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2014 ANNUAL REPORT

CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR SW ORGANIZATIONS

This year's annual meeting continues to be one of celebration and growth: we've increased our donor base; increased the number of grants awarded; and increased the total dollars made in grant awards – in fact, we awarded more dollars for grants than we took in as donations! We thank donors for your enthusiasm and support. We thank grantees for your continued interest in our efforts.

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Friends of Southwest DC began 2014 with the following officers and board members: Coralie Farlee, President; C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer; Joyce Bouvier, Secretary; Farley Fisher; Donald H. Flanders; Cecilie Jones; and Rodney A. Ross. Jean Sammon was elected a board member at the January board meeting, and Coralie Farlee, Donald Flanders, and Rodney Ross were elected for additional three-year terms at the board's March meeting.

The annual meeting was held on March 20, 2014. We continue to welcome and encourage donors' advice and suggestions.

Friends of Southwest DC keeps administrative costs to a minimum. In 2014, administrative expenses were 6.9% of total spending, a little higher than the previous year because we updated and reprinted our brochure.

Fund raising

In 2014, FOS raised \$16,947.00 through two fund-raising campaigns and matching funds. Grants totaling \$19,877.00 – the largest amount for a year to date – were awarded. Donations are welcome throughout the year. Tax-deductible contributions should be made out to “Friends of Southwest DC” and mailed to 389 O Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. Donations by credit card may be made via Razoo at: www.Razoo.com, and enter “Friends of Southwest DC” in the upper right-hand side in the box “Find Cause or Fundraiser.”

FOS Outreach to SW DC Residents in 2014

In October, FOS board members Jean Sammon and Cecilie Jones met with representatives from eight homeowner associations that are part of the Waterfront Gateway Neighborhood Association. They gave the eight representatives an information sheet about FOS and some FOS brochures for them to make available to their residents. In November, Jean delivered a letter and about 50 FOS brochures to the management offices of seven additional SW condominiums & co-ops. In December, Jean took FOS brochures to her homeowners' annual meeting at Westminster Church, and also left a stack of brochures on the information table at the church. At various times, Jean also placed FOS brochures at the Blind Whino (during the SW Arts Fest), and in the community bulletin board boxes located at the 3rd & I Street playground, and the Lansburgh dog park. Brochures are also available on the information table at the Southwest library. If anyone knows of other places where we might display or distribute FOS brochures, or make presentations to groups and organizations in Southwest, please let us know.

2014 Awards in Support of SW Community Projects

Nine awards were made to six organizations:

Arena Stage: Camp Arena Stage

A grant to Arena Stage provided scholarships for two Southwest students to attend Camp Arena Stage, a four-week intensive arts program held each summer at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. Young people ages 8 to 15 learn from Arena Stage's talented professional artist-educators in dance, music, theater, and visual arts classes.

Arena Stage: Voices of Now

An additional grant helped support Voices of Now for Jefferson Middle School students. This is an after-school program in which young people write their own script based on their experience, and perform their theater piece at several venues.

DC Sail (National Maritime Heritage Foundation)

Our grant provided full scholarships for 12 youth, ages 12 to 16, for Schooner Camp aboard the *American Spirit*. The five-day program, started in 2011, educates the students on subjects including sailing on a schooner, seamanship, local history, and marine science. By the end of the week, participants are skilled sailors who are able to manage the boat. Their skills translate ashore by being bedrocks of teamwork and communication.

EmmaUs Learning Center

The FOS grant helped support educational trips for Southwest young people to Philadelphia's National Constitution Center and to the National Archives in Washington, DC. The trips expose participants to the historical documents, the early history of America's independence, the American Revolution, and to those who were pioneers in developing our American history. .

Kemet Productions, Inc.

FOS made a grant to support the Hal Jackson Legacy Project in establishing the Hal Jackson Washington Bears' "How to Be a Man" mentoring program for young African-American men 12-18 years old, in the Southwest community. The goals of this unique educational and broadcasting opportunity are to instill self-respect and provide knowledge and support that will establish personal pride in the participants' heritage and provide experience with internet radio.

Southwest Comm-Unity Forum

The Forum's eighth annual Southwest Comm-Unity Day, "Summer in Lansburgh Park," took place on August 30, 2014. FOS helped support the event by a grant for entertainment for the children.

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.: Youth Activities Task Force

Two scholarships were awarded through SWNA to Southwest college students Gary Hill, a student at Cheyney University of PA, and Yurlee Tinsley, a student at South Carolina State University.

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.: The Southwester

Our two advertisements in The Southwester supported this important community resource. The ads also increase FOS' visibility in the Southwest neighborhood, as well as that of the grantees, and we use this opportunity to also solicit donations and grant applications.

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.: Dwight Walker

A grant was made through SWNA to support a computer class at Greenleaf for SW residents. This class, conducted by Dwight Walker, provided entry level computer training with a goal of teaching how to use the computer to search for a job.

STATUS OF FOS AT END OF 2014

Contributions in 2014 continued to exceed those in any previous year. We also added 13 new donors with the total number of donors now at 66. Most of our previous donors continuing with us.

Our year-end account balance was less than we had carried over in the past. Since the majority of our grant applications usually are submitted in the spring, we plan an aggressive fundraising effort beginning at our Annual meeting in March 2015.

While we modified our organizational documents in March, 2013 – to indicate that the board has the major decision-making authority, we continue to value the suggestions and advice of our donors and others in the community.

We very much welcome nominations for new board members and seek people who can serve either on the board or as volunteers for other aspects of the organization to support this worthy cause.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AT THE END OF 2014

Coralie Farlee, President

C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer

Joyce Bouvier, Secretary

Farley Fisher

Donald H. Flanders

Cecilie Jones

Rodney A. Ross

Jean Sammon

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Calendar Year 2014

ASSETS

Account balance (December 31, 2013)	\$ 12,342.82
Income (January-December 2014)	16,947.00
	\$ 29,289.82
Total Assets	\$ 29,289.82

GRANTS

Arena Stage: Camp Arena Stage, Voices of Now	5,000.00
EmmaUS	1,202.00
Heritage Foundation/DC Sail	4,200.00
Kemet Productions, Inc.	4,000.00
Southwest Comm-Unity Forum	925.00
SWNA <u>The Southwester</u>	400.00
SWNA Scholarships	3,000.00
SWNA/Dwight Walker	1,150.00
	\$19,877.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Supplies, printing, etc.	\$ 1,164.42
Association Dues	150.00
Razoo administrative processing	53.09
Website service	100.17
	\$ 1,467.68
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,467.68

TOTAL OUTLAY \$ 21,344.68

ACCOUNT BALANCE (December 31, 2014) **\$ 7,945.14**