

Anson Women's League Scholarship Program

The Anson Women's League (AWL) once again is pleased to announce its scholarship program. Open to Anson County high school students in various programs, and also to students in home school, four \$500 scholarships will be awarded. By special family requests, two of the scholarships will be offered in memory of Jeanne Price and Eloise Rywak. Applications are available now, through April 6. The evidences will be judged primarily on academic and financial need. The applications of students' involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities, churches, clubs and charitable service in the community will be welcomed. A written essay addressing these activities will provide further support in the evaluation process. Finalists will be interviewed by the Women's League Scholarship Committee. Application forms will be available through the high schools and Early College guidance counselors or by telephoning Terri Carpenter, Chairperson of the AWL Scholarship Committee at 704-694-0301 (Room K-206) at Anson High School. You may also mail: Anson Women's League, PO Box 94, Wadesboro NC 28170 or visit the Hampton B. Allen Library for an application.



Las Amigas Celebrates National Founder's Day

The Morven Chapter of Las Amigas celebrated the national organization's Founder's Day on Sunday, February 11 at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Cheraw. Each year members select a house of worship to celebrate Founder's Day. Las Amigas is a national civic organization of women founded in 1957 by the late Dora R. Mason and Mary Q. Moore in Charlotte. Their vision was that the group would honor and improve overall the lives of the less fortunate citizens in their community. Sixty years later, thousands of community service projects and many volunteer hours of over twenty chapters have impacted the lives of youth, young adults and senior citizens in four regions across the United States: the Northeast, the Southeast Region; the Southwest Region; and the Mid-Atlantic Region. Las Amigas has obtained a non-profit status 501-c3 for its Las Amigas National Benefit Fund from which scholarships are awarded to well-deserving high school graduates. The Morven Chapter was established in June of 1987. It was installed as a chapter in Salisbury, NC on September 22, 1987 as a national affiliate of Las Amigas and the Southwest Region which now includes Charlotte, Gastonia, Greenville, SC and Mooresville Chapters. Thirty years later, five charter members remain faithful to the ideals and principles of the Morven organization. They are founders Winnie Bennett, Johnnie Pettiford and Judy Simon, along with charter members Marilyn Bennett and Beulah Pratt. The remaining members are Elizabeth Kersey, Pat McCoy, Joletha Little, Samantha Douglas, Shunee McRae and Arnette Taylor. These dedicated ladies all work very hard to positively impact the lives of the citizens in their own community as well as in the entire county of Anson. Pictured above, from left, are Elizabeth Kersey, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Bennett, Elizabeth Kilgo (non-member), Johnnie M. Pettiford, Rev. Mitchell, Winnie M. Bennett, Shunee McRae, Joletha Little, Beulah Pratt, Pat McCoy and Samantha Douglas.

Insurance Commission Causey Warns of Medicare Scams

North Carolina Department of Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey warns Medicare recipients to be on alert for scams. Beginning in April 2018 and running through April 2019, old Medicare cards will be replaced with ones that no longer show Social Security numbers. Instead, cards will have a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) that will be used for billing and to check eligibility and claim status. "This will happen automatically," said Commissioner Causey. "Recipients won't have to pay anyone or provide additional information to anyone who may threaten to remove Medicare benefits unless they comply," he warned. Having Social Security numbers removed from Medicare cards helps fight medical identity theft and protect medical and financial information. Recently, however, the Department has been informed of Medicare recipients who have received phone calls from their insurers asking for personal information as they wait for their new cards to arrive. Listed below are ways people may try to scam you:

- Is someone calling, claiming to be from Medicare, and asking for your Social Security number or bank information? Hang up. That's a scam. First, Medicare won't call you. Second, Medicare will never ask for your Social Security number or bank information.
- Is someone asking you to pay for your new card? That's a scam. Your new Medicare card is free.
- Is someone threatening to cancel your benefits if you don't give up information or money? This is also a scam.

New Medicare cards will be mailed out to you automatically. There won't be any changes to your benefits. Family members, husbands and wives, may get their cards in different months. Do not be alarmed if your spouse gets his/her card and yours does not come. It will come at a later date. For more information on Medicare fraud, contact the Department's Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) at 1-855-408-1212.

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