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**THE POLITICS OF AGING: SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE AND HEALTH CARE**

Four Seasons Rotary Club and Blue Ridge Community College are cosponsoring a presentation by noted educator and senior advocate Laura Feldman from Washington, DC on “The Politics of Aging: Social Security, Medicare and Health Care” on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Free sessions are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 7 to 9 pm at Blue Ridge Community College in the Blue Ridge Conference Hall, McIntosh Room.

Topics will include health care reform, entitlement, and recognizing the difference between spin and reality. She brings her observations and perspective from “inside the beltway” on the politics of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress and the issues of aging. She feels the political realities of an aging population are important to all generations.



Since 1991 Laura Feldman has been a grassroots organizer for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, a senior advocacy organization supported by membership. Prior to coming to the National Committee, she organized national programming for the National Science Foundation under a special education grant which propelled her out of the classroom and into the public arena.

Feldman, a native Washingtonian, graduated from American University. She is the past President of the Southern Gerontology Society and was the first Policy Chair for GROWS, The Grassroots Organization for the Well-Being of Seniors. She was also a Board member of NANASP, the National Association of Nutrition and Service Providers, as well as many other senior advocacy organizations in Maryland and Virginia.

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Pictured: Laura Feldman, noted educator and advocate