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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT JOE YOUCHA

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose, under heaven.
Ecclesiastes

Even though we work with boats, our real work is with people. I can't remember a year with such gain and such loss - so many graduations, signifying young people transforming their lives, and so many funerals of folks who have given so much of themselves to make our programs happen.

Ecclesiastes was right.

Since October 2005, we've graduated 14 apprentices and placed them into the Carpenters Union. Nine apprentices earned their General Equivalency Diploma (GED) - the rest already had their GED or a high school diploma. Their faces at graduation, and their conversations when they come back to visit, all tell how we've helped them change their lives.

This year we lost Jim McIlhenny and Paul Weeks, two men who worked hard for the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Much of their work was in teaching me. Jim was my second Chairman of the Board. Under his leadership we built the Seaport Center and focused the organization around boat building - showing how it could benefit the community. At the Seaport Foundation, we try to get our apprentices to hear our voices in their heads when they make a decision. For me, Jim will always be one of those voices.

Paul passed away in May. We worked side by side for over four years. The night before his memorial service at Arlington Cemetery, about 100 of his friends and family gathered aboard the Cherry Blossom for a dinner cruise. This dinner reflected Paul's wide range of friends. Graduates from our apprentice program in 2006 held deep conversations



about Paul with graduates of Princeton '65. We were there as Paul's friends, and it was wonderful.

The apprentice program as it now stands is as much Paul's as it is anybody's. He laid the groundwork for this year's major achievements, including:

- Doubling the capacity of the apprentice program
- Certification by the UBC
- Becoming a vendor for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice
- Getting a Virginia GED grant
- The graduates and what they're achieving - this includes the establishment of an apprentice alumni association

This year, our community and family boat building program also directly built boats with hundreds of local kids. We also shipped out kits to community programs from New York to Texas. When I sit back and look at what we accomplish each year, it amazes me. It's a reflection of the effect we have on our community, but it also speaks to the quality of our people, paid and volunteer staff, as well as "friends" who help out in need. You can't get better than Paul and Jim, and they were just two of the many exceptional people who make our work possible.

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Paul's memory is being honored with an apprentice scholarship in his name. And, with the generous help and support of Robinson Terminal, ASF will host the First Annual Paul Weeks II Memorial Golf Tournament at Pohick Bay Golf Course on May 7, 2007.

For me, the major achievements of the past year were doubling the capacity of the apprentice program. It wouldn't have happened without Jim and Paul. Maybe more graduates will outweigh the loss. At least they will provide a legacy for these two wonderful men - and maybe that's how it's supposed to work.

ASF UPDATES

Compass Project

Throughout most of 2006, the Seaport Foundation has been working closely with the Compass Project, a non-profit focused on helping other non-profits plan well. Volunteers, mostly alumni from elite business schools who provide research and consulting capability, staff the Compass Project.

In the fall of 2005, we were awarded a grant from the Alexandria Community Trust that sponsored the Compass Project helping the Seaport Foundation develop a strategic funding plan. The major recommendation of the report is that we hire a development director to focus on building individual and corporate donations. These folks have been fantastic. It's been the most useful external planning process we've participated in.

Particular thanks go to the team leaders, Nowell Rush and Dorsey Dunn. Both Nowell and Dorsey have also gone beyond the call of duty and are helping us refine our strategic plan for the Apprentice program. (We may never let them go.)

Development and Communications

Upon the recommendation from the Compass Project, and with help from Charlie Ballou and Tom Tuttle, Rachel Marionneaux was hired to run the Seaport Foundation's Development and Communications. She came to us from the American Architectural Foundation where she was in charge of corporate development. She has the energy and experience to maximize on what we've accomplished so far.

ODBC Raft Up

The Old Dominion Boat Club had their raft up and raffle in September. The Seaport Foundation was once again the beneficiary of the event. This year it brought us \$8000. Once again, Lorraine Lloyd ran the event for ODBC, and deserves tremendous thanks.

ASF and Apprentice Program 2006 Achievements

Important milestones this year included:

- Refining our a shop-based G.E.D. curriculum that integrates academics with job training
- Increasing the capacity of the apprentice program more than 240%- from 20 to 48 apprentices, while raising our budget only 25%
- Decreased individual apprentice costs from \$20,000 to \$11,500
- The United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) – the largest building trade union in the United States – certified our apprenticeship program as a pre- apprenticeship program for the Union. This means that all of our graduates are guaranteed placement into the Union
- A G.E.D. curriculum was developed that integrates needed academics into a shop-based job training program. The Virginia Department of Education has said this is unique in the Commonwealth.
- Our apprentice program was certified as a federal Workforce Investment Act Training site.
- We were selected as a Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice vendor
- We established an Apprentice Alumni Organization placement into the UBC and its training program.

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ASF 2006 PRESS HIGHLIGHTS AND AWARDS

Throughout 2006, ASF continued to receive favorable attention in the press and elsewhere, including:

- CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, "Eye on Solutions" news feature, entitled, Hope Floats At Seaport Foundation

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/10/23/eveningnews/main2116790.shtml>
- Washingtonian Magazine, January, 2006, article honoring Joe Youcha, Executive Director of Alexandria Seaport Foundation, as one of those "who make the region a better place for all of us."
- Reader's Digest, February, 2006, article "Charting a New Course: In a boat-building shop on the Potomac River, teens in deep trouble are launching new lives."
- BOAT/U.S., January, 2006, article "Seaport Supplies Second Chances"
- Washington Post, Outdoors, Angus Phillips, Sunday February 27, 2005, Fishing Boat Prop Helps as a Model for Success
- Washington Times
- The Examiner, 23 January 2006, "Building Boats to Build Character"
- Leadership of Greater Washington Youth Leadership Award/One of 10 finalists

DID YOU KNOW?

- We use wages as structured incentives. Each apprentice earns \$6.50-\$10.25 hour, according to their work and academic performance, 7 hours a day/35 hours per week.



- It cost \$11,500 to put one apprentice through our 4 - 6 month program.
- Of this amount, approximately \$5,750 is paid directly to the apprentice as wages or scholarships for tools needed on the job and cars to get them to the job site.
- Each graduate generates nearly \$10,000 in tax revenue per year.
- The costs to detain a juvenile in VA for a year is almost \$70,000, according to recent studies conducted by retired Juvenile and Family Court Judge, Steven Rideout.
- ASF has the capacity to serve up to 48 young people aged 17+ each year.
- ASF doubled its apprentice program in May 2006 to serve more disadvantaged youth.

ASF APPRENTICE PROGRAM

ASF Alumni Association

One of the best things to come out of the apprentice graduations this year was the formation of an Alumni organization. Our theory is that nobody actually graduates ... the alumni group is our attempt to make sure our "graduates" continue to have the tools and resources they need to live, work, and contribute to their communities.

In four years, there will be over 150 former ASF apprentices working as local union carpenters, or in other trades. Bringing apprentice graduates together on a regular basis will be a benefit to them, as well as our community.

A planning group was formed to explore and further develop the goals and objectives of the alumni organization. Graduate apprentices at the meeting included: Ben Snead, James Gaffney, AJ Bawair, Alhaji Carew, Israel Perez, Luis Cisneros, Victor Zelaya, Steve Hernandez, and Dominique Simuel.

Apprentice Union Carpenter Victor Zelaya, a graduate apprentice, and Colonel Allan Gruer, a longtime volunteer with ASF, are preparing the groups next steps and welcome any suggestions from our membership regarding such an initiative.

Please contact Victor at 571- 251-0254 or Allan at 703-548-4555 before the Christmas holiday with any thoughts or suggestions you may have.

Where some of our apprentices are working:

James Gaffney, Carpentry, Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital, Washington, DC

Luis Cisneros, Cabinet Installation, Condominium and apartment at the Caryle Development off Duke Street in Alexandria, VA

Robel Shibeshi, Cabinet Installation, Condominium and apartment at the Caryle Development of Duke Street in Alexandria, VA

Victor Zelaya, Cabinet Installation, Condominium and apartment at the Caryle Development of Duke Street in Alexandria, VA

AJ Bawazir, Carpentry, The Pentagon, Arlington, VA (AJ is also attending NOVA community college)

Javier Davilla, Carpentry, The Pentagon, Arlington, VA

Ben Snead, Carpentry, The Pentagon, Arlington, VA

Josh Payne, Carpentry, Renovating stores and supermarkets located throughout northern Virginia

Kida Yimam, Millwright, Woodrow Wilson Bridge

Apprentice Program Volunteers

Our programs wouldn't succeed without our volunteer staff. We receive over 7,000 hours per year. Most of it comes from "full time" volunteers who have been with us for many years. Our longest volunteer has been with us for 18 years.

This group, alone, provides us with about 90 hours a week - working alongside our apprentices. Former apprentices come back and help out. Often, there is no more effective counselor than someone who has been through the program.

7000 volunteer hours were logged this year by the following individuals, among others.

- Jim Back
- John Borders, Jr.
- Jay Creech
- Stan Deardorff
- John Donley, Jr.
- Tom Dugan
- Rob Dutton
- Fred Feer
- Barbara Givens
- Alan Gruer
- John Harper
- Matt Herrington
- Kevin Holland
- William H. Hunley
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- Sid Shaw
- John Sander
- Bob Squire
- Christa Waters
- Nick Yannerall

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Marshall Katz
Peter & Cynthia Kellogg Foundation
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Frank & Frances Mahncke
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F Whitton Peters
Albert Printz
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Carroll Robertson
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Larry Sadler
Peter Silvia
John Sither
David Speck
Robert Squire
David Stearman
Richard & Heidi Stewart
Robert Taggart
Tara Foundation
The Bryant Crane Charitable Fund
Thomas Tuttle
Clifford & Edith Vatter Endowment Foundation
Rex Wagner
Penelope & Mitchel Wald
Warrington Foundation
R Hackney Wiegmann
Joe Youcha
Seymour R Young

MATCHING GRANT STATUS

As you know, in the middle of this past this year we doubled the capacity of our Apprenticeship program. We started the expansion with the faith that funding would come.

So far, we've received matching challenge grants totaling \$45,000 from the Bruhn Morris and Phillip Graham Foundations. To date we have received \$26,200 in matching dollars from our "Friends."

This means we need your help and support to reach our target goal of an additional \$18,800 by year's end.

How You Can Help

If you've been giving at the \$250 level (68 cents a day) please consider increasing your contribution to \$365 (one dollar a day). Imagine if everyone in the D.C. area contributed one dollar a day to support our apprentice program!

Our apprentice program is as simple and solid a way as you can find to support our community. We've got kids on job sites, more kids waiting to join the program, and even more calls coming in each day. Whether by volunteering your time, or donating items that ASF may be able to use, you have the opportunity to feel like you've made a difference in the lives of our apprentices, our volunteers, our staff and our community.

And, we need your financial support to help us help them stay grounded, connected and invested in their futures and the ever-changing world around them. Please help us continue to help these young people transform their lives.



DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Rachel Marionneaux

ASF operates on a combination of program revenue, government grants or contracts, donations from private foundations and donations from individual and corporate "Friends of the Foundation." For the past three years we've worked to increase program revenue, government contracts and build the "Friends" program.

In 2007 we're expanding our development efforts to address our strategic positioning and sustainable funding. ASF's program expansion plans and recent accomplishments, including the extraordinary local, regional, and national media exposure in 2006, offer tremendous opportunities.

Our development planning is centered on the Compass Project's recent Strategic Funding Plan recommendations. To achieve our goals we're developing a new corporate "Friends" program tied to ASF's Apprentice Program, its events and activities, as well as ASF's community programs. These include, the first annual Paul Weeks II Memorial Golf Tournament in May, Seaport Day and our 25 Anniversary Celebration in September 2007.

We're also implementing plans to name, brand and promote the Apprentice Program, the Apprentice Alumni Organization, and their programs and activities. Additionally, we've taken the next steps towards expanding ASF's individual "Friends" program to help increase retention and renewal rates.

Seaport Day 2006

This year Seaport Day was moved at the last minute to Robinson's Terminal Warehouse to accommodate a wedding! It turned out great. We had a wonderful display of boats built by ASF and our members. We had "Open House" in the big shop and six families built their own boats. Thank you to everyone who made it happen. And, special thanks to Citi Bank for sponsoring the event.

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 Steptoe and Johnson
 The Birchmere
 Tools of the Trade Magazine
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2006 DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Boats

14' Penobscot from Saul Kaplan
 Herreshoff 12 1/2 from Peter Schwartz
 Staten Island skiff from Pamela McCloud
 Marshall Cat from Kim Jaycox

Cars

Jack Crawford, Steve Deathrage, John Lam, Andy Raycroft, Joe Youcha

Food

Bahirdar/Waterfront Catering
 Bittersweet
 Firehook Bakery

Printing

Fannon Printing
 Lettercom Type
 Bill Ross

Tools

Fred Feer
 Fein Power Tools
 Joint School of Carpentry
 Tools of the Trade Magazine

GIVING IDEA STARTERS!

- If you're a parent, aunt, uncle, or grandparent please consider giving your little ones our new Student Membership (look for exciting announcements in the coming days about our new 2007 Friends activities and membership benefits!)
- Donate a running car, or tools that can be used by the apprentices
- Know how to throw a party? Gift ASF with volunteer hours in 2007 to help host our New Friends events and activities
- Act as Chairperson for our new Friends Networking and Social club
- Co-Chair *Seaport Day 2007* and *ASF's 25 Year Anniversary Celebration*
- If you feel better about giving time rather than cash ...
 Run our new boat auction series next year or help of one of our apprentices with their reading and math.
- We also have a list of shop and classroom supplies we need on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual basis.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS (UBC)

The UBC has committed to placing and promoting the careers of our graduate apprentices. The UBC finds our program interesting because our graduates make good Union apprentices.

Mr. Monte Byers, Chief of Staff of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, has stated that ... "the regional council and our training program have been so impressed with the young men and women (the Foundation has) sent us that we've committed to take any interested graduate into our apprentice program."

New UBC Math Book

Over the past year, we've been working as "Subject Matter Experts" on the United Brotherhood of Carpenters new math textbook. Our apprentices have served as test model for both the practice questions and hands on exercises. When published, the book will serve about 30,000 first year apprentices per year.

The Carpenter's Union has been very impressed with our program. Our next step is to open a shop within the local Carpenters Union Training Center. This will test our ability to scale and replicate the program. It will also serve as a "pilot" to see if elements of the program are distributable to other Carpenter Union Training facilities.

ASF APPRENTICE POPULATION SERVED

In January 2005, ASF revised its apprentice program so that we could serve more under-resourced and disadvantaged youth throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. The map of the area where apprentices lived looked like a starburst within a five-mile radius of Alexandria, VA. The arms of the star reached out along Metro lines and express bus routes. For example, we served youths from Hyattsville, MD to Woodbridge, VA to Herndon, VA as well as DC and Montgomery County, MD.

There are 7 high schools located within the 5-mile radius. According to US Department of Education data approximately 1000 of the students who enter 9th grade at those high schools do not enter 12th. These kids are unprepared for work or further education. These are the youths we need to serve.

If an apprentice can get to our shops via public transportation by 7:30 AM, and if the trip isn't much longer than an hour and doesn't cost more than three dollars each way, then they'll participate in the program.

The need for this type of alternative program is nationwide. A Manhattan Institute/Gates Foundation study reported that about 30% of American students drop out of high school including about 50% of Hispanic and African American students.

Using data available from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, we surveyed the high schools within our core five-mile radius to determine how many students start high school compared to how many enter twelfth grade. This gives us a rough idea of youths in need of our type of vocational and contextual education and apprentice program.

These are inexact numbers, but they do give an approximate snapshot consistent with the Manhattan Institute Study and they do tell us that each year many hundreds of young people who do not graduate high school and are in need of a productive future. In five years our local schools produce over 4,000 candidates for our apprentice program.

STATISTICS

- Cost to put one apprentice through our apprentice program is \$11,500.
- Approximately \$5,750 is paid directly to the apprentice as wages or scholarships for tools and cars.
- A typical local School System spends between \$14,500 and \$17,000 per student per year.
- Once an apprentice is accepted into the UBC they earn \$30,000 a year. Nearly a third of this amount will be "repaid" by the apprentice in taxes over one-year.
- Tax revenue generated by graduates of our apprentice program repays the communities investment within two years.
- According to recent studies it costs almost \$70,000 to detain a juvenile in VA for a year.

A community investment of \$11,500 to put one youth through the Alexandria Seaport Foundation Apprentice Program could save our community \$58,500 a year, per kid.



Remember, we need your help and support to reach our target goal of an additional \$18,800 by year's end.



CHES PLAYERS WANTED!

I have a great opportunity for you to meet and get to know some of the apprentices in our program while playing a challenging game of chess. You can be a novice or expert. The Alexandria Seaport First Annual Chess Tournament will hopefully become a tradition on the river that everyone will be talking about.

Some of our apprentices would like to learn and challenge the alumni, friends, members, and staff to a chess tournament. If you are interested in playing chess with our apprentices, please contact Darius Ligon at 703-399-1899. I am need of individuals to teach as well as play practice games with the apprentices prior to the tournament. I will have more information on the schedule once I have a list of participants. I think that you will really enjoy this opportunity to meet our apprentices, and you will have the opportunity to help a young man or woman work towards building a positive future.

- Darius Ligon

ASF COMMUNITY BOAT BUILDING PROGRAM

Part of our mission at ASF is to produce meaningful educational, social and recreational experiences for our community. One of the ways we do this is through ASF's community boat building program. To date, we have shipped boat kits or plans to 35 states and 8 countries, including Norway, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Holland, Italy, Japan and South Africa.

For the coming year, we're planning local Spring and Fall Community Boat Building events. We're also developing a boat that can be disassembled and reassembled using renewable materials. The idea is to provide a boat building activity to institutions that want to build boats year after year, but don't know what to do with the boats afterwards.

Last year we worked closely with the Native American boat builders from the National Museum of the American Indian. In an effort to pass on some of what they taught us, we built an Inuit, skin on frame Kayak, with Rod Baber and middle-school students from Commonwealth Academy, located in Alexandria, VA.



We've also started a single log dugout canoe with our apprentices and students from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. We're carving the log at Mt. Vernon. The design, documented by Marion Brewington in the 30's, and probably originating in the early 1800s, is a

combination of Native American, African and European design elements. Once completed, the boat will be exhibited this summer at the 2007 Smithsonian's Folklife Festival alongside replicas of John Smith's barge. It's all part of celebrating Jamestown's 400th anniversary.

This year our apprentices built 75 Bevin Skiff kits. About 30 boats were built locally, the rest were shipped to families and community groups from the following cities across the country:

US Cities

- Arlington, VA
- Catlettsburgh, KY
- Edgewater, FL
- Gouldsboro, PA
- Houston, TX
- Hyattsville, MD
- Kingston Springs, TN
- Ludlow, MA
- Portsmouth, VA
- Reston, VA
- Scarsdale, NY
- Summit, NJ
- Tulsa, OK
- Washington, DC

Community Boat Builders Groups

- Ancient Mariners Sailing Society, San Diego, CA
- Boater's World, Beltsville, MD
- Capital Region Earth Force, Alexandria, VA
- DC Children and Youth Investment Trust, Washington, DC
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Vergennes, VT
- Pittsville Elementary/Middle School, Pittsville, MD
- Star Council, Stephenville, TX
- Taylor Elementary School, Arlington, VA
- Texas Seaport Museum, Galveston, TX
- THE Academy, Arlington, VA
- The Whaling Museum, Cold Spring Harbor, NY
- Ulster County BOCES, New Paltz, NY
- Washington Jesuit Academy, Washington, DC
- Youth Leaders International, Beltsville, MD

PAUL WEEKS WASHINGTON POST OBITUARY

Paul Weeks II, 62, a lawyer and managing director of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, died of melanoma May 31 at his home in Arlington County.

Mr. Weeks started as a volunteer with the foundation, a nonprofit program that takes troubled young people off the streets and out of the court system. Youngsters learn carpentry and workplace skills by building boats. They also complete their general equivalency diploma and get assistance in finding jobs.

In more than six years with the program, Mr. Weeks, who cruised and raced sailboats as a hobby, created the program's Web site, served on the board of directors and was vice president, secretary and managing director. Mr. Weeks was born in Washington and grew up in a succession of places, including Dallas; Madison, Wis.; and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Princeton University in 1965 and a law degree, with honors, from George Washington University in 1973. He served in the Navy from 1965 to 1970 with the Bureau of Ships and with the Atomic Energy Commission in the Division of Naval Reactors, based in the District.

He was an attorney for Communications Satellite Corp. (COMSAT) from 1973 to 1987 and a senior vice president and general counsel for Fairfax-based ICF Kaiser International Inc. from 1987 to 1999. An officer of QQQ Software Inc., an Arlington-based company he helped found in 1983, he became managing director of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation in 2003.

A few years ago, he fulfilled a lifelong dream when he single-handedly built an 18-foot wooden, outboard-powered launch based on a classic boat design. The boat won awards at the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival. Mr. Weeks also was a lifelong basketball player. He recently played in the Virginia Senior Games, and in 2005 his team won fourth place at the national Senior Olympics.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Pamela Weeks of Arlington; his mother, Barbara Weeks of Cedar Rapids; a daughter, Catherine Wright of Anchorage; a brother; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Paul Weeks Scholarship Fund

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JIM McILHENNY'S WASHINGTON POST OBITUARY

James H. McIlhenny, 78, former president and chief executive of the Council of Better Business Bureaus and former president of U.S. News & World Report magazine, died of complications of cancer Nov. 3 at his Alexandria home.

Mr. McIlhenny's career embraced retailing, manufacturing and publishing, although his favorite job was running the magazine in the early 1980s. At the time, it was Washington's second-largest publishing company.

He foresaw the future of news, in 1981 creating a subsidiary of U.S. News & World Report to oversee the development of a worldwide electronic publishing system.

"We will get into the electronic transmission of news," he told The Washington Post. "What we're not sure of is how things will get distributed. We're having an information explosion, and people will be seeing and listening to news produced by U.S. News."

When the employee-owned magazine was sold in 1984 to Mort Zuckerman, Mr. McIlhenny left to become president of Diversified Printing Corp. in Atglen, Pa., which printed Parade magazine.

He returned to Northern Virginia in 1987, when he was named president and chief executive of the Arlington-based Council of Better Business Bureaus, the umbrella organization for the nation's Better Business Bureaus. He retired in 1994 and was inducted into the BBB Hall of Fame in September.

Mr. McIlhenny was born in Cleveland and attended the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for two years, graduating from the University of Michigan in 1950.

He began work at Alabama Shoe Co. in Nashville and was transferred by the parent company, Genesco Inc., to New York, where he served as assistant to the chairman.

By the 1960s, Mr. McIlhenny was president of I. Miller Shoe Co. and vice president of manufacturing for W.O. Hickok Manufacturing Co.

He worked for Macmillan Publishers for 12 years, rising to the position of executive vice president and senior operating officer and was responsible for the operations of Gump's, Brentano's Bookstores, Crowell Collier Book Service, C.G. Conn Musical Instruments and several other subsidiaries.

Mr. McIlhenny was past board chairman of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation and a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandria. He also was a former director of Manhattan National Corp., the Gravure Technical Association and the American Management Association.

Described as an outgoing, gregarious person who loved sailing, he built ship models in his spare time and was a passionate gardener, focusing primarily on perennials. His marriage to Dorothy Johnson ended in divorce. Survivors include his wife of 16 years, Candace McIlhenny of Alexandria; a daughter from his first marriage, Claire Dempsey of Minneapolis; a brother; and three grandchildren.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WE WORK WITH

A Different Kind of Ladies Night
 Alexandria Human Services Council
 Alexandria/Joblink
 Alexandria City Public Schools, Adult Education
 Alexandria Regional Housing Authority
 Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax in the 19th
 District:

Juvenile Court Service Units
 Adult Probation and Parole
 Commonwealth Attorney's Office
 Police Department
 Public Defenders

Capital Region Earth Force
 Catholic Charities
 Commonwealth Academy
 D.C. Youth Investment Trust
 Duncan Library
 Jamestown 400
 Living Classrooms DC
 Marymount University
 Mount Vernon Ladies Association
 National Maritime Heritage Foundation
 National Museum of the American Indian
 Northern Virginia Regional Anti-gang Task Force
 Smithsonian Museum of American History
 Taylor Elementary School
 THE Academy
 The African Community Center
 The Diocese of Arlington Refugee Resettlement
 The Fort Dupont Ice Arena
 Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and
 Technology
 Washington Jesuit Academy
 Youth Leaders International





The Alexandria Seaport Foundation

If this newsletter is your first introduction to the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, or if you are already a member and would like additional information about ASF to share with “New Friends,” the information below will be helpful.

Through the building and use of wooden boats, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation helps young people turn their lives around and provides families, community groups and schools with meaningful educational, social and recreational experiences.

The Alexandria Seaport Foundation is a 501c(3) not-for-profit corporation founded in 1982. In 1992 the Foundation changed its focus from maritime heritage to using boatbuilding to prepare at-risk and out-of-school youths for employment in the building trades.

The Foundation has been running a paid work-based apprentice program serving DC, Maryland

and Virginia for 13 years. In this program at-risk and out of school youths (ages 17-21), many of whom have been court referred, are encouraged to develop the discipline, self confidence, and workshop and social skills necessary to find a meaningful place in the normal workforce while working toward a General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.).

In 2005 the Foundation revised its Apprentice Program to provide workshop and classroom based studies using wooden boats and boat building as the central theme in addition to the work oriented discipline and workshop skills.

This past year the program had four overlapping six-month classes of five apprentices (20 apprentices per year).

This year, there will be six overlapping four-month classes of eight apprentices (48 apprentices per year). The goal is to have the youths be

drug-free and prepared with a G.E.D, driver's license, a car, tools, and work habits that permit their immediate entry into the Carpenter's Union apprentice program.

Most importantly, we graduated five classes of apprentices who earned their G.E.D.s, driver's licenses, cars and tools and are now tax-paying members of the workforce. We expect all our graduates to be positive forces in our community in the future.

The Foundation today focuses on two core activities: an apprenticeship program for disadvantaged youths aged 17-24, and community boat building activities.

Our wooden boatbuilding apprentice program for at-risk and out-of-school youths is a paid vocational setting in which education, counseling, support, and socialization occurs.

The apprentices work alongside paid and volunteer staff. The program shores up the youths' academic skills, teaches proper attitudes and life skills and prepares the youths for a job and career path with the Carpenters' Union.

This year we were able to increase apprentice program capacity 240% while raising our budget only 25%. This increase in capacity was accomplished through different class scheduling and better use of facilities.

Our core apprenticeship program is the quickest, surest path that we can provide for a disadvantaged youth to find their way to economic independence and a positive life.

Beyond the boat building apprenticeship program, our programs reach out to all the elements of our community through a community boat building program. This program brings diverse elements of the community together, using the apprentices as aids and mentors teaching their newly acquired skills to others.

Through community and family boatbuilding projects that the ASF sponsors at both the local and national levels, boat kits constructed in the apprenticeship program are shipped and assembled by school groups, church

groups, or at community festivals in their local communities.

Additionally, the Foundation maintains weekly "open shop" nights for the general public, and runs classes on different facets of boat building using visiting instructors from across the country as well as instructors on the ASF staff.

Many of the volunteers who work with the apprentices on a regular basis were first attracted to the Foundation through these open workshop and special classes.



SAVE THE DATES!

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 7, 2007: The First Annual Paul Weeks II Memorial Golf Tournament at Pohick Bay Golf Course
- June 27 to July 1 and July 4: The Smithsonian Folklife Festival Spring boat building
- September 29 – 30: Seaport Day 2007 and ASF's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Alexandria Seaport Foundation's SEAPORT DAY and 25th Anniversary Celebration:

Family weekend fun! Boat building and rides, children's activities, boats, art, crafts and more! Free! Event details: www.alexandriaseaport.org or 703/549-7078. Reservations required for boat building.

CLASSIFIED LISTINGS

12' Skiffs for Sale	
New	\$ 2,000
Restored	\$ 1,000
As Is	\$ 500
Penoscot 14	\$ 4,500
17 Staten Island Skiff	\$ 2,000 (as is)
	\$ 3,500 (repaired/ painted)
Handy Billy 18	\$16,500
North Bay Kayak 18'-7"	\$ 2,000

If you need a boat, we'd be happy to build one for you!



HELP ASF SPREAD THE WORD

If you've been thinking about talking with someone about becoming a member of ASF, please do so now!

We have additional copies of *Scuttlebutt* and ASF brochures. If you would like these materials, please call Rachel. Her number is at 202-49-1728.

BOAT BUCKS!

This holiday giving season please consider purchasing our *new Boat Bucks Gift Certificates*.

Proceeds from **Boat Bucks** will help ASF continue to provide the best apprentice training and placement program for our youth and the most meaningful educational, social and recreational experiences for our community.

Do you have names on your list that don't really need anything? Why not consider giving alternative gifts from the Seaport Foundation? You'll be sponsoring items our apprentices use everyday.

Call Rachel 202-491-1728 to set it up! Give us your credit card number and we'll send you **Boat Bucks Gift Certificates** to give as gifts. An information card will be enclosed with the certificates. It will describe our apprentice program and how the gifts below fit into our work at ASF.

Car	\$500
Tool Box	\$100
Text Books	\$ 50
Tool Belt	\$ 25