

NRV AARP Chapter 2613
Board Minutes
January 20, 2026
Blacksburg Community Center

Present: Ben Crawford, Judith Jones, Pat Ballard, Don Creamer, Terry Wildman, John Burton, Jenny Lindsey, Wilma Dotson, Jean Elliott, Pat Hipkins, Joy Herbert, Jerry Niles. Guests: Bob Mann, Dorothea Marwichuk Rottkamp.

Call to Order: President Pat Ballard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 18, 2025 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the treasurer's report was distributed. The Treasurer will present a budget proposal at the next meeting. The president appointed a financial review committee of Jerry Niles and Don Creamer.

Old Business: The Holiday Social was reviewed. It was decided to keep the program short, to have the program first followed by the social. There were no complaints about having a social rather than a luncheon. Participants favor a short program. The board was encouraged to seek financial sponsors for the holiday social.

New Business: Pat Hipkins and Wilma Dotson were unanimously approved for a three-year term on the board.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Jackie Jones is in Richmond attending the AARP Lobby Day.

Health and Wellness Fair: The Town of Christiansburg has proposed combining the town's Employee Health and Benefits Fair with the AARP Health and Wellness Fair. A meeting has been scheduled for **January 29, at 11:00 a.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center** to discuss the merger of programs. Don asked if the name of the fair should be changed and if the chapter will be the fiscal agent. Pat asked for volunteers to help with the Fair.

Soup for Seniors: Don announced the February 4 food packing event in Roanoke. Don, Jean, Jerry, Pat B, Pat H. and John plan to attend.

AARP Virginia: There will be a free tour of the D-Day Memorial in Bedford on February 26, followed by lunch.

Chapter Activities Report: The Co-Presidents will complete the annual report due by January 31.

New Year Announcement: Don recommended the chapter send a “Welcome to the New Year” email to member to include memorials, a call to renew memberships, and highlights of the chapter’s activities of 2025. Pat and John will prepare the email.

Chamber of Commerce: Ben met John Tuttle and Jesse Ring at a Chamber event, and they expressed interest in doing a wine tasting with the chapter. Terry and Judith will follow up with them. Ben said the chapter needs to plan a ribbon cutting as a new Chamber member. The Chamber has a “Business Afterhours” social on a weekly basis for members.

Programs: Pat H. will continue working on programs. Judith will help.

Membership: Wilma will continue to work with membership.

Community Service: Jenny will continue to work with charitable giving and food banks.

June Picnic: Jean will check with UU to ask if June 17 is available. The \$10 charge to members will continue. Sponsorships are encouraged.

Holiday Social: Jerry will contact Warm Hearth about December 15 or 16, 2:30-4:30 p.m. for the Holiday Social.

The Co-Presidents will keep Brian Jacks informed of any socials/events and dates we select.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Judith Jones, Secretary