



# Coastal News

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Chorus	Ann Jaeger	436-5173
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Newsletter	Andrea Gowetski	541-4751
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## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WILL FEATURE OUR AARP CHORUS AND NEW OFFICERS

Capture the Holiday spirit at our **December 19** luncheon/meeting at Cripple Creek with Christmas music by our own **AARP Chorus** under the direction of Ann Jaeger. We will be treated to Holiday carols and other festive songs.

We will also induct the 2018 Officers and raffle the beautiful table centerpieces.

## LUNCHEON CHOICES:

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

**Prime Rib** - A 10 oz. rib sliced to order and prepared to medium.

OR

**Crab Imperial Stuffed Shrimp**

OR

**Chicken Marsala** - Tender chicken breasts sautéed with a sauce of Marsala wine, shallots, mushrooms, and demi glace.

All include Chef choice of potato and vegetable.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will feature Red Velvet Cake.

Doors open at **11 AM** for social hour with lunch at **12 Noon** followed by the program and chapter news and announcements. **Cost: \$26 members and \$27 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, December 13**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller at 236-5570**.

## ANNOUNCING OUR NEW WEBSITE

The South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 of AARP has a new website. Information found on the website includes a list of upcoming events, copies of our newsletters for the past two years, a list of all the trips that the chapter is currently planning, and information about our committees and other Chapter activities. Please bookmark our new address and visit the website to see what's available: [www.southcoastalaarp.org](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org).

Our monthly Chapter newsletters are now being sent to you from this email address: [President@southcoastalaarp.org](mailto:President@southcoastalaarp.org). Because this is a new email address, some of our members have found that this email is going to their "Junk" or "Spam" folder. To prevent this from happening, add the address [President@southcoastalaarp.org](mailto:President@southcoastalaarp.org) to your email address book. The newsletter is sent out on the fourth Tuesday of each month. If you do not receive your newsletter, first check your spam folder, and, if it is not there, email a note to [President@southcoastalaarp.org](mailto:President@southcoastalaarp.org), and we will send it out to you. Please note that you can also access the newsletter from our website.

## COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

### Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder

#### Upcoming Events

**12/5/17** - Legislative Committee Meeting at noon at the South Coastal Library. For information contact [Cschonder@gmail.com](mailto:Cschonder@gmail.com)

**12/6/17** - Sussex County Council 9 AM, Sussex County Comprehensive Land Plan Use.

**12/9/17** - Trail Day at Holt's Landing State Park at 9 AM coffee and donuts provided. All are welcome.

**12/12/17** - Proposed Issue Survey presented to the Board for approval.

**12/13/17** - Sussex County Council at 9 AM, Sussex County Council Comprehensive Land Plan Use.

#### Local AARP News

Our Legislative Committee is working on an Issues Survey to reflect members concerns and desire to help AARP Delaware Office better understand our Chapter legislative priorities. Your participation in the survey is essential for informing statewide advocacy implementation plans.

## Sussex County 2018 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

This plan will be completed by the County Council and sent to the state by June 2018. On November 2, 2017 the Planning and Zoning Commission turned over its draft plan for consideration to the County Council.

We have been monitoring the progress of the Planning Commission's work on the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission in the Transportation Chapter is recommending several ideas which we feel will be beneficial to help seniors with their transportation needs:

1. Creation of a Senior Transportation Guide/tool Kit on transportation options.
2. Spreading awareness of SCAT (senior citizen affordable taxi).
3. Improved coordination between non-profit transportation providers and incentives to business and HOA;s to provide ride sharing.
4. Mobility Improvement Committee (MIC) comprised of County Representatives, Legislators and DELDOT.

### Membership – Enid Levine/Dorothy Rieck

We are pleased to announce that South Coastal AARP is the eighth largest chapter in the country with 539 members.

We welcome new members Nick and Jane Bartolomeo, Marvin and Catherine Councilman, Mark and Jonni Brashears, Nancy Lathbury, Lyn LeBrun, Frank and Lucy Equale, Wendy D. D. Leddy, Cynthia Dunham, Karen Hinman, James and Deborah Jensen, and Patricia Trucker.

The new Membership Chair as of December 1 is Dottie Rieck. She is one of the founding members of this Chapter and she will do a wonderful job. Dottie can be reached at (302) 539-2654; P. O. Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930 or [Rieck5226@aol.com](mailto:Rieck5226@aol.com).

### Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee will be collecting "Gifts for Seniors" at the December luncheon. Gift suggestions include gift certificates to Walmart, K-Mart, food markets, etc. Also hats, scarves, gloves and lap blankets are other ideas. Please mark "M" or "F" on your gift.

In December we will also start collecting "kids" toothpaste for distribution at our Dental Program in February.

**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: **St. Ann's Catholic Church** - December 15. Call for times. Check for other locations in Sussex County on the web site.

**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. We welcome your suggestions.

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

**AARP Sponsored Book Club**

The book group will be meeting on Thursday, December 7 at 10:30 AM to discuss the suspenseful thriller, "Before the Fall" by Noah Hawley. Bring a wrapped used book and enjoy some treats.

**Chorus - Ann Jaeger**

If you would like to join the AARP Chorus, contact our leader, Ann Jaeger at 436-5173.

**Driver's Safety Classes - Joan King**

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.

A four hour refresher course will be offered from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Community Lutheran Church, 30897 Omar Road, Frankford, DE 19945. Call Joan King at 239-567-0606 to register.

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

**SOUTH COASTAL DE AARP CHAPTER #5226  
Approved Budget 2018**

**INCOME**

Social Events	\$16,900.00
50/50	1,000.00
Dues	3,500.00
Fundraising	500.00
Newsletter Surcharge	480.00
Miscellaneous	200.00

**TOTAL \$22,580.00**

**EXPENSES**

Social Events	\$16,536.00
Committees	
Community Service	500.00
Membership	300.00
Program	800.00
Sunshine	50.00
Administration	200.00
Web Page	425.00
Newsletter - Printing	1,600.00
Newsletter - Postage	675.00
Insurance	400.00
Donations	700.00
Chorus	300.00
Postage	50.00
Miscellaneous	40.00

**TOTAL \$22,580.00**

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 2018**

**INCOME**

Artisans' Fair Exhibitors (Inside)	4,590.00
Exhibitors (outside)	600.00
Table Rentals	250.00
Farmer's Market	500.00
Bake Sale	1,200.00
Auction	1,000.00
50/50	350.00
Concessions	250.00
Misc. - Donations	50.00
Fundraiser	1,500.00
Interest	325.00
CD Redemption	3,000.00

**TOTAL \$13,685.00**

**EXPENSES**

Administration	\$ 250.00
Artisans Fair Promotional Items	700.00

Postage	125.00
Advertising	600.00
Tables/Misc.	400.00
Rental/Custodians	
Contributions	600.00
Rentals	
Other Supplies	100.00
Signs	200.00
Hall	1,250.00
Fall Fundraiser	250.00
Postage	100.00
Sandwich Boards	500.00
Scholarships	6,500.00
Purchase New CD	2,110.00

**TOTAL \$13,685.00**

**Sunshine - Joan Wolf**

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

The 20th Anniversary Gala pictures were provided by Jim Hartsig.

**Scholarship Committee's Basket Auction Will Help Kick Start Your Holiday Shopping**

The Scholarship Committee invites all members to come out on **Wednesday, November 30** for its third annual basket auction. This year's event will take place at the new Fins Ale House and Raw Bar in the Marketplace Shopping Center on Route 1 in Bethany Beach. Between 4-9 PM the restaurant will donate a portion of all of its proceeds to the chapter's Scholarship Fund. If you haven't yet visited this great new Bethany Beach restaurant, this is an excellent opportunity to try their delicious offerings.

Under the leadership of event chair, Barbara Shamp, the committee has assembled 28 baskets that can aid you in your holiday gift-giving and entertaining. The baskets include wine and liqueurs, holiday decorative items, gift cards from many area restaurant and other businesses and other items you are sure to love. Baskets range in value from \$60 to \$100 plus. Winners of all baskets will be determined at the event but you do not have to be present to win. There will also be a 20/20 raffle.

This event is one of two annual fundraisers for the Scholarship Fund. The Artisans Fair in May is the second event. Exhibitors are already signing up for the 2018 show. The committee's fundraising success has made it possible for the chapter to offer \$6,500 in scholarships in 2018.

Please come out and enjoy the fun with other chapter members on November 30 while contributing to a great cause!

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



Eight of the chapter's past presidents were in attendance. (L-R): Dottie Rieck, Georgie Calabrese, founder and first president, Reno Calabrese, Beverly Dalecki, Joan Thomas, Maureen Eisenhart, Ione Phillips, and Lee Shoff. Georgie Calabrese gave an engaging presentation about the chapter's founding



Sen. Gerald Hocker and Rep. Ron Gray recognized the chapter's accomplishments and read proclamations from the governor and the Delaware State Senate.



Charter Member Neva O'Hara shares a laugh with DJ Sky Brady, who kept the crowd moving throughout the evening.

### RECOGNIZING OUR TWENTY-YEAR MEMBERS

There are twenty current members of our chapter who have been members for the entire twenty years. We were happy to have 14 of them in attendance at the gala.

Our charter members include: Leon & Georgie Calabrese, Reno Calabrese, Louise Connor, Beverly Dalecki, Walter & Maureen Dzur, Katharine Evans, Stanley & Joan Keller, Bette Meredith, Alicia McDermott, Dottie McGovern, Neva O'Hara, Shirley Price, Dottie Rieck, Bob & Jan Schaeffer, and Lee & Bobbie Shoff.

**Thank you for your loyalty over the years!**

## CHAPTER TRIPS

2017

Dec 13

### Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Enjoy a wonderful Christmas Show At Radio City Music Hall and after the show enjoy Christmas in New York City on your own. You will be provided a map of New York City in order to explore points of interest, Rockefeller Center and the Christmas tree, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Time Square, Macy's Christmas display, then enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants in the city. **Price includes:** show, motor coach transportation, tips and gratuities. Lunch and Dinner on your own. Bus departs Giant parking lot 5:30 AM for a 11 AM show.

**Price \$165 per person**

**WAIT LIST ONLY**

2018

Jan 27

### Back-to-Back Southern Caribbean Cruise-

Feb 11

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. **Price includes:** 2 week cruise, shipboard meals, entertainment, one night hotel accommodations in beautiful San Juan, round trip motor coach transportation to Philadelphia Airport, non-stop round trip airfare to San Juan, transportation to and from the cruise ship and hotel, port charges and taxes. \$50.00 room credit the second week. For more information call Jim Harding.

April 30

### Gettysburg National Military Park

May 1

Explore Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitors Center, Guided tour of Gettysburg Battlefield, Eisenhower National Historic Site, Tour of the Shriver's' Home, Haunted Ghost Tour of Jennie Wade House, Haunted Orphanage and Cemetery Hill. Dinner at the Dobbin House and Lunch at Hickory Bridge Restaurant in Organna. **Price includes:** 1 dinner, 1 Breakfast, and 1 lunch, motor coach transportation, tax, gratuities, baggage and handling, admission to all scheduled sightseeing per itinerary and hotel accommodations.

**Price \$270 per person based on double occupancy**

**\$331 per person based on single occupancy**

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**

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-

### Flight 93 National Memorial

Sept 21

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**

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERED 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.
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## 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

## December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Nashville Trip
3	4	5 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	6 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	7 AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 A.M.	8	9
10	11	12 AARP Board Meeting 10:10 a.m. South Coastal Library	13 Radio City Christmas Spectacular Giant 5:30 a.m.  Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.  Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	14	15	16
17	18	19 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	20 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	21 Winter Begins	22	23
24	25 	26	27 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	28	29	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE						