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## DOES SUSSEX COUNTY HAVE A CIVIL AIR PATROL?

Join us to learn more about this United States Air Force Auxiliary. Lt. Col. Bob Turner will be our guest luncheon speaker on May 16 at Cripple Creek Country Club. He is currently the Public Affairs Officer for the local unit based at Georgetown airport. Lt. Col. Turner is an active aircrew member and a radio operator with 25 years of experience. He will speak about serving our community, the state and the nation as a senior.

## LUNCHEON CHOICES:

**Braised BBQ Beef Sandwich** - Slow cooked barbeque beef brisket topped with melted Gouda cheese & sweet-n-sour slaw served on a toasted onion roll.

OR

**Waldorf Salad** - Spring mix with chopped apples, glazed nuts, shredded carrots, heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers, dried cranberries, topped with a citrus herb cod. Served with a lemon, rosemary and honey vinaigrette dressing.

OR

**Lasagna Plate** - House made meat lasagna served with a side Caesar salad.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will feature simply chocolate cake.

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](mailto:madod@aol.com) by **noon, Wednesday, March 15**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller at 236-5570**.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS  
LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS**

**Email** - If you make a reservation by email, you must receive an email confirmation or you will not be included in the luncheon count.

**Phone** - If you leave a message for your reservation, you must receive a call back or you will not be included in the luncheon count.

If you make a reservation for the luncheon and you are a **"no show"**, you are obligated to pay for the cost of the luncheon. If you do not pay for the luncheon, your reservation for future luncheons will not be taken and you will not be able to participate in AARP functions such as trips.

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder**

**Legislative**

Inform - Educate and Engage on Issues that affect Seniors.

We meet three times a month with AARP's State Advocacy Team to cover and discuss legislative issues. The team is made of representatives from around the State. We have been monitoring legislation to reduce funding that supports Seniors continuing to live in their home and Community Based Services which cost less than moving them to an institution. We are also monitoring the implementation of the Care Act which took effect on January 1.

We expect to be asking for your help persuading Sussex Legislators on our issues when critical votes come up soon.

Our next Legislative meeting will be May 2 at noon at the South Coastal Library – Room A.

**Environmental**

March was a productive month for the Friends of Holts Landing State Park (FOHLSP). Trail Day April 8 saw crews 1 and 2 rebuild the trail from the parking lot to the beach with construction cloth and 24 tons of sand. Crew 3 removed excess small saplings around the Friends Headquarters. Crew 4 worked the waterfront removing 9 tires among other debris. Last Trail Day of the season will be May 13

at 9 AM at the park. You're invited to join us for work/coffee/donuts.

**Membership – Enid Levine**

The number of members now stands at 476. South Coastal AARP #5226 is the largest AARP Chapter in Delaware. We welcome new and returning members Carol Olmstead, Marguerite (Margie) Burkhard, Alice (Bunny) Sisk, Patricia (Pat) Hummer, Marylee Sutherland, Bonnie Merritt, Sharon Giorgio, Beverly Dalecki, Jean Cooper, Carol Gorden, and Sue Dick.

The newsletter is mailed and e-mailed the fourth week of the month. If you have not received a newsletter by the end of the next week, please call me at [302-541-5639](tel:302-541-5639) so that we can look into it and make sure you get one.

A reminder that there are only two meetings left in this membership year. Therefore if a new member signs up or a current member renews in May through August, the membership will go through August 2018. The official membership year runs from September 1 through August 31.

**Community Service - Kathy Lesperance**

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](http://www.delmarvablood.org). The schedule is as follows: **St. Ann's Catholic Church** - May 15, June 5, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 3, November 10, December 15. Call for times.

Check for other locations in Sussex County on the web site.

## May 27 Artisans Fair Features Top Area Artisans, Great Food and Fun

Be sure to come out on May 27 between 9 AM and 3 PM as the chapter's Scholarship Committee holds the Tenth Annual Artisans Fair at Lord Baltimore Elementary School. All show proceeds go to fund scholarships for graduating seniors at Indian River High School and for adult students attending Delaware Tech.

This year's sold-out show features an array of talented exhibitors in all media, including artwork, jewelry, clothing, photography, glass, metalwork and more. **Admission and parking are free.**

An **Outdoor Farmers Market** will be a new feature of this year's show, offering food items and other choices for outdoor living. Concessions will be provided by **Hocker's BBQ** and **Rita's Italian Ice**. Other popular show offerings will include the huge **bake sale** featuring offerings from the chapter's talented bakers and an **auction** with donations from show exhibitors.

### Volunteers Are Needed

We are looking for volunteers to give us two hours of their time on the day of the event to help with many of the fair activities. We get high marks from our exhibitors for our volunteers, and we encourage members to sign up to be part of this huge chapter event. To volunteer, contact Valerie Reeves at [missval55@yahoo.com](mailto:missval55@yahoo.com) or call 302-539-8212.

Another way you can help is by baking for our sale. Look for a call soon about baking for the event. If you cannot bake, cash donations are much appreciated and go directly to the Scholarship Fund. Checks may be made out to South Coastal DE AARP and designated for the Bake Sale. Contributions may be sent to: South Coastal DE AARP, Attn: Artisans Fair, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970.

### Scholarship - Shirley Price/Ione Phillips

This is a very busy month for the Scholarship Committee. On Saturday, May 27 we will sponsor the Artisans Fair at Lord Baltimore Elementary School. This is the committee's major fundraiser of the year for scholarships.

We will also be selecting two recipients of \$1500 scholarships awarded to graduating seniors at Indian River High School. The scholarships will be presented on May 24 at the annual Awards Night at the school.

### Tours - Jim Harding

**Please remember our policy regarding payment for trips.** If you sign up for a trip, you have **30 days** to pay from the date you **signed up**. If payment is not received within the 30 days, you will be taken off the list.

A separate check for each trip should be payable to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee** and sent

to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, P.O. Box 662, Ocean View, DE. 19970.**

Our Tour Committee continues to strive for more exciting, fun trips for all to enjoy. We welcome your suggestions.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### AARP Sponsored Book Club

The book group will be discussing "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen on Thursday, May 4 at 10:30 AM in the South Coastal Library. This is a darkly comic take on the fall of Saigon and its aftermath.

### Bowling – Dottie Rieck

Only one more week to finish the bowling league's 2016/2017 season. Ginger Collins' team, Alley Cats, will bowl Jerri Magargal's team, Lucky Ladies, for the championship. The rest of the league will bowl a position round to determine final standings. The bowling banquet will be May 8 at Cripple Creek Country Club on May 8.

Next season will begin in September. We are always in need of new bowlers. Come join us in this fun activity on Monday afternoons at Millsboro Lanes. All skill levels are welcome. If interested in bowling next year, contact **Dottie Rieck at 302-539-2654.**

### **Chorus - Ann Jaeger**

AARP Chorus: The chorus is busy practicing for the Spring Concert Season. On Thursday, June 8 we will be having a free concert for the public at 4 PM at the South Coastal Library. This is open to everyone and will be a very enjoyable concert.

If you miss us in June, our concert season begins on Saturday May 6 at 1:00 PM at Mariners Bethel Methodist Church in Ocean View. This is followed by Friday, May 19 at 2:30 PM at Brandywine Retirement in Rehoboth Beach. Thursday, May 25 at 1:30 PM we will be at Gull Creek in Berlin, MD. On Wednesday, May 31 we are at Atlantic Shores in Millsboro, DE. Then our public concert on Thursday, June 8 at the Library in Bethany Beach and finally Friday, June 9 at 10:30 AM at Renaissance Rehab in Millsboro.

You are always welcome at any of our concerts. We hope to see some chapter members at some of these dates.

Mark your calendars for the special public concert on June 8 at 4 PM at the S. Coastal Library in Bethany Beach.

### **Driver's Safety Classes - Tom Maly**

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.

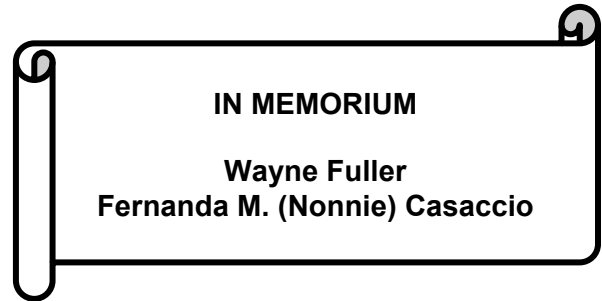
The next refresher course is scheduled for Monday, September 11, at the South Coastal Library, 9 AM to 1 PM. To register, call Tom at (302) 541-0780.

The next standard course (for those who have not taken the course or it has been longer than 3 years since they took one), is set for Monday, October 2 at the library from 9 AM to 3 PM. To register, call Tom at (302) 541-0780.

All classes are held at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. If you wish to take the course on line, go to [AARPdriversafety.org](http://AARPdriversafety.org). The cost is \$17.95 for AARP members and \$21 for non-members.

### **Sunshine - Joan Wolf**

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



### **Get Your Tickets Now for Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The chapter will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a gala reception, dinner and dance on Tuesday, October 24 from 5-9 PM. The event will be held at 99 Sea Level in the new Bethany Beach Ocean Suite on the Bethany Beach Boardwalk. Tickets are going fast with almost half sold at the chapter luncheon on Tuesday April 18.

The event will feature an opening reception hosted by Delaware AARP, a three-course gourmet plated dinner, entertainment by DJ Sky Brady, dancing and chapter recognitions. Parking is free in downtown Bethany Beach in October. The planning committee sees this event as "a chance to celebrate our past, enjoy the present, and look to the future."

Tickets to the event are \$40 a person. To reserve your space, call committee member Joan Thomas at 302-539-1367 or 302-249-7292 or email her at [joandcoach@mchsi.com](mailto:joandcoach@mchsi.com). Payment is due 30 days after registering and can be mailed to 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970.

## CHAPTER TRIPS

2017

- June 8** **Trip to Fort Miles-** We will take a guided tour and history of Fort Miles. We will meet at the Cape May Ferry Parking lot at 9:30 AM. At that time we will car pool. If you have a parking pass have someone ride with you. The tour will be from 10 AM to 12 Noon. After the tour, we will go to the Crooked Hammock for lunch (on your own). Only 40 people will be allowed. **Price: \$7** per person.
- June 12 - 15** **Finger Lakes** - 4 days 3 nights. 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, Visit Kings' Ferry and Long Port Winery for dinner, historic Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls, Tour of It's A Wonderful Life Museum, Three Brothers Winery for tasting, organ demonstration at Willard Chapel, dinner at Springfield Inn, Merry Go Round Playhouse, Muranda Cheese Co. tour, Knapp Vineyard, Montezuma Winery and Distillery, shopping on the shores of Skaneateles Lake, dinner and cruise on the Judge Ben Wiles, visit Lively Run Goat Dairy, and Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards. **Price: \$699** per person based on double occupancy and **\$905** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- Sept. 18 - 22** **Vermont** - 5 days 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners. Cruise on scenic Lake Champlain, lunch and tour at the Von Trapp Inn, tour: Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, explore Plymouth Notch, factory tour of Cabot Cheese, visit Woodstock to view one of their beautiful covered bridges, enjoy a visit to Rock of Ages granite quarry and shop for granite gifts, enjoy Quechee the Grand Canyon of Vermont, shop the Vermont Country Store. **Price: \$979** per person based on double occupancy and **\$1229** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- Sept. 28** **Mystery Trip** - Depart Giant parking Lot 6:30 AM. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on your own. **Price: \$65** per person.
- Oct. 18** **Wilmington & Western Railroad** - Fall foliage steam train trip. Take a leisurely 1 1/2 hour round trip ride up the red clay valley to the Mt. Cuba picnic grove to take in the glorious colors of the changing leaves. Trip Includes motor coach transportation, bus driver gratuity, train ride and conductors tip. **Price: \$50** per person . Lunch/dinner on your own. Depart Giant parking lot 9:30 AM.
- Nov. 15** **Miracle of Christmas** - Sight and Sound. After decades of crushing Roman rule, the Hebrew people are losing hope. When will the promised Messiah come. In the midst of this turmoil, young Mary is told she will miraculously bear God's son. Who can even believe such a thing. Dinner at Millers Smorgasbord Restaurant. Price includes bus, show, dinner and gratuities. **Price: \$128** per person
- Dec 2 - 7** **Nashville, TN** - 6 day, 5 night. 5 breakfast, 1 luncheon cruise, 2 holiday dinner shows. 3 night at the Opryland Resort during A Country Christmas at Gaylord Opryland, Cruise and lunch aboard the General Jackson, guided tour of Nashville and explore Music Row, Tickets to Ice featuring "The Nutcracker", a Delta River flatboat ride, admission to a live holiday production (TBA). Tickets to Treasures for the Holidays a craft, antique and art show, enjoy a self-guided tour of the Parade of Trees, have a fabulous holiday dinner show in Pigeon Forge. **Price: \$1199** per person based on double occupancy and **\$1549** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**

2018

- Jan. 27 - Feb. 11** **Back -to-Back Southern Caribbean Cruise** - Royal Caribbean's "Jewel of the Seas" Ports of Call include St. Thomas, Antigua, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Maarten, Dominica, Grenada and San Juan. Trip includes: 2 week cruise, shipboard meals and entertainment, hotel

accommodations in beautiful San Juan, round Motor Coach transportation to Philadelphia Airport, non-stop round trip airfare, transportation to and from the cruise ship and hotel, port charges and taxes. \$50.00 room credit the second week. For more information go to our web site or call Jim.

**June 3 - 9 Mackinac Island, MI & Frankenmuth, MI - 7 Day/6 Night Trip, 6 Nights Hotel Accommodations Including 1 Night Accommodations at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. 6 Breakfasts & 4 Wonderful Dinners including: 1 Tasty BBQ Dinner at your Hotel, 1 Dinner at a Local Mackinaw City Restaurant, 1 Five-Course Dinner in the Grand Hotel's Main Dining Room followed by classical music in the Parlor, then dancing to a live orchestra in the Terrace Room, World Famous "Home-Cooked" Dinner at the Bavarian Inn and 1 Buffet Lunch at the Grand Hotel. 3 Evening Receptions at your Hotel including Hot Food & Spirits\*. Hydro jet Ferry Ride to Mackinac Island. Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island. Enjoy seeing sights such as Arch Rock, Surrey Hills Museum and Fort Mackinac. Enjoy the Jack Pine Lumberjack Show and cheer on Championship lumberjacks in this fast paced competition of chopping, sawing, pole climbing, log rolling and more! Visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and Soo Locks Boat Tour. Admission to the Henry Ford Museum. Tour of Frankenmuth – Michigan's Little Bavaria. Price includes standard taxes, baggage handling, meal gratuities & motor coach transportation  
**Price: \$1359 per person double occupancy. \$1834 per person single occupancy. WAIT LIST ONLY.****

Go to [www.aarp5226.org](http://www.aarp5226.org) for more details about the many trips offered.

#### 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.

**Al Thomas and Lucille Kurtz, Co-Presidents**

#### Trip Reservations:

To make a reservation for any trip, phone **Jim or Maria Harding, (302) 537-5206** or email [jameshrdg@yahoo.com](mailto:jameshrdg@yahoo.com) Make checks payable to: **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee** and send to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, P.O. 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. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.**

#### Trip Rules

- Payment is preferred at time of registration and must be made no later than 30 days after registration.
- Reservations made within 30 days of a 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 the tour escort for that trip.
- 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.
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**Please remember our policy regarding payment for trips.** If you sign up for a trip, you have **30 days** to pay from the date you **signed up**. If payment is not received within the 30 days, you will be taken off the list.

#### PLEASE NOTE

Due to the increase of members joining AARP, our policy for signing up for AARP trips is as follows: Members at the general luncheon/meeting will have **first** priority over members calling in.

Members can call, text or email the day of the meeting to sign up. If there should not be any opening for the trip, you will be placed on the waiting list automatically in the order of calls.

We will **no longer accept** calls **prior** to the general luncheon/meeting for trip sign ups.

This was always the policy for AARP trips. We will announce new trips at the luncheon/meeting first and then post it on the webpage and newsletter.

## MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <b>Tour Committee</b> 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library  <b>Community Service Meeting</b> 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library  <b>Legislative Committee -12</b> Noon South Coastal Library	3 <b>Chorus Practice</b> South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	4 <b>AARP Book Club</b> South Coastal Library - 10:30 a.m.	5	6
7	8 <b>Driver's Refresher Class</b> South Coastal Library 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	9 <b>AARP Board Meeting</b> 10 a.m. South Coastal Library	10 <b>Chorus Practice</b> South Coastal Library 10 a.m.  <b>Deadline Luncheon</b> <b>Reservations/</b> <b>Cancellations</b> 12 noon  Luray Caverns, VA Trip	11	12	13
14 <b>Mother's Day</b>	15	16 <b>Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon</b> <b>Meeting 1 p.m.</b> Cripple Creek Country Club	17 <b>Chorus Practice</b> South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 <b>Chorus Practice</b> South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	25	26	27 <b>Artisans Fair</b> 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lord Baltimore Elementary School
28	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	30	31			

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# NEWSLETTER

Bring your friends and come out to **Hooked Up in Millville on Thursday, October 27** any time from **4-9 pm** for a great evening to benefit the chapter's Scholarship Fund. Hooked Up will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to the fund. Another feature of the evening will be an auction featuring a large number of baskets filled with wine, gift cards and a wide variety of other items donated by the business community.

**Hooked Up Will Host October 27 Benefit for Scholarship Fund**