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ORCA Donates \$2,000 from Casino Night for Charity to BCCF

In September of 2016, the Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) and Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc (BSRI) hosted ‘Casino Night for Charity’ to benefit local charities. The proceeds from the event were split between ORCA and BSRI. ORCA donated their half of the proceeds to Lower Cape Fear Hospice and the Brunswick Community College Foundation (BCCF).

On October 26, 2016 ORCA presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to BCCF in support of the Ocean Ridge-David Kelly Nursing Endowment that is set to help second year nursing students who have maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA while studying at BCC. The nursing scholarship was originated by David Kelly, in memory of two of his sisters. After David’s death in 2009, his wife, Amy Kelly a member of the ORCA Board of Directors, acted as the ORCA liaison to the BCCF. Through the open-handedness of Ocean Ridge residents, the community as a whole and the unwavering efforts of Amy Kelly and ORCA, the scholarship fund cultivated to the funding level vital for an endowment. The latest \$2,000 donation has brought the total endowment to \$34,783.06.

Barbra Mankey, Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at BCC, Elina DiCostanzo, Director of Resource Development for the BCCF, and Tyler Wittkofsky, Program Coordinator for Community and Donor Relations for the BCCF were present at the October 25

meeting to accept the check presented to the BCCF by Beth Naylor, Amy Kelly, and Mike Gildea (former BCCF Board member) of the Ocean Ridge Charities Association.

The Brunswick Community College Foundation, organized in 1982, is a charitable organization 501(c)(3) instituted to enhance the mission of Brunswick Community College to a level of excellence and purpose for students and the community. The Foundation is a vital resource for the acceptance and solicitation of all gifts for the support of education and the continued growth and progress of Brunswick Community College. If you would like to find out more about creating an endowment, contact Elina DiCostanzo at (910) 755-8517 or dicostanzoe@brunswickcc.edu.

(PHOTO BELOW)



Pictured from L to R: Tyler Wittkofsky, Elina DiCostanzo, Mike Gildea, Amy Kelly, Barbra Mankey, Beth Naylor