





From the desk of District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III

Dear Friends.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your District Attorney and to work closely with you on issues that concern you. I hope to address these issues with you directly through articles in this newsletter. In my first article, I want to stress how important it is to me to provide information to empower our seniors against scams. My office is promoting a new educational campaign designed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to enlist people over 65 in the effort to recognize and report fraud and scams.

The "Pass it On" campaign from the FTC discusses some of today's most common scams and gives seniors a short and straightforward way to share that knowledge with their family members, friends and communities. It focuses on the ability of seniors to be a part of the solution when it comes to scams. Our seniors can pass on what they know about scams, not only to their peers, but also to the younger generations. The topics of the "Pass it On" campaign include imposter scams, identity theft, charity fraud, health care scams, paying too much and "you've won" scams.

Staff from my Office will be distributing an initial supply of "Pass it On" folders with bookmarks and fact sheets to each of the Councils on Aging in Bristol County during the month of March. Every year, National Consumer Protection Week falls during the first week of March. It is an effort to encourage people and businesses to learn about avoiding scams and understanding consumer rights, so there is no time like right now to learn more about fraud or to share what you already know.

Sincerely, Thomas M. Quinn III District Attorney

Trips with Lakeville Arts and Crafts We have forms at the Freetown COA

- 1.) March 12, 2015 (Thursday) \$69.00 PP, transportation included. "The McTougas Brothers and The Black Velvet Band" at Whites of Westport. Family style corned beef and cabbage and baked scrod, beef barley soup/dessert and coffee.
- 2.) March 31-April 3rd, 2015 (3 nights/4 days-Tuesday-Friday) \$239 PP/Double, \$339 single, Pick-up/Return: TBA-Lakeville COA. Round trip motor coach, three nights accommodations at Tropicana Resort, Casino bonus: 3 buffet coupons & \$40.00 slot play, etc.
- 3.) April 8, 2015, (Wednesday) \$72.00 PP, Parker's Maple Barn Restaurant & Sugar House and Frye's Measure Mill. Round-trip motor coach, sugar process experience, brunch at Parker's maple barn, etc.
- 4.) April 17, 2015 (Friday) \$49.00 PP. Bingo Bonanza at Wrights Farm Restaurant. Transportation, Bingo Games, Family-style Chicken dinner.