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Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Where: Chancellor’s Village

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Liane Young - “Triple Nickles”

Presidents Report

Kathy Corley

I hope everyone was able to stay warm throughout February. It sure did get cold. It doesn’t seem like we have much going on in March. Remember that we are donating items to SECA (Spotsylvania Emergency Concerns Association) and Empower House in March. Our next meeting is March 3 at Chancellor’s Village. Thanks to Betty Lou Bailey for checking on this for us.

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, March 3, 2015 after the Chapter Meeting. All Chapter members are invited to attend.

THANKS to everyone who contributed cash and items for the Moss Free Clinic at our February meeting. The value of our contribution was \$510.50 which will go toward the cost of a needed printer and printer supplies.

In March, we will be supporting two organizations:

S.E.C.A. — The Spotsylvania Emergency Concerns Association, an all volunteer group that provides emergency relief to Spotsylvania County residents, including victims of fires and natural disasters and others who are not eligible for public assistance. Needed items to bring to the meeting are: food, clothing and toiletries.

empower HOUSE, a domestic violence services organization offering free and confidential services to victims and their children. Needed items to bring to the meeting are: paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags, feminine hygiene products, laundry and dish detergent, women’s and children’s clothing, cleaning supplies, children’s healthy snacks, and gift cards.

For additional information about our Chapter’s Community Service, contact Sally at sallycooneyanderson@yahoo.com or 540-371-7484.

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Birthdays/Anniversaries

March

Robert Kofron - Mar. 2, Delores Lacy - Mar 3, Marlene Lawson - Mar 4, Robert Kubarek - Mar 9,
Mary Kofron - Mar 15, Sally Kubarek - Mar 21 **Happy birthday to all!**

Travel/Trips

From the Fredericksburg Senior Travel Committee -

Virginia International Tatoo, Norfolk, VA, Sunday April 26, 2015 - \$135.00 per person. Price includes Virginia International Tattoo, Tattoo Hullabaloo Entertainment, Norfolk Botanical Gardens Azalea Festival - TramTour (no walking). dinner, tax, gratuity. Please come by the Travel Office to pay in full or make a down payment.

Riverside Dinner Theatre - Interest has been shown to see the performance "9 to 5" with Sally Struthers. This would probably be in March. Right now we are looking at an interest list. Please call Travel Office (540-371-2429) or come in Monday, Wednesday or Friday 10:00a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and sign an interest list.

Fredericksburg Parks & Rec Trips:

Woodlawn and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House - Tuesday March 17 - \$55

New York City in Springtime - April 15-17 \$612 Single Occ/\$499 Double Occ.

Sunshine

Kaye Loucks

If you know of any members that are ill or are recovering from surgery, let me know so I can send along a card.

Refreshments

Marietta D'Ostilio

The following individuals will be providing refreshments for our March meeting:

Juanita Channel, Stephanie Sloan, Enola Stevenson, Marietta D'Ostilio

Membership

Kathy Corley

Membership: We have 118 members at the end of December. If you have not paid your dues for 2015, please send your \$12 dues payment to Joyce Cronk, 707 Edwards Drive, Fredericksburg VA 22405. If you want the newsletter mailed to you, add an additional \$6.00..

New member(s): Sara Johnson

Welcome to our Chapter!

Senior Safety Tips

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE SCAMS

There is nothing like a hot cup of coffee and the morning paper to start the day, right? Well, for many subscribers and newspaper publishers across the country, bogus renewal notices are leaving a bitter taste.

Here's what's happening: You get a renewal notice in the mail for your newspaper. The notice tells you that your subscription is about to expire, but you can renew it by paying immediately. The problem is the companies behind the invoices have no relationship with your newspaper publisher or billing department. These scammers are simply out to rip you off.

Here are some tips from the FTC, and the Sheriff's Office, to help you avoid newspaper renewal scams.

- Pay online at the newspaper's website, or contact the paper's subscription department by phone. Use the number on your paper, online, or on a previous bill that you know is a good one.
- Sign up for auto-renewal and payment, so that you don't have to rely on renewal notices sent by mail.
- Be aware of changes to your bill. If the price or billing period changes notify the paper using a phone number or address you know is theirs. In some cases, the price on fake invoices has been four times higher than usual, and the subscription period has been a year, instead of monthly or quarterly.
- If you suspect an invoice might not be real, check it out with your newspaper's subscription department. If the invoice comes from a company you haven't heard of, or if it has errors and misspellings, those could be tip-offs to a rip-off.

If you think you've spotted a newspaper renewal scam, report it to your paper's subscription or customer service department, your state Attorney General's Office, local consumer protection agency, and the Federal Trade Commission.

Treasurer's Report

Joyce Cronk

Treasurer's Report for February 2015

Beginning Balance Jan. 16, 2015		\$3666.04
Deposits		
2/10 Membership/ mailing	192.00	
50/50	25.00	
Coffee fund	8.50	
Total Deposits		+ \$225.50
Disbursements		
1/20 #1661 Spotsy Treasurer		
10% TRIAD Grant Match	250.00	
1/26 #1662 State Corp Commission	25.00	
1/26 #1663 S. Cooney		
Website dues	119.40	
1/26 #1664 SEVAC Dues	15.00	
1/26 #1665 S. Scheibe		
Newsletter – printing	5.85	
1/26 #1666 S. Scheibe		
Newsletter – labels	36.07	
2/3 #1667 M. D'Ostilio		
Hospitality	32.95	
Total Disbursements		- <u>\$484.27</u>
Balance Feb. 16, 2015		\$3407.27*

*Balance reflects Brisben money \$114.79