



# Chapter 3396 Newsletter

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday March 6, 2012**

**When: 9:30 AM**

**Where: Chancellor's Village - Route 3 West**

**Program: Sharon Williams, Oak Hill Cemetery - The Wisdom of Before-Need Arrangements**

## **ATTENTION: INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

In the event Fredericksburg City Schools are closed or delayed in opening due to inclement weather, the AARP meeting will be cancelled!

Please read the insert in this newsletter. There is information about our April meeting when Bill Kallio will speak on Medicare; and on the reserve side, I have listed trips which are available to us. Thanks, Shirley

## **From Your President**

Well, we got our token snow storm on the 19th. Too bad the kids had that Monday off anyway. Remember that the March meeting is to be at Chancellor's Village. April's meeting will again be open to the public so invite your friends that aren't AARP members to attend and hear about the ins and outs of Medicare with Bill Kallio from the Virginia State AARP office. May is shaping up for two speakers covering Fraud in the Medicaid and Medicare systems. These will be hot topics when Congress starts to address ways to cut back spending and the causes of our high deficit.

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, your President went to Richmond along with 200+ AARP members from across the state. Some bussed in and some drove. Those driving were asked to park at the Crown Plaza and get a bus or shuttle to St. Paul's church where we enjoyed a continental breakfast. Representatives from the Virginia State AARP office briefed the attendees on the primary speaking point for the day which concerned the ability to cast a vote without a picture id from either the state DMV or an employer. We were urged to have the Senate and House bills defeated on the both floors. We were all given red scarves with AARP written on them so we could present a show of force. The attendees were divided up and assigned to advocacy personnel and staff members and left for the General Assembly. Our group was assigned to visit legislators on the eighth floor. We visited six or seven representatives or their aides and presented our cause. Some group pictures were taken with

the legislators. We left back-up materials and a copy of the AARP newspaper. At 11:30, we all adjourned back to the church and had a wonderful lunch followed by a debriefing and testimonial by some of the attendees. I headed homeward about 1:30 to reflect on the day and enjoy the sunshine.

### **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 March are as follows:

Sara Fartro (1<sup>st</sup>); Stephanie Sloan (2<sup>nd</sup>); Sally Kubarek (3<sup>rd</sup>); Sheila Alford (4<sup>th</sup>); Mary Capps & Mary Kofron (8<sup>th</sup>); Anne Bagshaw (13<sup>th</sup>); James Raughley (15<sup>th</sup>); Teresa D’Orazio (17<sup>th</sup>); Susan Trunzo (21<sup>st</sup>); Joe Sprinkle & Mary Walker (25<sup>th</sup>); and Douglas C. Holbrook & Myra Watson (31<sup>st</sup>). 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 eight. None of these will be celebrating in March. However, we’re sure there are more of you we should be recognizing, so get those cards and letters in the mail.

### **Drivers Safety Program – Shirley Keister**

#### **SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY PARKS AND REC**

(540) 507-7529 (Call To Register)

8800 Courthouse Rd Spotsylvania, VA

03/08/2012 09:00 AM 03/09/2012 09:00 AM 4 hours each day

#### **STAFFORD CO SHERIFFS DEPT PUB SAFETY BLDG**

(540) 658-4428 Call To Register

1225 Courthouse Rd Stafford, VA

03/12/2012 09:00 AM 03/13/2012 09:00 AM 4 hours each day

#### **LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONS**

(540) 972-0783 (Call To Register)

108 Fairway Dr, Locust Grove, VA

03/29/2012 09:00 AM 03/30/2012 09:00 AM 4 hours each day

### **FREE TAX PREPARATION**

**Free preparation and electronic filing of 2011 federal and state individual tax returns** is being offered until April 13 by AARP-trained volunteers. This service is available to low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those 55 and older.

Appointments for this free tax preparation can be made at the Salem Church Library, 2607 Salem Church Road. To schedule an appointment for either Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., call the library at 540-785-9267 on a Monday morning. Walk-ins will also be accommodated. And please note that you need not be a member of AARP to use this service.

For more information, call Ernie Bartholomew at 540-361-4588.

### **Mailing Labels – Shirley Keister**

Please check the “Paid thru” date on your mailing label, to see if it is correct. If not, let either Barbara Corley (540-659-2605) or myself Shirley Keister (540-548-2538) know, so we can correct it.

### **Refreshment Providers – Fran Keith**

A sign up sheet for Refreshments will be available at the General meeting. Be sure to sign up early to indicate the month you prefer to bring refreshments.

## **Membership – Barbara Corley**

A warm welcome to our new members: Audrey Harthausen, Marie Clark, Pat Blankenship and Marlene Lawson. Welcome to all!

## **Welfare - Barbara Corley**

A thinking of you card was sent to Deloris Lacy, who has been in the hospital.

## **Raffles – Barbara Corley**

50/50 was won by Barbara Gallahan. Door prize went to Mack Cline. Congratulations to both!

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT - Shirley Keister</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2012		\$1,739.25
Checkbook Balance January 18, 2012	\$1,907.25	
Receipts:		
	50/50	\$25.00
	Interest (Dec.)	\$0.02
	Dues	\$250.00
	Name Tags	\$1.00
	Community Services	\$5.00
Total Receipts	\$281.02	\$639.02
Disbursements:		
:	Copy Center Plus	\$34.00
	State Corp Comm.	\$25.00
	Membership (stamps)	\$8.80
Total Disbursements:	\$67.80	\$257.80
Checkbook Balance February 22, 2012	\$2,120.47	\$2,120.47

## **Volunteers Wanted – Denis Paddeu - RAAA**

Mobility Options, a transportation service of the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging, announces it is recruiting area residents for a new Volunteer Driver Program. In an effort to provide a broad array of transportation alternatives for persons with disabilities who live in the four county (Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, Stafford and the City) Fredericksburg area volunteers are being sought who will have the opportunity to provide much needed transportation to riders for a variety of trip destinations including medical appointments, shopping, recreational outings and social engagements.

Benefits to Volunteers: Volunteers will have personal liability and vehicle insurance provided at no cost by the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging through the State of Virginia Division of Risk Management. This insurance covers the volunteer and the vehicle while the rider is in the volunteer's car. The insurance is primary coverage and is not related in any way to insurance maintained by the vehicle owner which will be secondary. Volunteers will be paid a stipend of 25 cents per mile for miles traveled while the rider is in the volunteer's vehicle. Volunteer Driver mileage sheets, on which beginning and ending trip mileage is recorded, will be turned in on a biweekly basis for reimbursement. Flexible schedule based on the amount of time the volunteer wants to contribute to the program. Volunteer Drivers will have the knowledge that they are helping a fellow Fredericksburg area resident meet a critical need that in many cases would otherwise be unfulfilled.

How to Apply: Persons interested in becoming a volunteer driver should contact Mobility Options at 1-800-627-2892 for additional information about the program and application forms.

**Community Services – Moses Burt**

Items with an estimated value of \$87.00 were delivered to Thurman Brisben Center (the Area 16 Center for the Homeless) in January, and \$86.00 in February, 2012, with a total value to date of \$173.00.

Items with an estimated value of \$12.50 were delivered to Bragg Hill Family Life Center in January, 2012 with a total value to date of \$12.50.

We ask that each of us will donate more each month. We encourage each of us to look at things in our homes that we do not really need and to bring them to the Charitable Contributions Table at our regular monthly meetings.

We are always happy to give you a receipt when you request one.

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**FREDERICKSBURG VA 22402-3396**  
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**DATED MATERIAL**

Next General Meeting March 6, 2012  
Newsletter Deadline March 21, 2012  
Next Board Meeting March 26, 2012