

Newsletter

A State Affiliate of the National Alliance for Retired Americans

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WEST VIRGINIA ARA ON THE MOVE

The West Virginia AFL-CIO and West Virginia Alliance for Retired Americans in cooperation with the Institute for Labor Studies and Research of West Virginia University sponsored the Second Annual meeting of the West Virginia Alliance for Retired Americans on November 16 and 17, 2006.

The event was held at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, West Virginia with a full agenda, which was greeted with enthusiasm by the ARA Delegates and guests.

The Meeting was opened by Chapter President Ernest (Spud) Terry and was followed by many dedicated and inspirational speakers and presenters during the Conference.

As required in the bylaws of the West Virginia Alliance for Retired Americans an election of Chapter officers was held and the following persons were elected by acclamation of the Delegates present.

Ernest (Spud) Terry – President (Public Sector)
Sterling Ball – Executive Vice President (Manufacturing Sector)
Jim Picarella – Treasurer (Manufacturing Sector)
Betty Totten – Secretary (Manufacturing Sector)

Vice Presidents FIRST DISTRICT

Ken Cozart – Manufacturing Sector
Shelva Smith – Building Trades Sector

SECOND DISTRICT

Raymond B.B. Smith – Building Trades Sector
Larry Ratliff – Manufacturing Sector
Virginia Moles – Public Sector

THIRD DISTRICT

Cecil Hardin – Public Sector
Jerry Booth – Building Trades Sector

WV AFL-CIO

Larry Matheny

The ARA Conference/ Convention was concluded with a resolve of those present to work in unison to empower and improve the status of all West Virginia Retirees.

This Newsletter is a new service for our members with assistance from the National Alliance. Please contact Ernest 'Spud' Terry at eterry3066@charter.net or Jim Picarella at jpicarella@verizon.net with any ideas, contributions or suggestions for this bi-monthly newsletter. Next deadline: January 19, 2007

2007 Calendar of Events

Meeting information:

First Board Meeting
Monday, January 8th, 2007
11:00 AM
Building Trades
Parkersburg, WV

Most Meetings conducted:
11:00 AM

Second Monday of every month
Affiliated Construction Trades Building
(Red Brick Bldg beside the Capitol Market)
1st Floor conference Room
1st door on right
600 Leon Sullivan Way
Charleston, WV 25301

If you need additional information or driving directions, contact one of the officers listed below via email or call the West Virginia AFL-CIO office at:
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Secretary: Betty Totten

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

George J. Kourpias, President

I am so incredibly proud of Alliance members.

Not only did retirees vote in such strong numbers in the November elections, but all across the country Alliance members poured their hearts and their souls into making sure that our issues – such as Medicare and Social Security – were the issues that people talked about in this year's campaigns.

At over 250 events, from Labor Day through the Election, Alliance members made their voices heard at rallies, press conferences, and presentations in front of senior groups. You educated both the candidates and the voters on how critically important it is to protect and strengthen our retirement security. You spoke the truth about where the candidates stood on these issues, helping people in your community make sense of a political process that is too often dominated by misleading and negative advertisements.

Be proud of all you did. But don't rest on your laurels. As the new Congress prepares to meet in Washington, there is much work to be done. Both the president and the new leaders on Capitol Hill are already talking about making changes in the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, as well as examining the future of Social Security. It is imperative that we educate our friends and our neighbors on what is happening in Washington and how it affects them.

Once again, thank you for all you did for the Alliance this year. I wish you and your family all the best during this holiday season.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: 2007 Dues notices will be sent out in December. If you have any questions about your 2006 dues please contact Jim Picarella, Treasurer at jcpicarella@verizon.net



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