

## PERSPECTIVES - SEPTEMBER 2020

Carolyn Durphy – President

Happy Fall to you All,

According to my calendar, fall will begin on Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. (My birthday!) I am writing this on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and it has been raining since I got up this morning. It started sometime last evening. We did have a lovely Sunday for those of us getting out to church and maybe dinner. Having to stay in the house has got me in “gear” to get this newsletter out!



### WILDERNESS FOOD BANK DRIVE

As you know we had a food drive for the Wilderness Food Bank on Wednesday, August 12. It was a great success as we collected 1300 pounds of food and \$350.00 in checks. The weather was good for us even though it was hot. We were fortunate to be able to plug into the Kiosk on the LL parking lot for a fan to move the air around by us. Also, the Fire & Rescue loaned us their tent for keeping the sun out. After talking with Rick Rappoport of the Lions, for the next drive there will be coordination between other organizations, and we will all be together on the same day. Of course, the main goal is to get supplies for the food bank. Again, I want to thank all the people involved that day that help to make this event a success. We've attempted to attach a picture of only part of our collection.

## **AN ADDITIONAL WAY TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION**

For those of you who do not want to trust the mail twice with your ballot, in-person early voting starts on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. You can go to the Office of the Registrar in Orange (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Orange County Library Building behind the Courthouse) and vote. You will be given a ballot and you will put it into the counting machine yourself just like at your precinct. This helps in getting the count out early, so they will have less paper absentee votes to count and thus avoiding any lines on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be open from 8:30-5pm daily and the last two Saturdays before November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The earlier the better. At this point they have not had of any restrictions, such as appointments, because of the COVID-19. Their phone number is 672-5262 in case you want to check before driving to Orange. Let's turn out and vote!!

## **DRIVERS NEEDED**

Tony Aris is putting out a plea for drivers for Meals on Wheels. If you can help for a few hours, please call him at 972-2016.

## **AGING TOGETHER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

Our own Larry Eiben is being honored at Aging Together's "5 Over 50" Reception on September 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a virtual event and their sole annual fundraiser. If you would like to participate please click on the link: <https://www.agingtogether.org/events.html> for more information.

## **FUNDRAISER AT GRAZE by Karen Kovarik**

Miss your AARP friends? Want to socialize at a safe distance? Graze is offering to host a fundraiser on Thursday, September 21 from 4:30 to closing (8:30). This is a most generous offer because it includes take-out for those of you uncomfortable with eating in, as well as gift certificates including those sold earlier in the week.

If the name Graze isn't familiar to you, it is located where General Quarters used to be on Route 20. Graze has ample room for us all. In addition to the dining room the back room has been set with 7-8 tables socially distanced apart. Reservations are requested 854-4800.

## **SUBARU AMBASSADORS by Greg Stoner**

Gail and Greg Stoner are Subaru Ambassadors and we have a great benefit to give anyone who is interested in buying a new Subaru (anywhere in the US): \$500 certificates. There are no strings attached and we do not receive any compensation for this give away. If you are interested, know someone who is or might be interested or want to ask some questions about this program, please call us at 540-388-2540.

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS by Pam Archer**

Wishing a Happy Birthday to: Tina Aris, John Barnes, Ellen Bearden, Donna Bentz, Charles Brewer, Hattie Brinsfield, Jean Bunting, Mike Chewning, Gilbert Churchill, Dave Davies, Barbara Dunbar, Carolyn Durphy, Janite Hamilton, John Hughes, Barbara Lacks, Nancy Lamb, Kathy Lyon, Alice Munsell, Irene Payette, Joy Poole, Al Rico, Bill Ruark, Elaine Shirkey, Marcia Shorten, Ana Smith, Carolyn Spero, Dee Tillman, Ann Wood



### **FALL SAFETY** by Garry Archer

2020 has certainly provided us with many new surprises...from earthquakes in Carolina to multiple hurricanes in the south and stifling heat here in Virginia. What's next? Who knows, but I wouldn't be surprised with an unusually cold and snowy winter. With that in mind I would like to remind all who have wood burning stoves and fireplaces to please consider having the chimney cleaned/inspected before the heating season. You might also want to ensure that your gas/propane devices are all working properly and that you have in all cases a working fire alarm and a CO alarm in your homes. Already got them? Great, but remember to change out the batteries when you change the clocks (November 1st). Should you have any devices going off - Don't procrastinate! Call 911 and Lake of the Woods Fire will come on the run.

### **TOURS AND TRAVEL** by Pierre Payette

17 adventurous souls recently went on a bus trip to the Amishlands to see Sight and Sound's production of Queen Esther. A great time was had by all. The trip was originally scheduled for the 1st week in May but was postponed until August due to the uncertainty of the Corona Virus.

Everyone wore masks on the bus, which was a new, full size bus. There was plenty of room to spread out. Hand sanitizer was provided to all. We only saw 2 other buses during the trip, so we were never crowded wherever we went. The play was spectacular, as always. We had our own row in the theater, with no one seated within 2 rows front or back. Elva Hurst, the Chalk Talk Lady, said we were the first bus tour that she had seen since February. The Hotel was very nice, and everyone was very pleased with it. The weather was great, low 80's and low humidity. We had a very enjoyable Amish Family dinner at the Esh family farm and were treated to some unplanned entertainment when a hot air balloon made an unscheduled landing in their field. See attached pictures.

Unfortunately, due to the Corona Virus, there are no trips planned for anytime soon. If the situation improves, we will look into some more trips.





One last note...please be aware of the school buses and keep a lookout for the students who might not be as attentive as they should be.

Everyone stay safe and watch for next month's newsletter. We are still in need of a webmaster and a newsletter editor.