

## Gov. Kaine to be guest at Diversity and Aging Forum

Knowing that every Virginian has the right to age with dignity regardless of ethnicity, gender, economic or disability status, AARP Virginia will hold its first Diversity and Aging Forum on Nov. 19 at the Sheraton Park South Hotel, 9901 Midlothian Tnpk. Gov. Tim Kaine will address the forum in a special afternoon session.

The forum will focus on the many unique ways that aging issues such as health care, employment and immigration affect the diverse segments of older Virginians. Business and government leaders, educators, human resource professionals, community activists and citizens concerned with diversity and aging related issues have been invited to attend.

"We all need to understand the issues faced by older adults in diverse communities," said AARP Virginia's State Director Bill Kallio. "This forum is a great opportunity to learn and better prepare organizations and businesses about managing an older diverse workforce."

A conversation on diversity and aging will be led by Richmond Mayor L. Douglas Wilder. Linda Nablo, commissioner of the Virginia Department for the Aging, will be

the forum luncheon speaker and Dr. Percil Stanford, AARP's chief national diversity officer, will open the forum with an address.

Important subjects to be addressed in mini breakout sessions include issues impacting non-traditional households, having financial security in retirement, new aging demographics, creating livable communities and empowering diverse volunteers.

Forum registration is \$25 and includes all meals, refreshments and workshop materials. To register, call (877) 926-8300.

AARP Virginia's Diversity and Aging Forum is being sponsored by the organization's Diversity Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from the Asian American Society of Central Virginia, the Department of Rehabilitative Services, Equality Virginia, the League of Women Voters, the Northern Virginia Urban League, Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging, the Urban League of Greater Richmond, the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Poverty Law Center. The committee advises AARP Virginia's executive council to ensure policies are implemented to include and serve the diverse populations that are Virginia's senior community.

## Annual meeting features Center on Aging director

Ed Ansello, director of the Virginia Center on Aging at Virginia Commonwealth University, will present a program about aging well at the Chesterfield Council on Aging and Chesterfield Aging and Disabled Services annual meeting on Nov. 8 from 9-10:30 a.m. Ansello will talk about recipes and ingredients for successful aging, including humor, family,

personal interest and more for midlife and later.

The program is open to the public and will be held at the Lifelong Learning Institute, located 13801 Westfield Road in Midlothian. For questions or to register in advance, call the Senior Advocate's Office at 768-7878.

## Holiday basket project for seniors is underway

With the community's support, Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging has provided holiday gift baskets to needy seniors for the past 17 years. The annual Holiday Gift Basket Project is an important initiative of Senior Connections' efforts to promote healthy aging and help seniors remain independent in their homes and communities. Last year, the project provided gift baskets to 123 seniors who live in Chesterfield, Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Charles City, New Kent and Powhatan counties and the city of Richmond. This year, the goal is to reach even more seniors in need or isolated from their families.

Senior Connections is currently seeking contributions of nonperishable food, gift certificates, household supplies and disaster preparedness items such as batteries and

flashlights to help seniors enjoy a healthier and safer holiday this year. Donations will be packed into gift baskets for delivery to seniors in mid-December.

Individuals and organizations wishing to donate items may deliver them to Senior Connections, located on the second floor of 24 E. Cary St. in Richmond. The final date for receipt of items is Fri., Dec. 7.

In addition to items for gift baskets, other emergency needs may be met through monetary contributions. Please make checks or money orders payable to Senior Connections, write "Holiday Project" on the memo line, and mail to SC/CAAA, 24 E. Cary St., Richmond, VA 23219.

For additional information about the project, call Diane Foster, program coordinator, at 343-3045.

## Lucy Corr Village features local artists

The Arts Committee of Lucy Corr Foundation recently announced the fall schedule of local artists' exhibits displayed in the common areas of the Health Care Center of Lucy Corr Village.

The Bon Air Artists Association will display paintings of varied mediums throughout November, and Hopewell Artist Cholly East-erling will display watercolors and acrylics through December.

Students from Chesterfield County Public Schools also exhibit throughout the year, featuring photography, watercolors, acrylics,

pastels and pencil and pen.

"Responses to the exhibits have been wonderful," said Executive Director Leigh Robbins.

"The Lucy Corr community has gotten involved in the project, bringing a sense of beauty and craftsmanship our residents would otherwise miss in their lives," continued Robbins. "An additional bonus has been sharing art displays and collections from staff and family members."

The Arts Committee has been involved with the project since November 2005.

## Celebrate Christmas at the Randy Parton Theatre

The Chesterfield Traveler Program is organizing a daytrip to the new Randy Parton Theatre in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. on Wed., Dec. 12. The trip will include a live show set to country, pop and gospel music and lunch at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant.

Cost is \$90 per person and includes trans-

portation, lunch, matinee tickets, tax and gratuities. Pick up will be at two locations: Beaufont Mall at 9:30 a.m. with a return time of 7 p.m. or Breckenridge Square at 10 a.m. with a return time of 6:30 p.m. Registration is required by Nov. 21.

For more details or to register, call Judy Jones at 751-4135.



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