



Coastal News

South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226
of AARP, Inc.
P. O. Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970

To Serve Not To Be Served

VOL. 22 NO. 5

www.southcoastalaarp.org

May 2019

EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Lee Shoff leerobertashoff@gmail.com	539-6952
VICE PRESIDENT	Jim Harding jameshrdg@yahoo.com	973-903-1495
SECRETARY	Maureen Eisenhart irishmom08@gmail.com	988-1196
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Joan Thomas joandcoach@mchsi.com	539-1367
TREASURER	Carolyn Kelly kitzy50@gmail.com	537-2598
ASST. TREASURER	Kathy Filip kafraf@mchsi.com	539-1137

DIRECTORS

Andrea Gowetski	2017-2019	541-4751
Jack Beall	2018-2019	616-1695
John Macken	2018-2020	914-522-9309
Lucille Kurtz	2019-2021	914-329-9038
Valerie Reeves	2019-2021	539-8212

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sandra McGrath	2018-2019	537-7709
Claudia Howard	2019-2020	541-4995
Sandy Raymond	2019-2020	651-2284
Lana Linz	2019-2020	439-2156

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Community Service	Kathy Lesperance	537-7845
Legislative/Environmental	Chuck Schonder	703-881-2491
Membership	Dottie Rieck	539-2654
Scholarship	Shirley Price	236-7046
	Ida Crist	732-6336
Tours	Jim Harding	973-903-1495
Web Coordinator	Frances Hart	703-801-7216
Chorus	Ann Jaeger	436-5173
Hostess/Luncheon	Roberta Shoff	539-6952
	Anna Woodrum	537-0826
Newsletter	Andrea Gowetski	541-4751
Sunshine	Joan Wolf	541-0513
50/50	Joan Wolf/ Velma (Cookie) Butts	541-0513 541-9264

COME TO OUR MAY 21 LUNCHEON AND LEARN ABOUT "QUILTS OF VALOR"

The mission of "Quilts of Valor" is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts.

Over 200,000 quilts have been awarded in all 50 states. The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 when founder Catherine Roberts of Seaford, DE had a dream.

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Tuna Salad Melt - House made tuna salad topped with melted cheddar cheese, sliced tomato, and apple-wood bacon. Served open faced on a toasted English muffin. **OR**

Strawberry Spinach Salad - Blend of spinach and romaine lettuce, caramelized pecans, celery, fresh strawberries served with a sweet and sour poppy seed dressing. **OR**

Chicken Cordon Bleu Plate - Chicken Cordon bleu topped with supreme sauce, macaroni cheese and mixed vegetables.

Beverages include ice tea, lemonade, coffee, and water. Dessert will consist of plates of cookies and brownies.

Doors open at 11 AM for social hour with lunch at 12 Noon followed by the program and chapter news and announcements. **Cost: \$17 members and \$18 guests.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing: **Allys Macken (914-819-2992), (616-2650), cecemac.macken@gmail.com** or **Mary Ann Dougherty, (541-9412), madod@aol.com** by **noon, Wednesday, April 10.** To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Sandy Butler** at **541-4110.**

Please wear your name badge to meeting.

WE HAVE A VOLUNTEER FOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

At the April Board of Directors meeting, new member, Rose Verona volunteered to be our Program Director. As required by our Standing Rules, the Program Director vacancy will be filled by the board at the May board meeting and the membership will be asked to approve this action at the May Chapter luncheon.

THANK YOU ROSE.

We have a volunteer to do the invocations at our chapter luncheons. At the March chapter luncheon, Lana Linz volunteered to do the invocations at our chapter luncheons.

THANK YOU LANA.

We will continue to try to get more of the membership to fill some of these responsibilities.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

We welcome our new members: Richard & Mary Jane Bennett, Lisa Bilder, Dennis & Barbara Drenner, Thaddeus Moskal, and Donald & Laurence Szejner. Our current membership stands at **510**.

If you have any questions or have trouble receiving your newsletter, please contact Dottie Rieck 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, P O Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. Contact Dottie by phone or email or go to our chapter web site (southcoastalaarp.org) to get a membership form.

Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder

Legislative

SB 27 – Share the Care Act – to permit home health care aides to administer medications in the client's home. Over half of the 123,000 family caregivers work and need help with this:

3/13/19 – Lobby Day – passed the Senate Committee 5-0.

*April 18, 19 voted on by full senate (*has noted occurred by deadline).

5/7/19 – 5/16/19 – Expected to be taken up by the House. We will ask for your help emailing Sussex House Members.

May 7 - 7 AM – 8 PM Vote on the Indian River School Bond Referendum up for approval.

- Construct new Sussex Central High School – 38% student capacity increase
- Construct 8 new classrooms at Indian River High School
- Construct 4 new classrooms at Selbyville Middle School

Call Hotline 302-436-1079 or visit irsd.net/referendum for additional information.

Environmental

4/18/19 – Holts Landing State Park major parking lot renovation began. Funds from State Rep. Ron Gray and State Senator Gerald Hocker helped fund the project. The construction should be finished by May.

Upcoming Events

5/17/19 – Legislative/Environmental Committee meets – Noon – South Coastal Library – visitors welcome. Contact cschonder3@gmail.com

5/7 – 5/16/19 – House Votes on SB 27 – Share the Care Act

5/11/19 – Friends of Holts Landing State Parks meet – 9 AM at the park. Come participate upgrading this natural gem. Coffee & donuts provided.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our fundraisers during this past year. We appreciated your thoughtfulness. This will be the last month to collect coupons for the military. We will start again in September.

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.

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

This year the Scholarship Committee will award two \$1,500 college scholarships to seniors at Indian River High School. Five members of the committee evaluated the applications. The winners will be announced at the school's awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 22. A big thank you to Marilou Merrill, who coordinated the scholarship process, and to the other readers on the committee: Bev Bailey, Joann McGaughey, Helen Norris and Barbara Shamp.

We will also donate two \$2,000 scholarships to nursing students and a \$1,000 scholarship to a non-nursing student at Delaware Technical and Community College for the 2019-20 academic year. We hold our main fund-raiser of the year, the Artisans Fair, on Saturday, May 25 (see related article in this issue). It takes many hours of volunteer hours from our members to make this event a success. A special thank you to all of the coordinators: Donna Spickler, exhibitors; Kathy Johnson, farmers market; Valerie Reeves, volunteers; Dianne DeForest, artisans raffle; Judy Matsko, 50-50 raffle; Ted Spickler, parking; Pat Kapolka, bake sale; Jim Hartsig, graphics and floor layout; Jen Read, concessions; and Walter and Cynthia Stepowij, gift card solicitation. Ida Crist is this year's chair.

Also thank you to the Delmarvalous Quilters Guild and to Francis Hart for the donation of two beautiful quilts, which will go to the highest bidders in a silent auction that starts at the Tuesday, May 21, members luncheon and continues in the gym at the school on the day of the Artisans Fair. The auction will close at 2:30 PM on May 25.

Thank you to all for your time, baked goods and monetary donations (see related article in this issue). Baked goods should be delivered to the school by 8:30 AM. the day of the fair.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Driver's Safety Classes

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 cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

Information about classes now available at southeast Delaware locations can be found at <https://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/> (click on "Find a Classroom Course").

Delaware drivers may also take the AARP driver safety class on-line. The cost is \$24.95 for AARP members. You can sign up for the on-line course using the same website as above (click on "Take the On-Line Course").

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The AARP Chorus is almost ready to "hit the road" for our spring concerts! Please note that on **June 14 at 3 PM**, we will have our Community Concert at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach.

We love doing this one to showcase our hard work. You will hear all types of choral music and we guarantee a nice afternoon! This is a FREE concert! Bring your friends and neighbors!

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

Please refer any issues you have with our chapter web site to me. I prefer email: **fihart46@gmail.com**; but if you can't email me, call and leave a voice mail message at **703-801-7216**.

I would like members to send me pictures of chapter activities so they can be put on our web site, **<http://www.southcoastalaarp.org>**. If you only have printed pictures, please lend them to me and I will scan them and return the originals to you. If you have never looked at our web site other than to read your monthly newsletter, now is the time to look at it and please look at all the pages, not just the welcome page.



PROCEEDS FROM ARTISANS FAIR ON MAY 25 BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 12th annual Artisans Fair on Saturday, May 25, between 9 AM and 3 PM. at Lord Baltimore Elementary School is the Scholarship Committee's main fund-raiser for our scholarship fund. All proceeds from the event go toward college scholarships for Indian River High School seniors and adult students at Delaware Technical and Community College.

New to the show this year is a silent auction for two quilts donated by the Delmarvalous Quilters Guild. Members will have a chance to bid on the quilts at the members' luncheon on Tuesday, May 21. The quilts will go to the highest bidder. You will need to return to the Artisans Fair about 2 PM to submit the highest bid. The bids will close at 2:30 PM.

This year's show will include both returning and new vendors both indoors and outdoors as well as the popular Farmers Market that runs from 9 AM to 3 PM. There you can find produce and specialty food items with nearly 70 vendors, there is something for everyone from fine arts to jewelry, special accessories, photography, glasswork, metalwork and more. **Admission and parking are free.**

The Truck It food truck from Georgetown will provide breakfast, lunch and snack items, and Rita's Italian Ice will offer cooling refreshments. Other popular features are baked goods, prepared by chapter members, a raffle auction of donated items from the show exhibitors, and a 50/50 cash raffle.

VOLUNTEERS AND BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED ON MAY 25

We are looking for volunteers on the day of the Artisans Fair, May 25, 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 need at least 100 baked items and donations of \$10 to \$25 for those who do not bake to make this portion of the Fair a success. To sign up to bake your best pies, cakes, cookies or brownies, contact Pat Kapolka at 302-270-1880 or pkapolka@msn.com. 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. **Bring your baked goods to the school by 8:30 AM. the day of the fair.** We appreciate all of your help in making this a successful fund-raiser and a special event for the community.

CHAPTER TRIPS

2019

June 8

The Delmarva Shorebirds Baseball Game

Join the Tour Committee for a night out at a Delmarva Shorebirds Baseball Game plus fireworks. The Tour Committee will subsidize a portion of the transportation cost and the gratuities for members only on this trip to Arthur W. Perdue Stadium. Enjoy a game, fireworks and buffet at the Hardball Café right behind home plate with uncanny views of the field. Buffet includes BBQ chicken legs, grilled hamburgers, grilled hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese, watermelon, popcorn, water, ice tea, and lemonade. After the game we will stay for the Fireworks Display. **Price includes:** round trip motor coach, entrance to stadium, buffet, and gratuities.

Price: \$39.00 per person **MEMBERS ONLY**

June 10-
June 13

I Love Lucy

Visit Lucille Ball's hometown of Jamestown, N.Y. where her grandfather took her to watch Vaudeville and where she bought her first bottle of red hair dye. Explore fun sites in nearby Erie, PA and the surrounding areas. Eat like a Lucy meal in the unique setting of the Tropicana Room, in the Desilu Studios. After dinner enjoy comedic entertainment by a stand-up comic. Visit Lucy Desi Museum & Center for comedy with reproduction of the I Love Lucy sets, as well as personal mementos, a film tribute, costumes and even Lucy's Car. Enjoy a guided driving tour of Jamestown highlighting Lucy landmarks. You'll see the homes where Lucy was born and grew up, theaters where she performed, places where she attended school, and the cemetery where she is buried. Sightseeing dinner cruise on Chautauqua Lake, visit Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown to learn about the Supreme Court Justice from 1941-1954. Visit Tom Ridge Environmental Center on Erie's Presque Isle to watch a video and see displays describing the ecosystem of the area. Visit the 75 foot glass tower which allows for great views. Enjoy Erie Maritime Museum. Visit the historic Union Station and learn the history of the building and a few ghost stories then enjoy a buffet dinner on the Concourse plus sample the beer from the on-site brewery. Enjoy a visit to the Kinzua Gorge and the great views from the site's 600 foot glass bottomed skywalk. A visit to the Zippo Visitors Center in Bradford which is "truly enlightening." A Lunch at the Barrel House Restaurant in Lantz Corners before heading home. **Price includes:** 3 nights hotel accommodations, 3 full breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners. Admission to all sightseeing per itinerary, standard taxes, baggage handling, roundtrip motor coach transportation, taxes and gratuities.

Price: \$620.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$854.00 per person based on single occupancy

OPEN TO EVERYONE

BUS SEATING WILL BE BASED ON THE TIME OF DEPOSIT

We will only accept 40 reservations on this trip

June 23

Washington DC on Your Own

Spend a beautiful day on your own investigating and sightseeing the many museums, monuments and memorials of Washington DC. You can take your time to see one or several points of interest such as; Arlington Cemetery, The Capitol, Vietnam War Memorial, or just stroll around the many parks. It's your day do what you would like.

Price Includes: round trip motor coach and gratuities.

Price: \$50.00 per person

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Oct 27-
Nov 4

Kentucky at Its Best

Our Kentucky trip is packed with something for everyone! We will start our tour with The **Ark Encounter**, featuring a full-size Noah's Ark built according to the dimension given in the Bible. Traveling on to tour the **Creation Museum** where the pages of the Bible dramatically come to life. Before finishing up the evening enjoy an authentic **German Dinner and entertainment at the Hofbrauhaus modeled after the legendary 400+ year old Hofbrauhaus in Munich, Germany!** We travel on to **Louisville**, and **Churchill Downs** for "It's My Derby Day at the Races" this is a full day adventure. Enjoying the Kentucky Derby Museum, see the "The Greatest Race" film, a walking tour of Churchill Downs, along with Hatitude (Hot/fascinator-making activity) and Horse Talk (tips/betting lesson from a professional handicapper). Now you are race-day-ready to experience a thrilling afternoon of live racing seated on Millionaires Row or Skye Terrace with a fabulous lunch buffet. Enjoy a Dinner Cruise on the **Belle of Louisville** with entertainment and beautiful views. Our baseball fans will enjoy a visit to **Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory**. We can't leave Louisville without visiting and tasting at **Jim Beam's American Stillhouse**.

On to **Fort Knox** Military Base for a visit to **General George Patton's Museum**, we will also see the Gold Vault (but no samples) Our travels will take us to **Lincoln's Boyhood Home at Knob Creek**; you will be able to climb the 56 marble steps to his museum, one step for each year of his life. **Maker Mark Distillery** we will enjoy a tasting of another brand of bourbon. Our visit to Kentucky wouldn't be complete without "**My Old Kentucky Home**" mansion tour. The 200 year old plantation was named for America's First composer Stephen Foster. We will travel through Bernheim Forest and the Jim Beam distillery property to Limestone Springs while enjoying a wonderful dinner aboard **My Old Kentucky Dinner Train**. As we travel on the Lexington, to experience a premier **Thoroughbred Heritage Horse Farm** and we will go behind the scenes and visit up close and personal with their famous thoroughbreds. We will finish off our bourbon tour with tastings at **Wild Turkey Distillery**. Visit **Mary Todd Lincoln's Home** to discover Americas' most fascinating first lady. Our tour will end with a tour of **Old Kentucky Chocolates**. Candy made for over 50 years with the finest bourbon of Kentucky.

Price Includes: 8 nights hotel accommodation, 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, 5 evening receptions with hot food and beverages, standard taxes, baggage handling, meal gratuities, round trip deluxe motor coach transportation and admission to all sightseeing per itinerary.

Price: \$1,599.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$1,999.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

Bus seating will be based on the time of deposit. We will only accept 44 reservations on this trip

MEMBERS ONLY

2020

**Aug 29-
Sept 11**

Canada & New England Cruise

New England & Canada have an unmistakable charm, history and natural beauty all their own, and there's no better time to visit than the fall. The foliage is brilliant in every imaginable color, lighthouses dot the coastline. This fabulous cruise aboard the **Celebrity's "Summit"** departs from Boston, Massachusetts for ports of call; Bar Harbor, Maine, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sydney, Nova Scotia, overnight in Quebec City, Quebec, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Portland Maine, before returning to Boston, Massachusetts. An overnight stay at Foxwoods Casino Resort the first night will temp your skills at the casino or relax before we depart for the ship terminal in the morning for this magnificent cruise.

Price includes: 1 night hotel accommodation at Foxwood Casino Resort with Bonus Package, Cruise, Cabin, Shipboard Meals, Port Charges and Taxes, Motor Coach Transportation to and from Boston Massachusetts Cruise Pier.

Price: \$2,699.00 per person Outside Cabin Cat. 7

\$3,199.00 per person Balcony Cabin Cat. 2B

Open to Everyone

\$3,299.00 per person Balcony Cabin Cat. 2A

Not covered \$5.00 per person for bus driver's gratuity one way (\$10.00)

\$2.00 per bag, per person, baggage handling for Stevedore at the pier each way

Celebrity's Sail Beyond Event Perks

Celebrity offers excellent perks for early booking call for details

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, (973-903-1495) 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 (973-903-1495)
- 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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	2	3	4
5	6	7 Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library	8 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	9	10	11
12 	13	14 AARP Board Meeting 10:10 A.M. - South Coastal Library 6	15 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	16	17	18
19	20	21 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	22 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	23	24	25 ARTISANS FAIR 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
26	27 	28	29 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	30	31	