

Retirees' Chapter News

Virginia Governmental Employees Association



A Message from the President...

We consolidated our September 2015 meeting with the VGEA's annual general membership meeting held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Midlothian. Despite the rain, we had a good turnout. Our secretary, Janet Martino, is not charged with keeping minutes for this meeting but the upcoming *ForeSight* and *eNews* will provide updates.

Nancy Rodrigues, Secretary of Administration, Sara Wilson, Director of Human Resource Management (DHRM), Betsey Daley, Staff Director for the Senate Finance Committee, Robert Vaughn, Staff Director of the House Appropriations Committee and Patricia "Trish" Bishop, Director of the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) were featured speakers.

Six VGEA Board Directors were elected or re-elected. Dee Esser, our Vice President, was reappointed to continue to serve on the Board. Gale Grant, of the Richmond Health Department, is our new VGEA President.

The 2015 elections are on November 3. Adequate compensation for state employees, fully funded retirement benefits, and containment of healthcare costs are still primary VGEA concerns. We need to get registered to vote, stay informed, and get to the polls. Now is the time to find out where our prospective representatives stand on the issues and act accordingly.

Due to dining room management changes at Imperial Plaza, the Executive Committee decided to shift our **October 12 and November 9, 11:30 a.m. meetings to Nick's Roman Terrace, 8051 W. Broad Street, (Westland Shopping Center, between Parham Road and Glenside Drive) Henrico, VA, 804.270.2988.** We polled Members after checking out several options for an affordable, flexible menu; accessibility; parking; and private meeting areas.

This will be an agenda item in October. Our scheduled speaker is Weldon Hazlegrove, Virginia Bureau of Insurance, who will discuss Medicare Supplement plans. Our regular scheduled time – 11:30 a.m., the second Monday of the month, from October 2015 through April 2016 will resume in October. Our meeting dates are:

- October 12: at Nick's Roman Terrace
- November 9: at Nick's Roman Terrace
- December 14 (Holiday Lunch: Restaurant to be decided)
- January 11 (Location to be decided)
- February 15 (**VGEA Legislative Day**, lunch at VGEA Office, 1011 E. Main St., Suite 400, Richmond, VA)

Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." **Arthur Ashe**

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Upcoming VGEA and Retirees' Chapter EVENTS



- **October 12** – Next meeting of VGEA Richmond Retirees: 11:30 a.m., Nick's Roman Terrace, 8051 W. Broad Street, (Westland Shopping Center, between Parham Road and Glenside Drive) Henrico, VA, 804.270.2988. Plan to attend and bring friends!

- **October 15** – Tidewater Regional Meeting: 6 p.m. Olive Garden - near Greenbrier Mall, 1631 Ring Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320. (757)424-4758.

Call 877-302-7146 or email info@vgea.org to RSVP for VGEA meetings.