



The mission of SSV, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational and advocacy organization, is to enable seniors to identify and articulate their viewpoints on the issues affecting all citizens of Virginia, to encourage knowledge of and active participation in the legislative process of government, and to disseminate information about the social, governmental, and educational institutions that offer support and assistance.



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the **Senior Statesmen of Virginia** will be held on
Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 1:30 – 3 p.m.
at the **Senior Center, Inc., 1180 Pepsi Place**

Grant Tate Bridging the Gap—Listening to people you don't want to hear



In this highly interactive session, we'll learn how to identify and overcome the gaps between different points of view in public and private discourse. Come out and let's have a lively discussion.

The session will be facilitated by **Dr. Grant Tate**, CEO/Managing Partner of *the bridge ltd*, a Charlottesville consulting company that helps leaders make difficult decisions. He is the founder of three small companies and was co-founder of the New Mexico Technical Innovation Center and the Connecticut Venture Center--organizations formed to help formulate and grow entrepreneurial companies. Before starting *the bridge ltd*, Grant was an executive at IBM where he led a software development lab, introduced new products and managed reorganization of a hi-tech division.

The program will be moderated by SSV Board Member **Terry Cooper** and is free and open to the public.

In case you missed the December 18 Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting had been scheduled to be held on its regular meeting date of December 10, but President Bob McGrath discovered just two days prior that a misunderstanding regarding the reservation for that date meant that the meeting would have to be rescheduled. In a flurry of activity, all members were notified of the change. Regrettably, a few members who would have attended on the original date had conflicts for the new date. On the other hand, other members who could not have attended on the original date were able to participate on the new date.

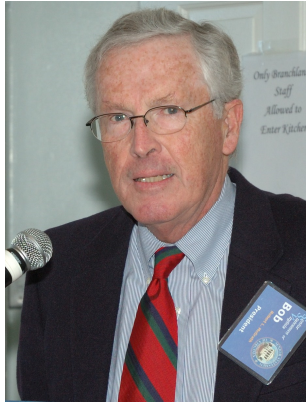
The nominating committee, comprised of **Madison Cummings**, chair, and **Nancy Hunt**, presented the following slate of nominations for 2015 SSV officers and directors: **John McCauley**, vice president and program chair; **Jim Peterson**, treasurer; and **Rich DeMong**, director. **Pat Odend'hal** was originally proposed on the slate to fill a vacant director position, but she withdrew her candidacy just prior to the meeting. The slate as proposed with the one vacancy was elected by the membership. **Bob McGrath** (president), **Madison Cummings** (secretary), and directors



Madison Cummings

Terry Cooper, Jeff Gould and Nancy Hunt, will continue on the board as they enter the second year of their two-year terms. **Sue Lieberman** will continue in her capacity as past president.

Vice President and Program Chair **John McCauley** was unable to attend the meeting due to the rescheduled date, and therefore Board Member **Grace Zisk** gave a slide presentation with a review of the programs held during 2014. She also commented on the trend of increasing attendance at the monthly meetings, reported on upcoming programs and encouraged members to convey their program suggestions to any member of the board.



President Bob McGrath recognized outgoing board members, Grace Zisk and Charlie Smith for their outstanding contributions during their service on the SSV board, and in particular, to their work on the program committee.

With regard to finances and membership, SSV began the year with an account balance of \$1,766 and is projected to complete the year with \$1,868. Membership stood at 160 at the beginning of the year and will end the year with 156 members.



Board member Grace Zisk presenting the Program Committee report

Mark your calendar

Wednesday, February 11: the **2020 Planning Process (Aging in Place)**, with **Billie Campbell** (TJPDC)

Wednesday, March 11: a panel discussion on **Growth vs. No Growth**

Wednesday, April 8: area legislators provide a **General Assembly Legislative Report**

Membership in the SSV is open to all past and present citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Join now!** Annual dues are just \$20.00. Mail your check in the amount of \$20.00 (payable to "SSV") to Senior Statesmen of Virginia, P.O. Box 6591, Charlottesville, VA 22906. Telephone: 434-806-4474. E-mail: jimp@videoprovirginia.com

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