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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cooler weather is approaching, as is the magic of December and its winter celebrations. Many of us think of snowflakes, decorating for the holidays, and surprising others with beautifully wrapped gifts. (I can see the smiles on your faces already!)

Let us also remember those in need by sharing some food, clothing and gifts with others, especially the children.

I wish you a Blessed 2025 holiday season with your family and friends. Add to the festivities by singing songs of the season and joining others in celebrating the Good Will of the holidays.

Terry Baker

Our Chapter's own Ted Spickler is awarded the prestigious Andrus award. See story on page 4.



Above left, left to right are Carlos De Los Ramos, AARP DE Director of Outreach, Ted Spickler, and Wendell Alfred, AARP DE State President.

Above right, Ted enjoys a celebratory meal. Several of our South Coastal members were there to recognize Ted and his award.

THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Our December 16th luncheon and Chapter meeting at Cripple Creek will feature *The Singers of Note*, the chapter's chorus. The chorus will perform for the first time under their new director Laura Weaver. You won't want to miss the lovely sounds of seasonal music and song!

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT AND SELECT YOUR MEAL, PLEASE SEE PAGE 5

Wear your name badge to the meeting for a sweet treat!

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COMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

A new Membership year is here! If you haven't renewed yet, please use the form on the last page of this newsletter to do so!

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For the **FASTEST** and **BEST** way to ensure you see the most recent newsletter, visit the Chapter Website on the 4th Tuesday of each month at:

www.southcoastalaarp.org/newsletters.

While you're there, check out the rest of the site for information on Chapter Activities, Travel opportunities, and more!

2026 CHAPTER BUDGETS

SOUTH COASTAL DE AARP CHAPTER #5226 CHAPTER AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BUDGETS FOR 2026

The Chapter and Scholarship Committee budgets for 2026 were approved by the Board of Directors at the Board meeting on November 11.

CHAPTER

INCOME

2026

Social Events	\$34,290.00
50/50	\$1,600.00
Membership Dues	\$6,000.00
Fundraising	\$1,000.00
\$3 Mailed Newsletter	
Surcharge	\$90.00
Nametags	\$225.00
Chorus	\$100.00
Donations	\$50.00

TOTAL \$43,355.00

EXPENSES

Social Events	\$33,170.00
Committees	\$2,195.00
Administration	\$600.00
Storage Unit	\$600.00
Website	\$2,500.00
Newsletter - Printing	\$800.00
Newsletter - Postage	\$50.00
Insurance	\$450.00
Donations	\$2,140.00
Chorus	\$600.00
Postage	\$25.00
Nametags	\$225.00

TOTAL \$43,355.00

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

INCOME

2026

Artisans' Fair	\$12,050.00
Spring Fundraiser	\$1,000.00
Fall Fundraiser	\$1,500.00
Misc.-- Donations/Interest	\$250.00

TOTAL \$14,800.00

EXPENSES

Scholarships	\$9,000.00
Administration	\$100.00
Storage unit	\$275.00
Artisans' Fair	\$3,925.00
Spring Fundraiser	\$25.00
Fall Fundraiser	\$25.00
Postage	\$50.00
Purchase CD	\$1,400.00

TOTAL \$14,800.00

ELECTION RESULTS FROM NOVEMBER'S ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the South Coastal DE AARP Chapter held on November 18th at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club, the following Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee members were voted into office. Their terms will start in 2026.

OFFICERS (3-year terms)

President:

Caryn Cleveland-Short (2026-2028)

Vice President and Program Director:

Joanne Spink (2026-2028)

Secretary:

Paula Pinkett (2026-2028)

Assistant Secretary:

Andrea Gowetski (2026-2028)

Treasurer:

Sheila Bower (2026-2028)

Assistant Treasurer:

Coleen Cardy (2026-2028)

DIRECTORS (3-year terms)

Joan DeMarco (2026-2028)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2-year terms)

Terry Griswold (2026-2027)

Sandra McGrath (2026-2027)

CHORUS

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Monday, Dec.1, 12 noon, at Millsboro Police Station, 120 Railroad Street in Millsboro for the Georgetown Chapter of AARP.

Friday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m. at Ocean View Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m. at Selbyville Public Library (public concert).

Friday, Dec. 12, at Millville United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. (public concert).

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1 p.m. at Cripple Creek at our chapter's monthly luncheon.

Laura Weaver, Director

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership (as of November 11, 2025) stands at 469 members. Fourteen new members were added since the November newsletter. Welcome Evelyn DaCosta, Vickie Drury, Sally Gonzalez, Kathy Hasara, Kathy Huegel, Andy Kancir, Betty Keller, Johanna Klous, Svetla and Robert Lawless, Sandy Martin, Judi and Jerry Morris, and Linda Swanson. Stop by the membership table at the next luncheon to pick up your name badge and to say Hello. Continue to reach out to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join us. Word of mouth really works!

The membership year began September 1. The 2025-2026 Membership Renewal form is available in this newsletter, at the December Luncheon and on our website www.southcoastalaarp.org. Members must complete a membership form every year. Remember to update your National AARP membership expiration date on the local chapter form. To date, 344 members have renewed their membership for 2025-2026. If you are not certain whether you still need to pay your dues, contact me via email at joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com OR call me at (302) 732-6977. I will be reaching out to those 125 members who are not current with their dues to start the purging process of removing them from our rolls. If you find yourself NOT getting emails from us perhaps it's because you are not current with your dues. *Don't be left out!*

There are still 15 members who receive the monthly newsletter via the Postal Mail service. The South Coastal Chapter incurs a loss on each newsletter that is distributed with this method. REMEMBER: Postal mail service is provided to those members who have NO CAPABILITIES of electronic communication. A mailed newsletter may not be received for several days after it is posted on the website which could cause a problem when trying to reserve a spot at the luncheon.

Kay Houston, Membership Chair

SEEKING A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Johnson, Past Chapter President, is heading up the search committee for the next Chair of the Legislative Committee. If you think you might be interested in this position, joining the Committee as a member or would like more information, please contact Kathy Johnson at kajfinancial@mail.com or 302-829-8956.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who helped make the Dine and Donate at Cottage Café on Nov. 12 a success. The proceeds from the sale of tickets for 10 baskets with lots of goods and services donated by area businesses, the sale of tickets for a 50-50 cash drawing and donations totaled \$1,108. The restaurant will give us a percentage of the proceeds from dining all day in the near future. The 50-50 was won by Shirley Price, a founding member of the chapter, who donated her \$164 portion back to the scholarship fund. Thank you, Shirley!

We will hold another Dine and Donate in the spring with a basket auction. Look for details about the time and location in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

If you were not able to attend the Dine and Donate and would like to make a contribution to the scholarship fund, you can bring it to the next chapter meeting or send a check to: South Coastal DE AARP, P.O. Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please include "Scholarship Committee" in the memo line.

**Ida Crist, Chair
Scholarship Committee**

MAGNETIC NAME BADGES



Durable plastic magnetic name badges, are still available for purchase. The cost is \$15/badge. See Kay Houston (at the membership table) at the Monthly meeting or mail your request along with a check to: South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please be sure that the name you request is legible. A magnetic name badge is *TOTALLY OPTIONAL*. We will continue to print badges with the plastic sleeve that you hang around your neck at no cost to you.

Kay Houston, Membership Chair

TED SPICKLER RECEIVES AARP'S ANDRUS AWARD

AARP Delaware has named Ted Spickler the 2025 recipient of the [AARP Andrus Award](#) for Community Service. This is the association's most prestigious volunteer tribute, named for AARP founder Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus and honors individuals who embody her motto: "To serve, not to be served."

Ted, past Chair of our South Coastal Delaware AARP Chapter's Legislative Committee and retired physics professor was selected "for his extraordinary commitment to community service...and deep commitment to improving the lives of older Delawareans and strengthening the community." Thank you, Ted, for your contributions to both AARP Delaware and our South Coastal Chapter.

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Laura Weaver, Director

JOIN A SOUTH COASTAL AARP CLUB!

BINGO is held at [The Salted Rim Bar and Grill](#) at 35553 Atlantic Ave in Millville on the second Monday of the month. Come for dinner around 4:30pm and play Bingo (free, w/prizes) at 6pm on **Monday, December 8th**. Questions? You can call Sheila at 602-688-5300.

LUNCHES with Maureen Eisenhart will resume in **February**.

BOWLING with Paula Pinkett (302-228-6284), who arranged for \$3.50 per game and \$3.50 for shoes with [Millsboro Bowling Lanes](#). Play time starts at 1pm on the last Friday of each month. Skipping December, bowling resumes on **January 30th**.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to "\$ for Coats for Kids" for the John Clayton Elementary school. You're such a generous and kind group.

The luncheon meeting in December will be "**GIFTS FOR SENIORS.**" Your gifts are distributed on Christmas morning by Meals on Wheels. Gifts can be wrapped but make sure you indicate if it's for a **MALE or FEMALE**. Suggested items are: socks, gloves, lap blankets, and gift certificates for various stores.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Kathy Lesperance, Chair



SUNSHINE

If anyone is in need of a card – get well, surgery or sympathy – please call me at (302) 245-0059.

Joan Wolf

CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

President	Terry Baker	410-812-9063
Vice President	Jim Harding	302-245-8511
Program Chair	Joanne Spink	302-463-0199
Secretary	Paula Pinkett	302-228-6284
Asst. Secretary	vacant	
Treasurer	Sheila Bower	602-688-5300
Asst. Treasurer	Coleen Cardy	724-238-3967
Past President, Advisor	Kathy Johnson	302-829-8956

DIRECTORS

Ida Crist	2025-2027	302-732-6336
Joan DeMarco	2023-2025	410-250-0963
Susan Kerwin	2025-2027	302-236-3481
Kathy Lesperance	2025-2027	302-537-7845
Sandy Raymond	2024-2026	301-651-2284

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Maureen Eisenhart	2025-2026	302-988-1196
Linda Burns Filer	2025-2026	302-354-5656
Terry Griswold	2024-2025	443-752-4513
Mable Ruddo	2025-2026	302-541-8549
vacant		

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Community Service	Kathy Lesperance	302-537-7845
Chorus	Laura Weaver	302-382-4564
Legislative/Environmental	vacant	
Membership	Kay Houston	302-732-6977
Newsletter	Nancy Archey	703-919-8254
Scholarship	Ida Crist	302-732-6336
	Shirley Price	302-236-7046
Sunshine	Joan Wolf	302-245-0059
Tours	Jim Harding	302-245-8511
Web Coordinator	Frances Hart	703-801-7216
Asst. Web Coordinator	Nancy Archey	703-919-8254
50/50	Joan Wolf	302-245-0059
	Cookie Butts	302-541-9264

Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings of the Chapter's Board of Directors are held the second Tuesday of the month, September through June, at 11:00 a.m. at the Ocean View Community Center on West Avenue in Ocean View.

All members are welcome to attend.

* LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS *

To reserve a spot for the luncheon on **DECEMBER 16th**, send an Email with your meal selection to: **Mary Ann Dougherty** at madod@aol.com by **NOON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th**.

(If you are unable to use email, you may call Mary Ann at 302-541-9412.)

Mary Ann will confirm receipt of all messages.

Cost: \$26.00 Payable by cash or check only.

December's Menu

French Dip

Slow roasted prime beef, caramelized onions, and melted Swiss on a toasted roll, served with our signature au jus and house made chips.

Chicken Caprese Salad

Grilled chicken breast, sliced tomato, sliced mozzarella, fresh basil topped with balsamic glaze.

Fish and Chips

Hand breaded and battered fried flounder filets with hand cut potato wedges.

Dessert: Red Velvet Cake

Beverages: Iced Tea, Lemonade and Water
Coffee and Tea Service

Doors open at 11 a.m., and Lunch is at 12 noon.

Chapter news, announcements and program will follow.

Remember to wear your name badge!

We can help our neighbors in need! Bring non-perishable food items to the luncheon for the Food Pantry at the [Pyle Center](#).

We cannot take walk-ins. If you send [Mary Ann](#) an email or leave her a voicemail, you'll receive a confirmation from her for your reservation and meal. If you don't receive a confirmation, you don't have a reservation.

If you cancel after the deadline, NOON DEC. 8th, or do not attend for any reason, you will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon unless there's a waiting list.

CHAPTER TRIPS 2025

Dec 16. Murder Mystery Dinner

Overview:

We have all seen and heard the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, and witnessed his great redemption. But there is a dark secret buried within this Victorian Tale, A Murder Mystery that has hitherto never been explained. How Scrooge got so rich, and how his partner mysteriously died! Was it strangulation? Was it a poisoned bit of beef, blot of mustered or crumb of cheese? Who put the "NO! No! No!" In Marley's "Ho! Ho! Ho!"? YOU will finally uncover...WHO KILLED JACOB MARLEY?

Price Includes: Show, dinner, and gratuities

Your Choice Dinner Selection: Pan Seared Halibut, Prime Rib or Chicken Bruschetta

All dinners include: house salad, rolls/ butter, sour cream & chive mashed potatoes and grilled asparagus
Coffee, ice tea, lemonade, and Red Velvet cake optional cash bar

Price: \$75.00 pp

For Reservations contact: Maria Harding (302)381-0980 or Jim Harding (302)245-8511

CHAPTER TRIPS 2026

April 16, Some Enchanted Evening

Overview:

Some Enchanted Evening is a celebration of songs that have become a part of our lives. We sing them in the shower and we sing them to entertain and amuse. This show places five performers -each of whom could easily be cast in any Rodgers and Hammerstein Show-in a theatrical setting -first "backstage", where the songs are sung as personal interplay and then "on stage" where the songs are "performed" for the audience. Of course, the songs themselves and the five performers are the most important elements. Each singer must bring his own style and personality to the songs and the situations in which they are set.

Price Includes: Show, dinner, round trip motor coach, tax, tip and gratuities

Price: \$170.00pp

For Reservations contact: Denise McCallion (302)367-4157

May 4-8 Holland Tulip Festival New

Overview:

It's Tulip Time, the Holland, Michigan festival that boasts over 5 million tulips, planted & ready to burst forth in bloom in early spring. The City of Holland manages all the tulip plantings in parks, along city streets and in the downtown area. Our tour will take us to the Neli's Dutch Village  in Holland, Michigan is a really quaint little village! Walking through the charming streets of this Dutch Village while exploring the windmills, canals, and cozy houses make you feel transported to the Netherlands. We will visit DeKlomp Wooden shoes and Delft Factory: wooden shoes are a very practical footwear for gardening, getting the mail, and general use. See the shoe maker produce wooden shoes from block of poplar wood using authentic Dutch machinery (still used in Europe today). Delftware a Dutch pottery famous around the world; takes almost a full week to produce. We are the only production facility in North America, offering over 400 different hand painted Dutch pottery items. Follow the process of making these fine pottery items; from pouring the liquid clay into molds, to firing the clay at 2,000 degrees. Then talk to the artists as they hand paint Dutch designs and glaze each item for the perfect shine. No stop in Holland is complete without a visit to Windmill Island Gardens. Tour De Zwaan, the only authentic Dutch windmill operating in the United States – still turning and grinding wheat into flour! Other Dutch treasures include a street organ gifted by the City of Amsterdam and a hand-painted antique carousel. Other Dutch features include stately Friesian horses, a water exhibit and Little Netherlands – a maquette of Dutch life in the 1840s when Holland was settled. Many buildings are replicas of those found in the Netherlands including the ones housing a gift shop where you can pick up an authentic Dutch treat! We will finish up our trip with a great variety show in town for a relaxing evening. WHERE TO BUY BULBS WHILE YOU'RE THERE: Keep in mind, bulbs are not available in the spring but they can be ordered at the following locations for fall delivery; Nelis' Dutch Village. Veldheer Tulip Garden. Windmill Island Gardens

Price includes: Round Trip Bus transportation from Giant to Holland, Michigan, entrance to all above listed venues, 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners, luggage handling in Michigan, taxes, tip, & meal gratuities.

Price: \$884.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$1,283.00 pp based on single occupancy

For Reservations contact: Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511

June 21-July 4 Greenland & Iceland Celebrity Cruise

Overview:

Embark on a 14-day cruise through the stunning landscape of Greenland and Iceland, starting from Cape Liberty, NJ. Visit the historic ports of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. John's Newfoundland, before tendering into the charming town of Qaqortog, Greenland, and cruising the majestic fjords of Prius Christian Sound. Explore Iceland's natural beauty with stops in Akureyri and Isafjordur, then conclude your journey in the vibrant capital, Reykjavik. Along the way, enjoy breathtaking views, rich cultural experiences, and unforgettable encounters with some of the world's most remote and awe-inspiring destinations.

Price includes: Bus transportation from Giant to Cape Liberty Cruise Terminal, 13 Nights in a Concierge Balcony Cabin, Transfer from ship to airport, Return Air Transportation from Reykjavik to Newark Airport, Transfer from Newark Airport to Giant Parking Lot in Millville, DE, Port Charges, Government fees, Ship Gratuities, Classic Beverage Package with Gratuity, Wifi Package

Price: \$5,849.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$9,529.00 pp based on single occupancy

For Reservations contact: Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511

AUGUST 4-7 New York's Thousand Islands New

Overview:

This trip takes us up to the 1,000 Islands. We will visit the Eisenhower Locks to discover the seaway's history on the St. Lawrence Seaway which separates the United States and Canada. You will learn the history through cutting-edge, hands-on interactive viewing decks. We will watch vessels pass through the U.S. Eisenhower Lock up close from two separate outdoor viewing decks. We will travel on to the Clayton Island Boat Tours for a unique cruise of the 1000 Islands along the St. Lawrence Seaway. The natural beauty of the less inhabited islands with tranquil bays, marshes, and scenic shorelines as we discover birds and wildlife that inhabit the region. While we travel the St. Lawrence Seaway we will enjoy lunch on the seaway. Our next day we will visit the Antique Boat Museum, the premier freshwater boating museum in North America featuring over 320 unique boats plus thousands of related artifacts and the 106-foot houseboat, La Duchesse, built in 1903 for George Boldt. Then on to the St. Lawrence Spirits Distillery for a tasting of their high quality craft spirits which are distilled with 100% Saint Lawrence River Water. This distillery produces vodka, gin, absinthe, moonshine, whiskey and bourbon. While in Clayton we will spend the afternoon visiting the Thousand Island Museum, a quaint museum that features and eclectic displays of community artifacts and photographs. However, our trip wouldn't be complete without a visit to the Thousand Islands Winery for a tasting of their wines. Each night we will return to the Edgewood Resort on the St. Lawrence River where you will taste fabulous dinners by the resort.

Price includes: Round Trip Motor coach transportation, 3 nights hotel accommodations, 3 breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, entrance to all above venues, baggage handling, taxes, and gratuities.

Price: \$899.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$1,228.00 pp based on single occupancy

For Reservations contact: Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511

October 22-25 Hudson Valley & Sleepy Hollow, New York

Overview:

Sleepy Hollow is a village in New York State's Hudson Valley. It's known as the setting of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow". The author is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Kykuit. We will enjoy going to the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze display, then on to Sunnyside; the Home of Washington Irving. Spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country, where two master illusionists weave a spellbinding tapestry of intrigue and wonder, inspired by the legends and lore of Sleepy Hollow. Traveling on to Twilight Village for a self-guided visit, here you will discover delightful and mysterious creatures who will tell your fortune, croon creepy tunes, and tell tall-ish tales of legends and lore. You will hear about Jay Gould, the Gilded

Age robber baron and railroad magnate. His sharp and often unscrupulous business practices made one of the wealthiest men of the late nineteenth century. The Lyndhurst is a Gothic Revival country house that sits in its own 67-acre park beside the Hudson River in Tarrytown.

A guided and self guided tour of the U.S. Military Academy Campus, West Point. After we will spend an evening at The Culinary Institute of America for the CIA demonstration, where you'll explore the science of taste. Meet the students, learn about the CIA and enjoy a unique tasting exercise. Dinner will be at the CIA this evening. This trip wouldn't be complete without a two hour narrated Hudson River Cruise aboard Pride of the Hudson.

Price includes: 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 box lunch, 3 dinners, including the Culinary Institute of America, CIA Experience with Tasting Exercise, Entrance to all above venues, round trip motor coach transportation, luggage handling, taxes & gratuities

Price: \$1,399.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$1,759.00 per person based on single occupancy

For Reservations contact: Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511

Chapter Trips 2027

March 28-April 8, 2027 Caribbean Islands aboard Norwegian Pearl. New

Overview:

This Caribbean cruise will embark from Philadelphia, PA for any 11 night - 5 port cruise. Take in the Beautiful Turquoise waters and the laidback Caribbean vibes on Long Bay Beach in Tortola. Greet the green sea turtles and colorful fish as you snorkel the turquoise waters of Turtle Cove, in St. Thomas. For stunning views, take a cable car ride to the peak of Mount Isabel de Torres in Puerto Plata. All of this on the Norwegian Pearl, a mid-size ship with a relaxed atmosphere and elegant decor. The Pearl offers many chic dining options- including the complimentary 24-hour Eatery, O'Sheehan's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, two steakhouses (Cagney's and Moderno Churrascaria) and much more. Looking to turn things up a notch? Head to Bliss Ultra Lounge & Night Club or stop by our dazzling casino, then wind down at the tranquil Mandala Spa.

Price includes: Round Trip Transportation to & from Cruise Pier in Philadelphia, Pre-Paid Cabin Gratuities, Beverage Package with Gratuities, 4 Dinners per Person in Specialty Restaurants, w/ Gratuities, Wi-Fi (150 minutes), \$50 Shore Excursion Credit per Port, \$100 Onboard Credit per Cabin, Taxes & Port Fees.

Price: \$3,439.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$5,299.00 pp based on single occupancy

For Reservations contact: Mitch Gordon @ Curran Travel 215-542-9294

A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CRUISE

Disclaimer

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The Chapter reserves the right to cancel programs prior to departure, terminate a program early, and to take action as needed on an individual or group basis when, in the Chapter's opinion, the health, safety or well-being of participant(s) requires such action. Travel insurance is available for all extended tours and is strongly recommended. Those who choose not to purchase travel insurance will be asked to sign a waiver. No refunds will be given for extended tours cancelled by the traveler(s) unless substitute travelers can be found. If a trip is cancelled by the Chapter, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.

TRIP RULES

• **No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If the trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee full refund will be provided to all paid participants.**

• To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure call trip coordinator listed on flyer

• Price subject to change if the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% after original contract with bus company

• Overnight trips seating will be assigned when initial payment is received

• Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips



**South Coastal AARP
Chapter 5226**

**New Member and Renewal Application
2025-2026**

Membership year runs from September 1 through August 31

Renewing members' dues must be received by **November 1, 2025**, to receive the next newsletter. (Please complete the form by typing, printing legibly, or using a mailing label). *Up-To-Date Membership in the National AARP is required to join local chapter.**

CHECK ONE: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member Date: _____

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) _____

Name Preferred on Badge (if needed): _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

* National AARP Membership No. (Required) _____ Expiration: _____

Your national membership and expiration date are on your membership card and the mailing label of *AARP THE MAGAZINE*. Membership in National AARP does not make you a member of your local chapter.

Current/Previous Occupation: _____

Service to Your Chapter

Your involvement is crucial to our Chapter's success. Please check any opportunities below to which you would like to contribute:

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative/Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Artisans Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Auditing | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Tour Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Newsletter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Meeting/Luncheon Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber of Commerce Liaison | | |

Officers/Board of Directors

Would you consider serving as an: ☐ Officer ☐ Board Member ☐ Committee Chair

Please share with us any experience or skills that would be of value to our Chapter programs:

Most Chapter Newsletters are emailed. Members opting for U.S. mail will incur an additional \$3 fee in membership dues to help cover Chapter costs for printing and postage. Please choose mailed paper copies *only* if email is not an option for you. For households with two members, only one printed newsletter will be sent for \$18; the other member's dues would be \$15.

Please check one: ☐ **\$15** for emailed newsletters or ☐ **\$18** for newsletters sent via U.S. mail.

Please add news@southcoastalaarp.org to your email contact list

Make checks payable to: South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226.

Mail your application and check to:

Kay Houston, South Coastal AARP Ch#5226, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970

Phone: (302) 732-6977 Email: joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com