

2009 -- Our 50th Birthday—A Banner Year for YSSC

The year began with a smashing birthday party for the Yellow Springs Senior Center. On January 26th the candles were lit to celebrate our 50th birthday. The Center was founded on this date in 1959. The history of the Center was presented, stories shared and birthday cake was enjoyed. The Trustees' bylaws committee began the tedious job of modernizing and streamlining our mode of operation. The 2009 Annual Appeal began in July with the community invited to an evening of entertainment, "Elder Voices Out Loud and Proud", at Mills Lawn School which played to a packed house. The senior performers were extremely well received leaving the large audience also feeling proud. The fund drive guided by our motto "50 Years of Community Service—50 Years of Community Support" brought in a record number of contributors for a record total of gifts. We are in sight of our \$40,000 goal with some gifts still arriving.

The revised, improved bylaws were accepted at a called membership meeting in August. We grew by 42 new members to reach a total of 402 members, the largest number ever. More programs, services and activities have been added. The newest is the Household Task Program supported by volunteers from the area. All of our programs are serving a record number of seniors. A record number of volunteers were invited to a fine brunch on June 11th to honor their service to the Center and the community.

The Greene County Seniors levy, passed with flying colors. In the village 9 out of every 10 voters supported the levy. The December annual meeting/holiday party was well attended by members who enjoyed a table full of delectable deserts including a superb Current Cuisine Carrot Cake supplied by outgoing President Phyllis Evans. Attendees also enjoyed the problem solving drama supplied by Amy Crawford and Caroline Mullins, our Home Assistance team, and their anonymous senior "Mary" who needed their skilled help. The Center staff, plus the growing

number of volunteers, were kept on their toes by this year's increased demands on their time and skills.

We are looking forward to the coming year, albeit with its national strains and stresses, that will put even greater demands on all of us. We're ready for our second 50 years!

Submitted by Mary M. Morgan, Sec'y, Board of Trustees