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2018/2019 Officers

President: Walter Roog

Vice President: George Ward

Secretary: Linda Gabor

Treasurer: Charles Vollaro

Monthly Meetings

The Shelton Chapter meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month except during July and August. Meetings are held at the Shelton Senior Center located at 81 Wheeler St., Shelton, CT.

Meeting times and cancellations are listed on the Shelton Senior Center Info Line at 203-924-2355. Senior Center closings are also announced on WICC radio 600 AM and WTNH TV channel 8.

Wednesday June 12, 2019 – Installation Luncheon
Buy Your Tickets by Wednesday June 5, 2019

Family, Friends and Non-Members Welcome
Brownson Country Club, 15 Soundview Avenue, Shelton, 203-929-0555
12:30 p.m. Cheese & Crackers 1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch
For tickets, call Charles Vollaro at 203-929-0379
\$25.00 Per Person - cash, or check payable to AARP Chapter 3240

2019 – 2020 Chapter Board

Elections for chapter officers and directors were held at the May 21, 2019 Chapter meeting. The board will be installed at the June Installation Luncheon.

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Three-Year Directors: Phyllis Kupec, Barbara Piaty, Vincent Ribeiro

Two-Year Directors: Mary Ann Firgau, Byron Peterson, Marilyn Plainer

One-Year Directors: Joan Platt, Lucille Roog, Dot Ward

If you are interested in serving on a committee or have suggestions for meeting topics or speakers, please contact Walter Roog at 203-278-7646.

Chapter Meetings and Newsletter Resume in September

There will be no chapter meetings or newsletters in July and August. Our first meeting of the new year will be Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Visit our chapter website over the summer for the latest updates on upcoming events and other chapter news.

Connecticut Probate Court - May 2019

The May program was presented by Shelton Probate Judge Fred J. Anthony. Chief Clerk Loreen Michalak was also in attendance.

Judge Anthony discussed the importance of having your will prepared by a professional. Doing your will yourself online can leave you open to having the will challenged in court if it is not done properly. For example, you need two disinterested witnesses to sign, and it is their signatures that need to be notarized, not yours.

A will records your wishes about your estate. Without a will, only the first \$100,000 of the estate goes to the surviving spouse, but the rest is divided evenly among the spouse and all surviving children.

When choosing a lawyer, look for one with the proper experience. Ask them how many estates they have probated in the past year and in what courts. Lawyers don't make a lot on wills. They use them as a means to establish the client relationship.

People may come in with solutions, such as requesting a living trust, rather than with a description of the situation. It is better to let the professional provide the solution. Most estates don't require a trust and if you have a trust you still need a will. A trust only controls the assets in it, a will controls those assets not in the trust.

Give a copy of your will to the executor. You could also leave your will with the lawyer. Use a safe deposit box only if someone else has access. Make a list of all your accounts, put it in a sealed envelope and tell your loved ones where it is.

People may fear that probate will cost a lot. Take a typical couple in Shelton may with a house worth \$400,000 and accounts worth \$350,000, for an estate of \$750,000. If the husband dies, Federal and CT estate taxes are zero. The CT probate fee is \$1,100, based on CT estate tax. Whether the assets are owned individually, jointly with a spouse, or are put in a trust, you pay the same amount.

A conservatorship is set up if someone is incapable of managing their own affairs. A Power of Attorney is only effective while you are alive and is valid until you revoke it. It gives someone the ability act on your behalf, not the requirement to act.

For photos and handouts from the meeting, see the Past Meetings section of our Speakers page.

AARP Connecticut

AARP holds a number of events in Connecticut throughout the year. For a complete listing, and to register, visit the Connecticut AARP home page at www.aarp.org/CT and click on Events in the body of the page, or go directly to <https://states.aarp.org/events-ct>.

AARP provides discounts on many Connecticut institutions, including:

Albertus Magnus College, Beardsley Zoo, The Bushnell, Central Connecticut State University, Chapter 126 Sports & Fitness, Discovery Museum and Planetarium, Downtown Cabaret Theater, Garde Arts Center, Goodwin College, International Festival Arts & Ideas, The Klein Memorial Auditorium, Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, Palace Theater, Stamford Museum and Nature Center, TheaterWorks.

For information on all Connecticut discounts, visit www.aarp.org/CTdiscounts.