



MEETING PLACE

AARP chapter meets Dec. 10

Chapter 4180 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), will hold its annual Christmas meeting on Thursday, December 10, at noon at the Sandfiddler Restaurant near Southport. "No agenda is planned for this meeting," announced president Jimmy Wolfe. "We're just going to get together for some good fellowship and Christmas cheer."

NARFE meets next Tuesday

The Brunswick County Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will hold its monthly meeting at the Sparetime Restaurant, Shallotte, on Tuesday, December 8, at noon. Members will be entertained by The Fabulous 40's musical group. All members and prospective members are urged to attend. NARFE meetings are open to the public and membership in NARFE is available to all federal retirees and federal employees with at least five years of service.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Notary public class offered

Brunswick Community College will offer a notary public education course on Tuesday, December 8, and Thursday, December 10, at the Brunswick County Courthouse law library, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. both evenings. Students must register at the first class meeting. Ann Baccarny of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds office will teach the course, which qualifies one to take the North Carolina notary public licensure examination. There is a \$35 registration fee for the course, but it is waived for North Carolina residents 65 years and older. The required book costs \$6.25 and will be available at the first class meeting. For further information about the notary public course persons should contact continuing education director Perry Hall at 754-6922.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Michael Russ of Shallotte have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Elisabeth, to Michael Todd King of Carolina Beach. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. King of Asheboro. Friends and relatives are invited to attend the wedding at 3 p.m. January 9 in Camp United Methodist Church, Shallotte. The bride-elect earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from East Carolina University in 1991 and is currently teaching at Supply Elementary School. Her fiancé attended East Carolina University, received his captain's license from the U. S. Coast Guard and is currently owner and captain of Class Action Charters at Carolina Beach.

Symphony concert adds to holiday spirit

Area residents enjoyed a delightful holiday concert Monday night when the North Carolina Symphony made its first appearance of the current year at Hatch Auditorium. The entire program was designed around the time of year, and especially Christmas.

Conducted by Jackson Parkhurst, who remembered the "flashlight brigade" of a former near-disastrous appearance several years ago and having for the first time two local musicians -- Bernard Flythe and his former teacher Steve Skillman -- as participants, the "Holiday Pops" was well-received by an appreciative audience.

During the first half of the evening, musical selections were three arias from Puccini's "La Boheme", which were melodic and quietly beautiful. Then "The Skater's Waltz" and two Hanukkah pieces, one being "Feast of Lights", were followed by Victor Herbert's "Festival March" which contained recurring passages from the old-time New Year's refrain "Auld Lang Syne".

After intermission the symphony performed Prokofiev's "Winter Bonfire", Leontovich's "Carol of the Bells" and a Christmas medley arranged by Carmen Dragon which included "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "O, Little Town of Bethlehem", "Joy to the World", "Adeste Fideles" and "Deck the Halls".

The concert ended with a sing-along which was enjoyed as the audience sang "The Christmas Song", "Let It Snow", "White Christmas", "Jingle Bells" and "Home for the Holidays".

The president of the Brunswick County Chapter, which was responsible for bringing the symphony, is Stephanna Tewey of Long Beach. A second concert will be held in the spring at Brunswick Community College and there will be two concerts for school children in the county.

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