

AARP Blacksburg Chapter 2613  
Board Meeting  
March 1, 2016

**In Attendance:** Don Creamer, Pat Ballard, Sally Anna Stapleton, Violet Drake, Wendy Baldwin, Thais Beams, Joy Herbert, Tom Alston, Val Coluni, Peter Magolda, June Schmidt.

**Call To Order** 10:03AM

**General Announcements:** Don Creamer addressed the email issue; asked if all board members were receiving the emails he was sending out from 'Blacksburg Chapter'. Several members were not receiving those emails or they were ending up in their spam folders. Don stated that everyone needed to add [aarpblacksburg@gmail.com](mailto:aarpblacksburg@gmail.com) to their email address book so that these emails will be delivered to their primary email.

**Approval of February Board Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed; minor changes were made. Wendy Baldwin made a motion to accept, Violet Drake seconded the motion.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Pat Ballard reviewed the monthly treasurer report. Pat stated that we have received \$705.00 more in chapter donations and an additional \$600.00 for the Health Fair. Thais Beams moved to accept the report, Wendy Baldwin seconded. Pat also stated that she would be out of town and needed someone to pick up the chapter mail and get the health fair checks to one of the health committee members. Sally Anna Stapleton volunteered to do that.

**Old and New Business**

**Membership non-renewals & newsletters:** A discussion surrounding the memberships that have not been renewed for 2016 was held. Pat Ballard suggested that a letter should be sent to each of the 36 members asking them to let the chapter know if they will remain members or if we should remove them from our membership listing. Tom Alston will compose the letter.

**Revisit Membership in DBI:** Don Creamer asked the board to revisit the decision of joining Downtown Blacksburg Incorporated, after questions and answers from board members the motion was made by Pat Ballard to pay the \$50.00 fee and join. Thais Beams seconded the motion.

**Donation to Leading Lights?:** Don Creamer announced the Leading Lights organization has asked our chapter for a donation. Through discussion of the board we decided we would give a donation of \$250.00, the motion was made by Pat Ballard and seconded by Sally Anna Stapleton. The Leading Lights awards presentation is April 14,

Ben Crawford has been nominated by the Awards Committee and the Board. The committee will let Don Creamer know who will accompany Ben and his wife.

**Publicity for Thomas event:** Everyone that would like to attend the Dr. Bill Thomas Event being held on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00AM needs to register as soon as possible. Currently out of the 300 seats available over half have already been taken by registrants. Don also stated that there will be a luncheon held after the event for certain invited guests, Jim Dau, State Director will be in attendance.

**Chapter Advisory Team application:** Don Creamer stated that National AARP has created a *Chapter Advisory Team* and Don has been asked to apply for a position on that team to represent the SW Virginia area. There will be a conference call on March 8, Don said he will have more information after that call.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans:** Thais Beams is the chairman of the Hospitality Committee and has been working on the plans for this event. Don Creamer stated that he would like this to be a great event and that Thais should do what she needs to do to make this happen and keep Don advised as plans continue.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary celebration will be held as our June picnic. The picnic will be held on June 24, beginning at 4:00PM at the farm of Terry Wildman. Terry has 13 acres with plenty area for parking, picnicking, good walking trails and just enjoying each other and the great outdoors. The chapter will rent a tent, tables & chairs. There was discussion about food, suggestion was made to get BBQ from Due South. Tom Alston said he would donate subs from Jimmy Johns. Chapter members would be asked to bring side dishes, salads, deserts and BYOB. The board discussed entertainment. Wendy Baldwin said she would ask if the Pam Jammers would be available to play. Nola Elliott had told Thais she knew a singer that might be available. We discussed who should be invited and decided that we'd invite the Mayor of Blacksburg and ask him to declare the day as "Blacksburg AARP Chapter Day". We'd also invite the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors and ask someone from the local paper. We decided not to invite any political representatives.

Thais asked for volunteers to help her with the planning. She said that Nola Elliott had been very generous with her time so far in the planning.

**April Member Meeting:** Originally the Dr. Bill Thomas event was going to be the chapters April program, but certain members felt that we should still have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday program as scheduled, the board agreed. Don said he would get with Terry Wildman to set up a program for April.

## **Committee Reports**

**Chapter/LLI Partnership:** Don Creamer stated that Brian Jacks would be doing a class for LLI on "Life Reimagined". More details to come.

**Health Fair:** Wendy Baldwin said that this committee will be participating in the April 9, Woman Resource Health Fair being held at the Mall. On February 25, this committee had an AARP table at the Radford U. Health Fair held at the CRC, this gave them a chance to talk to vendors and sign vendors up for our September Fair.

**Legislative:** Val Coluni presented the Legislative Report. There was a big win for Financial Exploitation and a big lose for Registered Nurses. The five items currently on the Legislative priorities are: Financial Exploitation, Catawba Hospital, State Pipeline Surveying Law, Registered Nurses and State Ombudsman Program. For more information, please go to the chapter website for complete report.

**Newsletter:** April newsletter deadline is March 20. Carolyn will be out of town after that.

**VTRA Liaison:** June Schmidt said that they are currently holding tours of certain sites of VT campus, for more information on the tours contact Alice Snider 818-6995.

**Adjournment:** 11:54AM

Minutes submitted by Sally Anna Stapleton, March 3, 2016.