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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WILL FEATURE OUR OWN CHORUS AND NEW OFFICERS

Capture the holiday spirit! Join us on **Tuesday, December 17** 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:

Rolls and Butter and chef's choice of potato and vegetables.

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

Stuffed Flounder. OR

Chicken Cordon Bleu.

Beverages include ice tea, lemonade, coffee, and water. Dessert will consist of Simple Chocolate Cake with holiday sprinkles

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 or emailing: **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412), madod@aol.com by noon, Wednesday, December 11.** To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Allys Macken (914-819-2992), (302-616-2650), cecemac.macken@gmail.com.**

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

Please remember items for the food bank.

REMINDER: You must make reservations to attend the luncheon. No walk ins. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you are responsible for the cost of the luncheon.

South Coastal AARP 2020 OFFICERS

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Nominating Committee -

Sandra McGrath
Sandra Raymond
Lana Linz
2 vacancies

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

We welcome the following new members: Deborah Avicolti, Diane Braver, Lynne Davies, Shelia Herrmann, Clem Hoeger, Cindy Holtzman, Malcolm Macphee, Jim & Judy Marshall, Nancy Mawhinnney, Rita Mihalik, Paul Miller, Maryellen Preen, Mary Ellen Reilly, and Robert & Marcia Reinke. Our current membership stands at **542**.

If you have not renewed your membership in our chapter, please do so now. I will be removing unpaid members from the roster the first week in December.

Dues are **\$10** per person if you want your newsletter sent by email and **\$13** if you want your newsletter sent by US Mail. If there are two members in the household receiving the newsletter by US Mail, only one pays the **\$13** fee and the other the standard **\$10** fee. We ask that all

renewing members **submit a new membership form** along with their dues. If a member joined or renewed during May - August 2019, the membership extends through Aug. 31, 2020.

Please send your check (made out to South Coastal DE Chapter #5226) and your membership form to Dottie Rieck, PO Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. Deadline for renewals was November 1, 2019.

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

Nametags - Dottie Rieck

Please wear your name badge to all meetings. I apologize for the delay in getting badges made for our new members. Also, I can replace lost or damaged badges for our renewing members. If you need a nametag, please contact Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.

Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder

You know that progress never happens on its own! Our committee launched campaigns on two fronts:

1. Stop RX Greed. Our member, Ted Spickler, has been named by the Delaware AARP to monitor the work of the Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Task Force, which meets on November 13, 2019 and the Pharmacy Reimbursement Task Force, which meets on November 15, 2019. We expect legislation to be proposed by both which will protect the rights of seniors. We will be reporting on these next month.

2. Share the Care Act. Legislation that we passed last year to allow home health aides to administer drugs under the guidance of senior clients in their homes. Our member, Mary Louise Embrey, has been named by the Delaware AARP to monitor the writing of regulations to help with the implementation of the Act. We will keep you up to date on that.

On October 10, 2019 State AARP Executive Director, Lucretia Young, State AARP Associate Director for Advocacy, Sheila Grant, South Coastal AARP member, Mary Louise Embrey, and myself represented AARP Delaware at the state wide Delaware Health Association at DEL Tech in Dover.

The President and CEO Wayne Smith, reviewed the results of last year's health regulations and new legislation which has been introduced. Our committee is examining these to make recommendations on endorsement of these for the upcoming legislation sessions in Dover.

Upcoming Events

12/2/2019 - Noon - Legislative Committee meeting at South Coastal Library in Room A. Come join us.

12/14/2019 - Friends of Holts Landing State Park - Spend three hours with our maintenance crew (fun/coffee/donuts) on the third week of construction of the new 600 plus foot elevated boardwalk across the meadow.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

Don't forget that we will have "Gifts for Seniors" in December. Some suggestions are: gift certificates from grocery stores or Walmart, hats, gloves, lap blankets. Please mark the gift if it is for a "M" or "F".

We will also be collecting toothpaste for kids in December and January. 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.

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

The Scholarship Committee had a successful Dine and Donate and Basket Auction on November 12 at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar. While not all of the proceeds have been received, it appears that we will make more than \$1,500 on the basket auction, 50-50 cash raffle, donation by Fins and cash donations from County Bank and several individuals. This amount will completely fund one of the scholarships given to two seniors at Indian River High School next year.

Thank you to all members who attended and purchased raffle tickets and to those who donated items for the baskets. Thanks to all the members on the committee who helped solicit for donations, contributed items for the baskets and helped put 33 beautiful baskets together. We received donations from 75 businesses and supporters in the community.

Del Tech Scholarship Winners

Winners of the South Coastal DE AARP scholarships for the fall were nursing students, Kara Rickers of Laurel and Hae Lim of Georgetown. They each received \$1,000 for their student expenses. In addition, Dorothy Gorsuch of Millsboro received \$500 for the general studies program.

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 AARP Chorus is performing Holiday Music Concerts at various locations. We hope you all get to hear our beautiful selections! We start on Friday, December 6 at 7:00 PM at Ocean View Presbyterian Church. Monday, December 9 at 1 PM at Gull House in Rehoboth Beach. Wednesday, December 11 at Millville Methodist Church. Friday, December 13 at 1:30 PM at Gull Creek Retirement Home in Berlin, MD. Finally on Tuesday, December 17, at 1 PM at the AARP Luncheon at Cripple

Creek Country Club. With the addition of some men and our new members, we are sounding great! We are representing our Chapter, so come out and support us!

HELP WANTED

We are looking for an assistant to help manage the web page interface with our Web Master. Only light computer skills are needed. Please call Frances at 703-801-7216, if you are interested in helping when she is out of town.

2020 BUDGET APPROVED

At its meeting on November 12, the Chapter's Board of Directors approved the 2020 budgets for the Chapter and for the Scholarship Committee.

<u>Income</u>	<u>2020</u>
Social Events	\$19,035.00
50/50	1,000.00
Dues	5,000.00
Fundraising	500.00
Newsletter Surcharge	420.00
Miscellaneous	<u>120.00</u>
Subtotal	\$26,075.00

<u>Expenses</u>	
Social Events	\$18,610.00
Committees	
Community Service	500.00
Membership	200.00
Program	600.00
Legis./Environ.	270.00
Sunshine	50.00
Storage Unit	300.00
Administration	300.00
Website	1,200.00
Newsletter-Printing	1,500.00
Newsletter-Postage	675.00
Insurance	325.00
Donations	1,095.00
Chorus	300.00
Postage	50.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>
Subtotal	\$26,075.00

Scholarship Committee Budget

The Scholarship Committee plans to have two fundraising events in 2020: 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.

<u>Income</u>	<u>2020</u>
Artisan's Fair	\$ 9,560.00
Fundraiser	1,000.00
Interest	60.00
CD Redemption	<u>8,000.00</u>
Subtotal	\$18,620.00

<u>Expenses</u>	
Administration	\$ 150.00
Artisans' Fair	3,700.00
Fall Fundraiser	150.00
Postage	75.00
Storage Unit	300.00
Scholarships	8,000.00
Purchase new CD's	5,000.00
Retain for Future	<u>1,245.00</u>
Subtotal	\$18,620.00

THE CENSUS IS HIRING!

The pay in Sussex County is \$19.50 and \$21.50 per hour + Mileage - Flexible Hours; Weekly Pay, Paid Training; Apply online 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-888-480-1639.



**MAKE A NEW'S YEAR'S
RESOLUTION TO VOLUNTEER FOR
SOUTH COASTAL AARP CHAPTER
#5226**

CHAPTER TRIPS

2019

Dec 11

Longwood Gardens & Winterthur Gardens

Discover one of the Brandywine Valley's most spectacular holiday showcases! Yuletide at Winterthur embraces the warmth and festivity of the season with a **magnificent holiday tour of Henry Francis du Pont's mansion** as well as breathtaking trees, dazzling room displays, a magical dollhouse, and the opportunity to shop, dine, and create new memories.

No holiday is complete without a visit to **A Longwood Christmas at Longwood Gardens**, where more than 500,000 twinkling lights and a spectacular fountain show create a brilliant wonderland that families are sure to love. As visitors stroll through the grounds, they can marvel at lights strung on miles and miles of wire glowing in the trees and seasonal plants decked out with ornaments. Outside, colorful fountains dance to holiday music and three fire pits invite guests to cozy up under the stars.

Price includes: round trip deluxe motor coach transportation and admission to all sightseeing per itinerary, guided tours, tax and gratuities. Lunch will be on your own at Winterthur.

Price: \$98.00per person

2020

May 1-
May 3

Virginia International Tattoo

The largest spectacle of music in the United States, the Virginia International Tattoo offers an astounding display of inspirational military music, majestic massed pipes and drums, show stopping drill team maneuvers, colorful and elegant dancers, and much more. Each year's Tattoo is different, with new performers from across the globe, new themes of honor and patriotism, and new sights and sounds to amaze you. Our 24th annual Tattoo, set for April 30 - May 3, 2020, will feature over 1,000 performers from eight different countries--don't blink or you might miss something!

The Greatest Generation Our 2020 Tattoo promises to be one of the most moving ever, as we mark **the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II** and honor the **courage and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation**. With stirring music, historic photos and video, tributes from U.S. military bands, and special appearances by veterans, we will remember and celebrate the men and women who changed the course of history, not only for the United States but for the world.

Overview

Visit **Naval Station Norfolk**, the largest naval installation in the world. On your riding tour, pass the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" and drive by the military vessels, including the magnificent battleships. An active-duty military personnel will board the motor coach and narrate throughout the base. Then embark on a riding tour of **Norfolk** to learn about the port city's colorful 330-year history as you ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas. Next, enjoy ice cream on a famous waffle cone from **Doumar's**. Abe Doumar invented the waffle cone by taking a waffle and rolling it into a cone, to which he added ice cream. Doumar's still bakes cones on the original cone machines.

Visit **Nauticus**, a nautical museum, where guests will learn about the power of the sea, experience ship handling first hand and pet a shark. Visit the museum and then enjoy a self-guided tour of the **Battleship Wisconsin**—the largest battleship that served in WWII, the Korean War and the Persian Gulf War. Then, walk the short distance for reserved seating at the **Parade of Nations** which features marching bands, Military performers, dazzling floats and decorated NATO officials, all representing NATO nations. Following the parade, visit **Town Point Park for NATO Fest**, a cultural experience of food, drink and entertainment. The 28 NATO countries will showcase their unique cultures in a festival-style format. Guests can take in the sights and sounds while enjoying lunch on their own from the many international offerings. Next visit the **MacArthur Memorial**, for a glimpse into our country's history. View the outstanding collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and memorabilia housed in Norfolk's historic city hall which trace the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur and see the 25-minute film which chronicles General MacArthur's life. The General and Mrs. MacArthur are entombed in the rotunda of the memorial. Then, depart for a fun-filled night at **The Virginia International Tattoo**. The experience

will begin with **Taste of Tattoo: A Pre-Performance Dinner Experience**, featuring lively entertainment acts performed on a stage while guests enjoy a delicious, plentiful Southern buffet dinner. Then it's on to the main event—the **Tattoo**, the largest ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands in the United States. In a premium seating section, guests will see pageantry and patriotism, spirit and spectacle, talent and teamwork, precision personified.

Visit the Military Aviation Museum. Home to one of the largest private collections of World War II and Korean War era fighters, bombers, trainers and seaplanes in the world. Many aircraft have been fully restored to their World War II condition and are used for flight demonstration, movie production and commercials. An in-depth guided tour will be given of the vintage aircraft and numerous other veteran vehicles housed in a variety of hangers and within the main museum. Next, visit the **Norfolk Botanical Gardens** in full bloom. Take a trackless tram to explore 155-acres of rare flowers, mature forests and one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, and roses on the East Coast. Enjoy lunch on your own at the garden café.

Package Includes: Two nights lodging @ Hyatt Place Virginia Beach Town Center, Luggage Handling, Two breakfasts at the hotel, two dinners, one lunch and one ice cream treat. All admissions, taxes & meal gratuities, a dedicated local guide for 3 days, gratuity for guide and motor coach driver, round trip motor coach transportation.

Price:	Double Occupancy	\$575.00 per person
	Single Occupancy	\$736.00 per person
	Triple Occupancy	\$521.00 per person

May 6

Air Mobility Command Museum & John Dickenson Plantation

Fly back with us in history to the Air Mobility Command Museum. The only museum dedicated to airlift and refueling history. The museum's collection on the grounds of DAFB is focused on U.S. Air Force history from WWI to today. Go on a guided tour, given by the men who served, of artifacts and planes inside Historic Hangar 1301 as well as the planes on the grounds. John Dickenson Plantation one of the founding fathers of the United States, signer of the U.S. Constitution, and "Penman of the Revolution".

Price includes: roundtrip motor coach, snack, and entrance to attractions. Lunch on your own at Cheddars

Price: \$39.00 per person

May 14

Queen Esther @ Sight and Sound

Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, QUEEN ESTHER is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres. **Price includes:** show, dinner, roundtrip motor coach, tax and gratuities.

Price: \$134.00 per person

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

Open to Everyone

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

Oct 3
Oct 11

Mackinac Island Michigan & Cleveland, Ohio

Since 1887 the Grand Hotel beckons guests to a bygone era of old-world hospitality and charm. Experience the traditions including nightly dancing to the sounds of the Grand Hotel Orchestra, and sitting in a rocking chair on the world's longest porch with views of the Straits of Mackinac.

Cleveland has a proud history that is 223 years in the making General Moses Cleaveland of the Connecticut Land Company came to the Western Reserve and founded the City of Cleveland in 1796. The name changed to its current spelling in 1831 lets discover the real Cleveland in the following days.

Overview:

We will start our tour of the famous "**Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**". Rock Connects Us. Their mission is clear: To engage, teach and inspire through the power of rock and roll. We share stories of the people, events and songs that shape our world through exhibits, innovative programs and concerts. Join the millions who love it as much as you do. For those about to Rock, dive into the new Hall of Fame, voice your choice on who should be inducted, and experience the Power of Rock. Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is a hip-shaking, guitar-flinging reminder of why Cleveland is ground zero for world-famous music. Memorabilia immortalizes the radio DJs and recording artists who invented the genre, and much the rock and roll itself, the multi-level museum just keeps on evolving.

Climb aboard **Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad** and hear the whistle blow! The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad located in Northeast Ohio and runs through Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 33,000 acres of land that is part of the National Park System. The railroad offers an excellent view of the natural scenery and wildlife of the national park and an opportunity to learn about the history of the railroad in the valley.

An overview guided tour of Cleveland, Ohio

Little Italy Neighborhood Food Tour,

If a standard history tour does not appeal, combine history with delicious food on this guided tour. Explore Cleveland's Little Italy neighborhood and learn about the Italian culture that has held firm here for generations. Visit some of the area's best restaurants, some long-standing, some newer, and sample some typical dishes.

Visit **Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland-** Bronner's Christmas Wonderland is a retail store in Frankenmuth, Michigan that promotes itself as the "World's Largest Christmas Store". Designed with an Alpine architecture and operating year-round, the building is 7.35 acres in size with landscaped grounds covering 27 acres.

Frankenmuth Brewery 150-year-old brewery with German & American fare offers outdoor dining with river view & tours. One of America's oldest microbrewery offering award winning ales and lagers since 1826!

Bavarian Inn Restaurant immerses you in Michigan's "Little Bavaria" and takes in a world class dining experience. Since 1888, tens of millions of guests have enjoyed home-cooked meals fresh from our kitchen. While we are renowned for our World-Famous "all-you-can-eat" family-style dinners that feature platters of our premium golden chicken, our dinner and luncheon menus also include authentic German dishes such as Schnitzel and Sauerbraten, as well as steak and seafood options. We didn't invent comfort food, but we have perfected it! The Bavarian Inn Restaurant's cobblestone walkways and Bavarian architecture deliver a fairytale atmosphere for visitors to browse thousands of unique items.

Frankenmuth River Place Shops- over 40 unique shops, featuring floral gardens, streams, waterfalls, and architecture that recreate an authentic Bavarian Village atmosphere.

Since 1887 **Grand Hotel, Mackinac** beckons guests to a bygone era of old-world hospitality and charm. Experience the tradition of Afternoon Tea in the Parlor, dressing up for dinner, nightly dancing to the

sounds of the Grand Hotel Orchestra, and sitting in a rocking chair on the world's longest porch with views of the Straits of Mackinac.

Family-owned for three generations, this National Historic Landmark has always embraced its [rich history](#), while keeping up with current times. That means today, guests enjoy modern amenities while the hotel's original architecture and charm have been tastefully preserved. Contributing greatly to the hotel's ambiance is the relaxed atmosphere of [Mackinac Island](#), where cars are not allowed and the horse and carriage and bicycle are favored modes of transportation.

Price includes: 8 night hotel accommodations, 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners, admission to all venues per itinerary, round trip motor coach, round trip ferry to Mackinac, tips, baggage handling, meal gratuities and driver gratuities.

Price: \$1,899.00 per person based on double occupancy
\$2,399.00 per person based on single occupancy

WAITING LIST ONLY

2021

**Nov 2-
Nov 10**

Rhine Getaway River Cruise

Fairy-tale castles, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns and spectacular scenery—little wonder that the Rhine is one of Europe's best-loved rivers.

Overview:

Depart from home on your over night flight to Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Arrive in **Amsterdam, The Netherlands**. Transfer from the airport to your ship. **Viking Longship Sigrun**. After boarding, relax and get settled in, or enjoy time on your own getting acquainted with the city, or join our "welcome walk" to stretch your legs and get oriented.

Kinderdijk, The Netherlands – This morning we sail to Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a tour of this ingenious network of windmills and other flood management devices. You learn why the windmills were built and see how they work, plus you enter a working windmill for a tour of its mechanisms and living quarters. Return on board for lunch and an enjoyable afternoon of Dutch diversions: sample handcrafted Dutch cheeses and jenever, distilled juniper liquor, and take in a culturally enriching presentation on the Dutch Golden Age.

Cologne, Germany – You have a morning tour of Cologne, including a visit to the Dom, Germany's largest cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After your tour, spend the rest of the day and evening exploring Cologne on your own: Roman ruins, interesting neighborhoods and museums like the Fragrance Museum and the Chocolate Museum.

Koblenz, Germany – Proceed along the Rhine, disembarking to tour the 700-year-old Marksburg Castle. Alternately, choose an optional excursion that offers a lively and informative tour of Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, or enjoy an optional guided exploration of Koblenz on foot. After, enjoy an onboard lunch as you cruise the scenic **Middle Rhine**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where turreted castles and fortresses overlook the river from their hilltop posts. Arrive in **Rüdesheim, Germany** in the late afternoon. Spend free time in the pedestrian-only Drosselgasse. Dine on board your ship, or you may also choose one of the optional dinners on shore.

Speyer, Germany – After lunch, enjoy an included tour to visit the historic town of Speyer and take in views of the imposing Speyer Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built in the 11th century on the site of a former basilica, the building's design influenced Romanesque architecture for centuries to come, and is the final resting place of eight German monarchs. Alternatively, after breakfast, you may choose to disembark for a full-day tour of Heidelberg, the home of Germany's oldest university, founded in 1386. Visit the beautiful sandstone ruins of imposing Heidelberg Castle and admire the Neckar River Valley. Continue with a walking tour through Old Town to Heidelberg's renowned gates.

Strasbourg, France – We dock this morning in Kehl and disembark for a guided tour of Strasbourg. See the European Parliament and tour the interior of the city's famed cathedral. The afternoon is free to further explore this Alsatian city's blend of French and German cultures, resplendent churches, medieval covered bridges, verdant parks and handsome Art Nouveau and modernist architecture. Alternately, join our optional excursion into Alsatian wine country for an informative winery tour and tasting. On board this evening, enjoy a Taste of Germany dinner event.

Breisach, Germany – Arrive in Breisach this morning, gateway to the Black Forest. Take a scenic excursion through the area's renowned mountain landscape, rolling meadows and dense forests. Once there, visit a local workshop to see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration, and learn how Black Forest Cake is made. Return to your ship for lunch. This afternoon, perhaps join an optional excursion to the quaint Alsatian town of Colmar to discover the storybook charm of its streets lined with medieval, Gothic and Renaissance buildings, or choose an optional excursion that explores Colmar's World War II history. Dine on board this evening and cruise on through the night.

Basel, Switzerland – Disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight
Price includes:

- Round-trip Airfare Viking Air Plus ●8-day cruise visiting 4 countries & 10 ports ●Cabin,
- Welcome bottle of Wine & Welcome Cocktail Reception & Farewell Dinner
- Wine & Beer served with lunch & dinner ●All onboard meals featuring regional specialties & always available American classics ●6 included shore excursions with local guide & headset
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites ●Culture Curriculum (enjoy a classical music performance; learn how to create your own Alsatian flammkuchen; observe a traditional glassblower; attend lectures on Germany's current affairs & origins of Rhine River cruising),● Port Charges ●Taxes ●Transfers in Amsterdam and Basel.
- Motor coach transportation to and from Airport

Price: \$2999.00 Per Person Window Cabin Cat. F
\$3499.00 Per Person French Veranda Cat. D
\$3799.00 Per Person Balcony Cabin Cat. B

(Prices Based on Double Occupancy. Cabin Selection Subject to Availability)

OPEN TO EVERYONE

To make reservations: sign up at any General Meeting or contact Jim Harding (973)903-1495 or email jameshrdg@yahoo.com

Reservations must be paid within 30 days. After the 30 days we reserve the right to cancel your reservations without notice.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERS GO TO: www.southcoastalaarp.org

Disclaimer

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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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	<p>3 Community Service Meeting 10:30 A.M. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library</p>	<p>4 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>	5	6	7
8	9	<p>10 AARP Board Meeting Noon - South Coastal Library (note time change)</p>	<p>11 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon</p> <p>Longwood Gardens Winterthur Gardens Trip</p>	12	13	14
15	16	<p>17 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club</p>	<p>18 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>	19	20	21
22	23	24	<p>25 <i>Merry Christmas</i></p> 	26	27	28
29	30	<p>31 </p>				