



# NAREOP News

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## Welcome to Fall



I hope this edition of NAREOP's newsletter finds you all well. Some of our east coast members weathered Dorian and hopefully you all are dried out by now.

We are making progress in movement forward as an organization. A few hard working ladies have been editing our Guidelines and Procedures over the summer. The final draft is nearly finished and we will present it to the membership in July.

In following NAEOP President Averyhart's theme, I am "Picturing the Possibilities" of our new future thinking streamlined organization. We have too much history to uphold to let NAREOP vanish. Thanks for sticking with us on this journey!

- *Connie*

## Professional development credit provided by the NAEOP Educational Foundation.

The Foundation Board has just approved to provide a professional development credit of \$10 on each registration for the 2020 NAEOP Conference. Hopefully, this \$10 credit will assist members in participating in an additional breakout session. See more details in the NAEOP LEARN newsletter.



### Your NAREOP Executive Board

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## From Around Town.....

From Pauline Alford(Mid-Atlantic area):

- ◇ Margaret Wilson (Lumberton NC) joined NAEOP in 1963 and retired in 1995. She enjoys receiving information and news from fellow NAREOP members.
- ◇ Bonnie Harmon (SC) passed away on August 17 from an extended illness
- ◇ Pauline and Gloria Tisdale attended the Boise Conference. They both reported that reconnecting with friends was wonderful. It was reported one favorite from the Conference meals was the Idaho Baked Potato with ALL the trimmings. The weather couldn't have been better !!
- ◇ Pauline and her husband cruised from New York City to New England and Canada.
- ◇ Elaine Miles and her husband have been traveling to Las Vegas every month for business but definitely enjoying the Vegas fun spots
- ◇ Bonnie "Jan" Roberts (SC) passed away on August 30. She had just celebrated her 83rd birthday.
- ◇ The Virginia Association will host the Mid-Atlantic conference on October 24-25 in Norfolk, Early registration is available at \$90 for one day or \$170 for two days for all NAEOP members.
- ◇ Mary White Thompson is a community activist. She was honored by the Better Housing Coalition for continued work in her community. A community room in the Union Hall Apartments was recently named in her honor. Mary has also had a street in the city of Richmond named after her and she was instrumental in acquiring low income housing for the citizens of Richmond.
- ◇ Theo Jones is starting her third and final year as president of the Delver Woman's Club, an Influential woman's organization.
- ◇ Barbara Bowman passed away recently. Sympathy cards may be sent to Melanie Bowman and Family, at 200 Barbours Lane, Greenville, SC 29607.

From the Southwest area:

- ◇ Helen Aposhian (CA) passed away in March. She retired in 1983 after 41 years of service
- ◇ CAEOP will be having their annual state conference February 28-29 in Morrow Bay, California. For more information see [www.caeop.org](http://www.caeop.org)
- ◇ SW members by state: Arizona (7), California (19), Hawaii (0), Nevada (1), Utah (1)

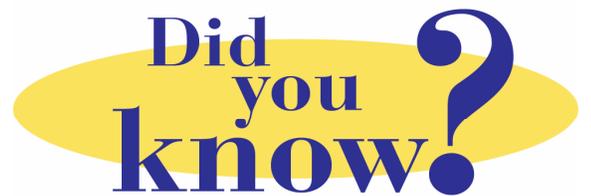
"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Henry Ford



We have received a list of retirees whose memberships have expired and will be removed from our mailing list in the near future, We don't want to lose contact or communication with you. It is our hope that you will consider renewing your membership. If you are experiencing difficulty and would like some financial help, please contact Connie VanHoesen at (van40002@gmail.com) or 85 Dewey Road, Churchville NY 14428

I recently was confronted firsthand by the current immunization crisis. One of my grandchildren is unable to receive most immunizations due to a health issue. Once we got it cleared for her to enter school it got me to thinking if I was still covered to help protect her. I found out I can have a blood test to check on my measles vaccine.



I found an article giving older Americans a list of immunizations that should be kept up to date. The good news is older Americans are among the most responsible when it comes to protecting their communities health. If you are over 50 it's critical you step up to protect your health and those around you. Here is what you need:

- Flu shot — every year
- Shingles — anyone who hasn't been vaccinated in the past 5 years. Two shots over a 6 month period
- Pneumonia — anyone over 65 (one time vaccine)
- Measles, Mumps & Rubella — for anyone born after 1956 who has not received a vaccination. One and you are protected.
- Tetanus — everyone, once every 10 years
- Chicken Pox — anyone who hasn't had chicken pox. If you are unsure if you had chicken pox you can have a blood test to determine if you are immune.

When I first looked over the list it seemed to be a lot of shots! But in reality, our generation was new to the idea of immunizations and protecting ourselves and took on the challenge of getting everything done. I really don't have much to be concerned with as I find I am up to date with everything except my tetanus and of course my annual flu shot. So, we really are part of a large group responsible for protecting our communities.

“The difference between doing something and not doing something is doing something”

-James Corden, comedian

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**2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
*August 2019*

**SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS!**

The 2018-2019 Scholarship Committee held three successful fundraisers during the year. Our first fundraiser was an opportunity drawing last Fall for a \$300 gift card. We received a total of \$985.00 in donations for this fundraiser. The second fundraiser was in the Spring for a \$400 gift card. We received a total of \$425.00 for this fundraiser.

Our third fundraiser was the “Split the Pot” fundraiser. The rules for this fundraiser were as follows: Winner does not need to be present to win. If total income is \$800.00 or less, the funds will be split 50/50 between the winner and NAREOP. Once the total income is over \$800.00, the funds are split as follows: 50% to NAREOP, \$400.00 to 1<sup>st</sup> winner and balance to 2<sup>nd</sup> winner. A total of \$430.00 was received for this fundraiser. Drawing was held during the 2019 NAREOP Conference and Kathryn Miller from California was the lucky winner receiving \$215.00 as ½ of the income from this drawing. The net results of our fundraising efforts was income of \$2,008.00 allowing NAREOP to provide two \$1,000 scholarships.

Winners

The winners of two \$1,000 scholarships from NAREOP were announced during the 2019 NAREOP Annual Meeting. The winners were Carson Hess, grandson of Roger and Martha Carson; and, Brenna Alford, granddaughter of James and Pauline Alford. Congratulations to our two winners who are already enrolled and pursuing their college education.

This year (2019-20), the Scholarship Committee for NAREOP will include three co-chairmen, Martha Carson, Linda Rush and Becky Shipley. It is truly exciting to be part of a year where NAREOP is able financially to award two winners! Our hope is to have the success continued next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Rush and Becky Shipley  
Scholarship Committee Co-Chairmen, 2018-19