

TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO RETIREES INSURANCE GROUP (MRIG)
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REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2015

Chairman, Charles Armanetti, called the Annual Meeting of the Middleboro Retirees Insurance Group to order with approximately 30 members in attendance. He thanked all for attending and for their support during the past year and donations to the COA Food Pantry. He introduced the Executive Committee and extended thanks to Andrea Priest, COA Director, for allowing MRIG to meet at the Council on Aging building.

Mary Cook, Treasurer, reported that the checking account currently had a balance of \$3,111.61. A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the Treasurer's report.

Guest speakers were: Town Manager Robert Nunes, Veterans Agent Paul Provencher, COA Director Andrea Priest and Shine Assistant Director Tracey Benson.

The Town Manager spoke on his open door policy and that he welcomes any input into the issues that face the Town now and in the future. In answer to a question from the floor he stated that contract negotiations are in the works regarding the possible change in the percentage split for Non-Medicare retirees and active employees who have been moved from the PPO plans (no longer available) to POS plans that have been substituted for them.

Since the retirees have no bargaining rights, it is up to each us to reach out to our former unions to see how negotiations are progressing and to what outcome, there is no guarantee of any change in the percentage split.

Paul Provencher, Andrea Priest and Tracey Benson all spoke about the programs their Departments provide. Anyone who has questions about qualifications and what programs are available should contact them.

Chairman Armanetti introduced Patty Lacerda, of the Nominating Committee. She read the list of nominees for the Executive Committee as follows: Charles Armanetti, George Chace, Mary Cook, Madeline Davern, Barbara Hadsell, Sue McCusker, Harry Pickering, June Rogers, Gene Turney, Gail Twomey and Betty Wainwright. The nominee for Alternate Member: George Andrade. The nominating process was opened to the floor. There being no further nominations from the floor a voice vote was taken and the slate of Executive Committee candidates were elected.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

It has been reported to us that some of the Non-Medicare retirees have encountered a problem with their insurance regarding coverage. Apparently some hospitals do not have agreements with some plans for coverage beyond emergency rooms. This could result in unexpected bills

you didn't count on. Before scheduling any inpatient hospitalizations check your plan and with GIC to make sure you will be covered.

As a reminder to those members who are approaching their 65th birthday you may be wanting to look into what supplement plan is best for you (where you live, what doctors you want to continue to have available to you, etc.) as you sign up for Medicare. We understand GIC will send you a reminder 4 to 6 weeks prior to your birthday but you may want to make sure of your coverage options prior to that time. If you have a dependent who is not yet eligible for Medicare this may influence your choices.

GIC has a pamphlet available that is very informative as you make these decisions.

DUES / CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding your membership in MRIG or you need to change any contact information, please contact our Treasurer, Mary Cook, at richard.cook2@verizon.net or 508-821-2112 and she will help you. If you are still receiving this newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service and have an e-mail address, please share it with us as we can't produce notices and mail them as rapidly as we can e-mail information. This form is available on our website. You can also fill out and print a copy of this form if you go to the contacts section of our website.

TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO RETIREES INSURANCE GROUP (MRIG) **MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION – 2015 - \$5.00**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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