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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the

**Senior Statesmen of Virginia** will be held on  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**  
at the **Senior Center, Inc., on Pepsi Place**

## Preview of the 2010 Midterm Congressional Elections



**Isaac Wood**, House Race Editor for Sabato's Crystal Ball at the University of Virginia Center for Politics, will preview the 2010 midterm elections for Congress that will take place in November. Virginia will be a key battleground as Republicans try to take back the House, with a "toss-up" race right here in the Fifth District where Tom Perriello eked out the closest victory in the nation in 2008 and a handful of other House races across the state which will decide which party controls Congress next year.

Isaac Wood is the House Race Editor of Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball at the University of Virginia Center for Politics. He has been quoted in a variety of news publications and broadcasts, including NPR and TIME, and served as an off-air analyst for the BBC's election night coverage in 2008.

Isaac produces, edits, and composes weekly articles which analyze the political climate and predict electoral outcomes for [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#), a political analysis web site and newsletter created by Center for Politics Director Larry Sabato. His areas of expertise are Virginia politics and U.S. House elections.

Prior to joining the Center for Politics, Isaac held political internships on Capitol Hill and in North Carolina and worked for several Virginia political campaigns. He earned a B.A. with distinction in Government and Economics from the University of Virginia, where he was Phi Beta Kappa.

### **LAST MONTH'S MEETING...**

At the April 14 SSV meeting, **Delegates Rob Bell and David Toscano** provided their perspectives on the 2010 General Assembly session.



### **IN MEMORIUM**

**Marvin Henry Hilton** of Charlottesville, Virginia, passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 25, 2010, in his home. He was born on October 19, 1932, in Lynchburg, Virginia, to the late Bertha Fulcher White and Henry A. Hilton. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Virginia Gravitt Hilton; his three children, Mark Scott Hilton, Timi Hilton Conrath, and Anne Leigh Hilton Matthews; his four grandchildren, Hunter Reed Conrath, Parker Holt Conrath, Shane Michael Matthews and Ethan Hilton Matthews; and his half-brother, Phillip Hilton.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. After service to his country, he received Bachelor and Masters degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia. He was a lecturer in the University of Virginia

Engineering School for several years, a registered professional engineer, and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, serving on the local, state, and national level. He was a senior research scientist in the Virginia Transportation Research Council (a division of VDOT) for most of his career until his retirement in 1991. He was very active professionally even after retirement, acting for a number of years as a committee clerk and as a legislative aid to Bernie Day as well as Rob Bell in the Virginia General Assembly and recently serving as president of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia in 2008 and 2009. Marvin was a member of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia since 2002. He was recently appointed to the Board of the Albemarle County Service Authority, actively serving up until his death.

Marvin was a man of great moral character and integrity who believed in honesty and the truth. He believed in standing for and supporting his family. He loved tennis, designing and creating furniture, every old oak tree in his yard, the University of Virginia, and possessed a strong and abiding faith in God. He dearly loved his grandchildren and spent long hours with his grandson, Shane, with whom he shared a joy for tinkering and fixing things.

The Engineering School at the University of Virginia, particularly the Civil Engineering Department, where he was active throughout his career, always remained close to Marvin's heart. He would love nothing more than to help young students receive the same education that he so valued.

The family is creating a scholarship in Marvin's honor and asks that you send contributions to the Marvin H. Hilton Scholarship Fund, University of Virginia Engineering Scholarship Fund, University of Virginia Engineering Foundation, P.O. Box 400256, Charlottesville, VA 22904. Checks should be made out to the University of Virginia Engineering Foundation (UVEF) with a notation about the Marvin Hilton Scholarship. A memorial service was held 1 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2010, at Teague Funeral Home, located at 2260 Ivy Road, Charlottesville, Virginia. Friends may sign a guest register at [teaguefuneralhome.com](http://teaguefuneralhome.com).

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### Mark your calendars...

**Wednesday, June 9**, 1:30 until 3:00 p.m., at the Senior Center, Inc., SSV member **Bob McGrath**, Retired professor of physics, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and vice president for Brookhaven National Laboratory Affairs, State University of New York at Stony Brook. The topic is **climate change**. **Note: no meeting in July**

**Wednesday, August 11**, at the Senior Center, Inc., **Fifth Congressional District Candidates Showcase**

The Senior **Statesmen of Virginia** is pleased to **welcome** two new members: **Rich DeMong**, 881 Tilman Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901-6339, 434-295-3284; and **Peter Thompson**, 1180 Pepsi Place, Charlottesville, VA 22901, 434-974-4577.

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](mailto:jimp@videoprovirginia.com)

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