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Pickens, Bass to converse on aging

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Two savants from the school of hard knocks, **T. Boone Pickens** and **Paul M. Bass Jr.**, learned long ago that you can accomplish public miracles by applying a dollop of humor.

Those two longtime friends and venerable do-gooders are going to engage in a conversation at the **Charles C. Sprague Sage Society's** annual dinner at 6:30 p.m. May 4 at the Rosewood Crescent Hotel downtown.

The "conversation with" format of the dinner is the beginning of a tradition, organizers say.

With Bass as interlocutor, energy mogul and philanthropist Pickens will reveal his philosophy of "Reinventing yourself after 60: Don't let age ever be an obstacle."

Pickens is founder and chairman of **BP Capital Management**, and Bass is vice chairman of **First Southwest Co.**

The **Senior Source**, an affiliate of the **United Way of Metropolitan Dallas**, founded the Sage Society in 1999 under the leadership of Dr. **Charles Sprague**, chairman emeritus of **Southwestern Medical Foundation** at the time.

After Sprague died in 2005, the board of directors of the Senior Source voted to rename the group the Charles C. Sprague Sage Society in lasting tribute to his legacy.

"The objective of the Charles C. Sprague Sage Society is twofold," says **Ray Smerge**, who is co-chairman of the Sage Society this year with his wife, **Pat**.

"It seeks first to inform individuals on the issues and realities of an aging America through its annual dinners, and secondly, to enhance the lives of older adults in the greater Dallas area through the financial support of its members."

David B. Miller, board chairman of the Senior Source, said that the Sage Society offers members "a unique way to learn about significant aging issues that affect our community, and at the same time support the programs and services provided by the Senior Source that address these issues."

Chairwoman-elect **Becky Bright** explained that only members who join at the \$1,000, \$2,500 or \$5,000 levels can attend the annual Sprague event.

For more information, call **Stephanie Grossman** at 214-525-6120, e-mail sgrossman@theseniorsource.org or visit www.theseniorsource.org.

Through eight programs that address elder care, protection, volunteerism and employment, the Senior Source works to improve the lives of all older adults, from the most active to the most frail.

The Senior Source recently moved to 3910 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75219. The phone number is 214-823-5700.