

Reminiscing

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2010 A very good year, and it's only Spring!

Partners in Prime reopens Hamilton Club and Prepares for Expansion in West Chester

This Summer, Partners will open the West Chester Activity Center in the former library located at 7900 Cox Road. The Center will provide wellness and social activities to the public, emphasizing prime club activities (for 55+) during the day, and activities for all ages during evenings and weekends. Meeting and event space will also be available for rent.

While the West Chester area has been recognized by many as a young community, demographic information from the township indicates a large shift on the horizon in average age of the township residents. Today, one out of every five residents is age 55 or older. By 2018, one out of every three residents will be age 55 or older, and that's a shift we will be ready for, thanks to the new facility!

The Activity Center will serve as a vital link to the community for older adults, and will provide a place for all residents to meet, socialize and participate in wellness related activities.

And for more good news, Partners reopened the beloved Murstein building (140 Ross Avenue) in



January and celebrated with a ribbon-cutting hosted by the Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. The 107

year old building was closed for one year while \$1.6 Million in repairs were made.

"Our members unanimously agree that the building is more beautiful and functional today than ever before. There truly is no place like home," said to Steve Schnabl, CEO.

There is more than just a new look inside the building. New fitness programs including Zumba, Pilates and Nia are being offered in the daytime and evenings. And the Hamilton club now offers an à la carte menu of breakfast and lunch items, served from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Monday through Friday in the dining room, also known as Patty's Place in honor of the late Patty Wurst.

What else is new?

check out our new and improved website

www.PartnersInPrime.org



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PARTNERS WISH LIST

Six flat panel LCD computer monitors

Window valances for the Art Studio, Wellness Room and Gathering Room at prime club Hamilton

Vehicles for immediate deployment into meals on wheels fleet

18 matching office chairs on wheels

Four large flat screen televisions – 2 for prime club Hamilton's exercise room, 1 for prime club Fairfield and 1 for prime club West Chester

Audio/Visual equipment for Classroom at prime club Hamilton

New dishware for dining room at prime club Hamilton

High top tables and stools for billiards room at prime club Hamilton

Announcements Display System for prime clubs



The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of Partners In Prime

was held on January 25, 2010. New Officers were installed, and several new Directors were added to the Governing Board of the agency.



Mike Abrams, Chair

Mike Abrams - of Cincinnati Financial Corp. was installed as Chair. Mike lives in Liberty Township with his wife Amy and their two children.

Art Hupp - glaserworks

Laramie Jung - Mercy Health Partners

Bill Keck - Millikin & Fitton Law Firm

Chris Xeil Lyons

Cox Ohio Publishing – Journal News was selected to receive the agency's 2009 Prime Partner Award, which is given to a person or group in the community who assisted the agency in a unique and valuable manner. The Journal News was selected as the 2009 Prime Partner for their reporting efforts in providing vital communications regarding the temporary relocation of the agency's meals on wheels kitchen, prime club activities and staff headquarters in 2009.

An Honorary Award was presented to **Joyce & Dick Rager of Fairfield Eagles** for their sponsorship of grants received from the Ohio State Fraternal Order of the Eagles Charities over the past several years.

Officers of the Board for 2010

Chair - Mike Abrams
Cincinnati Financial Corp.

Vice Chair - Randy Oppenheimer
Fairfield City Schools

Secretary - Linda Yarger
Ft. Hamilton Hospital, Center for Wound Healing

Treasurer - Glenn Stitsinger
retired Dentist



Chair Mike Abrams presents Edwina Blackwell-Clark with 2009 Prime Partner award.



Other Board members include:

Kerry Beeber - Wealth Resource Group at First Financial Bank

Bill Groth - National Retirement Consultants, Inc.

Catherine Huizenga - United Healthcare

Linda Hurley - Prime Club Membership President

Ben Kincer - Wal-Mart

Sonja Kranbuhl - US Bank

Clark Medill - Attorney, Sams, Fischer, Packard & Schuessler

Christy Miller - BCL Information Technology Design

Phil Morriscal - Morriscal Realty

Debra Rainer - Liz Claiborne

Seven Professional Organizers volunteered their services to organize the Partners In Prime headquarters in January, led by Madonna-Renee Durbin (ReorganizeAndRelax.com) in honor of GO Month. For information about GO Month, visit www.NAPO.com.

National Star Award Presented to Partners



Partners recently received the Beverly Foundation's prestigious STAR Award for Senior Transportation Services.

The Award recognizes exceptional service in providing transportation to older adults and the critical role this service plays in a county with very limited public transportation options.

In a letter from Ohio Department of Aging's Director Barbara Riley, she commended Partners for "being a model transportation program", and for "excellence ... which is the reason Partners was one of 21 transportation programs selected from a group of 450 programs nation-wide."

"When 100 percent of your members say that the services your center provides are very important to them, you know what you are doing is valued by the people you serve," said Riley.

Partners' transportation service helps seniors and their adult children as well. Adult children are often torn between work, child care and health care and support for mom and dad.

With daytime transportation offered Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, adult children have some relief and can rest assured that mom and dad are getting where they need to go during the day.

"If I took off every time my parents had a doctor visit, and then again every time one of my kids needed to see the dentist or doctor, I wouldn't have a job," said Shelley Ratliff, Chief Operating Officer of Partners in Prime.



Another key feature of Partners' transportation service is its signature door through door service. Personal security is a concern, and this service ensures that mom and dad aren't standing out on the curb hoping they won't miss their ride, and get out the door and back into their homes safely.

"Our services often make the difference between dependence and independence for mom and dad," said Ratliff.

The agency embraces the concept of providing just the right amount of assistance to older adults, so that they can remain independent in their own homes, where many choose to stay, as long as is practical.

In making the announcement, the Foundation's president Helen Kerschner said: "Our STAR Awards recognize 'the best of the best' organizations that provide transportation to older adults. We congratulate Partners for making an enormous contribution to seniors, their families, and to their community."

If you have ever considered helping older adults one on one, please give us a call at 513.867.9195 to learn more about how you can help. Needs range from driving a vehicle to accompanying riders to and from the doctor, grocery store and other necessary appointments.

Two New Vans

Thanks to the generous support of **Ohio Casualty FOUNDATION** and the **Fairfield Rotary Club** who are providing gifts toward the Local Matching funds needed to secure federal grant dollars, Partners recently received funding to purchase two wheel chair accessible mini-vans for use in the prime transportation fleet. The prime transportation program provides hundreds of rides each week to older adults who need to get to necessary medical appointments, dialysis, and the grocery store.





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Won't You Be Our Neighbor?

Support the new West Chester Activity Center

The new West Chester Activity Center is set to open in the Summer of 2010 and Partners is raising \$1.4 Million to renovate the building on Cox Road. One way that you can help is by purchasing a Kroger Neighborhood Rewards card, and making your Kroger grocery and gas purchases with your Rewards card. Every time we collectively spend \$5,000 in gas and groceries, the agency receives a check for \$200 from Kroger. This program began in December, and already we are reaping the rewards! This is an easy way to support the West Chester Activity Center, so please call Linda Manzo at 779.7360 to get your Neighborhood Rewards card today.



prime club West Chester members kick off the Kroger Neighborhood Rewards program. Pictured here are Bill Dunnett, Shirley Bennett and Everett Joles.



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