



# Coastal News

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## UPDATE ON AARP'S ADVOCACY ISSUES

AARP Delaware's Advocacy Director, Sheila Grant, will join us for the January 15 luncheon at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club. She will provide an update on AARP's Advocacy issues at the national and state level. Sheila will talk about the success in keeping Medicare Part D drug costs down for seniors and in pushing to preserve nutrition benefits in the Farm Bill.

As Delaware's legislative session gears up in January, AARP will resume its effort to pass the Share the Care Act, and to make sure that any changes to the Senior Property Tax Credit are fair and sensible. Updates on what AARP is doing will be available through social media and other online programs for advocacy. Finally, Sheila will share a preview for 2020, when AARP is planning to host a big Delaware Debate focused on seniors' issues. Candidates for Governor, Senate, and House will be included.

## LUNCHEON CHOICES:

**Lasagna** - Served with side Caesar salad and garlic toast point. **OR**  
**Winter Chef Salad** - Sliced turkey, roasted red peppers, hard-boiled egg, dried cranberries, blue cheese crumbles, and candied walnuts served over baby spinach with creamy Italian dressing. **OR**  
**Soup and Sandwich Combo** - 1/2 chicken salad club wrap with lettuce, tomato, and apple wood bacon. Served with a cup of chicken corn chowder.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and water. Dessert will consist of plates of assorted cookies.

**Doors open at 11 AM for social hour with lunch at 12 Noon** followed by the program and chapter news and announcements. Note that lunch prices increased one dollar due to increased food costs.  
**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](mailto:madod@aol.com) by **noon, Wednesday, January 9**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller at 236-5570**.

## COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

### Membership – Dottie Rieck

We welcome our new members: Charlie Caselli, Jane Dudine, Ella Kostinsky, Jean Monroe, Jeannie Powell, Danny Taylor, and Anne Wilson. Our current membership stands at **461**.

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

Happy New Year! What a year it's been.

We begin a New Year with Sheila Grant – Delaware AARP Advocacy Director will review our last year's success in the General Assembly in Dover at our January luncheon. Sheila will give us a preview of our challenges on issues most important to seniors that we will address in the coming year at the State and National levels. She will also give us the highlights of our upcoming campaign to take on the special interest to protect the most critical needs of seniors. Sheila will detail how you can take action to help protect and preserve your health care which you paid into for a lifetime. America needs a health care plan that expands coverage for everyone not one that cuts it. AARP will sponsor legislation in the General Assembly that you can help pass. We will detail how you can participate one-on-one with your legislator in March on Lobby Day to help pass our legislation. You can join other seniors from around the state to advocate for sound laws to protect seniors and champion our priority issues. Sheila will also take your questions. See you at our January luncheon.

### Upcoming Events

**Date Change 1/4/19** – Legislative Committee Meeting – Noon – Room A South Coastal Library (original date was New Year's Day).

**1/12/19** – Holts Landing State Park – 9 AM – Join the fun – get down and dirty – trail work with coffee & donuts provided.

**1/15/19** – AARP Luncheon – 2019 Legislative Preview.

**3/13/19** – Lobby Day – General Assembly – Dover – car pooling available.

### Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee thanks everyone for their support this past year with our various fund raisers. Your generosity is most appreciated.

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

### 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 received \$583 from Fins Ale House and Raw Bar for our Dine and Donate and Wine Basket Raffle on November 8 in Bethany Beach.

Combined with proceeds from the wine raffle and 50-50 raffle and donations, the total raised for college scholarships was \$1282.

Thank you to all who attended the Dine and Donate and who participated in the raffles and to those who made direct cash contributions. You supported the higher education of the students in our community to enable them to become productive citizens.

Registrations for exhibitors at the Artisans Fair to be held Saturday, May 25, 2019, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View continue to come in. We look forward to another successful spring fund-raiser to support our scholarship efforts.

### 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

If you have attended our concerts, I hope you noticed our new vests, bought by the local AARP

Chapter #5226. We start practicing again on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (10 AM) at the South Coastal Library. We will be working on the music for our spring concerts. Now would be a great time to join our chorus! Check with Ann Jaeger at 436-5173.

#### Sunshine - Joan Wolf

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

### NEW OFFICERS



Vice President - Jim Harding, President - Lee Shoff, Director - Jack Beall, Secretary - Maureen Eisenhart, Treasurer - Carolyn Kelly



Corresponding Secretary - Joan Thomas, Director John Macken, Director - Lucille Kurtz, Director - Andrea Gowetski

## 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 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 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 the 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**

**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**

**Open to Everyone**

**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

# JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2	3	4 Legislative Committee - 12 noon South Coastal Library	5
6	7	8	9 Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	10	11	12
13	14	15 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		