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# NEWSLETTER

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John G. Palmer, Editor

Chapter 2613

The sentence just above points to an unusual beginning for our 1994 newsletter volume, i.e. a date of February 15 for issue number one. Several events produced this anomaly: (1) Janice and I had planned to spend our first winter holidays since 1982 with our children and grandchildren in Wisconsin and we did; (2) in early January both of us got "flu" as well as bitter cold, snow, and ice; (3) the flu and warnings against travel in the upper midwest delayed return; and then (6) we couldn't seem to catch two consecutive days (the first with no precipitation there and a second with none in Kentucky, West Virginia, and western Virginia). So we were *not here to prepare a January issue*. We finally got home through blizzard in Illinois, storm-threatening skies in Kentucky, and just cold through the rest of the way. We arrived in B'burg on January 12; and very promptly cold, snow, and ice eliminated the January regular meeting anyway! All this winter weather reminded me of a pome written by an "old" friend (see Page 4). He denies any plagiarism but does ask pardon from Edgar A. Poe.

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However, ON TO our PROGRAMS in the new year, our NEW LEADER, our OTHER NEW OFFICERS, AND our NEW CONTRIBUTIONS to chapter, friends, and community.

February 1 - 28      Black History Month

February 14      *The good news is now today = VALENTINE'S DAY.*

FEBRUARY 15      The MONTHLY MEETING AND ANNUAL DUES collection on this SHROVE TUESDAY.

Some bad news is that April and taxes approach. Some good news is that *Helen Wells*, Chair of our new Program Committee, and *Jim (The Shorter) Moore*, Chair of our 1993 Committee of the same name, have arranged a pertinent program. INCOME TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS will present useful information and will be presented by JIM COSTNER, an AARP specialist from the Roanoke chapter. The information has been prepared especially for AARP members - - us!



*Some additional bad news is that 1994 chapter #2613 dues are due: some additional good news is that you'll be able to pay the \$4.00 chapter dues to Lenna Moore, Charlotte Beamer, or Jim Roberts, who are members of our 1994 Membership Committee. If you*

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forget to bring cash or check and a listing of your current name, address, and telephone number. These are necessary to keep our mailing labels up-to-date. The Post Office may refuse to deliver incorrectly addressed mail that is not first-class. Should you forget to bring dues and info to the meeting, please use the envelope attached on this page mail your dues to Lenna Moore, who'll probably shoot me for making her the recipient. See you at the meeting!

February 16

Ash Wednesday.

February 21

Presidents' Day (usually between Abraham Lincoln's and George Washington's birthdays.

March 1

Monthly board meeting of Chapter #2613.

March 1 through 31

National Women's History Month.

March 11 & 12

BLACKSBURG HOMESHOWw at our meeting place, the Community Center on Patrick Henry Drive.

March 15

Two monumental programs for seniors will be presented in the Community Center. At 10:00 AM, the first will be a program cooperative among our chapter; Virginia Tech's retiree organization, New Dimensions; and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (Many of us belong to at least two of these seniors' organizations, e.g. I belong to AARP and NARFE.) From Richmond, Betty Blakemore, State Director of Consumer Services, will discuss FRAUD AGAINST SENIORS, a problem of increasing importance.

At 12 Noon, another topic of great importance to us, HOME HEALTH CARE, will be presented by Nancy Root of Home Health Care, Inc.

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\* CHAPTER #2613 DUES NOTICE AND REMITTANCE \*

\*\* January through December, 1994 \*\*

1993 chapter dues are \$4.00 per person. Make check payable to "AARP."

Your NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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Torchy Walrath, Legislative Chair, notes a national AARP report that long-term care will be dropped from the proposed federal healthcare reform package unless there is strong support from us. Letters to our Representative, Frederick C. Boucher 428 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515, (202) 225-3861 or to his local office at 188 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210 (703) 628-1145, and to our Senators, John W. Warner, 421 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510, (202) 224-2023 & Charles Robb, 493 Russell Senate Office Bld., Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-4024

*\* ONE OF MANY WINTER DAYS IN JANUARY \**  
by A. Nonny Mousse

Once upon a morn with snowing,  
I stepped outside and felt wind blowing.  
Then I shivered, coughing wheezing,  
And wondered if both lungs were freezing.

Watched a car with drive-wheels spinning;  
Wished the driver a new beginning.  
Then I slipped and fell right down  
But couldn't even hit the ground.

While looking for a large snow shovel  
That hopefully leaned upon our hovel,  
Looked up and saw a zero reading,  
Something else I wasn't needing!

Now in the holidays just passed,  
Indeed such weather had amassed.  
But this is not a Wisconsin story;  
This relates some Blacksburg glory!

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AARP CHAPTER MEETING  
Tuesday, November 16, 1993  
Blacksburg Community Center  
11:30 AM = Lunch & Conversation