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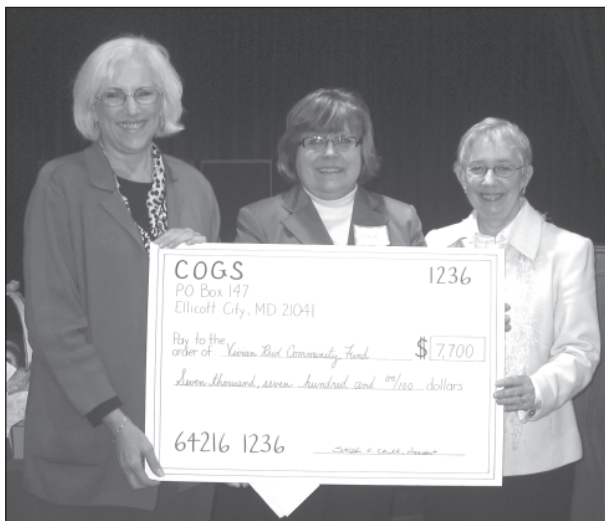
On Saturday, November 3, COGS hosted its second annual Casino Night at the Bain Center in Columbia. This successful event focused on raising funds for programs that benefit senior citizens in Howard County including the Vivian Reid Community Fund and Neighbor Ride.

Attendees enjoyed an evening of casino style gaming, a full buffet dinner, which included beer and wine, a cash bar, poker tournament, DJ, dancing, silent auction, raffles and a lot of fun!

Casino Night raised a record \$15,400! Special thanks go to COGS Vice-President, D'Alan Baugh for his leadership and the countless volunteer hours he put into making this event so successful. A special thanks goes out to the entire Casino Night committee members including Christy Clark, Linda Cromwell, Charlie Fiore, and Debbi Herman.

On December 12th at the monthly meeting of COGS, a check was presented to the organizations that received the donation from COGS Casino Night.

Joan Oliver of Del. Liz Bobo's office and Phyllis Madachy representing County Executive Ken Ulman presented two checks, each for \$7,700, to the non-profit recipients. Shelley Garten of the Howard County Office on Aging accepted the check for The Vivian Reid Community Fund. This fund is named in honor of the first director of the Howard County Office on Aging. The fund provides much needed assistance to



seniors with emergency needs that they are unable to cover financially. These emergency situations are frequently not covered by other government resources.

Judy Pittman and Brad Closs accepted the check for Neighbor Ride. Neighbor Ride is a local human service organization that provides transportation for any Howard County resident age 60 or older through the services of volunteer drivers who use their personal vehicles to transport passengers. Neighbor Ride is focused on assisting older adults maintain independence and a reasonable quality of life by providing regional trips to healthcare appointments, social activities, religious services, personal appointments and shopping.

Next year's Casino Night is planned for the fall. Be sure to keep an eye out for more information on the Third Annual Coalition of Geriatric Services fundraiser.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Membership meetings are free to COGS members, non-members pay \$10 at the door. Continental Breakfast is provided at all meetings. For more information call 410-997-0610 or visit our website at www.cogsmd.org

**Wednesday, January 23, 2008
COGS Monthly Membership Meeting**

Time: 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Location: Copper Ridge, 710 Obrecht Rd., Sykesville, MD
Program: Dr. Buzz Baker, VP of Health and Wellness for EMA---Episcopal Ministry To the Aging and Director of Copper Ridge Institute will speak to us about his focus on Caregiving and Updates on Alzheimers Research

**Wednesday, February 27, 2008
COGS Monthly Membership Meeting**

Location: Winter Growth's Ruth Keeton House, 5466 Ruth Keeton Way Columbia, MD
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 am
Speaker: Tom Balles, Acupuncturist, Author, and Distinguished Lecturer from the Tai Sophia Institute

**Wednesday, March 26, 2008
COGS Monthly Membership Meeting**

Location: Ellicott City Health and Rehabilitation Center, 3000 North Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043
Time: 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Speaker: Kevin Gilson, Tools for Operational Excellence in Healthcare Organizations

**Wednesday, April 23, 2008
COGS Annual Partnership Awards Breakfast**

Location: Howard County General Hospital, 5755 Cedar Lane Columbia, MD 21044
Program: COGS will present an award to an organization and an individual for service to seniors in our community
Speaker: Richard Krieg, Administrator for The Horizon Foundation will speak on the importance of creating partnerships.

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John Murphy, Director, Client Relations

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