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Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Where: Dorothy Hart CC

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Akido Demonstration

Presidents Report

Kathy Corley

Welcome Spring!!! We have a couple of volunteer opportunities for members in April. We also will be manning the AARP table at the Mary Washington Multicultural Fair on Saturday April 11th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UMW Fredericksburg campus. We will be supporting the Bragg Hill Family Life Center at the April meeting. They can use food items and clothing. We will continue to meet at the Dorothy Hart Community Center for the next two months, then in July, we have our picnic. This year, we will have our picnic at Dorothy Hart Community Center.

Community Service

Sally Cooney Anderson

The AARP Chapter 3396 Corley/Burt Community Service Committee leads Chapter efforts to identify and respond to essential social needs in our community and to provide meaningful and rewarding volunteer opportunities for Chapter members. In 2015, the committee will meet monthly, immediately following Chapter Meetings, except for July and December. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7, after the Chapter Meeting. All Chapter members are invited to attend.

THANKS to everyone who contributed cash and items at our March meeting for empower HOUSE and S.E.C.A. The value of our contributions was \$675, \$265 for empower HOUSE and \$410 for S.E.C.A. And thanks to all who volunteered at the Home Show on March 13, 14 & 15. We had a lot of interest in our booth and gave out a considerable amount of information about HomeFit.

At our April meeting, we will be supporting the Bragg Hill Family Life Center. Needed items include: dry food, paper goods, cleaning supplies, plastic cutlery, personal items, and food service gloves.

In addition, we have several volunteer opportunities coming up:

- Saturday April 11, we will be volunteering at an AARP booth at the Mary Washington University Multicultural Fair.
- Tuesday April 14, we will hold a planning meeting for the AARP VA Statewide Food Drive in September. The meeting will be at 1:30pm at Dorothy Hart in the Conference Room.
- Saturday May 2, we will be working the assembly line at the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank.

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In both cases, the scammers are trying to defraud customers. They often target elderly people who are fearful their electricity may be turned off unless they comply immediately. These scammers usually have a little bit of information about you and will try to persuade you to provide more so they can gain access to your bank accounts and/or use your credit card numbers.

A recent scam that has surfaced targets business customers during peak business hours, such as restaurants at lunch time. The scammers try to catch employees off guard to gain account information, and to instill fear that power will be turned off when they have the most customers.

These scams may use email, twitter, phone calls or even door-to-door visits. Many victims received forwarded emails or text messages from well-meaning friends and family who were also victimized.

You should always think twice before providing account or personal and financial information to anyone unless you are positive you know they are legitimate. Before you do anything, hang up and call your power company to ask questions about anyone contacting you about your bill or claiming to be from the utility.

Tips: Never give anyone personal information such as your Social Security number (including the numbers on the back of your Social Security card), bank account number or credit card number unless you initiated the conversation and you are confident the transaction is legitimate.

If you receive a call from someone claiming to be with your utility company asking for payment, hang up and call the utility's customer service number. If you have already provided information to someone making this offer, contact your bank and the three national credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, immediately.

Treasurer's Report

Joyce Cronk

Treasurer's Report for March 2015

Beginning Balance Feb. 16, 2015		\$3407.27
Deposits		
2/18 Membership/Mailing	48.00	
3/17 Membership/Mailing	42.00	
50/50 (1/2 donated back)	33.00	
Coffee Fund	<u>3.00</u>	
Total Deposits		+ \$126.00
Disbursements		
3/3 #1668 M. D'Ostilio Hospitality	42.07	
Total Disbursements		<u>- \$ 42.07</u>
Balance Mar. 17, 2015		\$3491.20*

*Balance reflects Brisben money \$114.79