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Blacksburg, VA 24060

AARP Chapter Meeting
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Blacksburg Community Center
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**December 2, 1997 - AARP Christmas Luncheon
Custom Catering - 12:00 Noon**

The Christmas luncheon will be December 2, 1997 at Custom Catering located on Patrick Henry Drive. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 Noon. We have contacted the leader of the Madrigal Singers from Blacksburg High School for our entertainment. We hope they will be able to sing for us. If not, other suitable entertainment will be provided.

Reservations and check are to be sent to:

Ms. Wilda Siburt
518 Seminole Drive
Blacksburg, VA 24060-7800
by **November 25, 1997**

The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 per person. Make your check payable to AARP-Blacksburg Chapter. We're sorry, but no refunds can be made after the reservation number is given to Custom Catering - AARP must pay. Please do not call Custom Catering relative to this event - call Ms. Wilda Siburt. Her telephone number is 951-1358. Please mail your check to Wilda or give it to her at the November 18th meeting - don't wait until you arrive to pay.

No Board Meeting in December

The next meeting of the officers and Directors of AARP will be January 6, 1998 at the Blacksburg Baptist Church at 9:30 AM.

Legislative Forum

You are invited to attend a Legislative Forum provided by the AARP Virginia State Legislative Committee. Come and meet your State President, Charles Bittenbring and James Ramborger, SLC Chair.

Presentations will include information about Electric Utility Deregulation (a representative from Virginia Power will speak); Managed Health Care and Long-Term Care. All will be important issues before the 1998 General Assembly.

Come and hear presentations about our legislative program in 1998 and learn what you can do to impact issues that affect you.

When: Monday, November 24, 1997

Where: VFW Center, High Street
Christiansburg, VA

Time: 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Lunch will be served

For Information contact: Evelyn Miles,
AARP District Coordinator at 382-9346.

Use Caution and Good Reasoning An offer that sounds too good to be true probably is

It was recently reported that telemarketing fraud has become a \$40 billion criminal enterprise nationwide, preying particularly on the elderly.

An estimated 18 million telephone solicitations are made every day. I have received solicitations - I feel sure you have also received solicitations. It is estimated that 10% of these solicitations are fraudulent.

The AARP, the Federal Trade Commission, the Postal Inspection Service, and the National Association of Attorneys General have joined forces in a new campaign to reduce mail and telephone fraud. A major article is in the November, 1997 AARP Bulletin. Please take time to read it carefully.

Officials say that phony sweepstakes probably are the most common type of fraud. Be sure you understand your probability of receiving something of REAL value before sending part or all of your life's savings to someone you know little or nothing about.

Consider the following suggestions when responding to solicitations:

- 1) If a seller insists you make a decision right away, hang up.
- 2) Ask people who call on behalf of charitable organizations how much money will go to the charity, whether they will send you information about the charity and whether the charity is registered.
- 3) Ask whether you can think about your decision before committing to a purchase or contribution.
- 4) If you don't want a seller to call back, say so. If they call back, they are breaking the law.