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Our January 16<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting at Cripple Creek Country Club will feature a speaker from the Delaware State Police. We will learn who responds to 911 calls depending on the locations of the emergency and the various police stations. They will also share the many ways they keep us safe.

## Luncheon Menu Choices

### Meatloaf

House-made meatloaf with mac & cheese and green beans.

### Chicken Cordon Bleu Sandwich

Grilled chicken topped with grilled black forest ham, Swiss cheese, and mustard sauce on a brioche bun with hand-cut fries.

### Fish & Chips

Beer-battered cod fish with hand-cut fries, served with tartar sauce.

### Dessert

Marble Cake

Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee included.

**Cost is \$23.00.** *Cash or checks only.*

Doors open at **11 a.m.** with lunch at **12 noon**, followed by Chapter news and announcements.

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty** at **(302) 541-9412** or **madod@aol.com** by **noon, Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

*Please wear your name badge to the meeting.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Anyone who cancels after the deadline (Jan. 8) or does not attend for any reason will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon.

*No walk-ins are permitted.*

## Presidents' Corner

*January is here!*

January begins another year, one of new promises, with much hope and organization. We are going to focus on what we want to accomplish and clarify the steps that will help us be successful. Our Board members will lead the organization toward accomplishing our goals.

Our membership – yes, *that's all of you* – are invited to join the efforts of the Board. Your thoughts, suggestions and energy are very much encouraged.

Come and help our goals become reality. Thank you for your support. See you at the January luncheon.

**Terry and Kathy, Co-Presidents**

## Tour Committee Donations

With monies left over from trips cancelled due to Covid, the Tour Committee will again make donations to several local organizations which serve the Delaware communities in need. Jim Harding, VP of South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 and Chair of the Tour Committee, will personally deliver the donations and thank them for the help they provide.

This year's recipients are:

- **The Delaware Veteran's Home**, a long-term care facility located in Milford, Delaware
- **Home of the Brave**, furnishing food, transitional housing and counseling to veteran men and women of DELMARVA
- **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society**, providing programs and services to assist active duty and retired Sailors, Marines and their families in financial need
- **The Salvation Army**
- **Tunnel to Tower**, building mortgage-free *smart homes* for injured veterans and first responders, one of which will be in our area.

## Community Service

The Community Service Committee thanks everyone who participated in the "Gifts for Seniors" this year. As usual, it was a tremendous success. I'm sure there were a lot of smiles when the meals were delivered with a gift on Christmas morning. Mark your calendars to remember to bring non-perishable food items for the Pyle Center to the next luncheon.

Thanks again for your support.

**Kathy Lesperance, Chair**

## Membership

Our current membership stands at 386 paid members. We welcome new members Carolyn Zavaleta, Ria Carraro, Janet Parham, Leslie Penkoff, Suzanne Dubois, and Wally Shifflett.

Dues are \$15 per person. We reserve sending the newsletter via US Mail for members who **have no computer access**. The Dues are \$18 for this service. Please submit a new membership form along with your dues for each member.

Please send your check (made out to South Coastal DE Chapter #5226) and your membership form to: Kay Houston, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Houston by phone at 302-732-6977 or by email at [joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com](mailto:joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com).

**Kay Houston, Chair**

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**Currently, there are 93 members who have not paid their dues for the 2023-2024 membership year.**

**PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW!  
THEY WERE TO BE PAID BY  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Do not risk having your name  
purged from our Master Roster.**

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## Magnetic Plastic Name Badges

Sturdy magnetic name badges like the one shown below are available for purchase at **\$10/badge**. See Kay Houston at the Membership table at the monthly meeting or you can mail your request to Kay at: South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please be sure that the name you request is legible. Once I have enough names to place the order, I will do so and distribute them at a subsequent meeting. (**This is TOTALLY OPTIONAL.** We will continue to print badges with the plastic sleeve that you hang around your neck at no cost to you.)



## Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Us!

With a letter and plaque from Jo Ann Jenkins, CEO of AARP in Washington, DC, our South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 of AARP, Inc. celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At its inception in 1998, there were 215 Charter Members, including 69 couples.

We're so glad to have 10 of these original Charter Members in our chapter today. They are Leon and Georgie Calabrese, Beverly Dalecki, Dorothy McGovern, Shirley Price, Dorothy Rieck, Robert and Janice Shaeffer and E. Lee and Roberta Shoff. We are thankful to them and all our Charter Members for getting us off to a great start.

Check out the plaque at our next luncheon!

## Scholarships

The scholarship fund received \$850 from Cottage Café for the Dine and Donate held Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. This amount, added to the \$1,646 from the basket auction, 50-50 cash raffle and donations, which was reported in last month's newsletter, brings the total for the fund-raising event to \$2,496. This was one of our most successful dine and donate events. Be on the lookout for a spring Dine and Donate fund-raiser, which will include a 50-50 cash raffle but not a basket auction.

January marks the kickoff of the 2024 Artisans Fair, which will be held Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School. The event raises money for our scholarship effort. We give two college scholarships to Indian River High School students and three scholarships to adult students, ages 25 and older, at Delaware Technical Community College.

If you would like to be involved in the planning of the Artisans Fair, contact Ida Crist, chair, at 302-732-6336. If you would like to volunteer the day of the event, contact Coleen Cardy at 724-238-3967.

**Ida Crist, Co-Chair**

## Calling for Photos of Chapter Luncheons & Events!

Are you taking photos at our chapter luncheons and events, or would you like to? We'd love to include them on our chapter website at [www.southcoastalaarp.org/](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org/). Please include info about the event or folks, if known, and how you would like your name to appear in the credits. You can send your photos to Frances Hart at: [fihart46@gmail.com](mailto:fihart46@gmail.com).

**Frances Hart, Web Coordinator**

## Chorus to Perform Jan.7<sup>th</sup>

The Singers of Note, our chapter's chorus, will give its last concert of the Christmas season on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. at Prince George's Chapel in Dagsboro. This is an expanded version of the program presented at the December members meeting and luncheon. In addition to the chorus, a quartet made up of chorus members Barbara Guthrie, Marge Mariotti, Mike Read and Garland Saville, will perform.

No rehearsals are scheduled for January.

Rehearsals resume Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 10 a.m. at Ocean View Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Ann Jaeger at 302-645-8023.

New singers are welcome.

**Ann Jaeger, Chair**

## Special Interest Groups

If you are interested in any of the following groups, please contact the organizer.

**Book Club**, Marie Fletcher, 978-595-6690  
[yuletidechimes@gmail.com](mailto:yuletidechimes@gmail.com)

**Bridge or Scrabble**, Ida Crist, 302-732-6336  
[idadacrist@aol.com](mailto:idadacrist@aol.com).

**Canasta or Mexican Train\***, Anita Ferm, 301-704-3550

*\* I've reserved the South Coastal Library for Tuesday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm to learn/play Canasta and/or Mexican Train. If you plan to attend, please send me an email at [anitalferm@verizon.net](mailto:anitalferm@verizon.net) so I can gather the equipment needed. Thank you!*

**Pickleball**, Susan Bresuciak, 443-243-5994  
[sbresuciak@gmail.com](mailto:sbresuciak@gmail.com).

**Poker, Texas Hold 'Em or Euchre**, Ed Bresuciak, 443-504-3568, [breslite@verizon.net](mailto:breslite@verizon.net).

**Trips to Museums, Studios or Historical Sites**, Sandy Raymond, 302-539-3941  
[sandyraymond15@gmail.com](mailto:sandyraymond15@gmail.com).

**Walking Club**, Marge Mariotti, 609-505-3183  
[eastgoingwest@outlook.com](mailto:eastgoingwest@outlook.com).

## Legislative/Environmental

To those of you who expressed interest in the Legislative Committee, I am constructing a group e-mail list and will send a message out in early January to explain the AARP legislative focus for Delaware going forward. We will have a special, live meeting to discuss our potential role.

**Ted Spickler, Chair**

# TRAVEL

Welcome to the Travel Page. We have changed our format to help condense our pages. If you have a computer, we made a link to connect you directly to the [website's travel page](#) where you can find all the information you need.

**Maria and Jim Harding**

## [CHAPTER TRIPS 2024](#)

### **March 6 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW**

**Open to Everyone**

#### **Overview:**

The show features large-scale gardens, elaborate landscapes, and over-the-top floral creations. Dazzling floral color, creativity and garden beauty are presented at the nation's largest horticultural event. Enjoy the Reading Terminal's mouth-watering aromas, locally grown, exotic produce, Amish specialties, fresh meats, seafood and poultry, and handmade confections and bake goods straight from the oven.

**Price Includes:** Entrance to Flower Show, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

**Price:** \$97.00 per person

**For Reservations Contact:** Karl or Gail Hettel, Escorts (610) 442-6117

### **April 21 VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO**

**Open to Everyone**

#### **Overview:**

The largest spectacle of music and might 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 plus much more.

**Price Includes:** Dinner at Capo Capo Italian Restaurant after the show, premium seating at the VA International Military Tattoo, Roundtrip Motor Coach Transportation, tip, tax, and gratuities.

**Price:** \$167.00 per person

**For Reservations Contact:** Lana Linz, Escort (302) 245-3502

### **June 2-8 ST. AUGUSTINE, AMELIA ISLAND & JEKYLL ISLAND**

**Open to Everyone**

#### **Overview:**

Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the oldest continuously occupied settlement of European and African American origin in the United States. A tram tour of Millionaire's Row on Jekyll Island, with views of historic structures and cottages of America's most wealthy and prominent citizens. While in St. Augustine we will go to Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth, St. George Street, Castillo De San Marcos, Flagler College, Pirate and Treasure Museum and Fernandina Beach. Plus, much more.

**Price Includes:** 6 nights hotel accommodations, 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners, including dinner at the Columbia Restaurant, dinner w/show at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre, Round Trip Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation, luggage handling in Florida, taxes, and gratuities.

**Price:** \$1,210.00 per person Double Occupancy

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**For Reservations Contact:** Maria Harding, Escort (302) 381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302) 245-8511

### **August 5-8 CASTLES OF NEW YORK & LAKE GEORGE**

**Wait List Only**

#### **Overview:**

We start our tour in the Alexandria Bay area near the Canadian Border. A boat tour of Singer Castle built in 1905 and Boldt Castle on Heart Island. Lake George is a beautiful area, and we will tour the lake then go to the Village of Lake George. Our next stop will be Wing's Castle with its unique architectural marvel on the Hudson River. Millbrook Winery is regarded as one of the top wineries in New York where we will have a wine tasting.

**Price Includes:** 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 boxed lunch, 3 dinners, admission to all above stated venues i.e., Boldt Castle, Singer Castle, Wing's Castle, St. Lawrence River Cruise, Boat Cruise on Lake George, Millbrook Vineyards and Winery Tour, round trip Motorcoach Transportation, taxes and standard gratuities.

**Price:** \$ 779.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$1,008.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

**For Reservations Contact:** Maria Harding, Escort (302) 381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302) 245-8511

## Sept 24-28 DAKOTA'S BUFFALO ROUND-UP

Wait List Only

### Overview:

This Fabulous trip will take you to something new, a Buffalo Round-Up in Custer State Park and afterwards the Arts Festival with over 150 vendors. Visit Mt. Rushmore and see the lighting ceremony, explore the National Historic Landmark of Deadwood, tour of Black Hills and the Badlands. A private Native American Culture presentation of Dahl Art Center and the Norwegian Chapel in the Hills and much more

**Price Includes:** Round-trip Airfare, Round-trip bus transportation to the Airport, 4 nights hotel accommodation, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners including a Chuckwagon Dinner & Show, escorted guide, entrance to all venues as listed, taxes & gratuities.

**Price:** \$2,299.00 per person based on Double Occupancy  
\$2,799.99 per person based on Single Occupancy

**For Reservations Contact:** Maria Harding, Escort (302) 381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302) 245-8511

## Nov 10-15 CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES

Wait List Only

### Overview:

Dollywood's Smoky Mt. Christmas is a seasonal event with over six million Christmas Lights, and we will experience the beauty of the park all lit up. A guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountain range, then become a passenger or crew member and experience what it was like on the ship Titanic. We will visit Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland of Christmas Lights Orchestrated and Choreographed to Music. Visit to the Cherokee Indian museum where we will listen to the story of the Cherokee people and set the scene for the Cherokee Heritage Trails.

**Price Includes:** 5 nights hotel accommodations, 5 breakfasts & 3 dinners, including Dolly Parton's Stampede dinner show, and meal voucher at Dollywood, 2 additional shows; Country Tonight and Charlie Bob Smith Morning Variety Show, Round Trip Deluxe Motor Coach, luggage handling in Pigeon Forge area, Entrance to all listed venues, taxes and gratuities.

**Price:** \$ 950.00 per person based on Double Occupancy  
\$1,289.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

**For Reservations Contact:** Maria Harding, Escort (302) 381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302) 245-8511

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### TRIP RULES

- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If the trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee a full refund will be provided to all paid participants.
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure call trip coordinator listed on flyer
- Price subject to change if the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% after original contract with bus company.
- Overnight trips seating will be assigned when initial payment is received.
- Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips.

### What's the Tour Committee Working On?

Air Mobility, John Dickinson Plantation  
Naval Base Cruise, Cape Charles & Barrier Islands  
Chester River Fall Foliage  
Daniel @ Sight & Sound

Cleveland & Mackinaw Island: **2025**  
Christmas in Wheeling West Virginia: **2025**  
Fall in Hudson River Valley: **2025**