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ESTATE PLANNING AND PROBATE AVOIDANCE IS THE TOPIC AT OUR JANUARY 19 LUNCHEON

Join us on January 19 at Cripple Creek Country Club to welcome back Susan Pittard Gardner, Esq. and Meaghan M. Hudson, Esq. from the Law Office of Susan Pittard Weidman. They will be doing a presentation on estate planning and how to avoid probate. A question and answer session will be available.

LUNCHEON CHOICES INCLUDE

Stuffed Shells - Cheese stuffed pasta shells with marinara sauce shaved parmesan cheese and garlic bread.

OR

Tuna Melt - House recipe tuna salad served open faced with melted cheddar cheese, sliced tomatoes and apple wood bacon served open faced on a toasted English muffin and served with sliced fruit.

OR

Chicken Slider Basket - Two chicken sliders with melted pepper jack cheese, chipotle mayonnaise served with battered French fries.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will consist of assorted cookie plates.

Doors open at **11 am** for social hour with lunch at **12 noon** followed by the program and chapter news and announcements. **Cost: \$16 members and \$17 guests.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling **Jean Layton 732-3631**, or **Mary Ann Dougherty, 541-9412** or madod@aol.com by **noon, Thursday, January 14**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller** at **537-2475**. **Cancellations after the deadline or no-shows must be paid.**

CO-President's Message - Lee Shoff

Included in this newsletter is a volunteer hours form that we have to compile, report the compilation to the Board of Directors at its January, 12, 2016 meeting, and then send the compiled form to National AARP by the end of January, 2016.

Please fill out the form and give it to Lee Shoff or Jean Layton or mail it to South Coastal AARP, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. It must be received by January 8, 2016.

Getting this information together each year is tedious so PLEASE HELP!

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder

This month will begin the 2017 budget deliberations. Some say it will begin with a \$100 million shortfall which may mean an effort to raise taxes on the elderly. The Committee discussed the following possibilities last month with the following results.

Property Taxes. The idea the State will take away its \$250 property tax subsidy for senior citizens has been muted but not completely dead. The committee opposes its resurrection, but agrees that a statewide reassessment of property values may be in order. Delaware ranks amongst the lowest in relying on property taxes for revenue.

Means Testing. The committee believes \$100,000 in taxable income is the point when means testing may begin.

Income Taxes. Social Security income should continue to be excluded from taxable income. The exclusion of \$25,000 (for joint returns) of pension, dividend, interest and capital gains income should remain. Any use of means testing re the \$25,000 exclusion must take into account those seniors who have none or little social security income.

Committee members are not experts on state taxes, but believe we must make our views known to our State level AARP lobbyists. Please send your views, comments or whatever to Committee Chair Chuck Schonder. Phone 703-881-2491 or Email cschonder3@gmail.com

Membership – Enid Levine

PLEASE NOTE: Enid Levine will be away from January through March. Janet Shroy (the former Membership Chairman) has generously agreed to perform these duties. She can be reached at (302) 537-2786 and applications should be mailed to her at 30988 Holts Landing Road, Dagsboro DE 19939-4189.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

Thanks to everyone who donated to the “Dollars for Coats” for the school children. Because of your generosity we collected \$556.

Children’s toothpaste will be collected in **January** for the Dental Program to be held in February.

Also in **January** we will be collecting for the homeless shelter in Bethany. The following articles are needed: coffee, dishwasher soap, sugar, disinfectant wipes, twin sheet sets, men’s underwear (sizes 32, 34, 36), white socks, q-tips, tissues, quart and gallon lock bags, gallon size trash bags, bar BQ sauce, hot sauce, mayo, and three wall clocks (battery operated, please include batteries).

Mark your calendar for **March 19** for a fundraiser at the Clayton Theatre.

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 make a Bloodmobile appointment, call **1-800-548-4009**. The bloodmobile will **not** be in Bethany Beach or Selbyville in January, February, or March.

Scholarship - Shirley Price/Ione Phillips

Plans are underway for the 2016 Artisans Fair sponsored by the committee. The fair will be held

on **Saturday, May 28** at Lord Baltimore Elementary School on Route 26. Many volunteers are needed for this major chapter activity. If you would like to be involved, contact coordinator Ione Phillips at ldphillips@mchsi.com or at 302-539-2172.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

AARP Sponsored Book Club

The group will be reading "Penelope Fitzgerald, A Life" by Hermione Lee. This is a book about a brilliant novelist who didn't start writing until she was almost sixty years old. This remarkable woman has won many awards for her writings. The group will meet on **January 7, 10:30 AM** at the South Coastal Library.

Bowling – Gary Meredith

The top team at the completion of the first half is the Dudes & Dudettes. Members are Ray Sudina, Eleanor Shubert, Donna Paulus, Pat Burbank and Ray Thibeault. They will bowl against the second half winner for the league championship in April, 2016. Although there are no present openings in the league, they do occur during the season. If you are interested in joining the league which bowls at the Millsboro Lanes on Mondays, please contact **Gary Meredith** at **539-0532**.

Driver's Safety Classes--Gloria DeMartino

Refresher Classes are for those who have previously taken the Standard Driver's Safety Class. You must take the class every three years to continue to receive a discount on your auto liability insurance. The State is now mandating you cannot take the Refresher Class prior to 90 days expiration of your current certificate.

Refresher Classes are scheduled for: **Thursday, January 7** from **10 AM to 2 PM**, **Monday, February 1** from **9 AM to 1 PM**, **Monday, March 14** from **9 AM to 1 PM**, and **Monday, April 4** from **10 AM to 2 PM**. To register for any of these classes, call **Gloria** at **(302) 934-9727**.

A Standard Class is for those who have never taken the class or it has been more than three years is scheduled for **Monday, May 2** from **9 AM to 3 PM**. To register, call **Gloria** at **(302) 934-9727**.

Please note: **There will be no classes June, July or August.**

All classes are held at South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach. The cost is **\$15** for AARP members and **\$20** for non-AARP members. If you want to take this course online, go to AARPdriversafety.org to register. The cost is **\$17.95** for AARP members and **\$21.95** for non-AARP members.

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The chorus completed the fall/winter season with a concert at the AARP Christmas Luncheon. We just finished our Holiday Music Concerts with concerts at St. Ann's Church, Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Millville Methodist Church, Renaissance Nursing Home, Fenwick Women's Club and the final at the AARP. We will be starting up again in January and will be practicing our spring music.

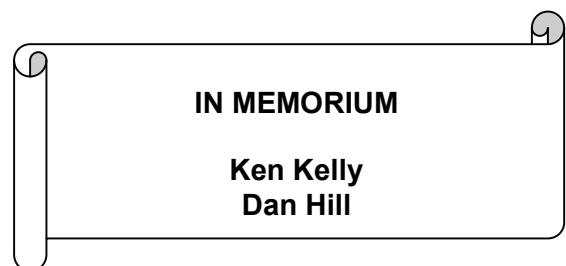
Anyone is welcome to join us! We practice at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach on Wednesdays at 10 AM to Noon. Call our director, **Ann Jaeger** at **436-5173** for information and our startup date!

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of anyone who needs a card, please contact **Joan Wolf** at **541-0513**.

WAYS TO SAVE ON YOUR HEATING BILLS

- Use the sun for heat. Open the drapes
- Bundle up with warm accessories. Use sweaters, socks and throws.
- Use ceiling fans to your advantage. Circulate warm air.
- Adjust the thermostat at night. Turn it down 10 to 15 degrees.
- Only heat the rooms you use.
- Keep your furnace clean and unblocked. Replace filters.
- Get a humidifier to add moisture to the air. Moist air feels warmer.
- Invest in insulation
- Only use exhaust fans when necessary. Kitchen and bathroom fans draw the hot air out.



CHAPTER TRIPS

2016

- Feb 24** **Harrington Casino** - Enjoy a day with your AARP friends! Includes \$10 free play and buffet lunch. Depart Giant parking lot at 8:30 AM and return around 4 PM. **Price: \$20 per person.**
- March 9** **Philadelphia Flower Show and the Reading Market Terminal** - The theme this year is American National Parks. The show features large scale gardens, elaborate landscapes and over the top floral creations. Lunch and dinner on your own. **Price: \$70 per person.**
- April 5** **Murder Mystery Dinner** - "Cheers To Murder" at Cripple Creek Country Club. Doors open 12:45 PM. Show begins at 1:30 PM. Price includes show, dinner, and gratuities. Cash bar. **Price: \$56 per person.**
- April 13** **"Samson"** - Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster. Dinner at the Shady Maple Restaurant. Price included bus, show, dinner, and gratuities. **Price: \$117 per person.**
- April 23-May 1** **Southern Flair Featuring Jekyll Island & Savannah, GA; Charleston & Myrtle Beach. SC** - Soak up Southern charm with this trip to some of its premier sites. Price includes round trip transportation, hotels, admission to all featured attractions, breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 5 dinners, taxes, gratuities and luggage handling. Go to www.aarp5226.org for detailed brochure, including full itinerary. **Price: \$1,550 per person based on double occupancy; \$2,210 per person based on single occupancy. Waiting list only.**
- May 12** **Mystery Trip???** - Take a trip for pleasure without knowing where you are going. Arouse your curiosity. Enjoy the company of your fellow travelers. **Price: \$100 per person.**
- May 23** **Philadelphia Zoo** - Admission to the zoo, transportation, bus driver, and tip. Dinner on your own at Buckleys Tavern. **Price: \$62 per person**
- June 8-10** **Grand Canyon of PA** - 2 night 3 day trip. 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners, Paddle boat ride, tour Jim Thorpe, tour Highland Chocolate Factory, Four Friends vineyard & winery, Williamsport Historic Millionaires Row, and more. **Price \$422 based on double occupancy. \$560 single occupancy.**
- NEW**
- June 14** **Baseball Game** - Delmarva Shore birds vs. Kannapolis Intimidators. Trip includes entrance to game, buffet dinner with BBQ chicken legs, grilled hamburgers, grilled hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese, watermelon, popcorn, water, tea and lemonade, and the bus driver tip. The tour committee will be picking up the cost of the bus. **Price \$30 per person.**

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

A three-payment plan is used for all overnight trips: 25% initial deposit; 25% 90 days from the trip; 50% 55 days from the trip

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

Lee Shoff, President

Trip Reservations: To make a reservation for any trip, contact **Jim or Maria Harding, (302) 537-5206.** (jameshrdg@yahoo.com) Make checks payable to: **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee** and send to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, P.O. Box 662, Ocean View, DE. 19970.**


Please submit a check for each trip you sign up for. Note on the check what trip the check is to be applied to. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.

Trip Rules

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

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

JANUARY 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 | 4 Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Bowling 2 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes | 5 Community Service Meeting 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Legislative Committee - 1 p.m. South Coastal Library | 6 Crafts - 10 a.m. Clearwater Village Club House Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. | 7 Driver's Refresher Course 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. South Coastal Library AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 a.m. - Noon | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Bowling 2 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes | 12 AARP Board Meeting 10 a.m. South Coastal Library Scrabble 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Grotto's on Route 26 | 13 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. | 14 Deadline Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Bowling 2 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes | 19 Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club | 20 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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