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June 2014

Chairman's Message

May was a busy month for the retirees! Thank you to all who came out for our annual meeting on May 7th. Thanks, too, to our speakers for sharing their insights with the retirees:

Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
John Clough, Department of Human Resources/Benefits
Susan Kirkman, Department of Human Resources/Benefits
John Yeatman, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Employees Retirement System
Jeff Weiler, Executive Director to the County Retirement Boards
Joe Thomas, President/CEO of Fairfax County Federal Credit Union

Chairman Bulova announced that our cost-of-living increase will be 1.6%, to be reflected in the July 31 retiree payment. If you are receiving a pre-social security benefit, remember that the county COLA will apply only to your base benefit, not the pre-social security benefit. See the article inside for highlights from our other speakers.

At the annual meeting, I announced that in the fall, Laurie Eytel will be replacing Rita Kayn as editor of Hot Flashes. Many thanks for your hard work to make Hot Flashes both informative and timely, Rita! Other business conducted at the annual meeting included electing a new President and Treasurer, since the bylaws preclude Bobbie Deegan and myself from serving another term. No one expressed interest in taking on one of those roles at this time. Therefore, after discussion, a motion was passed to waive for one year the bylaws provision barring a Board member from serving more than three consecutive two-year terms. Bobbie and I will continue in office for another year while the Board looks for candidates willing to take on a leadership role.

The 4th annual Information for Seniors Fair on May 21st was another success. Many thanks to our vendors and to Barbara Miskimmin for sponsoring our use of American Legion Post 177. A very special thank you to the Inova Hospital System, who provided a variety of free screenings and then went over the results with each individual. I hope you were able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get your questions answered.

Our annual picnic will be September 10th at Nottoway Park on Old Courthouse Road in Vienna.

That's all for now. See you at the next Keep in Touch luncheon on June 18th.

Sincerely,

Pam Martin, Chairman

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ANNUAL MEETING

Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fairfax Board of Supervisors announced that Fairfax County is considering a meals tax; 4% will generate \$88 million dollars. The Silver line will open in June. Phase 2 will begin construction very soon and goes from Tyson's to Ashburn. FC will have concerts and wine tastings at the Government center every Thursday at 5:30 during the months of July and August. There is also a Farmers Market before the concerts. She also announced that the Retirees COLA for FY 2015 is 1.6%.

John Clough, Benefits Administrator – Dept of Human Resources announced that there will be no major changes to benefits in FY 2015 and health care costs may increase 7% in FY2015. He also mentioned that the challenge for the county is to keep health care costs down, so the County will increase the focus on Prevention. The program Motivate Me enables retirees to earn money – payable in reduction to health care costs of up to \$200- for getting annual routine physical maintenance, e.g., getting an physical, going to the dentist, etc. Call Susan Kirkman at 703-324 3302 for information.

John Yeatman – Retiree and a member of the FC Retirement Board is running for another term on the FC Retirement Board and asks the membership for their vote.

Jeff Weiler - Retirement Administrator announced that there are 3999 general county retirees. Retirees get support from the Board of Supervisors, in FY 2014 they contributed ~\$20 million. The retirement plans are 73% funded with \$3.67 billion.

Joe Thomas – Fairfax Credit Union announced that the Credit union has \$300 million is assets and the FCU is planning a "shred day" on 6/14 from 9 to 11 with a 3 box limit.

Pam Martin – Chair FCREA announced that the Board needs 2 new members. It was proposed and adopted to allow the current Board members, whose terms were due to expire to serve and additional 12 more months.

General announcements

Senior Fair on 5/21/14 at the American Legion from 10 to 2

The FCREA annual picnic will be held on 9/10 at Nottaway Park from 11 to 2. All are asked to bring a dish and donation.