

Senior Statesmen of Virginia

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**The next meeting of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia will be held on
Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
at the Senior Center, Inc., on Pepsi Place**

Alzheimer's Basics, Impact and Brain Health

The heart-wrenching, personal impact of Alzheimer's disease is known to all too many of us. And, there is growing awareness and concern about the economic and financial impacts on our employers and health care system. This far-reaching presentation will begin with "Alzheimer's 101," travel through "Medicare/ Medicaid Implications," and end with "Brain Health" strategies! You won't want to miss this interactive event!



Susan (Sue) Bell Friedman, a member of SSV, joined the Alzheimer's Association, Central and Western Virginia Chapter, in 2007 as president and CEO. The national Alzheimer's Association was formed in 1983 in Chicago. Our vision is a "world without Alzheimer's." We focus on education and training, family services and research through our national headquarters in Chicago and 77 chapters around the country. We have the compassion to care through our services and the courage to conquer the disease through our education/research. The Chapter is 25 years old and serves 37 counties through five offices.

Sue received her BA in Political Science from Purdue University and her MS in Agency Counseling from Indiana State University. In her most recent positions, she was appointed director, Regional Business Assistance, Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development 1999-2007; executive director of the Texas Association of Partners in Education, Austin, Texas; and vice president and public relations director for the Heart of Georgia Technical Institute, Dublin, Georgia.

Sue was elected to the Albemarle County School Board 2004 to 2007 and elected Chair in 2006. She has served on the boards and as an officer in numerous organizations including the Virginia Economic Developers Association, League of Women Voters of Charlottesville/Albemarle County, I Have A Dream Foundation-Charlottesville, United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area, and the Albemarle County Rotary Club. She is listed in Who's Who of American Women, 1986-2006.

ANNUAL MEETING: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

In addition to the program to be presented by Sue Friedman, the December 10 meeting is also the Annual Meeting for the Senior Statesmen of Virginia at which time the election of officers and directors is held. The nominating committee of **Betty Vargas**, chair, and members **Betty Black** and **Charles St. Clair** announce the slate of nominations for 2009 SSV officers and directors: **Fred Terry**, vice president; **Bill Hobson**, treasurer; and directors **Doris Kee**, **Jim Perkins** and **Al Samuels**. Please note that **Marvin Hilton**, president; **Bill Davis**, secretary; and directors **Berta Hysell** and **Jim Peterson** have another year in their terms of service. **Don Wells** remains on the board of directors as immediate past president. We thank **Bob McAdams** for his service as treasurer.

IN CASE YOU MISSED THE LAST SSV MEETING...

At the November 12 SSV meeting, **Al Weed** with Pubic Policy Virginia, gave a presentation entitled, "Climate Change: Challenge and Opportunity for Virginia." He noted that throughout history in the United States, challenges and crises have resulted in a stronger America. This can also be true of the crisis we are facing today with climate change and global warming. Virginia's coast line is the second most vulnerable to coastal flooding as global warming leads to rising seas. This is exacerbated because the movement of tectonic plates is causing the coastline to sink. Yet Virginia is well positioned to produce biomass fuels from wood and wood waste, agricultural residue, and animal waste.

Al's recommendations for actions: at the local level, demand the use of renewable energy sources even if it is more costly. At the state level, urge "conservation pricing" which is the practice of paying power companies for energy they do not use. Also promote "impact pricing," which rewards communities that are impacted by the presence of new

renewable energy production facilities. The most important thing that can be done is to make fossil fuels more expensive by building a "carbon fee" into the costs at the well head and other fossil energy sources. Just as the cost of fees for the use of land fills is built into the costs of products purchased by the consumer, so should the cost of fossil fuels. Also, considering that it only costs Saudi Arabia \$4 to produce a barrel of oil, until we establish a floor in the cost of fossil fuels, the market can and will be manipulated by the producing countries. The meeting ended with a spirited debate involving members of the audience as to their views global warming.



Note: you can hear the entire program on the Charlottesville Podcasting website at <http://www.cvillepodcast.com/category/senior-statesmen/>.

SSV member Francis Fife honored

"Congratulations to SSV member **Francis Fife** who was selected by the Virginia Housing Coalition to receive the 2008 Housing Hall of Fame award, recognizing his lifetime of achievement in the affordable housing field. Mr. Fife was one of four founders of the Charlottesville Housing Foundation in 1968, and has been a supporter of affordable housing for 50 years. He has been an active member of the Piedmont Housing Alliance since 1996." Roofline, Fall 2008. Keep up the good work, Francis. We are proud of you.

Mark your calendars...

Wednesday, January 14, 1:30 until 3:00 p.m., Senior Center, Inc., on Pepsi Place: **Professor Edwin T. Burton** of the University of Virginia Economics Department will speak on the current economic crisis. He is a well known economic expert who is a frequent guest on WINA. He is the former head of the Virginia Retirement System. This is a program not to be missed!

*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: 434-987-9014. E-mail: jimp@videoprovirginia.com*

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