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PRESIDENT OF THE OCEAN VIEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL SPEAK AT OUR APRIL LUNCHEON

Barbara Slavin, President of the Ocean View Historical Society will be our April 16 luncheon speaker at Cripple Creek Country Club.

She will describe the developing Coastal Towns Museum and Hall's Store Visitor Center next to John T. West Town Park. Both projects will provide residents and tourists new activities to share the history of the Baltimore Hundred.

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Chicken Lo Me - Chicken, mixed vegetables, noodles tossed with soy sauce, hoisin and spices.

OR

Soup and Sandwich Combination - 1/2 of a turkey melt wrap served on bacon, lettuce, tomato and ranch dressing. Served with a cup of Maryland crab soup. **OR**

Southwest Steak Salad - Sliced marinated flank steak, shredded cheddar jack cheese, avocado, black beans, corn, and tomatoes, served over romaine lettuce with a side of tangy ranch dressing.

Beverages include ice tea, lemonade, coffee, and water. Dessert will consist of warm brownies served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Doors open at 11 AM for social hour with lunch at 12 Noon followed by the program and chapter news and announcements. **Cost: \$17 members and \$18 guests.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing: **Allys Macken (914-819-2992), (616-2650), cecema.maken@gmail.com** or **Mary Ann Dougherty, (541-9412), madod@aol.com** by noon, Wednesday, April 10. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Sandy Butler** at **541-4110**.

Please wear your name badge to meeting.

At the luncheon on March 19, 2019 President Lee Shoff read a motion to change Article III, Member, Section C, of the Standing Rules of Chapter #5226.

Annual Chapter dues are ten dollars (\$10.00) per person for each membership year or any portion thereof. Lois Munford made the motion to accept and it was seconded by Lynn Farren. Motion was passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

Chapter Dues Increase - The Chapter has voted to increase chapter membership dues from **\$7** per year to **\$10** per year effective **May 1, 2019**. As it has been the practice in the past, an additional \$3 surcharge is added if your newsletter is mailed by USPS. If two or more members are in the same household, you need to pay only one \$3 surcharge if choosing U. S. Mail. Renewals for the September 2019-August 2020 membership year will be accepted starting May 1, 2019. This is only the second time in our 21 year history that it has become necessary to increase dues.

We welcome our new members: Alan Cohen & Patricia Huxley-Cohen, Frank Hall, Raymond Sander, Susan Schermerhorn, Mark & Renate Shaw, Sheryl Swed, Douglas & Maryann Thompson, Janice Ujverosy, Rose Verona, Barbara Vogel, and Saunie Wolstenholme. Our current membership stands at **499**.

If you have any questions or have trouble receiving your newsletter, please contact Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.

To renew your membership or to join our chapter, please send a completed membership form with your check to Dottie Rieck, P O Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. Contact Dottie by phone or email or go to our chapter web site (southcoastalaarp.org) to get a membership form.

Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder

SB 27 – Share the Care Act Successfully launched 3/13/19.

A sincere thank you to our five teams of South Coastal AARP Lobbyists who played a major role with their presenting our priorities face to face with

our responsive Sussex County Legislators. Our folks also made their points when the governor visited the statewide AARP gathering at Frasier's Restaurant. Our Mary Louise Embrey also made a presentation to the statewide gathering at Frazier's Restaurant.

We were up front and very visible, packed like sardines (in a sea of red) in the Senate Committee hearing room. The Senate Committee passed SB 27 - 5 to 0 in favor. The next step is a vote by the full Senate. We expect that to happen the week of 3/18/19. Then it goes to the House of Representatives and follows the same process. Its final step is with the Governor. As you can see, we have a lot more work to do.

Our South Coastal Advocacy Team participated in calling and email Sussex county's five Senators. We currently have three supporting our bill and two say they are likely but want to hear debate on the Senate floor.

We will call on our Advocacy Team for help when the bill goes to the House of Representatives. We have support of the Minority Leader, Daniel Short, and support of the concept from the House Speaker, Pete Schwartzkopf, as a result of our lobbying on March 13.

Upcoming Events

3/18/19 – SB-27 Share the Care Act.

4/2/19 – Noon – Legislative Committee Meeting – follow up on SB 27.

4/13/19 – 9 AM – Friends of Holts Landing State Park – join the work on trails and new playground – coffee & donuts provided.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone who came to see the movie "Double Indemnity" at the Clayton Theatre on April 6 as a fundraiser for Parkinson's Disease. It was a great success.

May will be the last month "Coupons for the Military" will be collected. We will resume collection in September. Thank you for your generosity.

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 Hughes 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. Check for locations in Sussex County on the web site.

Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

We attended a Scholarship Donor and Recipient Luncheon hosted by Delaware Technical and Community College on Wednesday, March 20 at the school in Georgetown.

The Scholarship Committee increased its donations to adult students 25 and older at the school from \$3,000 in 2017-18 to \$5,000 in the 2018-19 academic year.

The three recipients of our scholarships this year were: Dana Lednum from Georgetown, a second-year student majoring in human services; Amy Angell from Laurel, who will earn a bachelor's degree in nursing this year; and Susan Singh from Millsboro, who is in her second year pursuing an associate's degree in nursing. The two nursing students were awarded \$2,000, and Ms. Lednum received \$1,000 for the year. Marilou Merrill from the Scholarship Committee attended the event, which is held annually to connect scholarship donors to the recipients of the award.

For this year's Artisans Fair, we will have nearly 70 artisan and Farmers Market exhibitors. We are looking for volunteers to bake for our baked sale, callers to ask people to bake and volunteers for the day of the event, from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, May 25 at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View.

The Artisans Fair is the major fundraiser for our scholarship fund that gives scholarships to adult students at Del Tech and to two graduating seniors at Indian River High School. If you have not done so already, you can sign up to volunteer at the April members luncheon or call one of our volunteer coordinators. If you would like to help by baking or making calls for the bake sale, call Helen Norris at 302-436-1784 or Lois Mumford at 302-732-9600.

To volunteer the day of the event to be a greeter, a runner, or to help with any of the auctions, call Valerie Reeves, volunteer coordinator, at 302-539-8212. To volunteer to help with parking, call Ted Spickler at 724-312-9627. Your participation will help make this a successful event for our chapter and will support higher education for area students.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Driver's Safety Classes

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 cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

Information about classes now available at southeast Delaware locations can be found at <https://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/> (click on "Find a Classroom Course").

Delaware drivers may also take the AARP driver safety class on-line. The cost is \$24.95 for AARP members. You can sign up for the on-line course using the same website as above (click on "Take the On-Line Course").

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The Chorus has been very busy practicing for our spring concerts! The big news is that we are giving another Free Spring Concert at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach on Friday, **June 14** at 3:30 PM. We hope to see support from the AARP Chapter for the Chorus! Mark this date on your calendar. Last year we had "standing room only". You are welcome to come to any of our concerts.

June 3 (Monday) 1 PM. – Gull House in Rehoboth Beach.

June 5 (Wednesday) 11 AM – Millville Methodist Church.

June 6 (Thursday) 2 PM. – Gull Creek – Berlin, Md.
June 13 (Thursday) 1 PM. NARFE Luncheon – 1776 Restaurant in Rehoboth.

June 14 (Friday) 3:30 PM – Spring Concert – South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach

June 18 (Tuesday) 1 PM. – AARP Luncheon – Cripple Creek Country Club.

CHAPTER TRIPS

2019

June 8

The Delmarva Shorebirds Baseball Game

Join the Tour Committee for a night out at a Delmarva Shorebirds Baseball Game plus fireworks. The Tour Committee will subsidize a portion of the transportation cost and the gratuities for members only on this trip to Arthur W. Perdue Stadium. Enjoy a game, fireworks and buffet at the Hardball Café right behind home plate with uncanny views of the field. Buffet includes BBQ chicken legs, grilled hamburgers, grilled hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese, watermelon, popcorn, water, ice tea, and lemonade. After the game we will stay for the Fireworks Display. **Price includes:** round trip motor coach, entrance to stadium, buffet, and gratuities.

Price: \$39.00 per person **MEMBERS ONLY**

June 10-
June 13

I Love Lucy

Visit Lucille Ball's hometown of Jamestown, N.Y. where her grandfather took her to watch Vaudeville and where she bought her first bottle of red hair dye. Explore fun sites in nearby Erie, PA and the surrounding areas. Eat like a Lucy meal in the unique setting of the Tropicana Room, in the Desilu Studios. After dinner enjoy comedic entertainment by a stand-up comic. Visit Lucy Desi Museum & Center for comedy with reproduction of the I Love Lucy sets, as well as personal mementos, a film tribute, costumes and even Lucy's Car. Enjoy a guided driving tour of Jamestown highlighting Lucy landmarks. You'll see the homes where Lucy was born and grew up, theaters where she performed, places where she attended school, and the cemetery where she is buried. Sightseeing dinner cruise on Chautauqua Lake, visit Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown to learn about the Supreme Court Justice from 1941-1954. Visit Tom Ridge Environmental Center on Erie's Presque Isle to watch a video and see displays describing the ecosystem of the area. Visit the 75 foot glass tower which allows for great views. Enjoy Erie Maritime Museum. Visit the historic Union Station and learn the history of the building and a few ghost stories then enjoy a buffet dinner on the Concourse plus sample the beer from the on-site brewery. Enjoy a visit to the Kinzua Gorge and the great views from the site's 600 foot glass bottomed skywalk. A visit to the Zippo Visitors Center in Bradford which is "truly enlightening." A Lunch at the Barrel House Restaurant in Lantz Corners before heading home. **Price includes:** 3 nights hotel accommodations, 3 full breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners. Admission to all sightseeing per itinerary, standard taxes, baggage handling, roundtrip motor coach transportation, taxes and gratuities.

Price: \$620.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$854.00 per person based on single occupancy

OPEN TO EVERYONE

BUS SEATING WILL BE BASED ON THE TIME OF DEPOSIT

We will only accept 40 reservations on this trip

June 23

Washington DC on Your Own

Spend a beautiful day on your own investigating and sightseeing the many museums, monuments and memorials of Washington DC. You can take your time to see one or several points of interest such as; Arlington Cemetery, The Capitol, Vietnam War Memorial, or just stroll around the many parks. It's your day do what you would like.

Price Includes: round trip motor coach and gratuities.

Price: \$50.00 per person

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Oct 27- Kentucky at Its Best

Nov 4

Our Kentucky trip is packed with something for everyone! We will start our tour with The **Ark Encounter**, featuring a full-size Noah's Ark built according to the dimension given in the Bible. Traveling on to tour the **Creation Museum** where the pages of the Bible dramatically come to life. Before finishing up the evening enjoy an authentic **German Dinner and entertainment at the Hofbrauhaus modeled after the legendary 400+ year old Hofbrauhaus in Munich, Germany!** We travel on to **Louisville**, and **Churchill Downs** for "It's My Derby Day at the Races" this is a full day adventure. Enjoying the Kentucky Derby Museum, see the "The Greatest Race" film, a walking tour of Churchill Downs, along with Hatitude (Hot/fascinator-making activity) and Horse Talk (tips/betting lesson from a professional handicapper). Now you are race-day-ready to experience a thrilling afternoon of live racing seated on Millionaires Row

or Skye Terrace with a fabulous lunch buffet. Enjoy a Dinner Cruise on the **Belle of Louisville** with entertainment and beautiful views. Our baseball fans will enjoy a visit to **Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory**. We can't leave Louisville without visiting and tasting at **Jim Beam's American Stillhouse**. On to **Fort Knox** Military Base for a visit to **General George Patton's Museum**, we will also see the Gold Vault (but no samples) Our travels will take us to **Lincoln's Boyhood Home at Knob Creek**; you will be able to climb the 56 marble steps to his museum, one step for each year of his life. **Maker Mark Distillery** we will enjoy a tasting of another brand of bourbon. Our visit to Kentucky wouldn't be complete without "**My Old Kentucky Home**" mansion tour. The 200 year old plantation was named for America's First composer Stephen Foster. We will travel through Bernheim Forest and the Jim Beam distillery property to Limestone Springs while enjoying a wonderful dinner aboard **My Old Kentucky Dinner Train**. As we travel on the Lexington, to experience a premier **Thoroughbred Heritage Horse Farm** and we will go behind the scenes and visit up close and personal with their famous thoroughbreds. We will finish off our bourbon tour with tastings at **Wild Turkey Distillery**. Visit **Mary Todd Lincoln's Home** to discover Americas' most fascinating first lady. Our tour will end with a tour of **Old Kentucky Chocolates**. Candy made for over 50 years with the finest bourbon of Kentucky.

Price Includes: 8 nights hotel accommodation, 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, 5 evening receptions with hot food and beverages, standard taxes, baggage handling, meal gratuities, round trip deluxe motor coach transportation and admission to all sightseeing per itinerary.

Price: \$1,599.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$1,999.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

Bus seating will be based on the time of deposit. We will only accept 44 reservations on this trip

MEMBERS ONLY

2020

**Aug 29-
Sept 11**

Canada & New England Cruise

New England & Canada have an unmistakable charm, history and natural beauty all their own, and there's no better time to visit than the fall. The foliage is brilliant in every imaginable color, lighthouses dot the coastline. This fabulous cruise aboard the **Celebrity's "Summit"** departs from Boston, Massachusetts for ports of call; Bar Harbor, Maine, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sydney, Nova Scotia, overnight in Quebec City, Quebec, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Portland Maine, before returning to Boston, Massachusetts. An overnight stay at Foxwoods Casino Resort the first night will tempt your skills at the casino or relax before we depart for the ship terminal in the morning for this magnificent cruise.

Price includes: 1 night hotel accommodation at Foxwood Casino Resort with Bonus Package, Cruise, Cabin, Shipboard Meals, Port Charges and Taxes, Motor Coach Transportation to and from Boston Massachusetts Cruise Pier.

Price: \$2,699.00 per person Outside Cabin Cat. 7

\$3,199.00 per person Balcony Cabin Cat. 2B

Open to Everyone

\$3,299.00 per person Balcony Cabin Cat. 2A

Not covered \$5.00 per person for bus driver's gratuity one way (\$10.00)

\$2.00 per bag, per person, baggage handling for Stevedore at the pier each way

Celebrity's Sail Beyond Event Perks

Celebrity offers excellent perks for early booking call for details

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERS GO TO: 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, (973-903-1495) or email 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 (973-903-1495)
- 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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Community Service Meeting 10:30 A.M. South Coastal Library Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library	3 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	4	5	6 Community Service Fund Raiser Clayton Theater Doors open at 1 p.m.
7	8	9 AARP Board Meeting 10:10 A.M. - South Coastal Library	10 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	11	12	13
14	15	16 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	17 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	18	19	20
21 	22	23	24 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. April 24 - May 2 Uniquely Southern Trip	25	26	27
28	29	30				