
2016 ALL-VOLUNTEER ASSEMBLY & RECOGNITION BANQUET

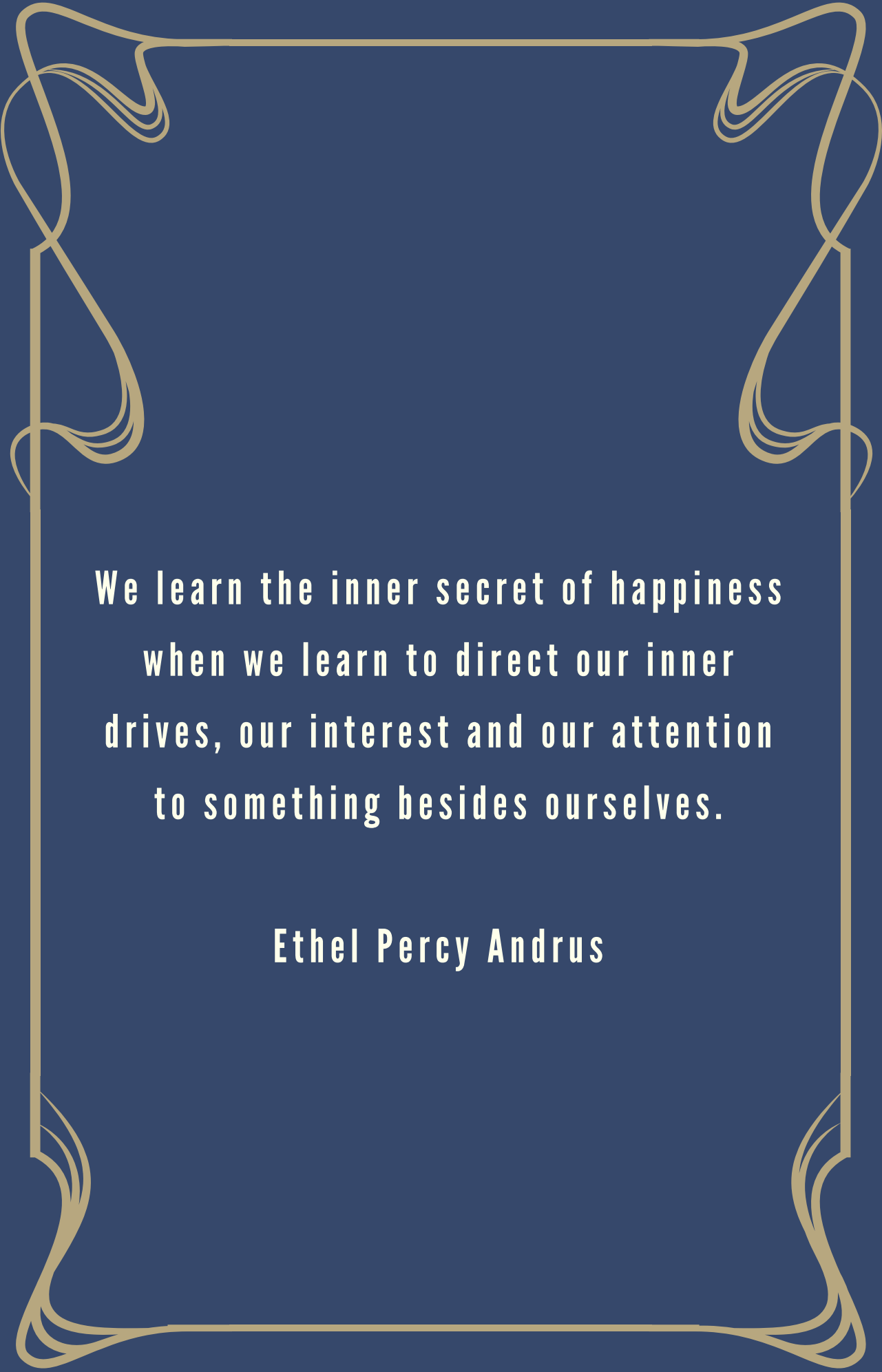
Omni Hotel
Richmond, Virginia

In Memoriam

Remembering those volunteers who are no longer with us, with grateful appreciation for their contributions.

Leslye Bloom

AARP Virginia volunteer and former president of Blacksburg Chapter #2613,
passed away November 27, 2015, at age 70.



**We learn the inner secret of happiness
when we learn to direct our inner
drives, our interest and our attention
to something besides ourselves.**

Ethel Percy Andrus

Program

- Cocktail Hour •

Music by Mark Ingraham

- Opening Remarks •

Bill Lukhard

AARP Virginia Interim State President

- Key Note Speaker •

Dr. Bob Holsworth

Political Analyst

Managing Principal - Virginia Tomorrow, LLC

- Community Partner of the Year Award •

Beard Center on Aging - Lynchburg College

Presenter: Brian Jacks, Associate State Director - Community Outreach, SWVA

- Chapter Awards •

Blacksburg Chapter #2613 - Education

Richmond North Chapter #5356 - Service

Presenter: Genea Luck, Associate State Director - Community Outreach, Central VA

- Gordon Morton Award for Volunteer Service •

Denise R. Coates

Presenter: Amber Nightingale Sultane, Associate State Director - Community Outreach, NOVA

- President's Awards for Community Service •

Bob Blancato

Bill Lukhard

Warren Stewart

Presenter: Jim Dau, State Director

- The Andrus Award for Community Service •

Don G. Creamer

Presenter: Bob Blancato, AARP National Board Member

Beard Center on Aging

Lynchburg College



Named in honor of Lynchburg College alumna and gerontologist Belle Boone Beard, the Center strives to promote positive aging through intergenerational activities, educational programs, information and referral services, and professional training. The Center also hosts one of Virginia's largest annual geriatric conferences and provides leadership for Region 2000's ninety-member Consortium on Aging.



The purpose of the Chapter Awards is to recognize the education, service, and advocacy work of chapters that contribute to achieving AARP's mission by highlighting outcomes and impact on their communities regardless of chapter size or demographic. These awards give chapters the opportunity to showcase their work for countless hours of service devoted to enhancing the experience of aging and furthering AARP's mission.

- AARP Chapter Education Award •

The Chapter Education Award is given to a chapter which has implemented educational programs that improve the lives of our members and those of the community. Educational programs can include workshops, displays, resource tables, or co-sponsorship of events addressing the needs and interests of the 50+ population. Special emphasis is placed on educational programs addressing the health, financial, and independent living needs of our members and promoting awareness and appreciation of life after fifty.

- AARP Chapter Service Award •

The Chapter Service Award is given to a chapter which has contributed to the well-being of their community by sponsoring or participating in local community service activities or events. Community service activities are limitless and can include food and clothing drives, tutoring and mentoring, friendly visits, meals-on-wheels, housing repair, and scholarships and donations, just to name a few.

2016 Chapter Education Award

AARP Blacksburg Chapter #2613

Don G. Creamer, President



Blacksburg Chapter Board Members at work.



Blacksburg Chapter members at
the 2016 summer picnic.



2016 Chapter Service Award

AARP Richmond North Chapter #5356

Oscar Covington, President



Richmond North Chapter Executive Board





Gordon Morton

Award for Volunteer Service

The Gordon Morton Award for Volunteer Service recognizes an individual AARP volunteer who has made outstanding contributions to the work of AARP in a manner consistent with the dedication and quality of work modeled by the late Gordon Morton of Virginia Beach.

Nominees are judged on how their volunteer efforts have improved the quality of life for residents of their communities and beyond, the innovative and creative approaches they have taken to better serve seniors, their promotion of awareness of AARP's strategic issues, if they have served as a role model or mentor for other volunteers, and their promotion of community coalitions and partnership development to better serve their communities and beyond.

Gordon Morton

DENISE R. COATES

2016 Recipient

Denise Coates of Herndon, Virginia is the 2016 recipient of the Gordon Morton Award for Volunteer Service. Denise serves as a Community Ambassador, Congressional District Liaison, and is a co-lead of the Northern Virginia New Volunteer Orientation team with Carol Downs and Pat Killeen. She is also a member of the Capitol Hill Strike Force Team and participated as a volunteer Ambassador in the 2016 Take a Stand campaign for Social Security.



Community President's Awards Service

The President's Awards for Community Service are given to deserving individuals or groups chosen at the discretion of the AARP State President. Past recipients have included exceptional chapter presidents and community outreach, advocacy, and training volunteers who have furthered AARP's social impact agenda.

Warren Stewart served as AARP Virginia State President from 2007-2012 and was an AARP Virginia volunteer for seven years prior to his term. Bob Blancato succeeded him as State President from 2013-2016. In June 2016, Bob was appointed to AARP's National Board of Directors, leaving his State President position vacant. Bill Lukhard, a long-time AARP Virginia volunteer, Executive Council member, and recipient of the 2008 Andrus Award for Community Service graciously stepped in as Interim State President for the remaining months of 2016.

We thank all of these gentleman for their tireless commitment and service to AARP's mission and vision and congratulate them on receiving this award.



• Dr. Warren Stewart, EdD •
2007 - 2012



• Bob Blancato, MPA •
2013-2016



• Bill Lukhard •
2016



The Andrus Award

for Community Service

AARP's commitment to volunteer service can be traced back to our founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, whose motto "to serve, not to be served" has shaped our community service efforts at the national, state, and local levels. Each year, AARP honors the legacy of Dr. Andrus with the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service.

The annual Andrus Award for Community Service is AARP's most prestigious and visible volunteer award. It recognizes individuals who are sharing their experience, talent, and skills to enrich their communities in ways that are consistent with AARP's mission, vision, and commitment to volunteer service, and that inspire others to volunteer. Only one Virginia volunteer (or couple performing service together) can receive the award each year.



Don Creamer is President of AARP Blacksburg Chapter #2613. The AARP Blacksburg chapter under his leadership has working relationships with AARP Virginia, The Community Foundation of the New River Valley, the New River Valley Agency on Aging, the Center for Gerontology at Virginia Tech, the Lifelong Learning Institute at Virginia Tech, The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Warm Hearth Retirement Village, Virginia Tech Retirees Association, and the YMCA at Virginia Tech. Don demonstrates that we are stronger when we work together. As a result of these partnerships, the AARP Blacksburg Chapter has been able to carry out initiatives that would never have been possible without the involvement of other organizations who bring their ideas and resources to the table.

AARP Vision

A society in which all people live with dignity and purpose, and fulfill their goals and dreams.

AARP Mission

AARP enhances the quality of life for all as we age. We champion positive social change and deliver value through advocacy, information, and service.

