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December 2012

Annual Luncheon & Installation of 2013 Officers

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

When: 11:30 AM

Fredericksburg Country Club

Entertainment by the Lakers

Annual Luncheon – Shirley Keister

Our Annual Luncheon will be held on December 4th at 11:30 AM at the Fredericksburg Country Club, thanks to the continuing sponsorship of Jack Farrington. Entertainment will be provided by the Lakers; and Officers/Board Members for 2013 will be installed. The cost of the luncheon will be \$27.50 per person. Deadline for signing up will be Wednesday, November 28th. The buffet will include: garden salad, Roast Beef with gravy, Broiled Orange Roughy, green beans, honey-glazed carrots, bread, dessert, coffee and tea. The bar will be open from 11:30 to 12:15. There will be lovely decorations, wonderful opportunities for fellowship, lively entertainment, the usual 50/50 and Door Prize drawings. There will be collection boxes for Moss Free Clinic, Thurman Brisben Shelter, Bragg Hill Family Life Center, and The Food Bank. An elevator is available for those unable to use the stairs. If you have not signed up, but would like to attend, give me a call (540.548.2528).

Remember, this will replace our General Meeting in December.

From Your President

By now you are getting over eating toooooo much turkey and ham for Thanksgiving and wondering if you will get all of your Christmas shopping done in time. The New Year is fast approaching and with it brings some questions for all of us. Will Congress make changes to Social Security and Medicare that will affect us adversely and will we be able to see our regular doctor and will it cost us more in fees and taxes. No matter who you voted for, I am sure we hope that Congress and the President will keep us seniors in mind when they enact legislation that will affect us. The New Year will offer our

members a chance to make some local trips, get some education through our guest speakers, and have some more opportunities to volunteer in our community. This last year we cooked a meal for the homeless at the Thurman Brisben shelter and packed boxes for seniors at the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank.

"Good Job!" 2014 will give each member the opportunity to serve their chapter by being either a board member or an officer. On behalf of our current officers, I thank the members for allowing us to serve you all, but four years is more than our charter allows and it is time for others to step forward. So give serious consideration to volunteering for YOUR chapter in 2014 if you want it to continue to function. Have a joyous Holiday and don't make any resolutions you can't keep!

Birthdays/Anniversaries – Don Colt

Thanks go to all who have provided birthday information so you could be recognized in our fine monthly Newsletter and receive "hugs and kisses" from the lovely Barbara Corley at our general meetings. Members celebrating their birthdays in December are as follows:

Virginia Bare & Carolyn Young (4th); Millie Tibbs (9th); Betty Lee Sprinkle (16th); Bert Schlesinger (18th); Delores Lacy (19th); Kay Collis (21st); Ken Judy (24th); Gladys Judy (25th); Kermit Woodcock (27th); and Samuel Whitehurst (28th). Happy Birthday to all !!!

As previously reported, we have also developed an Anniversaries database for those members celebrating at least 50 years of wedded bliss -- which presently stands at ten. None of these couples will be celebrating in December. Now, we're sure there are many of you out there who we should be recognizing, so get those cards and letters in the mail.

Food Donations (Repeated from previous Newsletters -- Don Colt

Hey there food shoppers! If you patronize supermarkets which offer "Buy One, Get One Free", why not bring in the "free" one to one of our General Meetings for donation to one of our designated charities?

Annual Luncheon -- Tuesday, December 4 -- Don Colt

As previously reported, we have once again scheduled our Annual Luncheon at the Fredericksburg Country Club – on December 4. Entertainment will be provided by the Lakers, a singing group from Lake of the Woods, who have performed for us at past luncheons. A sign-up sheet was available starting with the October General Meeting. Cost per person for this gala affair will be \$27.50 – the same as the last two years. Deadline for sign-up and payment will be November 28. **Please see elsewhere in the Newsletter for additional information.**

Refreshment Providers – Fran Keith

No refreshment providers needed for December.

Membership – Barbara Corley

A warm welcome to our new member Sue O'Donnell. Welcome, Sue!

It's that time of year again, dues paying time! The dues are now \$12 a year. Enclosed in this newsletter is an addressed envelope to send in your dues. If there are any questions, call Barbara Corley 659-2605. February 1st is the deadline.

Welfare – Barbara Corley

A thinking of you card was sent to Moses Burt. Hope he is doing better.

Raffles – Barbara Corley

50/50 was won by Shirley McRae. The door prize was donated by Kaye Loucks and went to Stephanie Sloan.

Drivers Safety Program – Shirley Keister

SPOTSYLVANIA CO PARKS AND REC (540) 507-7529 (Call To Register)

8800 OLD DOMINION DR. FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22408-0000

11/15/2012 09:00 AM 11/16/2012 09:00 AM (4 hours each day)

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TREASURER'S REPORT – Shirley Keister		Current	Year
		Month	to Date
Beginning Balance January 1, 2012			\$1739.25
Checkbook Balance October 23, 2012		\$1909.59	
Receipts:			
	50/50	\$27.00	
	Comm. Ser.	\$17.00	
	Dues	\$134.00	
	Riverboat	\$27.00	
	Annual Luncheon	1095.00	
Total Receipts		\$1300.00	\$5508.63
Disbursements:			
	Copy Center Plus	\$30.00	
	Bulk Mail	\$200.00	
Total Disbursements		\$230.00	\$4268.59
Checkbook Balance November 21, 2012		\$2979.59	\$2979.59

Next month, King George Parks and Recreation Department should have their trip schedule for the first part of 2013. Check back then if you are interested in trips.

Senior Visitors Program – Teresa Bowers

The Senior Visitors Program is a service program in the Fredericksburg area that promotes independence, dignity and healthy living for older adults in their own home environment. This program matches isolated homebound seniors with trained volunteers who provide a friendly visit for an hour on a weekly basis. There is no cost for this program to the client and the ongoing relationship can make the Senior Visitors Program an especially meaningful and satisfying experience for the volunteer while it fills a void in the life of an elderly person in our community. The Senior Visitors Program is actively seeking volunteers to serve as visitors. For more information about volunteering for the Senior Visitors Program, or about how to refer a senior citizen to the program, please contact the Senior Visitors Program at 540-371-2704.

From the Heart Stitchers – Shirley Keister

This group of stitchers meets at Wegman's and other places in Fredericksburg to "produce handmade items which bring comfort, love and solace to others". However, this can be done from your home. *From the Heart* is involved in numerous projects, from making chemo hats for local cancer centers, premie baby hats for the tiniest recipients, sleeping bags and warm mitten sets for the homeless in our area. Our members range from 6 to 99 years old. Our yarn, needles and hooks are all donated, we offer to teach anyone to knit or crochet...no charge, we just ask that they make a few items for some of our causes. If interested, please check out the website <http://fromtheheartstitchers.org> or call Shirley Keister 540-548-2538 for further information.

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