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AARP Chapter Meeting  
Tuesday, February 18, 1997  
at Blacksburg Community Center  
11:30 AM (Bring your own lunch)

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## Report from Dan Fleming, Chair, Legislative Committee

Older Virginian's Day at the General Assembly sponsored by the Virginia State Legislative Committee of AARP in cooperation with the Governor's Advisory Board of Aging was held in Richmond on January 21. The site was the historic St. Paul's Episcopal located a stone's throw from the state capitol. Over 700 enthusiastic AARP members from all parts of Virginia were in attendance and after a continental breakfast, they listened to remarks by Delegates Vance Wilkins and Frank Hall and the keynote address by Robert C. Metcalf, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. After the meeting, AARP members independently went to the nearby Legislative Building to meet with their respective delegates and senators to discuss issues of particular interest.

One pending bill given special attention by Delegate Hall was his proposal to provide a \$500 tax credit to caregivers of the disabled in their homes. Other legislative issues of interest dealt with increasing funding for unmet nutritional needs of the elderly with disabilities and the enactment of legislative standards that would provide essential protections to individuals enrolled in managed care programs.

At an evening meeting, the Virginia State Legislative Committee made an award to Senator Stanley C. Walker of Norfolk for his outstanding contributions and years of service to advancing the goals of the AARP in Virginia. Senator Walker expressed his strong desires to improve the health care of all Virginians and pledged to improve the delivery of services through the various agencies of the state that are now providing such services.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Louise Russell and Clara Jane Billig planned and presented a most appropriate and inspiring memorial service for our deceased members. Thank you very much.

## RESULTS OF THE SURVEY COMPLETED JANUARY, 1997

A great, big "thank you" to all who completed the survey. The results will help the program committee select and plan programs for 1997 which reflect your wishes. The responses have been tabulated and are enclosed with this mailing.

## FUND DRIVE UPDATE

The names of individuals contributing to the fund drive for the public address system were listed in the June 1996 AARP Newsletter and five names were added to the list as noted in the October 1996 AARP Newsletter. The following names were not included in either of the newsletters:

### **George and Ann Gray**

If the names of other contributors have been omitted, please accept an apology from the Ways and Means Committee and notify Dale Oliver (552-1951) of the omission.

## 1997 BLACKSBURG AARP CHAPTER #2613 DUES

More than 80 members have paid their dues for 1997. Enclosed with this mailing is an invoice for the 1997 dues. If you have already paid your dues please disregard this invoice. It is not necessary for you to return it to our membership committee. If you have not paid your dues, please send your check for \$5.00 payable to Blacksburg AARP, to Bob and Barbara Blanton, 806 Allendale Court, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

## FEBRUARY 18, 1997

The February meeting will be held at the Blacksburg Community Center at 11:30 AM. Ms. Joy Herbert will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be "Blacksburg Senior Center Activities".

## COMMITTEE ON CARING-CHAIR, CLARA JANE BILLIG (552-3095)

The members of this committee are anxious to assist members who are sick, those who have lost loved ones through death, those who need assistance with shopping or getting medical care, etc. Get well and sympathy cards are sent as appropriate. Telephone calls and visits are also made. Please call Jane when you learn of a need in these areas.

**Results of the Blacksburg Chapter AARP  
Interest Survey  
January, 1997**

1. Would you prefer your programs to be (Please check one)

- 1 all entertaining programs?
- 3 all educational (informative) programs?
- 35 a mixture of entertaining/educational (informative) programs?
- Other?

2. Which of the following topics are you interested in having a program?

- 9 Economic concerns
- 11 Political (Legislative)
- 22 Local Community Topics
- 6 Estate Planning
- 4 Personal Money Management
- 6 Living Better on Less
- 17 Tomorrow Choices
  - 10 Legal
  - 14 Health
  - 9 Financial
  - 3 Living Arrangements
  - 1 Nutrition
- 1 Adjustment to Living Alone
- 14 Blacksburg's Bicentennial Plans
- 23 Elderhostel Programs
- 17 Senior Center Activities
- Other

3. Would you like to present or be responsible for presenting a program? If yes, what topic?

Yes - Several volunteered to present a program

4. Would you like for us to continue having the soup, salad, and sandwich program at Custom Catering once each year?

30 Yes      5 No

If yes, more than once each year?

10 Yes      10 No

5. Would you like for us to continue having the December Christmas banquet or would you prefer a Christmas luncheon?

15 Prefer Christmas banquet

17 Prefer Christmas luncheon

6. Other suggestions or comments: Either 1; Neither 1

**Invoice for 1997 Blacksburg AARP  
Chapter #2613 Dues**

**To:** Members who have not paid their dues for 1997

**Amount:** \$5.00 per member

**Make your check payable to Blacksburg AARP**

**Send To:**

**Bob and Barbara Blanton  
806 Allendale Court  
Blacksburg, VA 24060**

**Indicate on your check "dues for 1997".  
Include your current address and telephone number  
if this information is not on your check.**