

Minutes: Triton College Annuitants Association Chapter's Spring Luncheon and
Chapter Business Meeting, Tuesday April 17, 2018 at Triton College.

Sign in and registration took place until 11:30 A.M. The attendees were requested to enter the dining area as the buffet luncheon was ready and being served. A delicious meal and dessert followed. 25 members and guest were present and were given copies of the Triton College Chapter TCAA brochure, the state SUAA brochure and a colorful/informative handout for the speaker's presentation.

At 12:35P.M. the outgoing president, Michael Gong began the general meeting with some remarks and described how he started at the college issues, his activities in the Art Program and the time leading into his retirement. All members present addressed the same issues informally. It was determined that there were two recent retirees and they were welcomed. It was strongly suggested to encourage more younger, recent retirees into the Triton Annuitants Association.

Michael Gong then introduced the speaker for today: Jens Nielsen, who was the former director of Triton's Hospitality Program, and his topic for today: "Food and Wine Misunderstandings; How to make Sense of it."

Jens delivered some opening remarks about his entry and experiences into the Hospitality Industry, both in his native Denmark and in the United States. Jens also explained how he became involved with Triton's "new" Restaurant Training Program. An informative and humorous presentation which utilized the 7 page handout and many personal experiences with foods, wines and customers over his many years in the industry took place. Several questions from the group were asked and responded to during the presentation and the program was well received by all. At the end of the presentation, it was made VERY clear that the foods and wines MUST complement each other, NOT fight each other. Jens also had a door prize drawing at the end of the presentation with wine bottle accessories being given away.

Business Meeting:

The Business Meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. The newly designed and colorfully printed Triton College Annuitants Association brochure was displayed, discussed and highlighted. Treasurer Ann Sullivan reported on the chapter's financial situation. With all the bills and donations paid, the chapter had a balance of \$1,937.82 as of April 17, 2018.

Carol Bibly reported the chapter's current membership at 153 and mentioned that the amount of newsletter mailing via USPS is down. The chapter is saving money via the E Mail distribution of the newsletter.

Bob Anthony reported on the newsletter and other publications, including the "Quality of Life" articles. Bob reiterated the passing of a long time, hard working member, Bob Witherspoon; and expressed the feelings of all about how he will be missed by our association.

Ken Piwowar reported on the Annuitants Website dealing with its articles and other items of importance and interest to the members.

New Officers for 2018-2020 were presented:

Mary Jeans President

Dan Segebarth V/P President-elect

Michael Gong Past President

Connie Allekian Recording Secretary

Ann Sullivan Treasurer

Carol Bibly Membership

Bob Anthony Publications

Ken Piwowar Website

Tom Bondi, De Degrado, Kevin Kennedy, Ken Piwowar, Members at Large.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M. Fall luncheon/meeting date TBA

Minutes submitted by Tom Bondi, interim Secretary.