



# OPTIONS

2010 SPECIAL FALL EDITION

## PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE: A GREAT SUCCESS FOR SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS!! BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!



Brian Kusic (Einstein) chats with Barth resident Joanna Bankston

“The annual summer production provides much-needed funds for SHO, and a wonderful opportunity to see a quality production in a unique setting. This year’s offering... is well-produced, interesting funny, and entertaining. This show is well-worth a trip downtown, and on top of that, it benefits a good cause!” Craig Williamson, *North Denver Tribune*.

This was but one of the great critical reviews for 2010’s theatre production at The Barth Hotel, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. The production, suggested by Stage Manager Erin Ramsey, was confirmed when Steve Martin signed a poster for SHO. We were on our way!



Cast of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*



The cast of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* spends time with Barth residents

This is the third year of productions at The Barth (not counting *HOT L BALTIMORE* presented over 20 years ago). Following the well-received reprisal of *HOT L* and the new play, *A Hint of Winter*, *Picasso* was wildly successful. “Best ever!!” from many of the nearly 1,600 people who attended. And that was confirmed by critics, 3.5 of 4 stars from the *Denver Post*; 5 of 5 from the *Denver Theatre Examiner*, and other great reviews from publications throughout the Metro area.

The play, held in the “living room” of The Barth Hotel displaces residences for 19 evenings during the performances. But residents were treated to a special prime rib dinner and performance of the play. Donna Richards called the play, “great. It didn’t bother me at all.” Donna was one of several residents who helped staff the play, doing a welcoming “curtain speech” for audiences and watching exit doors. As Donna was preparing for her speech, she felt herself becoming emotional with “tears coming to my eyes.” But like a true actor, she just told herself, “don’t do it, don’t do it,” and the hearty applause from the audiences made her proud!

We all had a great time!! As Joey Wishnia, Sagot in this year’s performance and veteran of all our plays noted, “I have enjoyed so much the three summers I have spent performing at The Barth and seeing

the residents who have become friends and are so welcoming to us who invade their space. Each summer becomes like a reunion with the wonderful people who reside there, the incredible people who work for SHO, and of course, working with Terry Dodd and the actors old and new to SHO. Here’s to the summer of 2011 and the best gig in town!”

**While we are thrilled with the success of *Picasso*, financial support is still critical! This year we have received a 5.5% cut in our Medicaid reimbursements. That represents over \$200,000 that we are trying to make up. So we are hoping that our friends will help us make up this difference so we can keep providing high-quality services to our residents. No need to wait until next year!**

**It’s easy! Just send your check or call to use your credit card or visit our website. And if you really would like to make a difference, please join our monthly giving circle. Just the cost of a couple of coffees each month can provide over-the-counter medications for a resident for a full year!**

We’re sure *Picasso*, Einstein and all at the Lapin Agile would encourage your support! And it would mean THE UNIVERSE to our 500 residents and all of us at SHO!!

THANKS!!



Barth Residents enjoy a special dinner of Prime Rib with Sparkling Cider before enjoying a sneak preview of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*

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## SPECIAL FALL EDITION NEWSLETTER



Joy (Shirley Temple)  
& Resident Richard

# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE AT OUR RESIDENCES

**This year's National Assisted Living Week Theme was "Living Life"!**



Established by NCAL in 1995, National Assisted Living Week® provides a unique opportunity for residents, families, staff, volunteers, and the surrounding community to come together to bestow on our residents a multitude of events and activities that show them how much we care about and love them. We all want to live life to the fullest, no matter how old or young we are... SHO joins this year's National Assisted Living Week® celebration!

In observance of National Assisted Living Week®, September 12 to 18, Senior Housing Options sponsored a series of events across Colorado developed as a special opportunity to celebrate "Living Life." Check out our website for pictures and stories about this fun-filled week. Each residence had unique parties and activities for all to enjoy. Events ranged from Ice Cream Socials to Western BBQs, to wine and cheese parties, to invitations to local Mayors to come visit and help proclaim the week as NALW!

For more information on National Assisted Living Week®, visit [www.nalw.org](http://www.nalw.org).

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Peggy, Cinnamon Park resident

Keeping with the theme of NALW "Living Life", Cinnamon Park resident's completed a project called "The Time of My Life Book". Many residents worked on completing their own story book filled with memories and important moments to share with friends and family.

Go to:

[www.seniorhousingoptions.org/cinnamon-park/index.html](http://www.seniorhousingoptions.org/cinnamon-park/index.html)  
and hear some of Peggy's story. Hear how she is living life now. Because everyone has a story to tell.