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TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED

November 2013

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 5, 2013

When: 9:30 AM

Where: Chancellor's Village, Route 3 West

Program: "Home Fit" James Brooks AARP – VA Office

From Your President

Fall has finally arrived in the Burg! Since the last newsletter I have taken a four day bus tour to Southwest Virginia with 46 of my friends to visit the home of bluegrass music. The tour was called the "Crooked Road" tour. We had Virginia stops in Rocky Mount, Abingdon, Floyd, Breaks and also Bristol Tennessee. Learned a lot about the origin of bluegrass music and the flatfoot and two-step dancing that goes along with it. I highly recommend this tour if you like bluegrass. We have a slate of volunteers for all but the Parliamentarian for next year. The election will be this month and the installation at our luncheon in December. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee and to the chapter members that came forward to volunteer to help lead our chapter in 2014.

Our annual river cruise was great but we will explore some different cruise venues for next year as most who went this year can repeat the captain's tour presentation verbatim. Remember to let the newsletter editor (Shirley) or membership chair (Steve) know how you want to receive your newsletter in 2014. If by mail then you must pay the \$12 dues plus \$6 for newsletter postage when you renew your membership. Also, don't forget to bring your name badges with you to the meetings next year. It helps other members to get to know you. Thanks to the state AARP office for the refreshments and the presentation on "Home Fit."

Birthday/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" at our general meetings. Members celebrating their birthdays in November are as follows:

Dan Henderson (7th); Joyce Cronk & Janet Robertson (8th); Dorothy Dinnauer (10th); Donna Corbin (16th); Curt Wehrmann (20th); Ron Cullen (21st); Marylou Crooks (22nd); Fran Keith (25th); Lillian Sullivan (26th); and Steve Scheibe (27th).

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. One of these couples -- Samuel & Cherry Whitehurst -- will be

celebrating their 52nd on November 5. 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.

*****Anniversaries Less Than 50 Years – Something New – Don Colt*****

It has been suggested that we begin recognizing all wedding anniversaries – not just those of 50 years or more. So if you wish to be recognized in our monthly newsletter please e-mail me at dgc1306k@cox.net. To date, I have only received input from two members.

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?

"Don's Corner" – A New Feature Appearing on our Website (www.aarp3396.org)– Don Colt

Our Webmaster, Sally Cooney Anderson, has added a new feature to our Website – "Don's Corner" containing the joke(s) told at the most-recent general meeting(s). This will provide members who were unable to attend these meetings the opportunity to "hear" the funny stories for themselves.

Riverboat Trip Luncheon Cruise October 8 -- Don Colt

Sandwiched between two weather systems, 25 Chapter members, along with a couple of their friends, took a luncheon cruise down the Rappahannock aboard the "City of Fredericksburg" paddewheeler on Tuesday, October 8. The day was cool, partly sunny and breezy – but no rain. The last part of the cruise provided several attendees the opportunity to show off their dancing chops.

Annual Luncheon – Tuesday, December 3, 2013 – Don Colt

Mark your calendars now. We have once again scheduled our Annual Luncheon at the Fredericksburg Country Club – thanks to the continued sponsorship of Jack Farrington of Merrill-Lynch.

Entertainment will be provided by the Voices of the POPS singing group under the direction of Mandy Carr. A sign-up sheet was available at the October General Meeting and 25 members have signed up so far. Chapter members will have the opportunity to sign up through November 15 with payment due by that time. Cost for this gala affair will be \$30. (Due to a commitment we need to make with the Country Club, we will be unable to issue refunds after that date.)

The menu will feature Orange Roughy and Roast Beef with all the trimmings – plus salad, dessert and coffee/tea. The doors to the dining room will open at 11:30, with lunch served soon after. Additional information may be obtained by calling either Shirley Keister or myself.

Refreshment Providers – Fran Keith

Our November meeting will be held at Chancellor's Village, Route 3 West! They will provide the coffee and orange juice, and AARP-VA will provide the "goodies".

Drivers Safety Program – Shirley Keister

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(540) 208-1914 (Call to Register)

110 SWEETBRIAR PARK ROAD, LOCUST GROVE, VA 22508-5441

10/31/2013 09:00 AM & 11/01/2013 09:00 AM (4 hours each day)

Mail check payable to AARP to Instructor Sue Bielmeier, 1310 Eastover Pkwy, Locust Grove, VA 22508

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(540) 507-7533 (Call to Register)

8800 COURTHOUSE RD, SPOTSYLVANIA, VA 22553-2514

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1225 COURTHOUSE RD STAFFORD, VA 22554-7108

12/12/2013 09:00 AM & 12/13/2013 09:00 AM (4 hours each day)

TRIPS

For further information on these trips, call King George Parks & Rec. Janine Paulsen 540-775-4FUN

Orlando, FL Nov 10-16 7 Days/6 Nights \$589pp/ Double (add \$189 single)

Christmas Time In New York City Dec. 11th and 12th

\$339 per person double occupancy 2 Days & 1 Night

Includes Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes

Wheeling - Greenbrier West Va Dec 3 - 5th

\$345 per person double occupancy - 2 Dinners , 2 Breakfast - Historic Hotel Tour w/ lunch at the hotel - Casino Club \$20 free play - Culinary demo - Oglebay Park Festival of Lights.

MORE TRIPS:

If you are interested in any of the following trips, please call the Travel Office at Fredericksburg Senior Center 371.2429 Monday, Wednesday or Friday

Les Miserables, Riverside Dinner Theatre November 6 \$57 all inclusive. Need payment for this event ASAP.

Hollywood Casino, Charlestown, WV November 7 \$35 Depart 8:30 AM Return 5:30 PM Player's card number needed at sign up

Moses (Premiere season) Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA March 12, 2014 Cost \$101.00

Savannah, GA/Charleston, SC May 13-16, 2014 Cost: \$449 Double \$468 Single

Mackinac Island, Michigan June 8-14, 2014 Cost \$599 Double \$799 Single

MEMBERSHIP: Kathy Corley

We have a new member who signed up at the October meeting. A wonderful heartfelt welcome goes to Richard Bradley, our newest AARP Chapter 3396 member.

RAFFLES: Kathy Corley

Congratulations to Alberta Schlesinger for winning the 50/50 and to Betty Lou Bailey for winning the door prize.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Shirley Keister	Current	Year
	Month	to Date
Beginning Balance January 1, 2013		\$1,937.23
Checkbook Balance September 26, 2013	\$4029.57	
Receipts:		
	50/50	\$32.00
	Donations	\$11.00
	Refreshments	\$12.00
	Newsletter Postage	\$18.00
	Dues	\$3.00
	Annual Luncheon	\$240.00
	Riverboat	\$330.00
Total Receipts:	\$646.00	\$3,957.74
Disbursements:		
	Alzheimers	\$412.00
	Refund E. Grigg	\$30.00
	Riverboat (Dep & Pymt)	\$675.00
	Copy Center Plus (Oct)	\$34.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,151.00	\$2,370.40
Checkbook Balance October 28, 2013	\$3,524.57	\$3,524.57

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Next General Meeting: November 5, 2013
Newsletter Deadline: November 20, 2013
Next Board Meeting: November 25, 2013

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.