hope you enjoy *Volume 4* of our *E-edition Newsletter*! We're happy to provide you timely news so that each edition is fresh and full of good information, and always provide a way for you to stop receiving the newsletter: Just tell us to stop sending by Emailing info@coanassau.com and we'll remove you from our contact list.

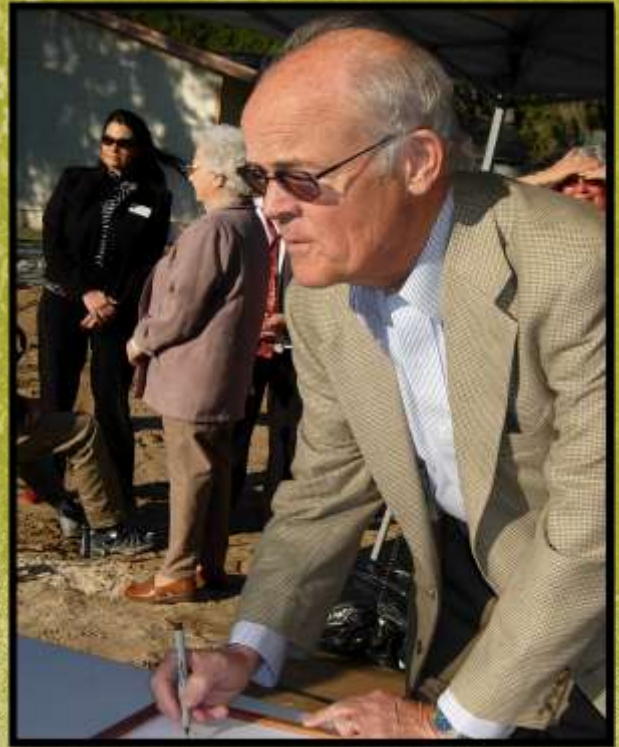
Construction of COA's New Building Begins

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These new COA facilities will also provide a 300 percent increase in the number of seniors who can come together for various activities. *The Life Center* will provide 15,000 square feet dedicated to serving our seniors, including seven flexible areas for exercise classes and wellness programs, as well as room for lifelong learning opportunities, and a large gathering space for group meals. This new center will also provide space for a 60 percent increase in the number of case workers, and training space for In-Home workers, COA drivers and other desperately needed space for staff work.



No project of this magnitude can be completed without the help of the local Nassau County community. Any and all donations will allow the COA to significantly increase and improve services provided to today's seniors and generations of seniors to come. The Council on Aging is a 501-c-3 non-profit charity, not government. We cheerfully deliver critical services to Nassau County seniors in five categories including Meals on Wheels, COA Transportation, In-Home Care, and Adult Day Health Care, while operating two senior meal site/recreation centers. We are partially funded by government grants and donations from private individuals.



Doran Donovan signs the commemorative frame at the Groundbreaking event.

For information or to make a contribution contact Allen Lennon, Capital Campaign Chairman, allenlennon@comcast.net or Susan Lee, Community Relations Director.



Council on Aging Transportation Center will be occupied in the spring of 2012

Have You Seen the COA on Facebook *Lately?*



Robison Jewelry Co. Supports Council on Aging



Tom Moss, Executive Director of COA begins the prep for the February 9th OPEN HOUSE event scheduled for 5 p.m. with Jeff & Brett Whitaker of Robison Jewelry Co., who are donating 10% of gross sales to COA from Feb. 9 & 10.

Please plan to attend the Thursday, February 9 OPEN HOUSE from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Robison's Jewelry Co. located at 217 Centre Street, Fernandina Beach. Enjoy the refreshments and make your Valentine's Day gift purchases, or come in on the following day to make your selections—and double the love with their donation to The Council on Aging of Nassau! Robison's has offered their support to the COA by pledging 10% of their gross Valentine's Day sales from February 9 & 10 to the COA campaign to build *The Life Center*. Brett said, "We believe that a lot of good work is going on at the COA, so we wanted to do something significant to support you. It will be an opportunity to let more people know about your building fund campaign." Brett and Jeff Whitaker, and their mother Melba, who is a valued member of the COA Advisory Council, are all fans of the Council on Aging of Nassau County.

*Please join all of us at The Council on Aging of Nassau—
— "Friend us on Facebook" and you will get all updates!*

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Please Support
MEALS on Wheels for PETS!
and attend the
Chili Dinner & LIVE Irish Music party
on Friday, Feb. 10th at 6 p.m.
at St Peter's Episcopal Church
Fernandina Beach



Tickets: \$15 available at COA East Nassau, Fernandina Beach COA and by pre-order at West Nassau, Hilliard —bring your cash or check to the front desk and get your tickets!

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