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MINGLE AND JINGLE AT OUR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 20

Come out and join us for our holiday celebration at Cripple Creek Country Club. It will feature Christmas carols and other songs by the AARP Chorus under the direction of Ann Jaeger. We will also induct the 2017 AARP Officers and will raffle door prizes of beautiful table centerpieces.

Additionally, at our December meeting, we will recognize a number of local organizations with a financial contribution. These organizations provide much needed assistance to those who need it

LUNCHEON CHOICES INCLUDE

Served tossed salad with dried cranberries, candied pecans with a cranberry vinaigrette and rolls and butter.

Entree Choices:

Prime Rib (10 oz) - sliced to order prepared to medium **OR**

Crab Imperial Stuffed Shrimp **OR**

Lemon Rosemary Chicken - tender chicken marinated in a light rosemary and lemon sauce.

Chef choice of potato and vegetable.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will feature apple pie a la mode.

Doors open at **11 am** for social hour with lunch at **12 noon** followed by the program and chapter news and announcements. **Cost: \$25 members and \$26 guests.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling **Allys Macken 616-2650**, or **Mary Ann Dougherty, 541-9412** or madod@aol.com by **noon, Wednesday, December 14.** To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller at 537-2475.**

ATTENTION MEMBERS

If you make a reservation for the luncheon and you are a "no show", you are obligated to pay for the cost of the luncheon. If you do not pay for the luncheon, your reservation for future luncheons will not be taken and you will not be able to participate in AARP functions such as trips.

PLEASE HELP BY GIVING ME YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Each chapter of AARP is asked to file an annual Chapter Census & Activity Report by the end of January. In order to do this I need your help!!

If you have given volunteer time in any of the following areas please call Lee Shoff (302-539-6952) or email him at leerobertashoff@gmail.com and leave a message indicating how many hours you have given doing any of activities listed below. Just give the number of the activity (1-6) and number of hours spent.

This must be done by Friday, **January 6, 2017** so that our chapter's report can be presented to the Board of Directors at the January 10, 2017 board meeting.

1. AARP's Day of Service.
2. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide.
3. Advocacy/Legislative time spent calling, writing, talking to or emailing state legislators or national congressmen on issues of concern.
4. Education: mentoring/tutoring students or instructing seniors on using a computer.
5. Other time volunteered on activities such as supporting the VFW, Seas the Day, volunteer fire companies, ACT store, Justin's House, repairs to older or needy person's homes, helping needy members of the community or the disabled community.

CHAPTER #5226 TO DONATE \$5,300

Our chapter of AARP will donate \$5,300 (\$4,000 from Tour Committee profits and \$1,300 from Chapter funds) to various groups. The donations will be given at the December 20, 2016 Chapter Luncheon to the following: Christmas presents (needy families), Millville EMS, Food Bank of DE, Home of the Brave: Men, South Coastal Library, CHEER: South Coastal Leisure Center, CHEER:

Meals on Wheels program, The Salvation Army, Friends of Holt's Landing State Park, Beebe Gull House, Pyle Center Energy Assistance, The Way Home, People's Place, Operation Seas The Day, and Blood Bank of Delmarva.

Thanks to all those members that support our fund raising efforts by attending Chapter Luncheons, going on tours, buying 50/50 tickets at the luncheons, and giving cash to our various requests for donations.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder

Legislative News

AARP Celebrates National Family Caregivers Month with a full page ad in the Coastal Point November 11th edition proclaiming Delaware's passage of the Care Act in June. Our Legislative Committee played a significant role advising our Sussex County Legislators who unanimously supported the act.

On October 19 Dave Jaeger and Chuck Schonder represented the Chapter at AARP's Congressional and Governor's Debate at the UD Newark Campus. We are pleased to report that our new congress woman Lisa Blunt-Rodchester was the most supportive and specific on her support of keeping Social Security financially strong for the next generation.

We will be attending the League of Women's Voters Public Land Use Forum on November 16. A panel consisting of Preston Schell, CEO of Ocean Atlantic; Sara Keifer, Kent County Director of Planning; and Nick Hammon, Jack Lingo Asset Management, will address "An Effective 2018 Comprehensive Plan" For more information on the Comprehensive Plan Updates go to sussexplan.com web site.

Environmental News

Friends of Holts Landing State Park crews cleared another mile of the 3.5 miles of trails on a beautiful Saturday morning. There are currently two ongoing Eagle Scout projects by members of Ocean View Troop 281. The next Trail Day will be December 10 from 9 am to 11:30 am. All are welcome. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

The next meeting of the Legislative/Environmental Committee is December 6 at Noon, Room A, South Coastal Library. Any questions contact Chuck Schonder – cschonder3@gmail.com.

Membership – Enid Levine

We have approached the end of the renewal year. If you haven't renewed by the time you receive this newsletter, you will not receive the January newsletter. Of course we will accept renewals at any time during the year.

We welcome new members Gail Hettel, Christine Limerick, Ed & Patsy Pietriyk.

The newsletter is mailed and e-mailed the 4th week of the month. If you have not received a newsletter (by e-mail or US Mail) by the end of the next week, please call me at 302-541-5639 so that we can look into it.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

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. The schedule is as follows:

- Bethany Beach** - St. Ann's Catholic Church, 691 Garfield Pkwy. (12/ 2)
- Georgetown** - Georgetown CHEER Community Center, 20520 Sand Hill Rd. (12/7)
- Lewes** - Senior Center, 32083 Janice Rd.(12/21)
- Rehoboth** - Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center, 1 Baltimore Avenue, (1/25/17)
- Long Neck** - Long Neck UMC, 32051 Long Neck Rd. (12/27)
- Ocean City** - Ocean City Cares Blood Drive @ OC Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Hwy. (1/18/17)

At the December luncheon, the Community Service committee will be collecting "gifts for seniors". These gifts of \$10 will be distributed by meals on wheels on Christmas morning. Some suggestions are: gift certificates, hats, gloves, lap blanket, etc. Whether you wrap the gift or not, please mark the item "M" or "F". Thank you for your generosity.

We will start collecting "kid's toothpaste" this month and next for the dental day in February. Please make sure the toothpaste is specifically for **children**.

Mark your calendars for **January 27**. We will have a "Game Day" from 1 - 4 PM at the South Coastal Library. Entrance fee will be at least "4" food items for the food bank. If you wish, you can bring your own game or join in the fun playing bingo.

The Community Service Committee meets on the first **Tuesday** of the month at the South Coastal Library at **10:30 AM**. We invite members to join us and share your ideas on how we can help the community.

Tours - Jim Harding

Please remember our policy regarding payment for trips. If you sign up for a trip, you have **30 days** to pay from the date you **signed up**. If payment is not received within the 30 days, you will be taken off the list.

A separate check for each trip should be payable to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee** and sent to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, P.O. Box 662, Ocean View, DE. 19970**.

Our Tour Committee continues to strive for more exciting, fun trips for all to enjoy.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

AARP Sponsored Book Club

The book group will be meeting on December 1 at 10:30 AM to discuss "The Wedding Dress" by Rachel Hauck. This a story about four women bound by one gown. All are welcome.

Bowling – Dottie Rieck

After ten weeks of bowling, teams Fab Five and Living Legends are tied for first place.

The league bowls on Monday afternoons at Millsboro Lanes starting at 1:15 PM. Currently, five teams need an additional bowler. All skill levels are welcome. If you are interested in bowling, please contact **Dottie Rieck at 539-2654.**

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The Chorus is busy practicing every Wednesday at the South Coastal Library from 10 AM till 12 noon. We have some new members this year and we are grateful for that! We can always use more, especially men and 1st sopranos. All voices are welcome.

We are now working on Holiday music and will start our concert season on Friday, December 2 at 7 PM at the Ocean View Presbyterian Church. Following that on Saturday, December 10 at 12 noon we will be at the Selbyville Library. Tuesday December 13 at 11 AM at Millville UMC. Saturday, December 17 at 3:30 PM we will sing at Brandywine Senior Living on Rt. 54 and last on December 20 at 1:00 PM. at the AARP Luncheon at Cripple Creek Country Club. You are welcome to come and watch any of our concerts. If you would like to join the AARP Chorus, contact our leader, Ann Jaeger at 436-5173.

Driver's Safety Classes - Tom Malay

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.

Refresher Classes are scheduled for: Monday, December 5 - **CLASS IS FULL**
Monday, **February 13** and Monday, **May 8** from 9 AM to 1 PM. To register, call Tom at (302) 541-0780.

The next Standard Class for those who have never taken the class or it has been more than three (3) years is scheduled for: Monday, **March 6** from 9 AM to 3 PM. To register, call Tom at (302) 541-0780.

All classes are held at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. If you wish to take the course on line, go to

AARPdriversafety.org. The cost is \$17.95 for AARP members and \$21 for non-members.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of any member who needs a card (get well, bereavement, etc.), please contact **Joan Wolf at 541-051.**

UP-DATE ON CO-PRESIDENT JEAN LAYTON

Jean is out of rehab and has settled in at her son's house in Tennessee. At this point she is seeing a cardiologist at Vanderbilt Health. She will be living with her son. We certainly wish Jean the best as she navigates through this ordeal and will miss her and what she did for our AARP chapter. Her mailing address is: 572 Upper Station Camp Creek Road, Gallatin, TN 37066.

2017 SOUTH COASTAL AARP PROPOSED BUDGET

Income

Social Events	\$16,000.00
50/50	1,000.00
Dues	3,500.00
Fund Raising	500.00
Newsletter Surcharge	500.00
Misc.	<u>200.00</u>

TOTAL \$21,700.00

Expenses

Social Events	\$15,000.00
<u>Committees</u>	
Comm. Service	500.00
Membership	300.00
Programs	600.00
Sunshine	75.00
Administration	250.00
Web Page	300.00
Newsletter-Print	1,900.00
Newsletter-Postage	675.00
Insurance	350.00
Donations	1,000.00
Chorus	375.00
Postage	125.00
Misc.	<u>250.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 21,700.00

2016 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BUDGET

Income

<u>Artisans Fair</u>	
Vendors	\$5,100.00
Misc./Other	2,825.00
Fundraiser	1,500.00
Fall Fundraiser	1,500.00
Interest	<u>80.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,505.00

Expenses

Administration	\$100.00
Artisans Fair	3,125.00
Fundraiser	150.00
Scholarships	5,000.00
Transfer to CD	<u>1,130.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,505.00

THANKS TO CHAPTER MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR FALL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank everyone in the chapter who came out to support our October 27 fundraiser at Hooked Up in Millville. The event was a great success, raising over \$2000 for the Scholarship Fund.

We are grateful to Hooked Up in Millville for hosting the event for the second year and donating a portion of the evening's proceeds to the fund. We had record attendance, and attendees were able to bid on the chance to take home one of 38 baskets assembled with donations from many community businesses.

We want to thank those businesses who provided gift cards, products or cash donations for the event. They included:

Adkins, Inc., All Aboard Grooming & Kennels, Artful Bean, Beach Break Bakrie & Café, Beachview Chiropractic, Bear Trap Den, Bethany Beach Books, Bethany Beach Diner, Bethany Fine Arts Gallery, Bishop-Hastings Funeral Home, Blossoms, Browseabout Books, Café on 26, Capriotti's, Carl M. Freeman Foundation, Coastal Cottage, Costa Ventosa Winery, Cottage Café, County Bank,

Crabcake Factory, Crazy Ladiez, Delmarva Shorebirds, Delmarva Shorebirds Fan Club, DiFebo's, Restaurant, Energy Gym, Fenwick Hardware, Fenwick Floators, Fish Tales, Fox's Pizza Den, Millville & Selbyville, The Fresh Market, Fulton Bank, G&E/Hocker's, Georgia House, Millsboro, Giant Food, Grotto Pizza, Hair Snippery, Harris Teeter, Harry & David, Rehoboth Beach, Fran Hart, quilter, Hickman's Liquors, Japanesque, Kool Bean, Lobster Shanty, Made by Hand, Mancini's, Maureen's Ice Cream, McCabe's Gourmet, Miller's Creek, Mio Fratello, OC Haircuts, Ocean View Deli, Outback, Rehoboth Beach, Patti's Hallmark, The Penguin Diner, Pin-Up Girls Salon, Pizza King, Millsboro, Plants by Mary, PNC Bank, Bethany Beach, Porto Pizza, Rosenfeld's Deli, Salon on Central, Seacrest, Sea Level, Sea Needles, Seaside Country Store, Sedona, SoDel Concepts, Solutions Plus, Summer Salts Café, Sunshine Crepes, Sweet Dispositions, Treasure Island, Turtle Beach Café, Walmart, Rehoboth Beach and Younique.

Thanks also go to many chapter members who contributed items for the auction. Finally we want to acknowledge all the members of the Scholarship Committee without whose hard work the event would not have been possible. They include: Barbara Shamp, event coordinator; Carolyn Bacon, Jo Beall, Ida Crist, Kathy Johnson, Carolyn Kress, Dawn Lekites, Chotsie Martin, Chris & Helen Norris, Lone Phillips and Shirley Price.

FIVE TIPS TO HELP YOU REMEMBER

1. Prepare - before going to an event concentrate on the names of people who might be there.
2. Use an acronym - take the first letter of a list and remember the acronym.
3. Take a hint - to help recall a name go through the alphabet.
4. Conjure an image - if you want to remember to call Tom, pay a bill and make a doctor's appointment, create a mental picture of Tom at the doctor's office, writing a check.
5. Relax - an easygoing attitude can actually help. It is harder to recall things when you are anxious.

CHAPTER TRIPS

- April 13** **Jonah** - Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Jonah is a prophet and a man on the run from God. Jonah finds himself in the belly of a giant fish. It is here where God teaches Jonah how to receive grace and extend mercy. Lunch at Hershey Farm Inn. Price includes bus, lunch, show and gratuities. Depart Giant parking lot. **Price: \$122.** per person. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- May 10 -11** **Luray Caverns, Virginia** - 2 days, 1 night. The trip includes 1 night hotel at the English Inn, Charlottesville, Virginia, Dinner at T Bonze restaurant on your own, Bus transportation, driver gratuity, baggage handling and breakfast included. Also included admission to Luray Caverns, Monticello- tour home of Thomas Jefferson, Natural Bridge of Virginia and finally stop at Copper Fox Distillery for a tasting. **Price: \$195** per person based on double occupancy and **\$252** per single. We will depart from Giant parking lot.
- June 12 - 15** **Finger Lakes** - 4 days 3 nights. 3 breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, Visit Kings' Ferry and Long Port Winery for dinner, historic Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls, Tour of It's A Wonderful Life Museum, Three Brothers Winery for tasting, organ demonstration at Willard Chapel, Dinner at Springfield Inn, Merry Go Round Playhouse, Muranda Cheese Co. tour, Knapp Vineyard, Montezuma Winery and Distillery, shopping on the shores of Skaneateles Lake, dinner and cruise on the Judge Ben Wiles, visit Lively Run Goat Dairy, and Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards. **Price: \$699** per person based on double occupancy and **\$905** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- Sept. 18 - 22** **Vermont** - 5 days 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners. Cruise on scenic Lake Champlain, lunch and tour at the Von Trapp Inn, tour: Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, explore Plymouth Notch, factory tour of Cabot Cheese, visit Woodstock to view one of their beautiful covered bridges, enjoy a visit to Rock of Ages granite quarry and shop for granite gifts, enjoy Quechee the Grand Canyon of Vermont, shop the Vermont Country Store. **Price: \$979** per person based on double occupancy and **\$1229** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- Dec 2 - 7** **Nashville, TN** - 6 day, 5 night. 5 breakfast, 1 luncheon cruise, 2 holiday dinner shows. 3 night at the Opryland Resort during A Country Christmas at Gaylord Opryland, Cruise and lunch aboard the General Jackson, guided tour of Nashville and explore Music Row, Tickets to Ice featuring "The Nutcracker", a Delta River flatboat ride, admission to a live holiday production (TBA). Tickets to Treasures for the Holidays a craft, antique and art show, enjoy a self-guided tour of the Parade of Trees, have a fabulous holiday dinner show in Pigeon Forge. **Price: \$1199** per person based on double occupancy and **\$1549** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- 2018**
Jan. 27 - **Back -to-Back Southern Caribbean Cruise** - Royal Caribbean's "Jewel of the Seas" Ports of Call include St. Thomas, Antigua, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Maarten, Dominica, Grenada and San Juan. Trip includes: 2 week cruise, shipboard meals and entertainment, hotel accommodations in beautiful San Juan, round Motor Coach transportation to Philadelphia Airport, non-stop round trip airfare, transportation to and from the cruise ship and hotel, port charges and taxes. \$50.00 room credit the second week. For more information go to our web site or call Jim.

Go to www.aarp5226.org for more details about the many trips offered.)
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.

Lee Shoff, Co-President

Trip Reservations:

To make a reservation for any trip, phone **Jim or Maria Harding, (302) 537-5206** or email tours@aarp5226.org) Make checks payable to: **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee** and send to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, P.O. 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. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.

Trip Rules

- Payment is preferred at time of registration and must be made no later than 30 days after registration.
- Reservations made within 30 days of a 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 the tour escort for that trip.
- 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.

Please remember our policy regarding payment for trips. If you sign up for a trip, you have **30 days** to pay from the date you **signed up.** If payment is not received within the 30 days, you will be taken off the list.

DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 A.M.	2 Blood Bank St. Ann's	3
4	5 Driver's Refresher Class 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. South Coastal Library Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Bowling 2 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes	6 Community Service Meeting 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library	7 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	8 Moravian Christmas in Bethlehem Trip	9	10
11	12 Bowling 2 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes	13 AARP Board Meeting 10 a.m. South Coastal Library	14 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Deadline Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	15	16	17
18	19 Bowling 2 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes	20 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	21 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	22	23	24
25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26 No bowling	27	28 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	29	30	31 

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