MEMBERS PACK CHAPEL FOR SAH ANNUAL MEETING

Nearly 70 SAH Members descended on Seabury on Thurs., Aug. 22 to attend the Seabury At Home Annual Meeting, which was held in the new Bishops’ Chapel. Presenting on the “State of SAH” was Seabury’s President & CEO, Renée J. Bernasconi, as well as SAH’s director, Nicholas C. Olear.

Nick started off the program by providing a demographic overview of the current Membership of 213, the highest aggregation at one time in the history of the program. With a Membership residing from Tolland to Odenton, Md. — and anywhere in between — Nick discussed a general report of median and average household income and assets, as well as an average age of the Members when they first joined and what their ages are, today.

Using the existing Membership, the average age when folks joined was 76.2 while today’s age is 79.9. Furthermore, in fiscal year 2019, which runs from Oct. 1, 2018 through Sept. 30, 2019, a total of 35 individuals joined SAH, with several more slated to join in September, before the scheduled rate increase for fiscal year 2020.

On that point, Renée announced that the monthly fee increase, beginning on Oct. 1, 2019, will be 2%, down from 3% the last two fiscal years. The cause for the increase, she said, is due to employee wages and the goal of attracting the best possible people in the field, healthcare costs and expanded healthcare utilization.

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SAH Nominations Approved

Also at the annual meeting, SAH Members Ranjana Chawla and K. Dexter Cheney were voted in for new appointments as Council Members-At-Large. Their terms will run for one year, commencing on Oct. 1, 2019 and concluding on Sept. 30, 2020.
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Renée continued her presentation with a recap of Seabury’s expansion and repositioning, stating that with the South Wing, the organization increased its independent living unit count by 36%, and an overall increase to the entire campus of 22%, which includes the 12 new beds exclusively for short-term rehab in the new Larus Center.

Other discussion points include the payment of Seabury’s short-term debt on the construction bonds earlier this year, two years ahead of schedule and that for this fiscal year, Seabury is once again, on track to meet its financial covenants of debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) and days cash on hand (DCOH).

On Sept. 9, the Clinic will move to its new space on Level 3, in the new Health Services building that was constructed during this expansion. The Clinic’s vacating of its current location will make way for the addition of six new assisted living apartments in The Views, rendering a new total of 58 units. In addition, the breadth of healthcare offerings will expand as Seabury has partnered with ProHealth APRNs, to provide additional primary care on-site to Members, Residents and employees. This service is also scheduled to commence, this fall.

As Seabury continues its partnership with UConn Health, the goal is to provide more multi-specialty services such as pulmonology, neurology and orthopedics. It is in the common interest for our new tenant space in the Health Services building. Discussions with Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center/Trinity Health New England, have also occurred. A SAH Member asked about Hartford Healthcare. With the flexibility of not having one exclusive hospital relationship, Renée indicated that we will work with any hospital system who is willing to expand their services.

Further, a SAH Member commented on an included amenity to their Membership — the Lifeline medical alert device by PHILIPS. A new GPS version, known as the GoSafe 2, works nationwide and is available to Members for a one-time fee of $99 for the device. Lisa Galipo, one of the PHCs, stated that the GoSafe 2 is much more reliable, and less sensitive. The monthly fee for the GoSafe 2 is still covered by SAH.

If you would like to learn more about this enhanced device, please contact Lisa Galipo, Cindy Harrigan or Jeanne Hughes using their phone numbers found on the front page.
Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E. of the CT Airport Authority & BDL, will be the guest speaker at the ALP Fall Preview on Thurs., Sept. 5 at 9:00 a.m.