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Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Where: Dorothy Hart CC

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Andy Lynn, Roxbury Farm & Garden

Presidents Report

Kathy Corley

We got really anxious about Spring arriving, but what is up with all the rain!? Just when you think there will be a nice warm week, it either gets cool or rains. Oh well. We have volunteer opportunity for members in May. We will be packing boxes at the Food Bank May 2nd from 8:30 until 11. As many of you heard at the March meeting, we will be supporting the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging at the April meeting. They can use food items and personal items such as shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste. We will continue to meet at the Dorothy Hart Community Center for the months of May, June, July, and August. We decided this year to have the picnic at the Dorothy Hart Center. This will alleviate the problem of getting strong persons to set up tables and chairs. We are now looking for entertainment for the picnic. I have assigned Betty Lee this task. One more thing I am trying to get going is a Travel committee, so we can plan some trips and don't have to wait for another group to do so. If you are interested in serving on this committee, let me know, and we will see what we can do.

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, May 5, after the Chapter Meeting. All Chapter members are invited to attend.

THANKS to everyone who contributed cash and items at our April meeting for the Bragg Hill Family Life Center. The value of our contributions was \$233.50. And thanks to all who volunteered at the UMW Multicultural Fair. Photos are on our website.

At our May meeting, we will be supporting the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging. Needed items include: feminine hygiene and personal items, paper goods, and gift cards for groceries.

In addition, we have several volunteer opportunities coming up:

- Saturday May 2, we will be working the assembly line at the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank.
- Sunday, May 10, we will be visiting residents at Carriage Hill for Mother's Day.

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- Monday May 11, we will be cooking and serving dinner at the Thurman Brisben Center.

Sign up sheets will be at the May meeting.. Plans are underway for our participation in the September statewide food drive. The next planning meeting will be held on Friday, June 12, from 1:30-3:00pm at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, in room 3. For additional information about our Chapter's Community Service, contact Sally at sallycooneyanderson@yahoo.com or 540-371-7484.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

May

May Birthdays: Evadine Cooper on the 11th, Jessica Walker on the 14th, Patricia Parkinson on the 22nd and Richard Geary on the 25th. **Happy birthday to all!**

The Fredericksburg Senior Travel Committee -

Riverside Dinner Theatre - Interest has been shown to see the performance "9 to 5" with Sally Struthers. 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:

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. Sent cards/prayers to: Kathleen Holler and Mary Baffo

Refreshments

Marietta D'Ostilio

The following individuals will be providing refreshments for our next meeting: Mary Henry, Crystal Walls, Fran Keith, and Sandi Saunders. Thanks! If you haven't signed up this year - please do!

Membership

Kathy Corley

Membership: WWe had Patricia Parkinson join our chapter at the April meeting. We welcome her and thank her as well for volunteering her time helping at the AARP table during the Multicultural Fair at MWU. We also received dues money from a member so that brings our membership number to 100. Yeah!!

New member(s): Patricia Parkinson **Welcome to our Chapter!**

Senior Safety Tips

Theft of mobile communication devices

The theft of mobile communication devices such as iPhones and iPads has become an increasingly serious problem. According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), roughly one out of three robberies nationwide has involved the theft of a cell phone. The F.C.C. estimates that in 2011, over 40% of robberies in New York City and 38% in Washington, D.C. involved cell phones or iPads.

Theft Prevention Measures

It was announced in April, 2012, that four of the largest wireless carriers – Verizon Wireless, AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile – are cooperating with the FCC to develop a new database and prevent smartphones reported as stolen from

activating voice or data service. These efforts are intended to serve as a deterrent to potential criminals by reducing the resale value of stolen devices. Within six months (from April, 2012), the four largest wireless carriers are expected to put in place a program to disable smartphones reported as stolen, preventing them from being used on their own networks. Within 18 month, the FCC plans to help the companies merge their databases to create a national program that also prevents a mobile phone from being altered to use another carrier’s network.

Apple has developed a free app (“Find My PC”) that when installed turns an iPhone or I Pad into a real-time GPS-based tracker through which users can track lost or misplaced devices. This app is integrated with Google maps and shows the location of the communications device. The device location is calculated by using GPS, Wi-Fi, and cell-tower triangulation.

There is an app available that sounds a loud audible alarm if an activated, iPhone or iPad is moved.

Gadget Track can be installed on smartphones and identifies the device’s location whenever it accesses the Internet. When tracking occurs, the owner receives an email with detailed information about its current location.

UMW Multicultural Fair

This was the third year that our chapter participated in this event. Special thanks to Marietta D’Ostilio for getting up at the crack of dawn to safeguard our location opposite Lee Hall. The weather was fantastic and we had musical accompaniment throughout the day from various groups performing on the patio of Lee Hall. We had about 75 guests that came by and wrote about their culteral heritage and what they celebrated about it onto ribbons. We then attached the ribbons to lines strung our from the sides of our tent and watched them flutter in the breeze. A very colorful array of pink, white, yellow, orange, blue, purple, lilac and green ribbons. Thanks for the many volunteers that staffed the booth and helped set up and break down. We plan to make several changes/improvements for next years event to ensure we can display more ribbons and the tent is secure to the ground with signage properly displayed.

Operation Medicine Cabinet

On Saturday, March 28th, at seven locations from Stafford to Caroline County, law enforcement and other volunteers withstood biting winds and chilly temperatures to collect over 1,140 pounds of drugs from area residents. This semi-annual event helps to keep the environment from getting polluted by improper disposal of prescription in sewage or landfills. They were collected and taken by law enforcement officers to a site to be burned. Also collected were both used and unused hypodermic needles and diabetes test needles. Medical sites disposed of these. Look for the next collection to be in either September or October.

Treasurer’s Report
Joyce Cronk

Treasurer’s Report for April 2015

Beginning Balance March 17	\$3491.20
Deposits	
4/5 Membership	105.00
50/50	28.00
Coffee Fund	<u>9.00</u>
Total Deposits	<u>+ \$142.00</u>
Disbursements	
None	
Balance Apr. 15, 2015	\$ 3633.20*
*Balance reflects Brisben money	\$ 114.79