

Shelton AARP Chapter 3240 Membership Meeting

January 15, 2019

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Walter Roog. He called for a moment of silence for Gloria Ward, who passed away yesterday. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of God Bless America.

Secretary's Report: Linda Gabor

Minutes of the 11/13/2018 membership meeting have been posted on the Chapter Documents page of the website. There was no membership meeting in December.

A copy of the November minutes is available for review in the binder on the sign in table.

Website / Newsletter: Linda Gabor

The December and January newsletters have been emailed and posted to the website. Copies of the newsletter are available on the sign in table.

Photos and handouts from the November meetings and photos from the December luncheon are posted to the Speakers page of the website, and are also in the binder on the sign in table.

Also, since the list of past events was becoming so long, I've created separate pages for the 2016 – 2017 and 2017 – 2018 meetings, with links to these pages at the bottom of the Speakers page.

Please watch the website for the latest information on our upcoming events and let me know if you have any suggestions for the site.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Vollaro

Report for November and December 2018

Beginning Balance (as of 11/1/2018)	\$2,962.27
Income	\$419.00
Expenses	\$1,052.87
Ending Balance (as of 12/31/2018)	\$2,328.40

Membership: Vincent Ribeiro

Total Members - 71
Emeritus Members – 34
Dues Paid (2018) – 35

Vincent asked everyone to pay their 2019 dues at this meeting. Emeritus members are exempt from dues, but the chapter thanks those who voluntarily make a donation.

Members can take the nomination form home and return it at the next meeting. Check with those you nominate to confirm they are willing to run.

Stop by the sign in table and show your national AARP card. Being a national member is a requirement for being a chapter member.

Programming: Walter Roog
Next month's topic will be the ShopRite grocery store.
Walter asked for feedback on the December luncheon.

Hospitality: Joan Platt
Joan thanked those who brought refreshments. Refreshments are needed for the next meeting, a sign-up sheet is on the table.

Community Outreach: Dot Ward
We had a great response for the November food drive for the Valley Food Bank. Donations filled two shopping carts to overflowing. The Valley Food Bank thanks you very much

Dot distributed the inventory of what was collected.

Health Advocate: Judy Duva
No report.

Legislative: Byron Peterson
The state legislative session started January 9, 2019.

Representative Jason Perillo is the Ranking Member of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee, which oversees nominations of Commissioners, the Governor's Budget Director, Workers' Compensation Commissioners and hundreds of appointed positions in state government. He will also serve on the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee and the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Representative Ben McGorty was named an Assistant Republican Leader. He is Co-Chair of the Fire and EMS Legislative Caucus and will serve on the Judiciary, Environment, and Transportation Committees.

Senator Kevin Kelly was appointed Top Republican on the Aging Committee, the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, and the Committee on Children.

Key issues for the CT legislature:

- Most important is budget and taxes and how to address the projected 1.7 billion dollar deficit.
- Tolls
- Legalizing recreational marijuana
- Paid family and medical leave program
- Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour
- Whether to legalize sports betting
- New regulations targeting e-cigarettes and vaping
- Education funding issues
- Additional measures to make abortions more accessible.

Byron distributed contact information for our CT senator and representatives.

Public Relations: Marilyn Plainer

Comcast cable lends equipment and provides training, free of charge, for groups that want to record their guest speakers and have them shown on channel 10. Marilyn asked any members who are interested to let her know.

Nominating: Walter Roog

The members were given a form to submit nominations for the 2019 – 2020 year. Nominations are due by the March meeting.

Other

Byron Peterson is the leader for CT Fraud Watch Network. State AARP has asked for anyone who was scammed who is willing to talk for TV. If you know someone, contact Byron.

The Senior Center may be open even if the Shelton school system is closed due to weather.

Program – The Shelton Senior Center

The speaker was Doreen Laucella, Director of the Shelton Senior Center. Her presentation covered:

- Her prior careers in the medical field and running two successful construction companies.
- Her philosophy on how to deal with people.
- Her role as director of the senior center.
- Programs and services offered by the Senior Center.

For more details, see the February newsletter.

Adjournment:

The business meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m. The program ended at 2:31 p.m., followed by refreshments and social hour.

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Gabor