



# Chapter 3396 Newsletter

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**TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED**

**June 2012**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday June 5, 2012**

**When: 9:30 AM**

**Where: Bragg Hill Family Life Center**

**Program: Patient Advocacy – Mrs. Gae Pinschmidt - Taking the “hell” out of healthcare – Addresses the needs of Hospitalization under the HOSPITALIST system**

**Notice: For the June meeting at Bragg Hill Family Life Center, we will not have coffee. Purchasing it, as we did last month, is very expensive, and it is inconvenient to transport the coffee pot, etc. We will however, have a couple different juices and water. If you absolutely have to have coffee, then it is up to you to bring your own! Sorry for any inconvenience! Since our meetings will be moved around quite a bit for the remainder of the year, this may not be the only time we have to do this. If any one knows of a place we might be able to meet on a monthly basis, please let an officer or Board Member know (phone numbers are on the sidebar).**

**From Your President**

The Summer is upon us and everyone is getting busy doing yard work or taking vacations. We look forward to our annual picnic next month and cooking a meal for the Brisben Shelter at the end of August. Our website is up and running so take a look at it and give us your comments both good and bad so we can make improvements to it. I apologize that we haven't been able to get any trips with Chancellor's Village yet but we are trying to find interesting places to visit that are within one hours drive and don't cost a lot to enter. Plus there has to be a good restaurant somewhere along the route for lunch. We will keep looking

for interesting places we can go. As the Fall approaches our members need to give serious consideration to who will run the chapter in 2013. Most of the officers have been in office for three years now and some fresh blood and ideas would be welcomed. Please consider volunteering to be an officer or a board member next year. If you have heard of a person that you think would be a good guest speaker on a topic that is pertinent to our cause and mission. then contact our program chairwomen and give her the contact information. Please keep supporting our designated charities and remember to write down the estimated value of your donation where indicated. We also need helpers for the coffee setup and donations for goodies at the meetings. Help keep our chapter strong and attractive to seniors in our area.

### **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 June are as follows: Ruth Boteler & Rose Wesson (3<sup>rd</sup>); Kirkwood Ferguson & Anne Lee (4<sup>th</sup>); Mary Haines, Paul Scott (8<sup>th</sup>); Jane Raehn (10<sup>th</sup>); Ann Weins (12<sup>th</sup>); Janet Kimbrell (16<sup>th</sup>); Christina McIntosh (19<sup>th</sup>); Mary Baffo (22<sup>nd</sup>); and Janice Davies (27<sup>th</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 ten. Three of these couples will be celebrating in June – Mickey & Kay Collis, their 56<sup>th</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; Fred & Lynn Weaver, their 50<sup>th</sup> on the 5<sup>th</sup>; and Joe & Ann Weins, their 62<sup>nd</sup> on the 17<sup>th</sup>. All the best wishes to these three couples. We’re sure there are more of you we should be recognizing, so get those cards and letters in the mail

### **Food Donations – Don Colt**

Hey, there, food shoppers! If you shop at 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?

### **MEETINGS AND LOCATIONS – Shirley Keister**

As mentioned earlier, our meeting place will be changing (almost monthly) over the rest of this year. **As of today**, the following places have been reserved:

June 5 – Bragg Hill Family Life Center

July 3 – Cosner Park off Lafayette Blvd

August 7 and September 4 – Dorothy Hart Community Center

October 2 and November 6 – Chancellor’s Village

December 4 – Fredericksburg Country Club

**These locations could change!** Please read your newsletter each month to see where the meeting will be held. If you don’t get your newsletter, please call one of the Board Members (phone numbers are listed on the first page of every newsletter).

### **AARP MEETING NOTICES – Shirley Keister**

On March 15, the **Free Lance-Star** published a new section of the newspaper titled “Live Well”. This section will appear on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, and is for news, notices, articles, etc. pertaining to the Senior population of the Fredericksburg area. In the past, our AARP meeting notice has appeared in the Community Briefs section in the Sunday edition before our meeting on Tuesday. Beginning with our May 1 meeting, this notice will appear in the Live Well section under the Leisure Activities column on the third Thursday edition of the Free Lance-Star. Please look in this section of the paper for our notices.

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

Those signed up for refreshments for the June meeting are: Mary Baffo, Elsa Colt, Janice Dickerson and Margaret Watkins. If you haven’t signed up to bring refreshments during the rest of the year, remember the sign up sheet will be at the General Meeting.

### **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.

### **Membership – Barbara Corley**

Two new members joined at the last meeting. They are Joan Westheiden and Bob Pfile. Welcome to both!

### **Welfare – Barbara Corley**

Sympathy card was sent to Stephanie Sloan, who lost her brother. A get-well card was sent to Estelle Cline, who fell and broke her hip.

**Raffles – Barbara Corley**

50/50 was won by Don Colt. Door prize went to Danny Baffo

**Drivers Safety Program – Shirley Keister**

There is only one Driver Safety Program scheduled in June: Stafford County Sheriff's Dept 1225 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554-7108 Call 540-658-4428 to Register Class Days 6/21/2012 – 6/22/2012 4 hours each day beginning at 9 AM

There is an Online Course which costs \$15.95 and is an 8 hour course, and you can work on it at your leisure. If you have any questions about this course, talk to Don and Elsa Colt. They have taken the course online and highly recommend it. For further information, go to [www.aarp.org/drivesafe3](http://www.aarp.org/drivesafe3)

<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 April 18, 2012		\$2,355.01	
Receipts:			
	Comm. Services	\$11.00	
	Interest (Apr.)	\$0.02	
	Dues	\$20.00	
	50/50	\$25.00	
	Refreshments	\$14.50	
Total Receipts		\$70.52	\$1,024.08
Disbursements:			
	Treas. Spotsy County	\$40.00	
	Web site (Sally)	\$144.40	
:	Copy Center Plus	\$42.00	
	Coffee (Evadine)	\$60.34	
	Bulk Mail	\$200.00	
	Alzheimers	\$500.00	
Total Disbursements:		\$986.74	\$1,324.54
Checkbook Balance May 23, 2012		\$1,438.79	\$1,438.79

**Summer Picnic – Shirley Keister**

Remember our Summer Picnic this year will be on July 3 at Cosner Park (directions follow) at 11:30 AM. Attendance will be limited to Chapter members and guests, **50 years of age or older**. There will be a \$3 charge for non-members. The chapter will provide fried chicken, soft drinks, lemonade and tea. Bring a dish to serve six: vegetable, salad or dessert. More in July newsletter. Please do not come before 11:30. Since we are not at the Community Center, we will have to do all the setting up and taking down ourselves, and we just will not have room for early arrivals. **NOTICE: We need several big, strong men to help us set-up and take-down the tables and chairs. Please let one of the officers know if you can help us. With out some help, we cannot have a picnic.**

**July Picnic at Cosner's Park – directions – Kathy Corley**

Go like you are going to the Fredericksburg Country Club on Rt 2 (Tidewater Trail). Go past the Food Lion Shopping Center, through the Benchmark traffic light and just past the Tidewater Trail Market (on your left). Just past the market there is a left turn lane. This lane takes you to the left turn to

Cosner's Park. There is a street sign saying "Cosner Park". After turning left, keep on this road until the end. On the left is the building where we will be. See you there.

**July Picnic Raffle - Kathy Corley**

As we did at the December Holiday Luncheon, we will have a raffle. The items being raffled are new or slightly used items. If you have anything for the raffle, please bring it to the June meeting at Bragg Hill Family Life Center. I will set the cost of the raffle tickets after I determine how many items we will have to raffle. If we have quite a few, the cost will be 7 tickets for \$5. If not they may be \$1 per ticket.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Moses Burt**

Annual day of Service - Samuel R. Whitehurst, a member of our Community Services Committee, is Coordinator of the Food Services Activities for this Chapter. The Committee is planning the Chapter's "Annual Day of Service" for Saturday morning, August, 4, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. till 12:00 Noon. Volunteers should call Sam Whitehurst for more information at 540.582.3793. Activities will be performed at the Food Services Center.

Delivery to Selected Charities - Goods were delivered in May with a value of \$34.00 to Thurman Brisben Center, bringing the total value of goods delivered to date to \$340.75.

Bragg Hill Family Life Center received items valued at \$89.00, increasing the value of goods delivered to date to \$145.00.

**OUR NEW WEBSITE – Shirley Keister**

Have you seen our new website? Sally Cooney Anderson is our webmaster, and she has done a great job! The newsletters will be on the website shortly after they are mailed. Check it out at [www.AARP3396.org](http://www.AARP3396.org)

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**DATED MATERIAL**

Next General Meeting June 5, 2012  
Newsletter Deadline June 20, 2012  
Next Board Meeting June 25, 2012