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## AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF SCAMMERS

Our speaker for our May 17 meeting at Bear Trap Dunes is Sergeant Russ Carter with the Ocean View Police department. Russ will be discussing "Scams", and how to avoid being a victim of scammers.

After graduating from the Delaware State Police Academy in 2003, he began working for the Ocean View Police Department. He is also a graduate of Columbia Southern University. During his public safety career, he has had several different positions from firefighter, safety officer, emergency medical technician, HazMat specialist, patrol officer, emergency operations manager and is currently tasked with managing operations and technologies within OVPD.. He is currently a Sergeant (Administrative) for the Ocean View Police Department and is currently working in Analytics, Technology, Project Management and Departmental Operations.

## MENU CHOICES:

**Super Food Salad** - Spinach, shaved cabbage, kohlrabi, kale, roasted cauliflower, and chickpeas with lemon-tahini dressing on the side.

**California Turkey Wrap** - Shaved turkey, lettuce, tomato, brie, and guacamole on a flour tortilla served with chips and a pickle.

**Vegetable Risotto** - Creamy parmesan risotto with roasted tomato, mushrooms, peas, and shaved parmesan

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

Dessert will consist of Coconut macaroon nest

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, May 9**. 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**

We have received good news from National AARP regarding the Chapter's return to normal activities. "The AARP Chapters can resume all normal activities and operations as long as all local and venue guidelines and requirements are followed."

We are still looking for member volunteers to conduct audits for our Chapter and Scholarship accounts. Please let me know if you would be able to complete this task.

The Board has filled the director vacancy with Ida Crist. We have also filled the Assistant Secretary vacancy with Jane Bartolomeo. A welcome to both.

Any member who is interested, is always welcome to attend our Board Meetings. They occur on the second Tuesday of the Month at 11 AM in the John West Municipal Building.

**If you attend the May Chapter meeting and wear your name tag, there may be a surprise for you.**

Rose Verona  
President, South Coastal De Chapter #5226

### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Membership - Dottie Rieck**

Our current membership is **356**. We welcome new member Laura Krupp.

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 -**

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 drawing for the quilt, *Set Sail*, for which we have been selling raffle tickets for nearly two years, will take place at the members luncheon on Tuesday, May 17. You will be able to buy tickets the day of the luncheon before the drawing. If you cannot attend that meeting and would like to buy tickets, contact Ida Crist at [idad Crist@aol.com](mailto:idad Crist@aol.com) or 302-732-6336 before May 17. Tickets are 6 for \$5 or 15 for \$10. All proceeds go the Scholarship Fund. Member Anne Rogerson designed the quilt which is in various shades of blue representing water. A small sail boat with a red hull accents the quilt. She and Frances Hart did most of the quilting with assistance from Ida Crist.

In the next few weeks, you will receive an email from the Scholarship Committee asking for a donation to the Scholarship Fund. In May we will be awarding two scholarships of \$1,000 each to Indian River High School students, and in June we will donate three scholarships of \$500 each to students at Delaware Technical Community College for the

Fall 2022 semester. Two of those recipients will be nursing students.

Members often give a cash donation in May in conjunction with the baked goods sale at the Artisans Fair. Since there is no fair this year, we will ask for donations to the Scholarship Fund via email and at our May members meeting. We greatly appreciate your support.

\*Checks may be made out to:

**South Coastal DE AARP with Scholarship Fund in the memo line.**

Mail checks to:

South Coastal DE AARP  
P. O. Box 225  
Ocean View, DE 19970

\*Our chapter is a 301(c)4 organization; therefore donations are not tax-deductible.

## 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

### Chorus to Sing at Prince George's May 15

*The Singers of Note*, our 40-member chorus, will present a concert at 3 PM Sunday, May 15, at

Prince George's Chapel in Dagsboro, under the direction of Ann Jaeger.

The chorus will sing both sacred and secular music including spirituals, songs from Broadway shows and patriotic numbers. Examples are "Do You Hear the People Sing?" from *Les Miserable*; "Wade in the Water," a spiritual featuring soloists Mike Read and Nancy Palmer; and "Just a Single Voice," featuring soloist Eric Neumann.

The cost of the May 15 concert is \$5; those 12 and under will be admitted free. The proceeds benefit The Friends of Prince George's. The chorus will present the same program at 11 a.m. Friday, May 20, in the Fellowship Hall adjacent to Millville United Methodist Church. A condensed version of the music will be presented at the members' luncheon on Tuesday, June 21, at Bear Trap.

Built between 1755 and 1757, Prince George's Chapel had its beginnings as an Anglican chapel-of-ease. During the reorganization of the Episcopal Church following the American Revolution, the chapel became an independent parish church in the diocese of Delaware. The chapel was renovated and rebuilt many times during its history, the most recently between 1969 and 1974. The nave section remains as it first appeared, containing much of the original heart pine. Prince George's was placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings in 1971. It was dedicated as a state museum on June 15, 1974. Currently the chapel is leased from the State of Delaware by the Town of Dagsboro and operated by the Friends of Prince George's Chapel.

