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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As hurricane season begins, everyone should have a plan of action for weather emergencies. Organize a disaster preparedness kit to sustain you and your family for seven days. Consider what you will do and where you will go in case of evacuation. Make sure to have an adequate supply of your medications on hand. Safeguard important documents. The *Disaster Preparedness Guide for Elders*, prepared by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, is a comprehensive booklet of information. You can pick up a copy in the lobby of Building #1.

Our 30th Anniversary Celebration last month was a great success. We appreciate the efforts of all that participated in the event. We have included some photos on page two of this newsletter. Check our website for additional photos.

You may have noticed that our exterior signage has been refurbished. It really stands out now. Thanks, Al, for a job well done.

Geri Bonavito

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Marge Crawford

Beverly Lloyd (BT) Thomas was born September 22, in Detroit, MI. At a young age she played card games with her family. BT was taught Bridge by an aunt and uncle. An avid music lover, she has played classical piano since 8 years old and always sang as an alto in church choirs, choruses, glee clubs and civic groups. Baptized in the S.D.A. church in 1947 and rebaptized in 1992, BT loves the Lord. She was the Poet Laureate



in high school and has written and published poetry for work and for pleasure.

While living in Detroit BT had a son and a daughter. BT marched with infant son at the **Great March on Detroit by Martin Luther King** on June 23, 1963.

Her career was with the Federal Government, working 5 years with Internal Revenue Service and 35 years with the U.S. Postal Service, retiring as manager of the Detroit Post Office. Mail delivery was so dependent on the weather that she knew she wanted to move to Florida. So, in 1996 she moved to Florida and began singing in the Martin Andersen Senior Center Chorus.

A couple of years later BT was diagnosed with Crohn's disease.

She volunteered as Vice-President at the Wuesthoff Ostomy Association for 5 years. Other interests and hobbies are reading English mystery books, foster parenting, Lloyd family reunions and watching professional basketball games.

In 2006 BT volunteered as directress of Party Bridge at Martin Andersen Senior Center. She is an active Corporate member of the Board of Directors at the Center, serving for the past 5 years.

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Cards at Martin Andersen Senior Center:
ACBL Duplicate Bridge - Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 12:30, Bldg #2
Canasta - Thursdays at 11:00, Bldg #3
Party Bridge - Mondays & Fridays at 12:30, Bldg #3
Pinochle - Thursday at 10:00, Bldg #3
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Coming Events!	
May 1.....	Medicare Seminar
May 11.....	Ballroom Dance
May 17.....	Bus trip to QUIDAM
May 25.....	Ballroom Dance
May 27.....	Memorial Day
June 8.....	Ballroom Dance
June 14.....	Flag Day!
June 22.....	Ballroom Dance