



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the
Senior Statesmen of Virginia will be held on
Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
at the Senior Center, Inc., on Pepsi Place

How the Patient Protection and Affordability Act will Impact Virginians' access to and cost of medical services

Saunders Midyette, vice-president and national sales director for the St. Clair Group, Inc., will present an overview of the Patient Protection and Affordability Act. **Jim Haden**, president and chief executive officer at Martha Jefferson Health Services and Hospital, and **Carol Craig**, government relations specialist at the University of Virginia Medical Center, will then address how cost and access for Virginians will be affected by the Act. Following the presentations, the speakers will respond to questions from the audience. The program is free and open to the general public.

The program will be moderated by SSV board member and secretary, **Bill Davis**.

Saunders Midyette



Jim Haden



Carol Craig



Since 1998, **Saunders Midyette** has served as vice president and national sales director for the St. Clair Group, Inc., and President, Jackson Group, L.L.C., in Charlottesville. In the three decades previous to that he held the positions of vice president and chief financial officer with the Sisters of Providence Health

System in Springfield, Massachusetts (1996-1997); senior associate with The Hunter Group in St. Petersburg (1995-1996); vice president and chief operating officer for the Greater Southeast Healthcare System in Washington, DC (1994-1995); chief operating officer with the University of Virginia Medical Center (1991-1994); associate director and administrator with the University of Michigan Hospitals (1987-1991); associate director and chief financial officer with the University of Michigan Hospitals (1979-1987); associate administrator and chief financial officer with the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City (1976-1979); and controller and chief financial officer with the Hospital of University of Pennsylvania (1966-1976).

Mr. Saunders received his BA from the University of North Carolina, and his MBA from the Wharton Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania. He is a member and past fellow of the Healthcare Financial Management Association, and a past fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Mr. Saunders and his wife Shirley of 47 years moved to Charlottesville from Ann Arbor Michigan in 1991. Shirley serves as an interpreter at Monticello and when Saunders is not being called upon to present his wisdom and knowledge, he is an avid reader, tennis player, sports and classical music enthusiast.

James E. Haden was named president and chief executive officer of Martha Jefferson Health Services in 1993. Mr. Haden received a master's degree in Public Health/Health Services Management from UCLA in 1971. He completed his administrative residency at Scripps Hospital in LaJolla, California, and received the 1988 Alumni of the Year Award from the UCLA Health Services Management Alumni Association. Mr. Haden served as president / CEO of Queen of the Valley Health Services in West Covina, California (1986–1993). Prior to that, he served as chief operating officer of Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach, California (1978-1986). He served as associate administrator at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California (1976–1978). In 1992, Mr. Haden was chairperson of the California Association of Catholic Hospitals and was a member of the Hospital Council of Southern California (1988–1993).

Mr. Haden served as a board member on the Federal Reserve Board of Richmond from (1998-2003). He is a former board member of the Charlottesville United Way, the Piedmont Virginia Community College Foundation and Charlottesville Chamber of Commerce. He is currently a board member of the Optima Health Plans of Virginia Beach; a board member of Virginia National Bank; a board member of Voluntary Hospitals of America – (VHA) Central Atlantic; and, in 2008 and 2009 he served as chair of the United Way Excellence in Non-Profit Leadership Award Committee. Mr. Haden is a member of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia.

Mr. Haden served as a preceptor at UCLA Health Services Management Program (1981–1987) and has served as a preceptor for VCU's Masters Program in Health Care Administration. In 2003 Mr. Haden was the recipient of the American Heart Association, Charlottesville Chapter, "Billy" Gitchell Award. In 2006 Mr. Haden was the recipient of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Blue Ridge Chapter Silver Hope Award. Mr. Haden is the 2008 recipient of the Beta Kappa Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau, UVa School of Nursing Community Service Award. Mr. Haden is married to Sue Haden and they have three children.

Carol Huston Craig was appointed government relations specialist at the University of Virginia Medical Center in April 2010. In this position she is responsible for tracking state and federal legislation impacting the Medical Center; preparing advice statements on legislative and regulatory issues impacting the Medical Center; planning and organizing on-site educational programs for legislative guests and off-site visits to legislators; assisting in the preparation and submission of COPN applications; and assisting in the review of Medical Center policies.

Prior to joining the UVa Medical Center, Ms. Craig served as university counsel at the University of Maryland Baltimore (2000-2004), and previously as assistant university counsel (1997-2000). She was associate legal advisor at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia (1995-1996), and an assistant legal advisor (1990-1995). She was assistant general counsel at Baylor University in Waco, Texas (1987-1990), and staff attorney (1986-1987); and an associate in private practice in New Orleans, Louisiana (1984-1985).

Ms. Craig received her B.S. in Marketing at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, attended Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, and received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

She and her husband, Stewart, have two children, Mary Grace and Colin, ages 15 and 12, respectively. Although working and raising her children leaves little time for leisure activities, she enjoys reading, fine dining, attending UVa sporting events, traveling, and helping others.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING...

The Senior Statesmen of Virginia held its regular biennial Fifth Congressional District Candidates Showcase on August 11 at the Senior Center, Inc. All three candidates were invited to present their view and then respond to questions from the audience. Congressman **Tom Perriello** (Democrat) and Independent challenger **Jeffrey Clark** accepted the invitation to participate. Republican challenger **Robert Hurt** declined to participate.

The entire Candidates Showcase can be heard on the Charlottesville Podcasting Network at <http://www.cvillepodcast.com/category/senior-statesmen/>.

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Opponents criticize Hurt for skipping 5th District debate

Although GOP challenger Robert Hurt chose not to attend, U.S. Rep. Tom Perriello, D-Ivy, and independent candidate Jeff Clark faced off Wednesday in Charlottesville in the first debate of the 5th District's congressional campaign.



At the Senior Statesmen of Virginia's candidate forum at the Senior Center, Perriello and Clark outlined their views on jobs, taxes, Social Security privatization, energy policy and more.

Hurt's campaign manager said in a statement that the state senator from Chatham opted to skip the event because he is willing to debate Perriello only in a one-on-one setting, and not if Clark, a conservative businessman and member of Danville's Tea Party, is allowed to take part.

"We appreciate the hard work that the Senior Statesmen organization does and we also appreciate its invitation," said Hurt's campaign manager, Sean Harrison. "With that said, the Senior Statesmen Forum organized the debate

without regard for the viability of the individual candidates and without seeking our input on this critical issue."

Independent candidates have always been offered an invitation to the Senior Statesmen debate, which has been held since 1996. Hurt is the first candidate to decline to appear.

Perriello admonished Hurt for not showing up and allowing Charlottesville-area voters to see side-by-side all three of the candidates who will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot.

"No one is entitled to this seat. No one gets it for free. You've got to fight for it. You've got to make your case to the voters," Perriello said.

Perriello, a freshman Democrat who narrowly unseated six-term GOP incumbent Virgil H. Goode Jr. in 2008, challenged Hurt to agree to four one-on-one televised debates between himself and Hurt, given Hurt's refusal to debate so long as Clark is present.

"The voters deserve that. The stakes are incredibly high this



year, in terms of jobs, in terms of the deficit, in terms of the wars we're fighting, and voters deserve more than hiding behind negative TV spots from your allies in the insurance industry and the oil industry," Perriello said. "It would be better if all candidates were allowed, but if that's not plausible then I think we need an opportunity on television for voters around the district to hear from us. I hope Sen. Hurt will not back down from that challenge."

Harrison said Wednesday that Hurt will be willing to "debate Perriello one on one anywhere, anytime and any place."

Clark, for his part, apologized to the Senior Center crowd Wednesday for "throwing a wrench into the works" and causing Hurt to refuse to participate in the forum. "I want to apologize that because of my participation, one of the candidates refused to take part," he said. "[But] it's important that everyone be able to hear from all the candidates."

Before fielding questions from the audience of roughly 300 voters, both Perriello and Clark laid out the very different themes of their campaigns.

Perriello is running for a second term, he said, because much work remains to improve the economy of Central and Southside Virginia. As a big part of this, he said, he wants Congress to do more to boost the manufacturing, construction, forestry and agriculture industries.



Moderator Coy Barefoot poses questions received from the audience with Congressman Perriello looking on.

"We have in the past, and we can in the future, build things, grow things and make things better than anyone else in the world," he said.

As one example, he said, he has been pushing for "home star" and "rural star" legislation that "helps us renovate existing building stock, particularly in rural communities. It puts American construction crews to work, it puts American manufacturing to work — because you're looking at the installation of double-paned glass and window film — and it's reducing electric bills for America when the economic pinch is serious."

Clark is running, he said, because he is concerned about the direction of the country under both Democrats and

Republicans, both of whom he views as far too willing to increase government spending and debt.

"What we don't see is a fundamental commitment to try and reduce the size of the federal government," Clark said. "No matter who it is, whether Republicans or Democrats, we've seen a constant march toward a larger and larger federal government."

Clark believes America is at a turning point, in which it will either continue to rely increasingly on the federal government or it will become more self-sufficient. If elected, he said, he would work to reduce taxes and government regulation to allow private enterprise and individuals to operate with less intrusion.

Both candidates were asked if they support privatizing Social Security, which is at risk of insolvency in the years ahead.

Perriello does not support privatization but believes steps must be taken to shore up Social Security's long-term viability. Clark, on the other hand, wants to privatize the entitlement system partially to allow young people to choose to make low-risk private investments.



The candidates also outlined their views on what should be done to reduce the \$13 trillion federal deficit.

Clark said the growing national debt is of great concern and requires dramatic cuts in government spending.

Perriello said he is also concerned about the deficit, having voted twice against President Barack Obama's budget because it did not go far enough in reducing debt. He said he supports a proposal to convene a bipartisan commission that would make recommendations to balance the budget, ending with an up-or-down vote for Congress.

"I've been somewhat quoted and a video's been sent around with me saying, 'Congress will keep stealing from you unless you tie our hands.' People seem upset by that. I hate to tell you, it's the truth," Perriello said. "Until we wake up and realize that both parties will continue to run up deficits until we give them no other choice."

The candidates were also asked to give their views on the war in Afghanistan.

Clark, whose son is in the Marines and recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan, said the war is "something of a mess" and lacks focus or a clear objective. Moreover, he said, American troops are hamstrung by overly cautious rules of engagement.

"They're being asked to risk their lives for political correctness," Clark said.

Perriello, who spent time in Afghanistan as a national security consultant before running for Congress, said he has supported a proposal that demands a strategy for victory and a timetable for withdrawal. He believes America has strategic interests in a secure Afghanistan, but said U.S. efforts are stymied by the country's "utterly rotten and corrupt" kleptocracy of thugs and warlords.



"If we make some bold political moves, there may still be some room for victory," he said.

Clark criticized the federal health care legislation, which Perriello supported. Clark views the law's mandate that everyone obtain health insurance as onerous and un-American.

"I'm not in favor of anyone telling me what I should buy or what I ought to have," he said.

Clark spoke in favor of Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's lawsuit to overturn the legislation. Perriello said he too supports Cuccinelli's

right to challenge the law but said it was poorly reasoned and will likely fail.

Perriello said the health care reform law will make health premiums more affordable and will make the system fairer for small businesses and the middle class. For example, he said, the law brings the uninsured into the system, thereby eliminating the need for insured people to pay the \$1,400 "hidden tax" that health care companies charge to cover the cost of the uninsured.

On the issue of taxes, Perriello outlined a long list of tax cuts and tax credits he supported to benefit the middle class and small businesses. Clark said he would like to eliminate all federal taxes and implement a "Fair Tax" in the form of a 23-cent sales tax.

IN MEMORIAM

Corinne Carr Nettleton

Corinne Carr Nettleton, 81, of Charlottesville, passed away peacefully at her residence on Saturday, August 7, 2010.

She was born on September 9, 1928, in North Carolina, the daughter of the late William Kimbrough and Isabel Woodworth Carr. She was also preceded in death by her two brothers.

Corinne was a faithful member of Westminster Presbyterian Church for over 15 years. She was a graduate of the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma and received her Master's Degree from Boston University in Massachusetts. Her life's work was in the Clinical Social Work field and she was instrumental in updating the Virginia legislation concerning

child abuse laws and their enforcement. She helped many children to achieve a better life, complete with love and caring. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Reverend Norman D. Nettleton; a niece, Patricia Carr of Richardson, Texas; two nephews, Kim Carr and Sam Carr of Houston, Texas; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Carr of Houston, Texas.

A memorial service was held 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Jim Baker officiating.

The family received friends following the service at the church. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Senior Center Inc., 1180 Pepsi Place, Charlottesville, VA 22901, or the Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Way, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911, or to a favorite charity of your choosing.

Friends may send condolences to the family at www.hillandwood.com.

Adapted from the obituary published in *The Daily Progress* from August 9 to August 10, 2010.

The Senior **Statesmen of Virginia** is pleased to **welcome** nine new members: **Clive Bradbeer**, 130 Stribling Avenue, Charlottesville, VA 22903, 434-293-2640; **Carol Chandross**, 1251 Branchlands Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901, 434-978-4871; **Diane and Chuck Gagliano**, 2238 Shepards Ridge Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901, 434-964-1939; **Dr. and Mrs. William B. Hunt Jr.**, 80 Bishops Ridge Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22911, 434-972-3147; **John McCauley**, 1330 Villaverde Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22902, 434-971-2924; **Sallie Park**, 1739 Old Brook Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901, 434-978-7360; and **Ronald Wilson**, 1388 Wimbledon Way, Charlottesville, VA 22901, 434-973-8113.

Mark your calendars...

Wednesday, October 13, at the Senior Center, Inc., **transportation – planning for the future**, presented by planners from the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission.

Wednesday, November 10, at the Senior Center, Inc., **a perspective on our health care system** with **Dr. Eric Patashnik**, University of Virginia.

The purpose of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational and advocacy organization is to enable seniors to identify and articulate their viewpoints on the issues affecting all the citizens of Virginia; to encourage knowledge of and active participation in the public processes of government; to disseminate information about the social, governmental, and educational institutions; and to prepare resolutions stating positions on member-selected issues for distribution to appropriate public officials.

*Membership in the SSV is open to all past and present citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Join now!** Annual dues are just \$15.00. Mail your check in the amount of \$15.00, (payable to "SSV") to Senior Statesmen of Virginia, c/o Jim Peterson, 1969 Ridgetop Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22903-8808. Telephone: 434-806-4474. E-mail: jimp@videoprovirginia.com*

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