



PERSPECTIVES – JANUARY 2021

Carolyn Durphy – President & Pam Archer - Membership

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?
For days of auld lang syne, my dear, for days of auld lang syne
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.”

Hello everyone and a Happy New Year. Congratulations to us as we made it through 2020. What a year it was!! We started out with two meetings and then just a newsletter for the rest of the year. We did manage to have Board meetings in September and December and sent out donations to Fire & Rescue, Wilderness Food Pantry, Orange County Free Clinic Wilderness Free Clinic, and Culpeper Safe House. We sent letters to the rest of our charities explaining why we were not able to participate this year.

Sheriff Mark Amos e-mailed us back and said *“I want to thank you for all the support that AARP has given the Sheriff’s office over the years. With 2020 being the way it has been it is perfectly understandable why AARP had limited their donations. You all do great work and I’m sure 2021 will be better. Thank you for just thinking of us.”*

We also received letters from Wilderness Food Bank, Orange County Free Clinic and Paul Stephen’s Home thanking us for our efforts over the years.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, the 11th to discuss what we will be doing for 2021. Please let us know if there is something you would like us to include on the agenda. Since we can only have 10 people in attendance, it will just be the Board and Directors.

A **reminder** to communicate with Dave Kraus if you have not given him your volunteer hours for 2020. Our final report to National is due soon! Dave's email is krausman369@gmail.com or phone is 571-334-4913.

DUES DUES DUES DUES

A gentle reminder that the dues of \$10.00 each are due for 2021. If you did not pay your 2020 dues we are happy to collect those too! Some of you have already paid and we thank you for that. If you are not sure, please call Pam or Carolyn. Even though we can't have meetings yet, there are a few operating expenses and we still want to be able to give out some donations this year. Please your send your checks to AARP chapter 5239, P.O. Box 945, Locust Grove, VA 22508.



TRAVEL – Pierre Payette

There will be a “Christmas in the Smokies” trip from December 6th through the 9th, 2021. This trip was done in 2015 and was very successful and popular. The cost will be \$599 double occupancy for 4 days, 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners and 4 shows. There will be travel to Dollywood, Christmas in the Smokies and Old Smoky Moonshine Distillery. Contact Pierre at pierre114@verizon.net or 540-972-0519.

SUNSHINE REPORT – Vi Liberti

The following cards were sent out: Get Well cards to Joan Batten & Gayle Fargo, Sympathy cards to the families of Dick Berra & Bernie Arnold on their passing. Please contact Vi Liberti at 972-1272 or parliament115@verizon.net if you know of someone that would like a card.

MARY WASHINGTON HOSPITAL - Joan Albertella

You might be interested in virtual town hall meetings put on by MWHC on their Facebook page. The chief medical officer, the CEO and doctor at MW hospital and chief nursing officer discuss the latest on Covid-19 in our area. Go to [Facebook.com/MaryWashingtonHealthcare](https://www.facebook.com/MaryWashingtonHealthcare). Also, check Rappahanock Health District for the latest information on vaccine schedules.

PHASE 1B Vaccine Survey for Individuals from RRHD:

If you are 75 YEARS OR OLDER living in the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District OR are living/coordinating services for those in a correctional facility, homeless shelter, or migrant labor camp and have a FIRM commitment to be vaccinated against COVID-19, please complete this survey:

<https://forms.gle/fQfFcnaNoXBTSMF46>

to be placed on our vaccination list.

This form is only to notify the Health Department of your specific demographics; it does not automatically schedule a vaccination appointment.

DO NOT fill out more than one survey. We will be in touch when more information is available.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS – Pam Archer

Many happy returns to: Joan Albertella, Elizabeth Arndt, Raymond Arndt, Billy Bearden, Richard Bergmann, Katherine Causby, Lee Defibaugh, Pam Defibaugh, Jane Gullickson, Karen Kovarik, Angelo Laviano, Toby Musatow, Skip Poole, Marlene Wareham, Bill Wemmerus

AARP TAX-AIDE – Pam Archer

Some of you may have been wondering if AARP's Tax-Aide division, a part of AARP Foundation, will be able to provide free tax preparation to those of us in the Locust Grove area. I am pleased to say that the answer is yes – the LOW site will be open. Details are still being worked out to ensure the utmost safety for both our volunteers and our clients. More information will follow as procedures are finalized. One thing that you can do to prepare is make sure you collect all your tax documents as you receive them and keep them together. Another helpful hint: find last year's tax return (very likely in the handy envelope Tax-Aide provides each year) and keep it with this year's documents. Packets with the Intake/Interview form and vital information will be available later in the month and I will send out an email Blast at that time with more information.

Additional Kudos – Carolyn Durphy

You may have noticed that Pam Archer's name is added at the top. She has been my right hand in getting this letter out each month. Thank you, Pam.

CLOSING THOUGHTS TO MAKE YOU CHUCKLE

Here are 12 things in retrospect as we closed the door on one of the most horrible years of our lifetime:

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?

8. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
9. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a global policy, but here we are!
10. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator and the cookie jar.
11. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
12. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & asking for money.

Again, Happy New Year, GOD bless us all, and pray for a better year in 2021.

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