

# Shelton AARP Chapter 3240 Membership Meeting

May 15, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Phyllis Kupec.

**Secretary's Report:** Linda Gabor

Minutes of the 4/17/2018 membership meeting have been posted on the Chapter Documents page of the website. A copy is also available in the binder on the sign in table.

**Website / Newsletter:** Linda Gabor

The home page of the website has been updated to provide more information and links to other areas of the site.

The May newsletter has been emailed and posted to the website. Copies of the May and April newsletters are available on the sign in table. Photos and handouts from previous meetings are posted to the website. Photos are also in the binder on the sign in table.

Watch the Speakers page for the latest updates on meetings.

**Treasurers Report:** Charles Vollaro

Beginning Balance (4/1/18)	\$2,723.17
Income	\$222.14
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance (4/30/18)	\$2,945.31

**Installation Luncheon:** Charles Vollaro

June 2018 Installation Luncheon is 6/12/2018 is at the Blue Goose in Stratford. We currently have 21 people attending, though we are looking for more.

**Membership:** Vincent Ribeiro

Total Members:	72
Emeritus:	36
Dues Payable:	36

On your way out, please show your national AARP card so we can get the expiration date for our records.

**Community Outreach:** Dot Ward

No report.

**Nominating:** Dot Ward

Dot passed out the ballot. Dot asked for volunteers for the two open positions, one 2-year director and one 1-year director. Barbara Piaty volunteered to be a 1-year director.

The members voted unanimously to accept the ballot as presented.

Phyllis Kupec volunteered to be Programming Chair. She asked members to bring their ideas of what would be of interest. Also check speakers at other Senior Centers for ideas.

**Health Advocate:** Judy Duva

Judy discussed mosquito prevention, including eliminating standing water, keep food covered, using a strong fan and citronella candles, and attracting birds to eat the mosquitos.

**Legislative:** Byron Peterson

This is an update on all of the priorities of CT AARP. We were successful in the following areas:

1. We passed legislation to provide \$1 million dollar line of credit to fund the operations of the CT Retirement Security Authority. This Authority will oversee the establishment of a retirement program for those employees whose employers do not have a pension plan or a 401(k) or 403(b) plan.
2. We killed legislation that would have deregulated landline telephone service.
3. We passed legislation to remove the cap on participation in the “money follows the person” program to allow more home and community based care.
4. We passed legislation to lower drug costs by increasing transparency.
5. We passed legislation that removes the fees paid for putting on and removing a credit freeze as well as increasing the time from 1 to 2 years of free credit protection after a credit breach.
6. We passed legislation to increase the time from 60 days to 120 days that a utility has to report on non-payment of bills to credit reporting agencies.
7. We killed legislation that would have given control of electric billing to the unregulated 3<sup>rd</sup> party suppliers and taken it away from the regulated utilities.
8. We passed legislation that would eliminate requiring pay history when applying for a job that will help female and older workers with job access and higher pay.
9. A budget was passed that kept the CT Home Care Program for Elders and Alzheimer’s respite programs whole and fully restored the Medicare Savings Program.

Unfortunately we did not get a vote on the Earned Family Medical Leave law. However, our efforts will set us up for success in the near future.

Our next efforts will be to successfully implement the Retirement Security program and to start AARP’s Voter Engagement work.

This was one of our most successful years in trying to make life a little better for people in Connecticut.

**Public Relations:** Marilyn Plainer

No report.

**Program – Senior Living Options**

Lisa Bisson, Director of Community Outreach at Wesley Village, and Laura Gustafson, Sales Assistant, provided an overview of senior care options.

For details, see the June newsletter. Meeting photos and handouts are posted on the website.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m., followed by refreshments and social hour.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Linda Gabor