



# BLACKSBURG NEWS

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## AARP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

12 Noon, December 4, 2001 at the Red Lion Inn

Members of the Blacksburg Community Band will entertain us.

The 2002 officers will be installed.

\$10 per person (includes tax and tip)

Reservations required by noon on NOVEMBER 30

Send your check to:

Carrie Coil

1404 Hillcrest Dr.

Blacksburg, VA 24060

552-4530

(Or pay Carrie in person at the membership meeting on November 20)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Darrel Clowes

November brought beautiful Fall weather, a gradual return to normalcy after September 11, and a thunderous end to Blacksburg dreams of a Rose Bowl bound football team. Now even the Motor City Bowl sounds like a reach, but the clouds really are clear, the sun is bright, and we continue in the grips of an extended Indian Summer. On these notes we held our final Board meeting of 2001. Like its predecessors it was a well-attended and lively meeting. We really are blessed when seventeen of the twenty people on the board attend a meeting when the weather is fine and the usual demands of our busy life compete for our time. Yet that was our attendance at this meeting and that has been the pattern throughout the year. You have been well represented and served by those you elected to represent you in this organization.

Our financial and membership status appear solid. We entered the year with a \$550+ CD in reserve and about \$670 in our bank account. We appear on target with our budget and should end the year with a \$600+ CD in reserve and about \$700 in our bank account. Membership is above 200 and appears stable. Our ongoing activities include selecting recipient(s) of the chapter awards for recognition at our December meeting and, under

June Schmidt's leadership, planning and participating in the December 8th Volunteer Recognition Celebration. A new activity was added at the last minute. The Town of Blacksburg is sponsoring the Blacksburg 2001 Holiday Parade and has asked our chapter to participate. After discussion and some unseemly remarks, we decided a buggy could best represent us with a group of "que-tips" as passengers. Don Elson will provide and drive his Model A Ford, the "que-tips" selected by acclamation will be Charlotte Beamer and Carrie Coil for the distaff side and Darrel Clowes and Don Elson for the males. So at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 30 watch for the streaking AARP Model A with a dazzling display of white hair and elderly dignity.

In preparation for next year, several activities are under discussion. A Ways and Means Committee was reestablished as a standing committee of the Board to plan fund raising activities. Louis Barnett, Darrel Clowes and Jim Moore will undertake this onerous task. The Project Planning Committee under Ben Crawford has proposed a number of activities; some would be in conjunction with the state AARP and supported financially by them; others would be our own activities done for our

membership. In addition, we are discussing purchasing a block of tickets for a women's basketball game as an AARP activity. Frank Lou is developing a tri-fold on the Blacksburg AARP for use in recruitment of new members and as a PR activity. It appears there is a lot of momentum going into next year and a very positive tone.

At our November meeting we will be voting on the members to head up our activities for 2002, and at our Christmas Luncheon in December we will install those new representatives and embark on the next year in our Chapter's history. For me this has been a fun year. Working with bright and supportive people is a pleasure. I look forward to next year and new leadership but the continuing pleasure of working with the membership of the Chapter and of our special community.

### FUTURE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

The November meeting will be held at the Blacksburg Community Center on **November 20**. Be sure to make a special effort to attend and remember to bring your lunch. **We begin eating lunch at 11:30 a.m. with the program following at noon.**

**November 20 – “Holistic Medicine”**  
Dr. Linda Cheek,

**December 4 -- Christmas Luncheon** at the Red Lion Inn

**January 15 -- “Birds of Costa Rica”**  
Dr. Jerry Via  
College of Arts and Sciences

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dan Fleming

The nominating committee composed of Bill Keeney, Mary Ellen Moore, Ruby Murley, June Schmidt and Dan Fleming submitted the following names to the Board of Directors for the elective offices during the year 2002. The election will occur at the regular membership meeting on November 20, 2001. Nominations were called for from the floor at the regular membership meeting on October 16, 2001 – no additional nominations were made. No nominations will be accepted at the November meeting. The nominations are:

President	Ben Crawford
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres	Patrick Palmer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres	Lewis Barnett
Secretary	Phyllis Talley
Treasurer	Ralph Cecchini
Assoc. Treas.	Ray Murley
Board of Directors: Class of 2004	Shirley Strother Paul Smeal Dan Fleming Jim Moore
Registered Agent Nominating Committee: Class of 2003	Darrel Clowes Lula Roberts Vincent Talley

### CHAPTER AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Dan Fleming

The Blacksburg Chapter of AARP will again make two awards this fall. The first, the **Community Spirit Award**, will go to a person in the Blacksburg community that best exemplifies the goals of AARP through volunteer activities at the national, state, or local level. Such activities should better the lives of older Americans. However, additional volunteer efforts related to other age groups will also receive consideration. Last year's winner was Bob Blanton.

The second award, the **Chapter Service Award**, will go to a member of the Blacksburg AARP chapter for the member's activities in AARP, whether at the national, state, or local level. Last year's winner was Ray Murley.

The awardees have been selected and will be presented at the Christmas Luncheon on December 4th.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

**Dues for 2002 are now being accepted. For couples, the dues are \$10 and \$6 for a single membership.**

We now have 200 paid members. There are 27 who were members in 2000 that have not paid their 2001 dues.

Ben Crawford is our current Membership Chair. If you have friends who should be members, please bring them to the next meeting and encourage

them to join. Dues can be paid at the meeting or sent to Ben. His address follows:

**Ben Crawford**  
**200 Cork Street**  
**Blacksburg, VA 24060**

Our new membership chair will be Patrick Palmer after he is installed at the Christmas Luncheon. Dues should be sent to him after December 4. Patrick's address is:

**Patrick Palmer**  
**2003 Scott Dr**  
**Blacksburg, VA 24060**

Have I paid my dues? Check the mail label on your Newsletter. "2002" will appear on the label after you pay your dues for 2002.

Those of you who are 90 years old and older do not pay dues. Your label should read "Life Member." The current membership list has the following members that are 90 years of age or older:

Edna Amos	Alice Dewitt
Fay Hoy	James McCann
Edward Mundie	Beverly Printz
Nelle Trent	Lottie Trimm

Please tell Ben or Don Elson if you have any correction to make to this list.

## **TECHNOLOGY FOR ACTIVE SENIORS**

Frank Lau

On December 17th, Gateway of Roanoke will be offering a technology talk, sponsored by the BEV-Seniors at the Blacksburg Community Center. The Company sent our Chapter a letter of invitation, which Frank Lau acted on as Chairman of the Seniors Steering Committee. Please e-mail Frank at [franklau@earthlink.net](mailto:franklau@earthlink.net) to receive further updates on the program. Gateway will be here at 10 a.m. that day, with some hardware as well.

If you have been to the Blacksburg Library Branch, you have probably seen the new PC Lab, full of Gateway equipment for further computer learning. The Library got the equipment through a grant from Microsoft. So we are benefiting. Let's find out what

Gateway has to say about "Technology for Active Seniors"!

## **HEALTH CARE AND YOU**

The Montgomery County League of Women Voters and the Blacksburg Senior Center are sponsoring a series of bag-lunch forums at the Senior Center. The forum will start at 11:30 a.m. Participants should bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Future topics in this Health Care and You series include:

November 28 -- Managed care and patients' rights

February 12 -- Long term care

Health care for the uninsured will be scheduled at a later date.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

The Board of Directors, at its January 1998 meeting, adopted the following policy relative to Board and/or chapter meetings during inclement weather:

AARP Board and/or chapter meetings will be canceled if Montgomery County Schools are closed due to inclement weather on days AARP Board and/or chapter meetings are scheduled."

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Nominating Committee

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