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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here it is, Spring! Finally, we seem to be having spring like weather. It has been terrible for the Southern Delaware area but hopefully, that miserable weather is past.

As winter winds down one of the favorite seasons is upon us, baseball season. I know many of our Chapter members are passionate about sports, and baseball seems to rule this time of year. At our Southern Delaware AARP Chapter, we are a team. While we do not put on uniforms, we are united by a single purpose. Our purpose is to connect people to what is important in their lives through friendly monthly meetings for all of us to enjoy. Your officers, board, and committee chairs, and membership are dependent on our ability to execute and fulfill that purpose.

Memorial Day is approaching. This day is a solemn day of remembrance to celebrate the lives and services of those who made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting our Nations' enemies. I will have more about Memorial Day in next month's message.

In closing, let us all continue our efforts in making the Southern Delaware AARP Chapter 5226 the best it can be. I look forward to seeing everyone at our May 15 meeting.

Chris

Fort Miles, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

For decades the World War II towers along our shore have sat in the sand as beachgoers stop to take photos. These towers were used to track enemy vessels off the coast. Do you know what is happening to the towers now? Have you seen Tower 3 lit up in cobalt blue? Come to our luncheon and find out more.

Dr. Gary D. Wray, President of the Fort Miles Historical Association, will be our guest speaker on May 15 at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club. He will discuss the history of Fort Miles and what has been happening to the tower restoration project for the last 15 years. Dr. Wray will also review the long range plans for Fort Miles and the new Fort Miles Museum.

Finally, we will raffle off the beautiful table flower centerpieces.

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:

Soup and Salad Combo - 1/2 chicken salad club wrap with lettuce, tomato, Applewood bacon and a cup of Maryland crab soup.

Birdie Salad - House recipe shrimp salad with fresh cantaloupe, honey dew, and strawberries served over mixed salad greens with a toasted dinner roll and house dressing.

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

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will consist of Tangerine Crème 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 by **noon, Wednesday, May 9**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller** at **236-5570**.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder

Our committee continues to build on the foundation we established with our priorities survey we did with our membership in January. You will recall that our top two vote getting priorities were protection and expansion of Health Care coverage. The runner up was Financial Security.

On 4/19/18 we had four teams of advocates at Legislative Hall meeting one on one with Sussex County Legislators to let them know, with our personal examples, how their decisions have consequences on seniors. We have an ambitious agenda.

State wide AARP is sponsoring - Share the Care legislation that will allow direct care workers to give routine pills, eye drops and oxygen. Delaware has 123,000 unpaid family caregivers over half of who work full or part-time and struggle with responsibilities such as being home to give medications throughout the day.

The other critical issue that is personally relevant to our members and that we will engage on is the Senior Property Tax Credit - House Bill 268. We are asking Sussex County lawmakers to amend HB-268 to allow those who moved here before 1/1/18 to qualify under the old 3-year waiting period, rather than to delay their eligibility for this important credit for 10 years.

We will have a full report for you from Sussex Legislators on these issues . We will emerge better positioned to fight for our members.

Upcoming Events

5/07/18 - 4 PM - Hike the Sea Hawk Trail at Holts Landing State Park with a naturalist and explore many habitats. Registration Required \$5 - call 302-227-6991

5/12/18 - 9 AM - Trail Day at Holts Landing - Help keep this natural gem pristine. The majority of our Trail Crew are seniors who work at their level on tasks of their choosing. All guests are welcome.

5/24/18 - 1 PM - Seining the Bay at Holts Landing - drag a 20-foot net through shallow water. Identify a variety of sea creatures. Ages 3 and up. Registration Required \$2.50 per person - call 302-227-6991

6/5/18 - 10:30 AM - 4th Annual Clean Water Rally - Legislative Mall - Dover - Registration Required at <http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org/CleanWater#.WtViPoIwbIU>

Membership – Dottie Rieck

We welcome new members Lee Ann Brittin, Joe & Pat Keeley, and John & Ann Persinger. Our membership stands at **488**.

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@ol.com.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee thanks everyone who attended the movie on March 24 at the Clayton Theatre. We made \$505 for the Salvation Army.

Thanks to those who contributed to the “Seniors at the Pyle Centre”. Our contributions to them were greatly appreciated.

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

The Spring is always the busiest time for the Scholarship Committee and the Artisans Fair Committee.

We hold our main fund-raiser of the year, the Artisans Fair, on Saturday, May 26 (see related article in this issue). This is the culmination of work that begins nine months before. For the Fair, we enlist dozens of volunteers to help as planners, greeters, bakers, parking attendants, assistants for the 50/50 raffle and artworks auction, poster and post card distributors, public relations specialists, layout specialists, financial advisor and solicitors for

exhibitors, vendors and donations. The coordinator for this year’s Artisans Fair and Farmers Market is Maureen Eisenhart. She and her team will put on a fabulous show to raise money for college scholarships and to give our community a first-rate arts and crafts show. If you have already volunteered, thank you. If you have not, please sign up (see related article).

At the same time that we are planning the Fair, a group from the Scholarship Committee evaluates the applications for scholarships from Indian River High School. We will announce the winners at the May 23 awards ceremony at the school and in next month’s newsletter.

In April, the membership approved the AARP Board’s recommendation to increase our scholarship awards from \$6,500, which was budgeted, to \$9,500. This increase means we will give three \$1,500 scholarships to IRHS students, two \$2,000 scholarships to nursing students at Delaware Technical and Community College, and one \$1,000 scholarship to a traditional adult student (25 or older) at the college. It is with the help of our members that we can grow our scholarship program.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The AARP Chorus is planning a concert for the community and guests on June 7 at 3 PM at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach. We would love to have the support of our local chapter, since you are our sponsors!

If you haven’t heard us for a while, you will be pleasantly surprised!! We now have a large men’s section with some very talented singers. This along with several new sopranos and altos really fills out our sections.

We sing for the AARP at Christmas time, but our music selection is limited. In the spring we present a larger selection including older standards, folk songs, patriotic, religious, movie and show music and others.

I know you will enjoy your late afternoon on June 7, and did I mention, it is **FREE!** We hope to see a large number of AARP members there!

Artisans Fair on May 26 Offers High-Quality Artisans, Food and Fun

Don't miss the 11th annual Artisans Fair on Saturday, May 26, between 9 AM. and 3 PM at Lord Baltimore Elementary School. All proceeds from the event, sponsored by the chapter's Scholarship Committee, go toward college scholarships for Indian River High School seniors and adult students at Delaware Technical and Community College.

This year's show will be bigger and better than ever, since we have expanded to include artisan vendors outdoors as well as indoors. Returning to the show this year is the Farmers Market, offering produce and other foods and outdoor items. The Farmers Market will run from 9 AM. to 1 PM. With nearly 75 vendors, there is something for everyone from fine arts to jewelry, special accessories, photography, glasswork, metalwork and more.

ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE

Delaware Provisions will provide food concessions and Rita's Italian Ice will offer cooling refreshments. Other popular features are a baked goods sale, prepared by chapter members, a raffle auction of donated items from the show exhibitors, and a 50/50 cash raffle.

Volunteers Are Needed on May 26 and to Make Baked Goods

We are looking for volunteers to give us two hours of their time on the day of the Artisans Fair, May 26, to help with a variety of activities. We encourage you to sign up to be part of this important chapter event. To volunteer, contact Valerie Reeves at missval55@yahoo.com or call 302-539-8212. You can also help by baking for our sale. We will be calling you soon about baking for the Fair. If you cannot bake, cash contributions are greatly appreciated. Proceeds go directly to the Scholarship Fund. Please make checks payable to South Coastal DE AARP and designate for the Bake Sale. Contributions may be mailed to: South Coastal DE AARP, Attn: Artisans Fair, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970.

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.

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 scheduled classes are:

5/11/2018 - Refresher Class, 9 AM to 1 PM.
Community Lutheran Church, Omar Road,
Frankford.

6/8/2018 - Refresher Class, 9 AM to 1 PM.
Community Lutheran Church, Omar Road,
Frankford

To register call Joan King at **(239) 567-0606**.

Information about classes available at other southeast Delaware locations can be found at <https://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/>

AARP Sponsored Book Club

The book club group will be meeting on Thursday, May 3 to discuss "The Nest" by Cynthia Sweeney. This is a witty and tragic tale about a dysfunctional family story.

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**.

Web Coordinator - Frances Hart

As the new web coordinator, I'm starting to get use to our web site and coordinating with the webmaster, who is paid to manage our web site. Thank you for your patience and please email me if you have issues with the web site.

Each month there is at least one member who doesn't receive the email blast announcing that our newsletter is posted on our web site. Maybe this happened to you and you didn't report it. Please report it to me via email. We are working on the issue. If you don't get the email, or you accidentally delete it, all you have to do is go to our web site: <http://www.southcoastalaarp.org/>; then click on

the word Newsletters in the right side column. All the newsletters for 2016 and 2017 are there, just click on the month, if you want to see an old newsletter. The newsletters for 2018 are shown in red, if they are available, and in black if they are not yet available. Our monthly newsletter should be available within seven to ten days after our luncheon.

I would like to have more photographs of our events posted on our web site. If you have a good picture of us in electronic format, please email it to me for posting. If all you have is a printed image, if you'll bring it to any luncheon and lend it to me, I can scan it for posting and return it to you.

My email address is fihart46@gmail.com; my phone number is on the front page of the newsletter; but I prefer you use email to contact me.

Nominating Committee - Sandra McGrath

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for some volunteers to fill various types of positions. Call me at 302-537-7709 and we can talk about what fits, your interests and talents.

CHAPTER TRIPS

2018

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 a 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. OPEN TO EVERYONE

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 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

WAIT LIST ONLY

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

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	1 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	2 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	3 AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 A.M.	4	5
6	7	8 AARP Board Meeting 10:10 a.m. South Coastal Library	9 Sight and Sound Trip Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	10	11 Driver's Refresher Course 9 a.m. - .1 p.m.	12
13 	14	15 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	16 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	24	25	26 ARTISIANS FAIR 9 a. m - 3 p.m..
27 		29	30 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	31		