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## **Council on Aging announces Rat Pack 2017**

*Year of "Lucky Number 7" includes Marianne McMahon, Nels Offerdahl, John Peacock & Roger Webb*

PENSACOLA, Fla. (January 26, 2017) – The annual Rat Pack Reunion fundraiser, hosted by Council on Aging of West Florida to raise money and awareness for senior programs in the area, will take place Oct. 27, 2017 at 5:30 pm at New World Landing. At the event, four local leaders will be recognized for their service to the community. They are:

### **Marianne McMahon**

Marianne started volunteering with the American Cancer Society by assisting with the Cattle Barons' Ball. Following guidance that, "Much is required from the person to whom much is given. Much more is required from the person to whom much more is given," Marianne currently serves as a board member for the PACE Center for Girls and the Arc Gateway. In addition, last year she became involved with Fiesta.

### **Nels Offerdahl**

Nels attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison before moving to Gulf Breeze in 2000. He built and operates three local movie theatre complexes in Gulf Breeze, Pace, and Crestview. He was a member of the 2010 Mayoki Indians and the 2016 Court of Fiesta. He also serves as a board member for the Panhandle Charitable Open.

### **John Peacock**

John has served as a financial advisor for Edward Jones in Pensacola, Fla. since 1995. Prior to this, he also worked as a consultant to the US Department of Energy and served in the US Navy Nuclear Program. He is the President of the Panhandle Charitable Open Golf Tournament and a board member for the Edward Jones Grassroots Task Force, Council on Aging of West Florida, Autism Pensacola, Epilepsy Foundation of Florida, UWF Foundation, WSRE Foundation Board, Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce, Five Flags Rotary, and the Downtown Improvement Board.

### **Roger Webb**

Roger began his career with Wendy's in 1970 when Dave Thomas hired him as a part-time employee when Dave opened his third restaurant in Columbus, Ohio. Currently, Roger owns the Wendco Group, which has a total of 43 Wendy's restaurants and employs a staff of over 1,200 people in Northwest Florida and South Alabama.

Now in its seventh year, the Rat Pack Reunion pays homage to the glamorous Hollywood styles of yesteryear by honoring Pensacola's own celebrities with a gentle roast, auction, dancing, dinner and more. As men sport their skinniest ties and women show off their most dazzling gowns, hundreds of individuals gather to raise funds and awareness for Council on Aging of West Florida. To date, the event has raised close to a million dollars for services like Meals on Wheels, The Retreat Adult Day Health Care Center and more programs that aging adults in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties depend upon.

To purchase tickets, sponsor Rat Pack Reunion, or for information on the event, visit [coawfla.org/ratpackreunion](http://coawfla.org/ratpackreunion).

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*Council on Aging of West Florida is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that has served seniors and their families since 1972. Council on Aging of West Florida helps seniors in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties live healthy, safe and independent lives in their own familiar surroundings by providing community-based, in-home programs and services such as Meals on Wheels and Alzheimer's respite care.*

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