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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! I hope you are doing well and are in good spirits.

As I drove home this past Friday afternoon after meeting with Kathy Johnson and Fran Hart, I was really feeling proud to be part of the South Coastal AARP Chapter and thinking of all the volunteer hours your officers, board members, and chairpersons donate on your behalf to keep our chapter fresh and interesting. All their names are listed in the newsletter and I welcome you to contact any of them with your ideas and concerns. Better yet, if you are interested in serving on a committee or the board let someone know.

Some of you reading this newsletter have recently retired and now have time on your hands. You have various skills that would help this organization. That's where I was years ago when I jumped in and began reconnecting with old friends, meeting new ones and having the time of my life. Try it, it's habit forming.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Chris

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PANAMA?

It is a land between the seas, a country rich in natural beauty and, of course, the home of the Panama Canal. Bruce Smith of Collette Tours will present some of the wonderful history of Panama at our March 20 meeting at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club. He will tell us about the indigenous Embera people, who are known as "The Keepers of the Rainforest", and describe some of the historic sites in the area. Bruce will also share details about the local folklore, artisan crafts and perhaps the rum distillation, but most importantly the construction of the Panama Canal.

Please remember to wear your name tag to the luncheon/meeting. If you do not have a name tag, contact Linda Miller (236-5570).

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Corn Beef and Cabbage Plate - Traditional Irish fare of corn beef and cabbage, carrots and potatoes.
OR

Crispy Chinese Chicken Salad - Crispy honey sesame chicken over our house blend salad, tossed with carrots, oranges, sugar snap peas and crisp wontons. Served with a plum vinaigrette. **OR**

Roasted Turkey Combination - Half of a roasted turkey salad with grapes and cranberries on a toasted Artisan roll with lettuce and tomato paired with a cup of Italian wedding soup.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will consist of vanilla ice cream drizzled with chocolate syrup, green sprinkles and whip cream.

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 **Allys Macken 914-819-2992**, or **Mary Ann Dougherty, 541-9412** or madod@aol.com by **noon, Wednesday, February 14**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller at 236-5570**.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder

AARP Day at Legislative Hall - Dover
Join Us - Rock the Red
(everyone wear something RED)

RSVP- Joan Thomas- 302-539-1367
Seats available - 1st come 1st served)

Georgetown and Longneck Chapters have been invited

FREE Motor Coach - FREE Lunch
Rally / Press Conference / Lobby Your Legislator
Be Heard on Senior Issues

HB268 - Takes away the Senior Property Tax Credit from those who were grandfathered last year, with three years on residency.

Delaware has some of the highest health care costs in the nation. AARP is working on a bill that will allow home health aides with, additional training, to give

medications rather than nurses (as is required by current law) at a considerable saving to the patient as they do in many other states.

South Coastal Issue Survey Results

The Legislative Committee asked the chapter members to identify their top three issues of concern to form our Legislative Agenda for 2018. On 2/13/18 the Board of Directors unanimously approved those for this year. The results show that the top three issues totaled a resounding 76% of the total vote cast for all six issue areas. You can see that the two issues we will work on at the AARP Day on 3/7/18 in Dover fall into the top two selected by our membership.

Issue Areas of Concern to You	Rank
Security [Social Security, savings and pensions, working longer, etc.]	29%
Transforming Our Healthcare System [Medicare, improving access, containing costs, promoting health, affordable drugs]	30%
Long-Term Services and Supports [improving care coordination, increasing availability of home and community care, supporting family caregivers, protecting the frail]	17%
Communities Where We Can Thrive [housing, transportation, environment, internet access]	9%
Protecting Consumers [utilities regulation, responsible mortgages, educating consumers]	5%
Making Democracy Work Better [holding Congress accountable, an engaged public, exercising your vote]	10%

Environmental

February was very productive at Holts Landing State Park. The Trail Crew worked on the second wilderness camp site taking down intruding overhead branches and cleaning out the fire rings. Parks did some major decking repairs on the fishing pier and installed the first overhead lighting in the parking lots as well as a free electric car charging station.

Our next Legislative Committee meeting will be at noon 3/6/17 at the South Coastal Library meeting room A. All guests are welcome.

Hope to see you on the bus to AARP Day 3/7/18 in Dover.

Membership – Dottie Rieck

We welcome new members Ellen Cooke, Geri Cooke, Nancy Dominelli, Richard Franklin & Lois Pastore, Martha Gallagher, Daniel & Patricia Guy, Nancy Maupai, Marilou Merrill, Lynn Muety, Edward & Carol Palmerino, Susan Penn, John & Patricia Schneidenburger, Tom & Linda Swanson, and Nancy Woods. Our current membership is **469**.

If you have any questions or have trouble receiving your newsletter, please contact me 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, PO Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

Containers will be still be available for collecting money towards gift cards for the seniors at the Pyle Center at the AARP March luncheon.

Don't forget our big event coming up on March 24 at the Clayton Theatre. Alfred Hitchcock's movie "Notorious" will be shown. Doors will open at 1 PM where you will be able to purchase 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets for gift baskets. Tickets are \$10. The proceeds will benefit The Salvation Army. Thanks again for all your support.

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 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

Do you or someone you know like to attend arts and crafts show? The Scholarship Committee is looking for someone to be the exhibitor coordinator for the 2019 Artisans Fair. If you would like more information, please call Ida Crist at 302-732-6336.

Only a few inside exhibitor spaces remain for the 2018 Artisans Fair to be held Saturday, **May 26, from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View**. Artisans will offer metal craft, wood objects, paintings, photography, jewelry and more. New this year will be artisans' exhibiting their work outside. In addition, a Farmers Market will be open from 9 AM to 1 PM. The market will offer seasonal produce, jams, jellies and other products.

Popular features of the fair include a baked goods sale, auction of artisans' donated products and a 50/50 drawing. Delaware Provisions South will cater lunch on the premises, and Rita's Italian Ice will offer refreshments.

The 2018 application for three \$1,500 scholarships for Indian River High School seniors is now available in the guidance office at the high school. Applications are due Tuesday, April 24. The scholarships will be awarded Wednesday, May 23, at the school's annual awards night. If you know students who are seniors at IRHS, please encourage them to apply for the scholarships.

The next meeting of the Scholarship Committee will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the South Coastal Library. New members are always welcome.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The AARP Chorus has started practicing for the Spring Concert Season. Our attendance has been 32 to 34 people, which enables us to sound great! We hope to have a concert in the spring at the South Coastal Library. We always welcome new members and now is a good time to join us. This session we have a nice selection of music from folk songs to religious music to Broadway and movie hits!

If you love to sing call Ann Jaeger and she will give you all the information! She can be reached at 436-5173.

Driver's Safety Classes - Joan King

Classes include both a Standard Class for those who are enrolling for the first time and a Refresher Class for those who have previously completed the Standard Class.

Refresher classes are for those who have previously taken the Standard Driver's Class. 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.

3/9/2018 - Refresher Class, 4 hours. Community Lutheran Church, Omar Road, Frankford.

3/17/2018 - Refresher Class, 4 hours. South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach.

Call Joan King at **239-567-0606** to register.

3/20/2018 - Standard Class, 6 hours. Rehoboth Public Library, 226 Rehoboth Ave. Rehoboth Beach.

Call Cynthia Mervis at 302-27-8044 to register. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

AARP Sponsored Book Club

The group will meet on March 1 at 10:30 AM at the South Coastal Library to discuss "Swing Time" by Zadie Smith. This is a story about two young girls who had a close but complicated friendship. They both loved to dance but life took them on different journeys.

Scrabble - Ida Crist

The AARP Scrabble team plays the word game with residents at Brandywine Senior Living in Selbyville (across from Harris Teeter on Rt. 54) twice a month. Generally the dates are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1:30 to 4 PM. However, occasionally dates are changed because of conflicts with Brandywine's schedule. If you are interested in participating, contact Ida Crist at **302-732-6336**.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

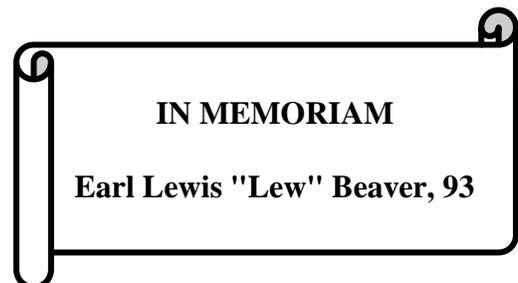
If you know of any member who needs a card (get well, bereavement, etc.), please contact **Joan Wolf** at **541-0513**.

NO-COST INCOME TAX RETURNS

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 5. Appointments will be from 9 AM until 1 PM. The phone number to call to make an appointment is [302-858-3575](tel:302-858-3575).

At the time of their appointment, taxpayers must present photo ID, must have proof of SSN for every individual to be named on the return, and must bring last year's (2016) 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

2018

April 22

Steel Magnolias- Broadway Play at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

A young beautician, newly arrived in a small Louisiana town, finds work at the local salon, where a small group of women share a close bond of friendship and welcome her into the fold. **Price includes:** motor coach transportation, show, lunch tips and gratuities.

Price \$125.00 per person

OPEN TO EVERYONE

May 9

Jesus-Sight & Sound

Sight & Sound Theatres invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! Jesus is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Bus leaves Giant parking lot 9:30 AM. **Price includes:** show, motor coach, dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, tax and gratuities.

Price: \$133 per person

WAIT LIST ONLY

June 3-9

Mackinac Island, Michigan June is Lilac Time on Mackinac Island

Hydro jet ferry ride to Mackinac Island. Enjoy beautiful Mackinac Island and stay one night at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island, Championship lumberjack show, Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, Soo Locks Boat Tour, Henry Ford Museum, and Tour of Frankenmuth. **Price includes:** breakfast, lunch and 5 course dinner at the Mackinac Grand Hotel, 6 Breakfasts, 4 dinners, motor coach transportation, baggage handling, taxes, gratuities, admission to all scheduled sightseeing per itinerary, and hotel accommodations.

Price: \$1359 per person based on double occupancy

\$1834 per person based on single occupancy WAIT LIST ONLY

Sept 19-
Sept 21

Flight 93 National Memorial

Explore three major disasters of Pennsylvania. Visit United Airlines Flight 93 crash site and visitor center to view a film, Quecreek Mine dedicated to miners trapped 240 feet underground, Johnstown Flood National Memorial learn about the flood of May 31, 1889, Altoona Railroader's museum, Take a train ride on "The Pennsylvania" and travel on the famed Horseshoe Curve, The Mountain Playhouse the oldest theater in PA where we will take in a comedy. **Price includes:** admission to all scheduled sightseeing per itinerary, train trip, motor coach transportation, tips, and gratuities, 5 meals (2 breakfast, 1 lunch, 2 dinners), and hotel accommodations.

Price: \$450 per person based on double occupancy

\$560 per person based on single occupancy OPEN TO EVERYONE

Oct 9

Root's Country Market & Auction

Root's Market, home of the oldest family run country market in Lancaster County, PA. Root's offers fresh food and a wide variety of items for sale. Every Tuesday Root's Market features its produce auction as well as fresh meats, deli, baker's items, flowers, handmade crafts, antiques, collectibles and household items from over 200 stand holders. Bring your coolers and shop till you drop. Root's Market has something for everyone. Price includes: motor coach transportation, dinner and gratuities.

Price: \$69.00 per person.

NEW

2019

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

NEW

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, (302)537-5206 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 (302)537-5206
- 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

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 A.M.	2	3
4	5	6 Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Community Service Meeting 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library	7 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	8	9 Driver's Refresher Class Community Lutheran Church, Omar Road, Frankford	10
11	12	13 AARP Board Meeting 10:10 a.m. South Coastal Library	14 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	15	16	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	21 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Newsies - Broadway 7 a.m. Giant parking lot Scholarship Committee 3:30 p.m. South Coastal Library	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	29	30	31