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## Message from the President

I would like to preface by stating that I am honored to have been elected as the new President of COGS and would like to thank those who had the confidence to nominate me for this position. After having worked on the Board of Directors under Dave Hepple, and most recently as Vice President under Steve Ellville, I am aware of the difference our organization can make for older adults living in our community. With this being said, I pledge to continue that work during my tenure as COGS President.

The COGS mission is simply to provide valuable information to the community regarding services available to older adults, as well as facilitate networking among providers for referral purposes, and furthermore to perform charitable work.

In the vein of charitable work, this past Saturday, COGS held our Third Annual Casino Night Fundraiser at the Bain Center in Columbia, Maryland. The event was a sell-out for a second consecutive year and those in attendance seemed to have a wonderful time. We chose, once again, to raise money for the Vivian Reid Community Fund which is administered by the Office on Aging and also for Neighbor Ride, a local non-profit agency that provides transportation for seniors. These

valuable organizations deserve our continued support based on their commitment to provide much needed assistance to an underserved population.

The Vivian Reid Community Fund assists those who have fallen between the cracks of certain public assistance programs, as well as provide immediate assistance to those who would otherwise qualify but are stuck in the process of paperwork and procedures. This fund is available to solve a pressing problem right away while the Office on Aging works through the required process to find a permanent solution.

Neighbor Ride is a greatly needed asset meant to supplement public and private transportation services. It is available to all Howard County seniors, age 60 and over, who require transportation to healthcare or personal appointments, visits with friends, along with other activities.

As President of COGS, I will continue to support initiatives similar to Casino Night to raise money and awareness for valuable programs such as these.

Sincerely,

**D'Alan Baugh**,  
Visiting Angels Living Assistance,  
COGS President

## COGS Welcomes our newest members:

**James P. Richardson, M.D., M.P.H.**  
**St. Agnes Hospital**  
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**James P. Richardson, M.D., M.P.H.**, Chief  
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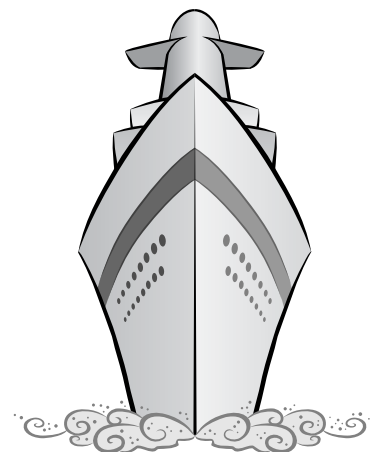
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Wednesday, November 19, 2008 • 8:30 - 10:00 am**  
COGS Monthly Membership Meeting  
Location: Transitions Healthcare  
7309 Second Ave. Sykesville, MD 21784  
Speaker: Dr. Earl Wilkinson, ENT (Otolaryngologist and Acupuncturist)  
Title of Talk: Ear, Nose, and Things?

**Wednesday, December 10, 2008 • 8:30 - 10:00 am**  
COGS Monthly Membership & Holiday Networking Meeting  
Location: Harmony Hall  
6336 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044  
Topic: Holiday Networking Event and Presenting Checks from Casino Night Fundraiser

**A Special thank you to the many COGS members who volunteered their time for Casino Night and everybody who made donations to the silent auction**



## Congratulations to our Casino Night Winners

**Dan Scherr** - Winner of a 7 night Holland America cruise for 2 to Caribbean or Mexico

**Joe Clark** - 50/50 Winner

**Marty Burns** - Highest Chip Count Winner of Harrah's and Southwest Gift Certificates

**Rob Kay** - Texas Hold 'em Tournament Winner of Eyre Tours to Atlantic City & Restaurant Gift Certificates

