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AARP ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY TO SPEAK AT JANUARY 18 MEETING

Our speaker for the January 18 Chapter meeting at Bear Trap, 7 Clubhouse Drive, Oceanview DE, is Sheila Grant- AARP Delaware's Associate Director of Advocacy. She will present AARP's plans for the critical national and state issues they will work on throughout 2022. There will be a short question and answer session following the presentation. The Delaware General Assembly will begin on January 11.

MENU CHOICES:

Asian Chicken Salad - romaine salad topped with grilled chicken, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds, julienne carrots and red pepper served with ginger sesame dressing on the side.

OR

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich - served with coleslaw.

OR

Spinach, Artichoke, Fontina Quiche - served with a small salad.

Beverages include ice tea, lemonade, coffee, and water.

Dessert will consist of cheesecake - orange dreamcycle.

Doors open at **10:45 AM** for social hour with lunch at 12 Noon followed by Chapter news and announcements. **Cost \$23.**

Due to covid restrictions, we are limited to a capacity of **104** members. Masks are not required.

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412), madod@aol.com** by noon, Monday, January 10. 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.

REMINDER: If you make a reservation and do not attend, you are responsible for the cost of the luncheon.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to serve as AARP South Coastal DE Chapter #5226 President for 2022-23. I hope you will join us for our Chapter meetings at Bear Trap on the third Tuesday of the month with January 18 as our first meeting. This location will be our meeting place for January- June of 2022.

There are many opportunities that are available to us as an organization. I hope you will continue to be active and provide input to make our organization be the best. .

Our committees are valuable resources to this organization and have great leadership. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the committee chairpersons which are listed on page 1.

We must commit ourselves to making AARP, the kind of organization that will bring in new members and to reassuring existing members that the Board and Committee Chairs are reliable allies, committed to fair and transparent governance and to a multilingual, diverse, and cross-generational membership. One way you can help us sustain this is to volunteer for one of the committees. Self-nomination is encouraged because that lets us know you are truly willing to make the effort to serve.

Sincerely,

Rose Verona

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

We start off 2022 with 339 members. We welcome new members James Kasun, Kenneth Sosne, and Jack Wilson.

Dues are \$10 per person if you receive your newsletter by email or \$13 if you receive your newsletter by US mail. If two people in the household are getting the newsletter by US mail, only one pays the membership fee of \$13 and the other the standard \$10 fee. Please mail your check

and membership form, payable to South Coastal DE Chapter 5226, to Dottie Rieck, P O Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.

Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder

Our Chapter's Annual Legislative Luncheon will take place January 18 at the Bear-Trap Dunes Restaurant. The speaker will be **Sheila Grant - AARP Delaware's Associate Director of Advocacy**. She will present AARP's plans for critical National and State issues to be put forward and worked on. A short Question and Answer period will follow the presentation. Mary Louise Embrey, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Committee will host the speaker.

Before we launch into a New Year and our ambitious new efforts, we want to thank all those who have supported our work on behalf of Sussex County Seniors.

Delaware's New Legislative Session starts January 11th in Dover at Legislative Hall.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the "Coats for Kids". Because of your generosity of over \$522.00, we were able to provide coats, sneakers, underwear and gloves.

The "Gifts for Seniors" was a huge success. The representative from Meals On Wheels was so thankful for all the gifts that our AARP members contributed. Remember that there will be a lot of smiles on senior's faces when they receive their meal and a gift on Christmas.

Thanks again to all for your thoughtfulness.

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

Artisans Fair Resumes May 28

The Indian River School District has approved the use of Lord Baltimore Elementary School for the use of the Artisans Fair on Saturday, May 28, 2022. We were not able to hold our largest fund-raising event of the year for the scholarship fund in 2020 or 2021 because of Covid-19.

If you would like to serve on the steering committee for the Artisans Fair, please contact Ida Crist at 302-732-6336 or idadacrist@aol.com. We have several opportunities for you to help in this very important activity. The steering committee's first meeting will be later this month. In addition, we will be seeking volunteers to help on the day of the event.

Each year the Scholarship Committee gives two scholarships to Indian River High School seniors and three scholarships to adult students, age 25 or older, at Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown. Two of the three scholarships are given to nursing students and one to a non-nursing student. Typically, these students were not able to go to college after high school but are now pursuing higher education to better their lives.

Our Dine and Donate in November at Northeast Seafood Kitchen was very successful. We took in \$2,197.60, the most we have raised at this event. This included proceeds from the silent auction golf package, the 50-50 cash raffle, the basket auction, the Northeast Seafood Kitchen contribution and some cash donations. Rose Verona, the new president of the chapter, won the 50-50 cash drawing. Thanks to all who made this event successful.

We are extending the sale of raffle tickets on the "Set Sail" quilt. Tickets are six for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Tickets will be on sale at the monthly membership luncheon or by calling Ida Crist at 302-732-6336. The beautiful multicolored blue quilt, made by chapter members, is 75" x 88". It is suitable as a king-sized topper or a queen-sized bedspread. The drawing for the quilt will be May 28 at the Artisans Fair.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Driver's Safety Classes

Take the AARP Smart Driver course and learn:

- Proven safety strategies
- New traffic laws
- Rules of the road.

Classroom and online courses are available. Sign up today at www.aarp.org/drive or call **1-877-846-3299**.

Upon your completion you may be eligible to receive an **auto insurance discount**. Consult your agent for details.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

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

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

We practice every Wednesday from 10 AM to noon at the Ocean View Presbyterian Church. We plan to continue at the church this year. To join us, or if you have questions, call our director, Ann Jaeger at (302) 645-8023.

CHAPTER TRIPS 2022

There will not be a Tour Committee sign up table at the January, February or March meeting.