



# Coastal News

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## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WILL FEATURE OUR OWN CHORUS AND NEW OFFICERS

Jingle bells, jingle bells, sound familiar? Capture the holiday spirit! Join us on Tuesday, December 18 at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club for a luncheon celebration. We will hear some wonderful Christmas Carols and, perhaps, sing along to these as well as other tunes. The songs and music will be presented by our own AARP Chorus under the direction of Ann Jaeger.

We will introduce the new AARP Officers and Board Members and also raffle door prizes of the colorful poinsettia table center pieces.

We expect a full house, so please reserve early.

## LUNCHEON CHOICES:

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

## Entree Choices:

**Prime Rib(10oz)** - Sliced to order prepared to medium. Chef choice of potato and vegetable. **OR**

**Crab Imperial Stuffed Shrimp** - Chef choice of potato and vegetable. **OR**

**Chicken Alfredo** - Grilled chicken breast served over linguine tossed in house made parmesan sauce and garnished with tomatoes and green onions. Chef choice potato and vegetable.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and water. Dessert will consist of Kahlua Mousse 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 12. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller** at 236-5570.

## COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

### Membership – Dottie Rieck

We welcome our new members: Beverly Bailey, Thomas Bentz, Marlene Brescia, Oscar & Barbara Clair, Steve Embrey, Neil Fleming, Dorothy Morse, Sandra Pool, and Vickie York.

Our current membership stands at **438**.

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](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, P O Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. Contact Dottie by phone or email or go to our chapter web site ([southcoastalaarp.org](http://southcoastalaarp.org)) to get a membership form.

### Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder

#### Sussex County Races

**Council District 4:** Doug Hudson (R) - 54% vs Paulette Rappa (D) – 46%

**Council District 5:** John Rieley (R) - 61% vs. Ellen Magee (D) – 39%

October 2018 Sussex County Voter Registration Totals (23.4% of the State Total)

Republican – 64,251	Democrat – 60,162
Unaligned – 39,167	Total -163,580

State Races – Sussex Members in Leadership positions

### House Membership

Pete Schwartzkopf (D) – returns as Speaker of the House

Danny Short (R) - returns as minority Leader of the House.

Tim Dukes (R) - New Whip of the House.

Gerald Hocker (R) – New Minority Leader of the Senate.

**New State Auditor** – Kathy McGuinness, State Treasurer – Colleen Davis, State Attorney General – Kathy Jennings

### Senate Membership

2018 – 11 Democrat/10 Republicans      2019 – 12 Democrats/9 Republicans

**House Membership** 2018 – 25 Democrats/16 Republicans 2019 – 26 Democrats/15 Republicans

### National Races

Largest % of voters since 1974

36 New Women voted to Congress – 30% larger pickup than the previous high in 1992 in “The Year of the Woman”.

20 races had a margin of less than 5%

### Environmental - Holts Landing State Park

Scout Troop 281 from Ocean View cleaned up a survival pit found in the woods. Scout troop 2540 from Lewes is participating in constructing a new trail head information station as an Eagle Scout project.

### Upcoming Events

12/4/18 – Noon – Legislative Committee Meeting – South Coastal Library. For information contact – [Cschonder3@gmail.com](mailto:Cschonder3@gmail.com)

12/8/18 – Holts Landing Trail Day – 9 am – Come join in some fun trail work. Coffee & Donuts provided.

### Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to the “\$’s for Coats”. Your donations have helped provide coats, gloves, hats, etc. for the children at the John Clayton Elementary school.

December we will be collecting “Gifts for Seniors”. A \$10 gift such as a gift card from Wal-Mart, K-Mart or any of the grocery stores is appreciated. Also gloves, hats, lap blankets and sweat pants are also welcome. Please mark each gift with a “F” or “M” where appropriate. These gifts are distributed by Meals On Wheels on Christmas morning to those who receive meals that day. It’s a great opportunity to put a smile on someone’s face.

We will be collecting “kids” toothpaste for the months of December, January and February for our Dental Program in February.

Thank you for all you do.

**Don't forget your food items for the Pyle Center and coupons for 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 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](http://www.delmarvablood.org)**. Check for locations in Sussex County on the web site.

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

The Scholarship Committee held a successful Dine and Donate and wine basket auction on Thursday, Nov. 8, at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar in Bethany Beach. Thank you to all the members who attended and to those who donated wines.

We raised \$664 from the raffle of nine wine baskets and a 50-50 cash raffle. In addition, Fins will make a donation of 20 percent of the proceeds to the scholarship fund. Besides members and friends, the following business establishments donated wine or a gift certificate: Bethany Beach Beverage Co. and Beach Liquors, Bethany Beach; Bayside Wines & Spirits and Lighthouse Liquors, Fenwick Island; Big Liquor Shop and West Line Liquors, Selbyville; East Coast Liquors, Millsboro; Salted Vines Vineyard and Winery, Frankford; and Savannah Discount Liquor, Dagsboro.

The Scholarship Committee annually holds a dining and basket auction fund-raiser in the fall and sponsors the Artisans Fair on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View. Next year's fair will be Saturday, May 25. This year we gave \$9,500 in scholarships to three students at Indian

River High School and to three adult students at Delaware Technical and Community College.

A representative of the Scholarship Committee, Marilou Merrill, attended the scholarship fair sponsored by the Indian River School District on Oct. 25. Almost 100 students and parents attended the fair where they learned about available college scholarships from community organizations.

## **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”).

### **Sunshine - Joan Wolf**

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

### **Chorus - Ann Jaeger**

The AARP Chorus now has our Holiday schedule for the fall. You are welcome to come and hear us at these performances:

**December 5** (Wednesday) Dagsboro Methodist Church 11:00 AM.

**December 11** (Tuesday) Millville Methodist Church 11:00 AM.

**December 12** (Wednesday) Bethany Women's Club @ Cripple Creek – Noon

**December 13** (Thursday) Natl. Ass. Ret. Fed. Emp. @ 1776 Restaurant 1 PM.

**December 14** (Friday) Gull Creek Retirement Home in Berlin – 2:00 PM.

**December 18** (Tuesday) AARP Luncheon @ Cripple Creek C.C. 1:00 PM.

We will get you in the Holiday Spirit!

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**2019 BUDGETS APPROVED**

At its meeting on November 13, the Chapter's Board of Directors approved the 2019 budgets for the Chapter and for the Scholarship Committee. The budgets were presented to the membership at the November 20 membership meeting.

Chapter Budget

The chapter budget shows income and expenses of approximately \$25,000 for the year in support of Chapter activities. Due to increasing costs in a number of expense categories, the Board finds it necessary to propose a \$3.00 increase in Chapter membership dues in order to achieve a balanced budget. This increase would become effective for the 2019-2020 membership year. An increase in Chapter dues requires an amendment to the Chapter's Standing Rules, and this amendment will be presented to the membership for approval in early 2019.

CHAPTER

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Social Events	\$17,980.00
50/50	\$1,000.00
Dues	\$5,000.00
Fundraising	\$500.00
Mailed Newsletter Surcharge	\$420.00
Miscellaneous	\$120.00
Total	\$25,020.00

EXPENSES

Social Events	\$17,525.00
Committees	
Community Service	\$500.00
Membership	\$300.00
Program	\$600.00
Legislative/Environmental	\$270.00
Sunshine	\$50.00
Administration	\$200.00
Storage Unit Contribution	\$196.00
Website	\$875.00
Newsletter - Printing	\$1,450.00
Newsletter - Postage	\$675.00
Insurance	\$325.00
Donations	\$1,184.00
Chorus	\$780.00
Postage	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$40.00
Total	\$25,020.00

Scholarship Committee Budget

The Scholarship Committee plans to have two fundraising events in 2019: the Artisans Fair in May and a Fall Fundraiser later in the year. These events will support the distribution of \$8,000 in scholarships—two for Indian River High School seniors and three for adult students at Delaware Technical Community College.

SCHOLARSHIP

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Artisans Fair	\$8,785.00
Fall Fundraiser	\$1,500.00
Interest	\$80.00
CD Redemption	\$3,500.00
Total	\$13,865.00

EXPENSES

Administration	\$150.00
Artisans Fair	\$3,775.00
Fall Fundraiser	\$150.00
Postage	\$125.00
Storage Unit Contribution	\$197.00
Scholarships	\$8,000.00
Retain for Future Scholarships	\$1,468.00
Total	\$13,865.00

## CHAPTER TRIPS

2019

March 28

### Harrington Casino

Spend a couple hours trying your luck on one of your favorite slots. Harrington Casino has the latest and greatest popular games and old favorites too. Receive \$15.00 in free play and \$7.00 off your buffet based on 2018 comps. Price includes: motor coach and gratuities, coupon for free play and buffet.

**Forty people are needed to have this bus trip. This trip is open to members and non members.**

**Price: \$20.00 per person**

NEW

April 10

### The USS Battleship Wisconsin

Berthed at Nauticus, the Battleship Wisconsin is one of the largest and last battleships ever built by the U.S. Navy. Battleship Wisconsin (BB-64), an Iowa-class battleship, was the second ship of the United States Navy named in honor of the 30<sup>th</sup> state. Her keel was laid down on January 25, 1941 at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. She was launched on December 7, 1943. Tour of the main deck and watch a movie on the history of this battleship. Optional tours of the Engine Room and/or Command Control Room available at an additional cost. (These options not included in main tour due to stairs and ladders). Only those able to climb steps or ladders should consider the additional tours. **Price includes:** motor coach, gratuities, and entrance to the ship main tour and movie.

#### Members Only

**Price: \$76.00 per person for main tour**

**\$20.00 per person for each additional tour (Engine Room and/or Command Control Room)**

**We will only accept 45 reservations for this trip**

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 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**

NEW

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 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 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 Members Only**

**Bus seating will be based on the time of deposit**

**We will only accept 40 reservations on this trip**

**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, (973-903-1495) 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 (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

## December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 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	5 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	6 Moravian Christmas in Bethlehem Trip Dec. 6 - 7	7	8
9	10	11 AARP Board Meeting Noon - South Coastal Library * Note change in time	12 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.  Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	13	14	15
16	17	18 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	10 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	20	21	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas  	26	27	28	29
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