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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.



# Senior Statesmen of Virginia

The next meeting of the **Senior Statesmen of Virginia** will be held on **Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

**at Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge**  
Rotunda Room, 250 Pantops Mountain Road, Charlottesville, Virginia

## Initiatives to Mitigate Local Climate Change

**What does climate change mean to YOU? To our community?**  
Join us on June 8<sup>th</sup> for an introduction to climate change action at the local level... including YOU. Hear how the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County and the University of Virginia are working together with the local climate collaborative to address climate change issues. And learn YOUR role.



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**Sue Friedman**  
Moderator and  
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### *Background Information and Directions*

Please see page 2 for background information regarding the new venue for Senior Statesmen of Virginia programs, and page 3 for detailed directions to the Rotunda Room at Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge. As described on page 3, you will park in the "Catered Living" parking lot in front of the main building and then enter the main building. SSV registration is inside Rotunda Room, where proof of vaccination and face covering will be required.

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

# Senior Statesmen of Virginia Monthly Programs Moving to Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge 250 Pantops Mountain Road **Rotunda Room** Beginning with the June 8, 2022 Meeting

Due to the advent of COVID restrictions, effective June 2020 the Senior Statesmen of Virginia (SSV) curtailed in-person programs and made the programs available via the Zoom computer Internet platform. The board understands that just as it was challenging to forego in-person meetings when COVID turned our world upside down, so will it require adjustment as we return to in-person meetings. We will return to in-person meeting for June 8th....and will welcome your feedback about in-person meetings, Zoom meetings and hybrid meetings.

We have reviewed options for meeting locations that allow both Board meetings and program meetings at the same location, on the same day. As we looked for space that would not incur costs, we agreed to move our meetings at **Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge**.



The June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin at 1:30 pm at WCBR in their 150-seat Rotunda Room. **For your health safety and peace of mind, we will require proof of vaccination and wearing of face coverings.** In addition, the room will allow for socially distanced seating.

If you have any problems with parking or locating the Rotunda Room, call 434 981 3515.

WE look forward to seeing you on June 8<sup>th</sup> for an informative and engaging program on Climate Change at the Local Level !!





## *Directions to Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge—Rotunda Room*



Turn onto Pantops Mountain Road from Route 250 (Richmond Road). Tell the attendant at the gatehouse you are attending the Senior Statesmen program.



After passing through the gatehouse checkpoint, turn left onto Pantops Mountain Road (see sign above) then turn right onto Bishops Ridge Drive. See sign for "Catered Living" parking, turn left into the lot.

Parking is in the "Catered Living" parking lot in front of the main building.

Enter main building, go right following signs to the Rotunda Room. **SSV registration is inside Rotunda Room, where proof of vaccination and face covering will be required.**



***In case you missed the May 11 meeting:***

## **General Assembly Update 2022**

Three of our local General Assembly members were able to participate in our annual May General Assembly Update meeting: Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegate Matt Fariss and Delegate Sally Hudson. The current status of Virginia government with a Republican governor and Republican majority in the house and a Democratic majority in the Senate has led to gridlock in approving the budget which is still not finalized. If it is not approved by July 1, 2022, it is possible that Virginia government will shut down. All the participants expressed hope that agreement will be reached.



**Top, from left: Moderator Ella Jordan; Senator Creigh Deeds  
Bottom: Delegates Matt Fariss and Sally Hudson**

Even with the current budget surplus the parties agree that what must also be taken into account is that the cost of supplies, labor, etc., have significantly increased so the state is not as flush with cash as it seems. Many topics were addressed during the presentation, but mental health was a priority of all three speakers. Funding for better support services and housing for persons with mentally illness were primary needs. The differences between running a business or government have caused some concerns with the Democrats who believe that the more transparency the better as opposed to the Republican position that some work should not be public information in that it may stifle participation in government. Other questions from the audience concerned the Dillon Rule (local government needs state approval to raise

and levy taxes), constitutionality of executive orders, Tip Line, and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

You can listen to a podcast or view a video of the entire program on the Senior Statesmen website: [www.seniorstatesmen.org](http://www.seniorstatesmen.org).

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