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| ***THE CHRONICLE***  **RALEIGH-WAKE COUNTY CHAPTER #3689**  [**http://AARPchapter3689.weebly.com**](http://AARPchapter3689.weebly.com)  ***Kelly Vick – Editor***  **May 16, 2019** | | | | | | | |
| **Speaker for Today**  **Pam Beacham**  **Clinical Nurse Specialist**  **Rex Hospital**  **“Living Healthy”**  **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***  **Chapter Officers**  **Co-Presidents**  Gayle Gayton  Willi Webb  **Vice President**  Cordelia Blackwell  **Secretary**  Wanda Richardson  **Co-Treasurers**  Geraldine Phillips  Marjorie Younger  **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***  **Committees**  Community Services (OweidaCole)  Fundraising (Lorrie Berlenbach)  Historian (Thelma Blake)  Legislative (Karen Clark)  Membership (Karen Youmans)  Nominating (Allan Younger)  Program (Allan Younger)  Sunshine (Claude Lee)  Telephone (Pat Toothman)  The Chronicle (Kelly Vick)  Webmaster (Claudia Harris) | |  | ***MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT***  ***DID YOU KNOW?***  **According to a summary of the 2018 AARP Chapter Census and Activities Report**   * AARP has 950 local chapters. * Members in the age group of 66-75 year-olds comprise the largest group. * Only 3% of the membership were younger than 66. * Chapters enrolled an average of 11-12 new members last year. * Seventy-six percent (76%) of the chapters sponsored at least 3 community service projects last year. * The top areas of community service were Hunger-related activities (56%); Advocacy/Legislative activities (52%); Long-Term Care/Nursing Support (49%); and Fundraising for Community Service activities (47%).   **The Raleigh -Wake County Chapter # 3689 of AARP**   * Is one of 950 local chapters; * Has 72 members, close to the national average of 78 members; * Has an average attendance at monthly meetings of 45, higher than the 33-34 national average monthly attendance; * Engaged in community service projects supporting hunger-related activities (Urban Ministries, Loaves and Fishes, and The Shepherd’s Table Soup Kitchen); Health and Wellness (Helen Wright Center for Women and Healing Transitions), and a variety of other community service activities such as “The Mitten Tree”, Pride for Parents, Financial Literacy for High School Students and supporting our military through the USO; and * Will be 35 years old on June 14, 2019.   We are just one spoke in the larger wheel turning around and using the strength of older adults to enhance the quality of life of all ages in our community.  ‘*As you grow older, you discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself and the other for helping others.” (Audrey Hephurn)*  ***Willi Webb***   |  | | --- | | ***UPCOMING EVENTS***  **June 20th = Hats Off To Summer: Wear you most interesting hat to celebrate the beginning of Summer.**  **July 18th = Celebrating Chapter #3689 Anniversary of 35 years.** | | | | |
|  | **COMMITTEE REPORTS** | | | | |  |
| **COMMUNITY SERVICE**  The Community Service Committee is blossoming into various spring activities. On April 27th, Marilyn Pearson, Oweida Cole, Barbara Faison, and along with other AARP members from the State Office, volunteered at Women's Empowerment at the PNC Arena. Kirk Franklin and Patti LaBelle were among the entertainers that performed.   On Monday, several members volunteered again at the Food Pantry, where we served over a dozen families. Please note that Claude Lee, one of our new members, was granted permission to stop by the Food Pantry on Fridays, where he is given bread that he donates to his church periodically, as they usually have a surplus of bread on hand each week.  Another note concerning our 4th Annual Jazz Event held on last Saturday, May 11th. A good time was had by all; in fact, the 104 guests who attended, stated that they had a fantastic time.  The music by Smooth Ivory II was exhilarating and the food was delightfully scrumptious. With the proceeds from the Jazz Event, we will donate $300 each to these three organizations (Helen Wright Center for Women, The Shepherds Table Soup Kitchen, and Loaves and Fishes).  Please be aware that even though we don't specifically ask for donations of toiletries, some of our members still periodically donate these items. These items are usually delivered to Healing Transitions or Helen Wright Center for Women. However, since these two establishments usually have an abundance of these items, we periodically donate them to the American Red Cross.  So if you do have toiletries that you have gotten from a recent hotel stay, etc., I will deliver them to one of these agencies.  Anyone interested in being on a committee to write criteria for the Community Service Award as well as formulating criteria for high school scholarships, please let us know. This is not an on-going committee, but rather a periodic one until the task is completed.  Our monetary donations this month will be given to the Helen Wright Center for Women.  **NOMINATING**  We have one vacancy for a Co-Secretary. This person will be working in partnership with another co-secretary, and responsible for recording minutes of our chapter and board meetings. | | | |  | **FUNDRAISING**  We had a wonderful Mother’s Day Extravaganza. Lorrie Berlenbach and Marilyn Pearson would like to thank our committee!!!!!  What a wonderful exercise in teamwork. With the help of our co-presidents and treasurers, we GOT THE JOB DONE!  "Teamwork is the ability to work together towards a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results". Thank you to our Fundraising Committee:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Cordelia Blackwell  Oweida Cole  Claudia Harris | Evelyn Hines  Helena Neighbors  Pauline Luton |   All money for the June 9th production Pippen is due today.  This is an afternoon production. Bus Fee - $30.25 and Self-driving - $24.12.  Please see Claudia Harris to pay your money **TODAY.**  Make all checks payable to AARP Chapter #3689.  **TELEPHONE**  Please return phone calls by the Saturday morning after the call as to whether you will be attending the meeting and eating lunch. If you do not return the call, we will not count you for lunch. The purpose of the Telephone Committee is to get a count for lunch to Atria’s staff that Sunday afternoon before the next meeting. If you need to cancel your lunch and can’t reach your caller, please call **Pat Toothman (919-846-8477)** by the Sunday before the meeting, because if you sign-up to eat lunch and do not come to the meeting, we will have to pay for your lunch.  **SUNSHINE**  The next social luncheon will be **Thursday, June 6th at 11:00 a.m.** – Winston’s Grille, 6401 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27615. A headcount is needed in order for us to be seated as a group. Please call Karen Youmans at 919-848-4218 or e-mail her at [twingran@jarvisclan.com](mailto:twingran@jarvisclan.com). This will be the last luncheon until this Fall. We are taking a Summer break.  There are several members who are having health issues and cannot come to the meetings. We have been calling them, sending cards and e-mails. If you know of anyone who is ill or a bereaved family, feel free to call, e-mail them or send your own card or text Claude Lee (919-971-3317) or e-mail him at [claudealeejr@gmail.com](mailto:claudealeejr@gmail.com).  ***MAY BIRTHDAYS***   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Wanda Richardson (3)**  **Geraldine Malwitz (6)**  **Beverly Clark (10)**  **Evelyn Hines (10)** | **Arlene Lee (10)**  **Carol Zimmerman (13)**  **Ruth Seidenstein (22)** | | |