

**MAY 17, 2017**



**OUR PURPOSE:**

*To meet the needs of communities through volunteer service.*

**OUR VISION:**

*To create communities of change under common leadership and with a common voice that will serve the many in need.*

**OUR MISSION:**

*To improve the quality of life today for those at risk or impacted by hearing loss through education and support.*

Paul Olsen of Honor Builders presented the case for deepening our channel to 55'. The new ships going through the Panama Canal need this for comfortable clearance. Recently one of the largest container ships, COSCO Development, if not the largest, called on our port. The ship needed 48.5' of depth and we have 50'. Imagine how nervous those folks must have been! At 1,200 feet long and 158 feet wide, the containership COSCO Development is a behemoth. It is 100-plus feet longer than the U.S. Navy's newest aircraft carrier, the Gerald R. Ford, and is bigger than any containership to call The Port of Virginia® and the U.S. East Coast. The vessel can carry 13,092 twenty-foot equivalent units, or TEUs. The previous record was held by the MOL Benefactor when it sailed to Norfolk International Terminals (NIT) last summer. By comparison, Monday's arrival of the COSCO Development breaks the previous record by 3,000 TEUs.



<u>Meeting Dates and Speakers</u>	
5/17/2017	No Lunch
5/24/2017	Renee' Ward Sertoma's Atlantic Coast Regional Director
5/31/2017	No Lunch Memorial Day

<u>May Birthdays</u>	
Adam Varner	- 8th
John Maloney	- 30th
Damien Lombardi	- 30th

<u>Super Pot</u>	
\$4	- Guest Speaker - Paul Olson
\$7	- David Pearman
\$14	- Lewis Swartley
<u>Geriatric Pot</u>	
None this week, no geriatrics!	

**Board Meeting**  
May 30, 6:30 pm  
Preston Garner's home.

**Installation Banquet**  
July 8 at Jim Mills home. Save the date!