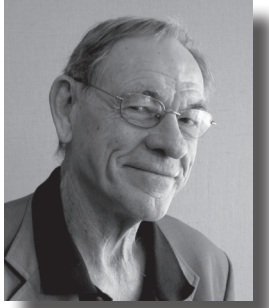




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# Retirees' Chapter News

## Virginia Governmental Employees Association



### *A Message from the President...*

**O**ur October 14 meeting focused on the upcoming November 5 elections. We all share common interests in a fiscally sound retirement system with a cost of living adjustment (COLA) and affordable healthcare. While VGEA is and should be non-partisan, we can encourage our families, friends, and acquaintances to get engaged to find out where the candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and House of Delegates stand on these vital public employee issues and act accordingly.

Retired and active public employees are losing a strong supporter in Delegate Lacey Putney of Bedford. He is retiring this year after serving in the House of Delegates for fifty (50) years. Our Secretary Janet Martino, coordinated the collection of member signatures and forwarded a thank you card and honorary VGEA membership to Delegate Putney.

Our Monday, November 11 (Veteran's Day) meeting is on the day when we acknowledge and commend our fellow citizens who have gone in harm's way in our nation's interest. Our Vice President Dee Esser, has arranged for House of Delegates' Majority Leader Kirk Cox of Colonial Heights to speak to us about the upcoming 2014 General Assembly. We will meet in the Imperial Plaza Auditorium near our usual meeting area and have choices among box lunches @ \$8.50 including beverage, tax, and tip.

Please plan to attend on November 11 and bring friends as we want our Chapter to grow. There are many good reasons for one to participate. First is the conviviality of social gatherings – it's simply good for our health to be involved with others socially. Secondly, it presents us with the opportunity to address issues which affect retired public employees – we need to stand up and be counted. And, thirdly, our speakers bring useful information. Let's "each one reach one" whether it's an absentee, a newly retired colleague, or another retiree in the metro area. There is no substitute for personal contact.

Our Treasurer Faye Spruill, is working on our luncheon at Crab Louie's on Monday, December 9. We hope you will reserve a seat by sending a check for \$18 each payable to the "VGEA Retirees Chapter" to Faye. Her address is on page two of this Retirees' newsletter.

Our 2014 meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month through April. These are on January 13, February 10, March 10 and April 14. We meet in Imperial Plaza's activity/sales office building at 11:30 a.m. and conclude around 1 p.m. Generally, we enjoy one another's company, have lunch, interact with our speakers, and conduct chapter business. ***Please join us!***

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# VGEA Richmond Retirees' Chapter – October 2013

## *Meeting Minutes*

The 2013 October Meeting of the Retiree Chapter was held on the October 14 at Imperial Plaza. The meeting was conducted by President Walt Pulliam.

He asked that everyone ensure that all of the information on the Membership list is accurate. He reported that Wendell Seldon had hip surgery. Walt stressed that we need to inform Board Members of any legislative issues that are of concern.

Janet Martino, secretary, asked everyone to check off their name on the member listing that is being circulated. She also reported that a card had been circulated at the Annual Meeting for Retiring Legislator Lacey Putney. If you didn't sign it yet, please do so now. Ron Jordan will include a permanent membership card with our Retirement card and will ensure that it is given to Delegate Putney.

Faye Spruill, treasurer, reported that the current balance is \$2,070.83. She also reported on the Christmas Luncheon at Crab Louie's: lunch is \$14.95 plus \$.79 taxes and \$2.99 gratuity for a total of \$18.73. Janet Martino made a motion that we charge \$18.75 per person and that the excess go to the treasury. That motion was seconded by Anne Bordelon. Winfree Mountcastle amended the motion that we charge \$18.00 per person and the treasury pay the \$.73 per person. That was seconded by Marian Winer. The amended motion carried. It was also decided that the first 35 people who send in their money for the luncheon will be seated in the main room. All those over the first 35 will be seated in the overflow room. Please make your check payable to VGEA Retiree Chapter and mail it to Faye Spruill at 4818 Village Lake Drive, Richmond, VA 23234. The Luncheon will be held on December 9. Walt announced that Mary Donan had recently celebrated her 90th Birthday!

Vice President Dee Esser reported on our 2013-14 speakers. Our November speaker will be Delegate Kirk Cox. If you have any questions for Delegate Cox or any legislative issues you would like him to address, please send them to Dee at d-esser@verizon.net or by mail to 4600 Willow Leaf Place, Henrico, VA 23228.

In January, Paula Peaden, an Attorney with Parker, Pollard, Wilton and Peaden, will be our speaker on the topic of Revocable Trusts and Wills. February's speaker will be Randall Davis from the Attorney General's Office, who was involved in the first Medicaid Fraud case in Virginia. His topic will be Medicare/Medicaid Fraud.

In April VGEA staff members will give us an update of the most recent General Assembly session.

Another suggested topic for a speaker was Internet Security. It was also suggested that we try to get Senator John Watkins since he worked on the revisions for VRS, and he is also knowledgeable about the Highway System. Walt again stressed that we need to get our Retiree issues to the forefront by sending these issues to Dee for Delegate Cox.

Walt presented commemorative paper weights to Kermit Spruill, former president, and Winfree Mountcastle, former president and vice president, for their outstanding service on behalf of our VGEA Retiree Chapter. The November 11 meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Imperial Plaza. Since it is Veteran's Day and the Plaza has other commitments, our meeting will be held in the Auditorium and we will have boxed lunches.

*Submitted by:*  
**Janet Martino**  
**Secretary**

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## ***Mark Your 2014 Calendar to Attend VGEA Legislative Day!***

**D**on't miss this enjoyable learning experience: Our annual VGEA day 'on the hill' is set for Monday, February 17. The VGEA staff, Board of Director members and participants will park in the Bank of America parking lot at 10th and Cary Streets downtown, then gather for coffee at the VGEA Office at 9 a.m. at 1011 E. Main Street, Ste. 400, Richmond. We will walk about two blocks to the General Assembly Building on Capitol Square at 9 a.m., then split into small groups and visit legislators and the Capitol Building with our Board members.

**T**his is always a very rewarding and eye-opening experience. You may want to call your legislator ahead of time to make an appointment to speak with him or her that day. Between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., complimentary lunch sandwiches will be served back at the VGEA Office as you finish with your legislative visits. RSVP to 877-302-7146 or [info@vgea.org](mailto:info@vgea.org).



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Also, please remember to notify the VGEA if your mailing address changes. Thank you!