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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all!

We live in interesting times when the numerous challenges we are facing as a nation and individuals, sometimes seem overwhelming. On the national front congress is again engaged in political maneuvering and on the international front North Korea displayed its' arrogance to the world community. Let's hope President Trump's meeting with North Korea amounts to something positive. The individual challenges we face are typically family centered and include concerns about funding our retirement, health issues, and getting our children and grandchildren educated and prepared for life's interesting times indeed.

A good dose of history can help your concerns for our nation when you realize that we have been faced challenges many times before and have survived and flourished because that is we what do as Americans. To face personal challenges, look to your friends and relatives for support. Many gain strength and comfort through religious beliefs.

Like other aspects of your life, take charge. Get involved with our chapter activities. We certainly need your help.

Happy Easter to everyone!

Chris

## DIALOGUE WITH THE OFFICERS ON APRIL 17

Our April 17 general meeting at Cripple Creek Country Club will focus on you, our chapter members and dialogue with the officers charged with managing the business affairs of the South Coastal Delaware Chapter. All members will be the so-called "guest speakers" and, hopefully, will participate in the forum. So jot down some notes that you would like to possibly discuss at the meeting and bring them with you.

Hope to see as many as possible on April 17!

**Please remember to wear your name tag to the luncheon/meeting. If you do not have a name tag, contact Linda Miller (236-5570).**

#### **LUNCHEON CHOICES:**

**Meatloaf plate** - Mashed potato and green beans. Served with a dinner roll.

**OR**

**Personal Pizza and Salad Combo** - Personal size pizza topped with cheddar/jack and sliced pepperoni served with a hand tossed Caesar salad.

**OR**

**Trio Salad** - Organic salad greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, shredded carrots, parmesan cheese topped with a scoop of egg, chicken and tuna salad. Served with a side of creamy Italian dressing and a toasted dinner roll.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will consist of assorted cookies.

Doors open at **11 AM** for social hour with lunch at **12 Noon** followed by the program and chapter news and announcements. **Cost: \$16 members and \$17 guests.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling **Allys Macken 914-819-2992**, or **Mary Ann Dougherty, 541-9412** or [madod@aol.com](mailto:madod@aol.com) by **noon, Wednesday, April 11**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller** at **236-5570**.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

##### **Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder**

**4/19/18** South Coastal AARP Day at Legislative Hall – Mark Your Calendar

We will bring our enthusiasm and personalized experiences to Sussex County Legislators degrading our issues.

On **4/19/18** we will be asking legislators to **amend HB 268** to make sure seniors (65 years +) who moved here before 1/1/18 and qualify under the three year waiting period be grandfathered, rather than delay their eligibility for the Senior Property Tax credit.

We will also be asking legislators to pass AARP's **Share The Care Act** – which will allow Delaware's 123,000 family caregivers (over half of whom work fulltime or part time) to hire home health aides who (under the proposed Share The Care Act) will be able to give patients medications including routine pills, eye drops, or oxygen. This is currently the law in most states but not in Delaware.

We have rescheduled AARP Lobby Day at Legislative Hall for **Thursday 4/19/18** from **10 AM to 3 PM**. Can you join us? I hope this works for most of you. We are going to car pool; would you prefer to drive or ride? If you would like to attend: **RSVP to Joan Thomas – 302-539-1367. Let her know – Drive or Ride.**

##### **Here's the Plan:**

**4/3/18** – Noon – Chapter Legislative Committee at the South Coastal Library – We will go over talking points for our two/three-member lobbying teams (Spokes Person/Recorder). We will go over schedule for legislator appointments and engaging decision makers.

##### **4/19/18 – Rock the RED (everyone wear RED)**

**8 AM** – Leave for Dover. Meet at the Giant Food parking lot on Rt. 26 in Millville by the M&T Bank.

**10 AM** – Arrive at Legislative Hall. Strategy session with State AARP Officials.

**11 AM to Noon** – Scheduled meetings with Sussex County Legislators and State Legislators.

**12 to 1 PM** – Rally/Press Conference/Awards.

**1 PM to 2 PM** – Scheduled meetings with Sussex County Legislators.

**2:30 PM** – Private audience with Governor Carney. If you have questions or comments, please contact Chuck Schonder at [cschonder3@gmail.com](mailto:cschonder3@gmail.com).

##### Environmental

March Trail Day at Holts Landing was very productive. Cub Pack 280 and Scout troop 281 joined the Friends and removed 12 tires, remains of refrigerators, dryers and bags of debris from remote barrow pits. Their energy and caring for nature is inspiring.

## Upcoming Events

**4/3/18** – Noon – Legislative Committee Meeting – South Coastal Library – Room A

**4/19/18** – 8 AM – South Coastal AARP Day at Legislative Hall – meet at Giant Food Parking Lot on Rt. 26

**6/5/18** – Fourth Annual Clean Water Rally – Legislative Mall - Dover

## **Membership – Dottie Rieck**

We welcome new members Rosalie Burns, Suzanne DuBois, Marilyn Ferry, Joe Gorden, Maryanne Green, Beverly Mattox, Karen Smith, Randy Stradling, and Andrew Young. Our membership stands at **481**.

A special welcome goes to Patricia Fitzpatrick whom we overlooked in December. Welcome Pat!

If you have any questions or have trouble receiving your newsletter, please contact me by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at [Rieck5226@aol.com](mailto:Rieck5226@aol.com).

To renew your membership or to join our chapter, please send a completed membership form with your check to Dottie Rieck, PO Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

## **Community Service - Kathy Lesperance**

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone who came to the Clayton Theatre on March 25. Hope you all enjoyed the movie.

We will continue collecting for the seniors at the Pyle Center until the end of April. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We are in need of current coupons to send to the military.

Food Bank: We are still in need of food for the food pantry. These contributions of non-perishable items are needed to help many needy families in our area stretch their food dollars. Please check the dates and bring **unexpired** items to each chapter meeting.

Coupons for Military Families: Please bring your clipped, **unexpired** coupons (good for 90 days after expiration) to the chapter meeting. Be sure **not** to

clip off the **bar code** and **expiration date**. Please sort according to food and non-food items. Mary is also collecting cereal box top coupons.

Blood Bank: To schedule an appointment call 1-**888-825-6638** or schedule on line at [www.delmarvablood.org](http://www.delmarvablood.org). Check for locations in Sussex County on the web site.

## **Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price**

The Scholarship Committee has proposed and the Board has approved an increase in scholarship awards from \$6,500 to \$9,500 in 2018-2019 school year. Since this is a change to the budget which the membership approved earlier, this increase requires a membership vote, which will take place at the monthly luncheon Tuesday, April. 17.

The \$3,000 increase would go toward increasing the number of nursing college scholarships for Delaware Technical and Community College from one to two. In addition, the amount of the existing nursing scholarship and the new nursing scholarship would be \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester). Previously, the budget called for one nursing scholarship for a total of \$1,000 for the year and one non-nursing scholarship of \$1,000 for the year. The amount of the non-nursing scholarship will remain the same.

Over the years, the Scholarship Committee has built a reserve through fundraising activities such as the Artisans Fair and Dine and Donate events. The Board felt that some of these funds should be given in additional scholarships rather than having such a large surplus. The budget that was approved earlier included an extra scholarship to Indian River High School students for a total of three scholarships of \$1,500 each, totaling \$4,500.

If approved, the additional scholarship appropriation would bring the total given to Del Tech to \$5,000. The additional funds are designated for nursing students because they require more credits to graduate than non-nursing students to whom our scholarships are awarded, and the cost of their books are more expensive. The Scholarship Committee believes that helping students become nurses in our geographic area will directly benefit our senior citizen population which AARP serves.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### Chorus - Ann Jaeger

Practice is going well with a nice attendance. Our Chorus Performance Schedule for the Spring has been finalized.

On Thursday, June 7 the Chorus will give a free concert, open to the public at the South Coastal Library at 3:00 PM. This is a good time to support the AARP Chorus and hear how much we have improved with our new members.

Other dates we have scheduled are: Friday, May 25, 2:30 PM at Brandywine in Rehoboth; Wednesday, May 30, Gull Creek in Berlin at 2:00 PM; Thursday, May 31, Renaissance Healthcare in Millsboro at 10:30 AM. and Tuesday, June 12, Millville Methodist Church at 11:00 AM. Anyone is welcome to come.

If you love to sing call Ann Jaeger and she will give you all the information! She can be reached at 436-5173.

### Driver's Safety Classes - Joan King

Classes include both a Standard Class for those who are enrolling for the first time and a Refresher Class for those who have previously completed the Standard Class.

Refresher classes are for those who have previously taken the Standard Driver's Class. You must take the Refresher Class every three (3) years to continue to receive a discount on your auto liability insurance. The State is now mandating that you cannot take the Refresher Class prior to 90 days expiration of your current certificate.

The next scheduled classes are:

**4/13/2018** - Standard Class, 6 hours. Community Lutheran Church, Omar Road, Frankford

**5/11/2018** - Refresher Class, 4 hours. Community Lutheran Church, Omar Road, Frankford

To register call Joan King at (239) 567-0606.

Information about classes available at other southeast Delaware locations can be found at <http://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/>

## AARP Sponsored Book Club

The Book Group will be meeting on Friday, **April 6** at 10:30 AM. \*\*\*Note the change of day. They will be discussing "The Association of Small Bombs" by Karan Mahajan. It is about the consequences of terrorists acts.

### Scrabble - Ida Crist

The AARP Scrabble team plays the word game with residents at Brandywine Senior Living in Selbyville (across from Harris Teeter on Rt. 54) twice a month. Generally the dates are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1:30 to 4 PM. However, occasionally dates are changed because of conflicts with Brandywine's schedule. If you are interested in participating, contact Ida Crist at **302-732-6336**.

### Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of any member who needs a card ( get well, bereavement, etc.), please contact **Joan Wolf** at **541-0513**.

### Web Coordinator - Frances Hart

Please refer any issues you have with our chapter web site to me. I prefer email: [fihart46@gmail.com](mailto:fihart46@gmail.com); but if you can't email me, call and leave a voice mail message at **703-801-7216**.

I would like members to send me pictures of chapter activities so they can be put on our web site, <http://www.southcoastalaarp.org>. If you only have printed pictures, please lend them to me and I will scan them and return the originals to you. If you have never looked at our web site other than to read your monthly newsletter, now is the time to look at it and please look at all the pages, not just the welcome page.

### Historian Needed

The Chapter is presently in need of a historian. If you have an interest in this position, please contact Chris Norris at 436-1784.

## CHAPTER TRIPS

2018

May 9

### Jesus-Sight & Sound

Sight & Sound Theatres invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! Jesus is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Bus leaves Giant parking lot 9:30 AM. **Price includes:** show, motor coach, dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, tax and gratuities.

**Price: \$133 per person**

**WAIT LIST ONLY**

June 3-9

### Mackinac Island, Michigan June is Lilac Time on Mackinac Island

Hydro jet ferry ride to Mackinac Island. Enjoy beautiful Mackinac Island and stay one night at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island, Championship lumberjack show, Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, Soo Locks Boat Tour, Henry Ford Museum, and Tour of Frankenmuth. **Price includes:** breakfast, lunch and 5 course dinner at the Mackinac Grand Hotel, 6 Breakfasts, 4 dinners, motor coach transportation, baggage handling, taxes, gratuities, admission to all scheduled sightseeing per itinerary, and hotel accommodations.

**Price: \$1359 per person based on double occupancy**

**\$1834 per person based on single occupancy WAIT LIST ONLY**

Sept 19-

Sept 21

### Flight 93 National Memorial

Explore three major disasters of Pennsylvania. Visit United Airlines Flight 93 crash site and visitor center to view a film, Quecreek Mine dedicated to miners trapped 240 feet underground, Johnstown Flood National Memorial learn about the flood of May 31, 1889, Altoona Railroader's museum, Take a train ride on "The Pennsylvania" and travel on the famed Horseshoe Curve, The Mountain Playhouse the oldest theater in PA where we will take in a comedy. **Price includes:** admission to all scheduled sightseeing per itinerary, train trip, motor coach transportation, tips, and gratuities, 5 meals (2 breakfast, 1 lunch, 2 dinners), and hotel accommodations.

**Price: \$450 per person based on double occupancy**

**\$560 per person based on single occupancy OPEN TO EVERYONE**

Oct 9

### Root's Country Market & Auction

Root's Market, home of the oldest family run country market in Lancaster County, PA. Root's offers fresh food and a wide variety of items for sale. Every Tuesday Root's Market features a produce auction as well as fresh meats, deli, baker's items, flowers, handmade crafts, antiques, collectibles and household items from over 200 stand holders. Bring your coolers and shop till you drop. Root's Market has something for everyone. Price includes: motor coach transportation, dinner and gratuities.

**Price: \$69.00 per person.**

**NEW**

2019

April 24-

May 2

### Uniquely Southern

This wonderful tour heads south for a second time. Our travels take us to Nags Head, and the Outer Banks to the Wright Brothers Museum learning about early travels. New Bern and a guided tour of Tryon Governors Palace, gardens, historic homes then enjoy an ice cream float at the birthplace of Pepsi. As we continue our travels south we stop in Beaufort, South Carolina for guided tours of Parris Island, Santa Elena Archeological Site and Museum, Low Country and Gullah Community Heritage Tour. Finishing up our wonderful tour in beautiful Jekyll Island where we will stay at the famous Jekyll Island Club. While on Jekyll Island we will take a guided tour to St. Simon, Fort Frederica National Monument, Christ Church, St. Simons Lighthouse and Keeper's Cottage. If that's not enough we will also take a guided ferry ride to the beautiful island of Sapelo and the famous RJ Reynolds Mansion. Here we tour Sapelo and have a wonderful hot southern meal in the Reynolds Mansion before returning back to the Jekyll Island on our ferry. Our last night on Jekyll Island we will gather for a spectacular dinner in the Grand Dining Room followed with beautiful views on the veranda while enjoying a cocktail party. As we start for home we will make one special stop at the famous Firefly Distillery of Charleston for a little relaxing and tastings.

**Price includes:** 8 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners, motor coach transportation, baggage handling where available, taxes, gratuities, admission to all scheduled sightseeing per itinerary, and hotel accommodations.

**Price: \$1759.00 per person based on double occupancy  
\$2,529.00 per person based on single occupancy  
Bus seating will be based on the time of deposit**

**WAIT LIST ONLY**

**FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERS GO TO: [www.southcoastalaarp.org](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org)**

### **Disclaimer**

These tours are a project of and are offered to the South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 of AARP. The chapter and any agent it may use in arranging these or any other tours are not responsible in whole or in part to the tour member for any loss, damage, or injury, whether financial or otherwise to persons or property, however caused during or in connection with these or any other tours. These tours are activities conducted by South Coastal DE AARP #5226 and are in no way offered, sponsored, or conducted by AARP, which has no responsibility in connection with such tours.

### **Trip Reservations:**

To make a reservation for any trip contact Jim or Maria Harding, (302)537-5206 or email [jameshrdg@yahoo.com](mailto:jameshrdg@yahoo.com) Make checks payable to: South Coastal AARP #5226 and send to South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, PO Box 662, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please submit a check for each trip you sign up for. Note on the check what trip the check is to be applied to. If you are paying for more than 1 person please make note on the check. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.

## **Trip Rules**

### **Day Trips**

- Payment is preferred at time of registration and must be made no later than 30 days after registration
- Reservations made within 30 days of scheduled trip must be paid at time of registration
- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure, contact Jim Harding (302)537-5206
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on buses during chapter-sponsored trips
- Price subject to change: If the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% between the date of the contract with Bus Company and the date of the charter, the Tour Committee may charge a fuel surcharge to participants.

### **Overnight Trips**


- All overnight trips use a voucher system for the payment fee and a payment schedule.
- If Cancellation after the **final payment date** is necessary we will try to fill the spot with someone from our wait list. After that has been exhausted member has the option then and only then to replace the reservation with interested party of their choice.
- Cancellation Insurance is offered for all overnight trips. If cancellation is necessary and we cannot fill that seat after the **final payment date** member will submit claim to the insurance carrier for their reimbursement refund.
- Cancellation without insurance after the **final payment date**-no refunds will be given unless we can replace your reservation as stated above.
- Cancellation prior to the **final payment date** as stated on the voucher will be refunded.

## **Please Note**

We now offer three possible ways to notify you of our upcoming trips. Once these notices are sent you have the option to book the trip being offered. .

- Broadcast emails sent out to all members supplying their emails
- General Meeting/Luncheon
- Newsletter

## APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> 	2	<p>3</p> <p>Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Community Service Meeting 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 A.M.</p>	7
8	9	<p>10</p> <p>AARP Board Meeting 10:10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.</p> <p>Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>Standard Driver's Ed. Class</p>	14
14	16	<p>17</p> <p>Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>South Coastal AARP Day at Legislative Hall Giant Parking lot 7:30 a.m.</p>	29	21
<p>22</p> <p>Steel Magnolias- Broadway Play Giant parking lot - 9 a.m.</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.</p>	26	27	28
29	30					