J. Dale Oliver, President AARP Chapter #2613 303 Marlington Street Blacksburg, VA 24060

AARP Chapter Meeting Tuesday, October 20, 1998 Blacksburg Community Center 11:30 AM

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is submitting the following names for the elective office positions for our chapter for 1999. The election will occur at our regular chapter meeting on November 17, 1998. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on October 20, 1998. No nominations will be accepted at the November meeting.

President - William (Bill) Keeney 1st Vice President - B. June Schmidt

2nd Vice President - Darrel Clowes Secretary - Lula Roberts Treasurer - Ralph Cecchini

Past President - J. Dale Oliver

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Clara Jane Billig

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Dan Fleming

Vincent Talley

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Nominating Committee

Class of 1999 Ray Murley

Kennith Martin

Lenna Moore

Class of 2000

Ann Frame

Dale Oliver

Blacksburg AARP Fall Luncheon

October 20, 1998 **Custom Catering Center** 11:30 - 1:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00 each

Reservations must be paid by October 13, 1998. Write check payable to AARP.

> Mail to: Ruby Murley 110 Countryside Court Blacksburg, VA 24060

Menu: Vegetable Beef Soup Chicken Salad Sandwiches Ham Salad Sandwiches Cookies Beverages

Topic: "The Challenge of Civil Society in Montgomery County"

Speakers: Lesley Howard, New River Vision 2020 Andy Morikawa, Community Foundation Basil Gooden, Welfare Reform (All are connected with the Voluntary Action Center)

NOTE: The program will begin at 11:30 AM and will be followed by the luncheon around noon.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE BY 11:15 AM.

Future Chapter Meetings

November 17: Program to be arranged

December 1:

Christmas Luncheon - Custom Catering

Entertainment - Madrigals, Blacksburg High School

Installation of Chapter Officers

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Charles & Violet Drake, Co-Chairs

There is extensive news concerning health insurance for the Commonwealth of Virginia retirees. There will be some new forms of Medicare sometime this fall or winter. If you plan on a change to a new form of Medicare, please learn all about the new form before you change from the present form of Medicare. The Medicare system has a new director and there are lots of changes that are being initiated that are presently delaying doctor and hospital statements - up to three (3) to four (4) months. It is difficult to justify a change in a system that has worked well for thirty (30) years for one that creates confusion and stress.

One change that may create a problem for some individuals is as follows: After you have paid your \$100.00 deductible for Medicare Part B (doctors and hospital-outpatient services) you will not get a statement from Medicare like you did in previous years. However, you can call Medicare in Richmond at 1-800-552-3423 and request the statement. They will send you the statement. When you call be sure to give the date of service and name of the doctor or hospital where the service was received.

Consumers can prevent phone fraud

Richard Notebaert, Chairman and CEO, Ameritech

Telephone-related fraud is on the rise - and virtually everyone with a telephone is a potential victim. The two most common scams are "slamming" (changing a phone customer's local or long-distance provider without permission) and "cramming" (adding unauthorized charges to a telephone bill).

While Ameritech and other companies offer antislamming protection, there is no substitute for your own vigilance. When the monthly bill arrives, look it over carefully - and don't hesitate to call with questions. Otherwise, the company has no way to know if you've been cheated. And while you're at it, pass along this advice to elderly family members or friends who, unfortunately, are particularly susceptible to this unscrupulous behavior.