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DE BOTANIC GARDENS DIRECTOR WILL SPEAK AT OUR FEBRUARY 19 LUNCHEON

Ray Sander, President of the Board of Directors For the DE Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek will be our luncheon speaker at Cripple Creek Country Club. You will learn what has taken place so far to bring this dream to reality.

As stated on their website, the mission of the group is to create a world-class inspirational, educational, and sustainable public botanic garden in southern DE for the benefit and enjoyment of all. Their apparition is to create engaging gardens that inspire and educate.

To obtain more information about the DE Botanic Gardens visit their website at delawaregardnes.org.

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Meatloaf Plate - Mashed potato and green beans. Served with a dinner roll. **OR**

Pulled Pork Wrap - Pulled barbeque pork with a house made sweet and smoky slaw. **OR**

Waldorf Salad - Spring mix topped with chopped apples, glazed nuts, shredded carrots, heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers, dried cranberries, topped with a citrus herb cod. Served with creamy Italian dressing.

Beverages include ice tea, lemonade, coffee, and water. Dessert will consist of 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: \$17 members and \$18 guests.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling either **Allys Macken (914-819-2992), (616-2650)** or **Mary Ann Dougherty, (541-9412)** or madod@aol.com by noon, **Wednesday, February 13**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller at 236-5570**.

Please wear your name badge to meetings.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR NEEDED

Our Chapter needs a Program Director. The Program Director is an officer position and they need to attend the Board meetings that are held the second Tuesday of the month September through June.

In the past, the Program Director also met with Cripple Creek to arrange menus and was also responsible for arranging the programs for the 10 luncheons. Two of the programs are usually AARP legislative and the AARP chorus, leaving only 8 programs.

If no one is willing to take on this complete responsibility, perhaps you could have a committee of five people. The Program Director would be the officer who attends Board meetings and arranges for two programs. Three other members would each arrange for two programs. The fifth member would arrange the menus for the luncheon (Sandra McGrath has already volunteered to do this for 2019).

Please call Lee Shoff (302-539-6952) if you are willing to be Program Director or help arrange two programs. If we cannot find volunteers you may have to put up with Lee Shoff and Jim Harding singing 20 minutes of duets at each luncheon. You do not want this to happen.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

We welcome our new members: Dorothy Kauffman and Barbara Stephen. Our current membership stands at **463**.

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

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

Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder

We're mobilizing our members and activists to pass our #1 Goal, The Share the Care Act, which will keep people in their home longer. This act permits an individual employed by a Personal Assistance Service Agency (PASA) to administer medications to an adult individual who resides in the individual's own home. State law does not currently allow this. It must be at the direction of a nurse which is prohibitively too expensive for many seniors. Over half of Delaware's 123,000 care givers work full time or part time and can't be at home to give medications. Join your fellow South Coastal AARP members to help pass important legislation.

Mark your Calendars – March 13, 2019 – 10 AM to 2 PM Lobby Day in Dover. Meet with your Sussex State Legislator and express your priorities. Teams of Activists will be formed. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Training will be available. Car Pools will be available. **RSVP to John Macken by February 28 (914-522-9309).**

Environmental

State Parks will break ground on a state-of-the-Art Playground for 2 to 12-year-olds at Holts Landing State Park the first week of February.

Upcoming Events

2/5/19 – Noon - Legislative Committee meets – South Coastal Library – Room A

2/9/19 – 9 am – 11:30 AM -Friends of Holts Landing – all welcome to help keep this jewel sparkling

3/13/19 – Lobby Day – 10 AM – 2 PM in Dover (carpools meet at the Giant Parking Lot on Rt. 26 – Millville)

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Food Pantry at the Pyle Center during the year. Because of your generosity we were able to donate 893 food items. Thank you for all you do.

Food Bank: We are still in need of food for the food pantry. These contributions of non-perishable items are needed to help many needy families in our area stretch their food dollars. Please check the dates and bring **unexpired** items to each chapter meeting.

Coupons for Military Families: Please bring your clipped, **unexpired** coupons (good for 90 days after expiration) to the chapter meeting. Be sure **not** to clip off the **bar code** and **expiration date**. Please sort according to food and non-food items. Mary Hughes is also collecting cereal box top coupons.

Blood Bank: To schedule an appointment call **1-888-825-6638** or schedule on line at www.delmarvablood.org. Check for locations in Sussex County on the web site.

Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

Plans for the Artisans Fair to be held Saturday, May 25, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View are progressing. We have engaged the Truck It Food Truck from Georgetown, DE, to provide both traditional American lunch and breakfast food this year. Rita's Italian Ice from Bethany Beach will also offer frozen refreshments. Registrations for exhibitors are still being considered although most of the spots have been reserved. Interested artisans can apply by following the process outlined on our website, [South Coastal AARP.org](http://SouthCoastalAARP.org) under the tab Artisans Fair.

As for our scholarship activity, applications for two \$1,500 scholarships for Indian River High School seniors are available from the guidance counselor's office at IRHS. Deadline for the applications is Tuesday, April 23. If you know a student who is a senior at Indian River, please encourage them to apply for the one-year scholarship.

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

After a busy and very well received holiday season, the chorus is getting ready to start up their practice for the spring concerts! We will be practicing a variety of music from show tunes, rock & roll, spirituals, folk music, hits from the movies and old standards. You name it and we will sing it. If you love to sing all types of music, we are the group to join! We practice on Wednesdays, from 10 AM to 12 noon. Come visit, listen, and if you think you would enjoy being with us, we would be happy to have you! For information call Ann Jaeger at (302) 436-5173.

IT'S TAX RETURN TIME!

Again this year, the AARP Tax-Aide program will offer free tax return assistance and preparation to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to those 50 and older. Taxpayers do not need to be members of AARP to use this service. In the Bethany Beach area, the service will be offered by appointment at the Masterson Center, St. Ann Catholic Church, Route 26, Monday through Wednesday, beginning February 4. Appointments will be from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The phone number to call to make an appointment, starting January 20, will be [302-858-3575](tel:302-858-3575).

When they arrive for their appointment, taxpayers must present photo ID(s), must have proof of Social Security Number (SSN) for every individual to be named on the return, and must bring last year's (2017) Federal and State tax returns. All tax documents, including income statements, proof of deductions and credits (when applicable), and health insurance statements, should be removed from their envelopes and made available to the preparer. A taxpayer who may be able to itemize deductions should bring a summary of the expenses to be itemized along with supporting documentation.

For information about other Tax-Aide locations in this area, call the toll-free number, 1-888-AARP NOW ([1-888-227-7669](tel:1-888-227-7669)), or visit the AARP web site at www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp.

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 **40 people are needed to have this bus trip. This trip is open to members and non-members.**
Price: \$20.00 per person

April 10

The USS Battleship Wisconsin, Norfolk, VA.

Berthed at Nauticu9, 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 30th 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 step 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

May 22 New York City on Your Own

New York City the epicenter and capital of the arts, shopping, and dining. New York City wears many crowns and spreads an irresistible feast for all. You will be able to visit Ground Zero, head to Brooklyn, take in a play or just wander around taking in the many sites and cultures of New York City while enjoying a lite lunch or people watching. New York City has something for everyone to enjoy. **Price includes:** Roundtrip motor coach and gratuities.

Price: \$76.00 per person

OPEN TO EVERYONE

NEW

June 8 The Delmarva Shorebirds Baseball Game

Join the Tour Committee for a night out at a Delmarva Shorebirds Baseball Game plus fireworks. The Tour Committee will subsidize a portion of the transportation cost and the gratuities for members only on this trip to Arthur W. Perdue Stadium. Enjoy a game, fireworks and buffet at the Hardball Café right behind home plate with uncanny views of the field. Buffet includes BBQ chicken legs, grilled hamburgers,

grilled hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese, watermelon, popcorn, water, ice tea, and lemonade. After the game we will stay for the Fireworks Display. **Price includes:** round trip motor coach, entrance to stadium, buffet, and gratuities.

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

**June 10-
June 13**

I Love Lucy

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

Price: \$620.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$854.00 per person based on single occupancy

Open to Everyone

Bus seating will be based on the time of deposit

We will only accept 40 reservations on this trip

NEW

June 23

Washington DC on Your Own

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

Price Includes: round trip motor coach and gratuities.

Price: \$50.00 per person

MEMBERS ONLY

NEW

Oct 27- Kentucky at Its Best

Nov 4

Our Kentucky trip is packed with something for everyone! We will start our tour with The **Ark Encounter**, featuring a full-size Noah's Ark built according to the dimension given in the Bible. Traveling on to tour the **Creation Museum** where the pages of the Bible dramatically come to life. Before finishing up the evening enjoy an authentic **German Dinner and entertainment at the Hofbrauhaus modeled after the legendary 400+ year old Hofbrauhaus in Munich, Germany!** We travel on to **Louisville**, and **Churchill Downs** for "It's My Derby Day at the Races" this is a full day adventure. Enjoying the Kentucky Derby Museum, see the "The Greatest Race" film, a walking tour of Churchill Downs, along with Hatitude (Hot/fascinator-making activity) and Horse Talk (tips/betting lesson from a professional handicapper). Now you are race-day-ready to experience a thrilling afternoon of live racing seated on Millionaires Row or Skye Terrace with a fabulous lunch buffet. Enjoy a Dinner Cruise on the **Belle of Louisville** with entertainment and beautiful views. Our baseball fans will enjoy a visit to **Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory**. We can't leave Louisville without visiting and tasting at **Jim Beam's American Stillhouse**. On to **Fort Knox** Military Base for a visit to **General George Patton's Museum**, we will also see the Gold Vault (but no samples) Our travels will take us to **Lincoln's Boyhood Home at Knob Creek**; you will be able to climb the 56 marble steps to his museum, one step for each year of his life. **Maker Mark Distillery** we will enjoy a tasting of another brand of bourbon. Our visit to Kentucky wouldn't be complete without "**My Old Kentucky Home**" mansion tour. The 200 year old plantation was named for America's First composer Stephen Foster. We will travel through Bernheim Forest and the Jim Beam distillery property to Limestone Springs while enjoying a wonderful dinner aboard **My Old Kentucky Dinner Train**. As we travel on the Lexington, to experience a premier **Thoroughbred Heritage Horse Farm** behind the scenes a visit up close and personal with their famous thoroughbreds. We will finish off our bourbon tour with tastings at **Wild Turkey Distillery**. Visit **Mary Todd Lincoln's Home** to discover Americas' most

fascinating first lady. Our tour will end with a tour of **Old Kentucky Chocolates**. Candy made for over 50 years with the finest bourbon of Kentucky.

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

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

\$1,999.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

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

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

Disclaimer

These tours are a project of and are offered to the South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 of AARP. The chapter and any agent it may use in arranging these or any other tours are not responsible in whole or in part to the tour member for any loss, damage, or injury, whether financial or otherwise to persons or property, however caused during or in connection with these or any other tours. These tours are activities conducted by South Coastal DE AARP #5226 and are in no way offered, sponsored, or conducted by AARP, which has no responsibility in connection with such tours.

Trip Reservations:

To make a reservation for any trip contact Jim or Maria Harding, (973-903-1495) or email jameshrdg@yahoo.com Make checks payable to: South Coastal AARP #5226 and send to South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, PO Box 662, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please submit a check for each trip you sign up for. Note on the check what trip the check is to be applied to. If you are paying for more than 1 person please make note on the check. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.

Trip Rules

Day Trips

- Payment is preferred at time of registration and must be made no later than 30 days after registration
- Reservations made within 30 days of scheduled trip must be paid at time of registration
- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure, contact Jim Harding (973-903-1495)
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on buses during chapter-sponsored trips
- Price subject to change: If the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% between the date of the contract with Bus Company and the date of the charter, the Tour Committee may charge a fuel surcharge to participants.

Overnight Trips


- All overnight trips use a voucher system for the payment fee and a payment schedule.
- If Cancellation after the **final payment date** is necessary we will try to fill the spot with someone from our wait list. After that has been exhausted member has the option then and only then to replace the reservation with interested party of their choice.
- Cancellation Insurance is offered for all overnight trips. If cancellation is necessary and we cannot fill that seat after the **final payment date** member will submit claim to the insurance carrier for their reimbursement refund.
- Cancellation without insurance after the **final payment date**-no refunds will be given unless we can replace your reservation as stated above.
- Cancellation prior to the **final payment date** as stated on the voucher will be refunded.

Please Note

We now offer three possible ways to notify you of our upcoming trips. Once these notices are sent you have the option to book the trip being offered. .

- Broadcast emails sent out to all members supplying their emails
- General Meeting/Luncheon
- Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	<p>5</p> <p>Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Community Service Meeting 10:30 A.M. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.</p>	7	8	9
10	11	<p>12</p> <p>AARP Board Meeting 10:10 A.M. - South Coastal Library</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.</p> <p>Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon</p>	<p>14</p> 	15	16
17	18	<p>19</p> <p>Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.</p>	21	22	23
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