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| Newsletter                | Andrea Gowetski      | 541-4751     |
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| 50/50                     | Joan Wolf/           | 541-0513     |
|                           | Velma (Cookie) Butts | 541-9264     |

## LOCAL GARDEN EXPERT TO SPEAK AT MARCH 15 MEETING

Our speaker for our March meeting at Bear Trap Dunes is Catherine Winkler of Roots Landscaping and Garden Center, located in Selbyville. Catherine is responsible for the operations at the garden center and will be discussing plant selections and how to solve various gardening dilemmas. She will also provide us with the latest gardening trends.

## MENU CHOICES:

**Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad** - Chicken breast over romaine with shaved parmesan, homemade croutons and creamy Caesar dressing. **OR**

**Corned Beef & Cabbage** plate. **OR**

**Roasted vegetable & hummus** - wrap in a flour tortilla served with chips & pickle.

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

Dessert will consist of mint mousse.

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.

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412), [madod@aol.com](mailto:madod@aol.com)** by noon, **Monday, March 7.** To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Allys Macken (914-819-2992), (302-616-2650), [cecemac.macken@gmail.com](mailto: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 want to offer a special thanks on behalf of our local chapter of AARP to both Chuck Schonder and Andrea Gowetski. They have been invaluable members of this local chapter for AARP in their relative positions.

Chuck has resigned his position as the leader of our Legislative/Environmental committee effective on February 8, 2022. He has been instrumental and very effective in his role as chairperson for this group. He has also sponsored us well in our communications to our legislators for the needs of the South Coastal Delaware Chapter for AARP. Chuck's capabilities will be missed as our leader in this area. We hope he will still be involved as a member of this chapter. His talents and long-term knowledge has and are valued by this chapter for his many contributions over the years.

Andrea has resigned her position as our Newsletter Editor and Champion effective June of 2022. I want to thank her for her many years of service. She will continue to edit and produce the newsletter until the end of June. Andrea is willing to train someone to take over this position as she has volunteered over 11 years as our newsletter editor and has immeasurable experience in this area.

Sincerely,

Rose Verona

### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Membership – Dottie Rieck**

Our current membership stands at 347.

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](mailto:Rieck5226@aol.com).

#### **Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder**

After many years of volunteer service to the South Coastal Chapter and at the AARP State level, Chuck Schonder has resigned his position of chairing our Chapter's Legislative/Environmental Committee. His hard work and knowledge base will be sorely missed. We are actively seeking Chuck's replacement as Committee Chairperson. Please notify Rose Verona, President, at 630-297-2562, if you are willing to chair the Committee. There are several active Committee members willing to help acclimate a new Chairperson.

#### **Community Service - Kathy Lesperance**

The Committee hopes to continue our charitable donations in September.

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 purpose of the Scholarship Committee is to raise funds in order to provide scholarships to two Indian River High School students and three adult students at Delaware Technical Community College. Since 2008 when the Scholarship Committee started giving scholarships, the committee has raised funds primarily through the Artisans Fair held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and Dine and Donate events in the fall. In recent years, an addition of a basket auction at the Dine and Donate has helped increase the amount of money raised.

Because of COVID-19, we were unable to hold any fund-raising activities in 2020 and only a Dine and Donate event in November 2021. As of the deadline for this newsletter, we had not received a go-ahead from national AARP headquarters to hold the 2022 Artisans Fair, but an announcement on the Fair will be made soon.

Despite these limitations, we have continued to give scholarships in this uncertain time, thanks to generous donations from our members. In 2021 and again in 2022, we have reduced the scholarships awarded to Indian River High School seniors from \$1,500 to \$1,000 and reduced the total amount given to Del Tech students from \$5,000 a year to \$3,000. This has enabled us to maintain a balance to continue to give scholarships during the crisis caused by COVID-19.

Another way we are raising funds is by selling raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt. The drawing for the quilt will be held in May. Tickets are \$5 for six tickets and \$10 for 15 tickets. If you would like to support the Scholarship Fund and also take a chance on winning the queen-size bedspread quilt, please purchase raffle tickets at a chapter luncheon or call Ida Crist at 302-732-6336 to view the quilt.

### 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](http://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

The Chorus started our spring session on Wednesday, February 9 at the Ocean View Presbyterian Church. As usual we are practicing a variety of music from show tunes to spiritual and patriotic. We will be practicing at the church for the rest of this session on Wednesdays from 10 AM till noon. Call our director, Ann Jaeger for information at 302-645-8023

### CHAPTER TRIPS 2022

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

### IT IS TAX RETURN TIME

For information about Tax-Aide locations in this area, call the toll-free number, 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit the AARP Web site at [www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp](http://www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp).

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 13.

(Set Clock Ahead One Hour)



March 20, 2022