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SERGEANT CARTER OF THE OV POLICE DEPT. WILL SPEAK AT OUR MAY 16 MEETING AT CC

Russ is currently a Sergeant (Administrative) with the OVPD. His role includes working primarily in Analytics, Technology, Project Management, and Department Operations. He will be discussing "Community Policing and the McLaughlin Policing Method".

LUNCHEON MENUE CHOICES

Salmon BST - Pan seared salmon with bacon, spinach, tomato and dill caper tartar. Served on an artisan bun with a side of fries.

OR

Stuffed Tomato Salad - Stuffed tomato with house made chicken salad with grapes and cranberries. Served with a side of apple slaw.

OR

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

Beverage – Ice tea, lemonade, water.

Dessert - Brownies and coffee service.

Doors open at **11 AM** with lunch at **12 noon** followed by Chapter news and announcements.

Cost \$21. Cash or checks only.

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412)**, madod@aol.com by noon, **Monday, May 8.**

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who cancels after the deadline or does not show for any reason will be billed the full amount of the cost of the luncheon. **No walk-ins are permitted.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Grant Committee continues to increase our membership and awareness to the community. We have developed a postcard and flier to be distributed. If anyone is willing to help distribute the fliers, please let me know. In addition, we have agreed to become a member of the local Chamber of Commerce. (Bethany Beach/Fenwick). We have filled the Chamber Liaison position. If there are others, that would be excellent as this could be a small committee to manage the requirements of the position.

I am reaching out to any of you who may be able to provide some guidance to the board regarding our current website. Please let me know if you would be willing to help with this.

As you recall, we have been discussing the cost of the "snail mail" newsletter to our members and the current upcharge does not cover the increased costs. Please communicate with Dottie R., our membership director, if you are currently still receiving your newsletter by the post office and would be willing to receive the link on email for an electronic version. In light of this revelation, the Board is reviewing all expenses. Changes to our future membership costs due to increased costs to run the chapter are being examined, I will keep you posted as to the outcome.

I look forward to our May Chapter Meeting and hope to see you there. Please attend the Chapter meeting on the **3RD Tuesday of May (5/16/23)**. Please place reservations within the time limit given (details provided in the newsletter).

As we continue in 2023, do not hesitate to reach out to me with any ideas or suggestions that you believe would help to grow our local chapter.

I encourage you to become more involved by volunteering. If you have any questions about the opportunities available, please contact me and I will be happy to review these with you.

As we enter into the April of 2023, we still have an open position for **Assistant Secretary** of the Executive. Remember, the more volunteers we have, the less time per member is needed to accomplish necessary tasks. This is **YOUR** organization, and you can play a valuable role in enhancing our events.

Rose Verona, President

BOARD AND CHAPTER MEETINGS

Our Chapter Meetings are held on the **3RD Tuesday of each month**. All these luncheon/meetings are held at Cripple Creek effective September 2022 through June of 2023. The lunch reservation process is communicated in our monthly newsletter

Any member who is interested is always welcome to attend our Board Meetings. They always occur on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 11 AM** in the **John West Municipal Building on West Ave.** in Ocean View. The next Board meeting is May 9, 2023.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

Our current membership stands at **327** paid members. We welcome new members: Beverly Arndt, James Berrie, Jr., Marsha Cunningham, Deborah Long, Joann Warren, and Jane White.

Dues are **\$10** per person if you want your newsletter sent by email and **\$13** if you want your newsletter sent by US Mail. If there are two members in the household receiving the newsletter by US Mail, only one pays the \$13 fee and the other the standard fee. Please **submit a new membership form** along with your dues.

Please send your check (made out to South Coastal DE Chapter #5226) and your membership form to Dottie Rieck, PO Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

If you have any questions, please contact Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.

Legislative/Environmental – Ted Spickler

If you are interested in joining the Legislative/Environmental committee, contact **Ted Spickler at 302-927-0050**.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

We are collecting **non-perishable** food items for the Pyle Center Food Pantry. Please check the expiration date on your items and bring them to the monthly Chapter Luncheon/Meeting.

Blood Bank: To schedule an appointment call 1-888-825-6638 or schedule online at www.delmarvablood.org. Check for donation locations in Sussex County on the website.

Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

We had a successful Dine and Donate in March at Northeast Seafood Kitchen. Thank you to all who participated in this fund-raising event for South Coastal DE AARP's scholarship fund. The winner of the 50-50 cash drawing was member Nick Bartolomeo. He received \$145 and the scholarship fund received \$145. Northeast Seafood donated \$550, which was a percentage of the sales that evening. The event raised \$695 for our scholarship fund.

The four-year wait is finally over. The Artisan's Fair is returning to Lord Baltimore Elementary School on **Saturday, May 27**, from **9 AM to 3 PM** in Ocean View. A Farmers Market will be from **9 AM** to at least **1 PM** on the grounds of the school. We have 52 inside booths and 15 outside plus a half dozen Farmers Market vendors. Many of the favorite exhibitors are returning, but we also have some new artisans in a variety of media.

One of those is Bryant "Tee" Bell who was recently named a 2023 Emerging Artist by the Delaware Division of Arts. He operates Mr. Tee's Artworks in Wyoming, DE. Some of his paintings speak to the struggles of African American farmers, veterans in our country and the pride, pain and suffering of indigenous people. Besides fine arts painters, the following areas will be represented: jewelry, wood, metal, pottery, photography, home and garden décor, textiles and glass.

If you have not signed up to be a volunteer, you can do so at the monthly meeting and luncheon or you can call Coleen Cardy at 724-238-3967 or Sandy Raymond at 301-651-2284.

We need volunteers for the following areas:

- Greeters to welcome attendees and hand out literature
- Runners to take orders and deliver lunch to exhibitors
- Bake sale (baking, receiving baked goods on the morning of the Fair, and helping to sell)
- Parking attendants (both onsite and at a remote lot)

- Sign placement in the community to publicize the Fair (both large and small signs)
- Sellers at the Artisans Auction for items donated by the exhibitors
- Setup during late afternoon Friday, May 26
- Takedown at the end of the Fair (after 3 PM May 27)

Scholarships to IRHS Students Named After Donna L. Spickler

Each of two scholarships given annually to two Indian River High School students, this year in the amount of \$1,500 each, will be designated the Donna L. Spickler Memorial Scholarship.

Donna, who served on the Scholarship Committee and Artisans Fair Committee since 2018, passed away suddenly on March 12, 2023. She had given of herself generously in the effort to raise money for the scholarships through the Artisans Fair and Dine and Donate events.

An example of Donna's giving spirit was when she won the 50-50 cash drawing at one of our Dine and Donate events a few years ago. She immediately donated the winnings back to the scholarship fund. She was one of the key collectors of donations from businesses for the baskets we raffled at the Dine and Donate fund-raisers.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Donna L. Spickler Memorial Scholarship fund may do so by giving cash to the Scholarship Co-Chair Ida Crist at our monthly member meetings at Cripple Creek or by mailing a check made out to South Coastal Delaware AARP, P. O. Bo 225, Ocean View, DE 19970 and designating the check Spickler Scholarship Fund.

AARP Driver Safety Classes

Online courses are available. Sign up today at www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/ or call 1-800-350-7025. Upon completion of a driver safety class, you may be eligible to receive an **auto insurance discount**. Consult your insurance agent for details.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of anyone who needs a greeting card, please contact **Joan Wolf** at **302-541-0513**.

Chorus – Ann Jaeger

The AARP chorus, the Singers of Note, will perform at three concerts in May and June that are open to the public. The chorus will perform a shortened program at the member luncheon at Cripple Creek on Tuesday, June 20.

You can hear the entire 10-song program at Prince George's Chapel on Rt. 26 in Dagsboro at 3 PM Sunday, May 21. A small outdoor reception will follow the concert at this historic chapel. The concert will be repeated at 11 AM, Friday, June 2, at Millville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, next to the church. One of the highlights will be "We Sing for the Children" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, which features Marge Mariotti performing in American Sign Language.

Help Wanted – Frances Hart

We have switched to a new mail server. If you fail to get your newsletter or email blast, and are reading this directly from our website, please let me know. I can be reached at **703-801-7216**.

I am looking for a backup person to assist with coordinating with our webmaster and updating email addresses. Call me if you are interested.

NAME BADGE UPDATE



National AARP has updated their logo and we as a local chapter must follow their dictate.

We will be ordering 2"x3" plastic name tags with magnetic backing. These badges will include the new logo and your first name will be displayed slightly larger than your last name. The cost is \$10.

This is totally optional. We will continue to print badges with the plastic sleeve that you hang around your neck at no cost to you.

If interested in purchasing the magnetic plastic name tag, please give your name and \$10 (checks preferred) to Kay Houston (at the membership table) at the May or June meeting. They will be distributed at the September meeting.



CHAPTER TRIPS

2023

May 17

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

WAIT LIST ONLY

Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club

Overview:

In this roaring 20's Murder Mystery Show performed by Riddlesbrood Touring Theatre's crime pays off big time! With shady characters, suspense, tommy guns and cheesy puns. The year is 1926, and two bumbling gangs are duke' in it out for control of the bootleg business. But be careful! The jokes and action can be a blast...so if there is a lot of gun play...don't forget to duck. But if prohibition has got you down, and your hankering for some illegal hooch, just stop by...tell them "Sharkie" sent ya!

Dinner Selection Choice of one: Chicken Parmesan, Flounder Picatta or Prime Rib

Salad, dessert, rolls/butter, coffee, tea, lemonade or soft drinks Cash bar available

Price includes: Dinner and show

Price \$60.00 per person

For Reservations Contact Jim Harding (302)245-8511 or Lucille Kurtz (302)537-4389

June 7-9

QUAINT AMISH GETAWAY

WAIT LIST ONLY

3 Days 2 nights

Overview:

This wonderful trip will give you a little bit of everything. We start this trip off with a relaxing train ride through Lancaster County's famous Amish Country. After our train excursion we will head over to Hershey Farm Inn for a wonderful buffet lunch before heading to Sight & Sound to see Moses. The new production of Moses, set adrift as a baby, he is an unlikely hero-until God calls him to lead. This is one of the Bible's most epic stories. To finish off the night we will head to Shady Maple for a tremendous dinner buffet. We will see a new production of "Dear Soldier Boy" dinner show at Bird in Hand Stage. A two hour guided Amish Farmland Tour with stops along the way. We will visit Lapp Valley Dairy Farm, where they make their own ice cream, and raise the cows. It is the best ice cream for which everyone will have a chance to sit on the front porch and enjoy a dish or cone of ice cream. You will have time to browse and shop the stores in Kitchen Kettle Village and you will have time at the Amish Farmers Market in Bird in Hand. You can bring coolers for your shopping. A wine and cheese social under a beautiful gazebo allows for some down time and socializing.

Price includes: 2nights hotel accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners to include Shady Maple & Bird in Hand. 1 wine & cheese social, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides

Price: \$485.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$610.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

Trip Protection Insurance can be purchased through Square Mouth Insurance (800)240-0369

For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511

Or Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980

Oct 1-5 AUTUMN IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

WAIT LIST ONLY

5 days 4 Nights

Overview:

The White Mountains of New Hampshire are absolutely beautiful this time of year. We have packed this trip in order for you to view beautiful colors of the mountains from all different viewpoints. *A Scenic Railroad Dinner along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee where you will travel through the village of Weirs Beach and along Paugus Bay towards Lakeport, NH. You'll enjoy breathtaking views of New Hampshire's largest lake. *We will ride up the White Mountains on the first mountain-climbing cog railway in the world. This cog train will climb through three climate zones to arrive on the top of the White Mountains. *Travel to the top of Cannon Mountain on an aerial tramway whisking you above timberline to

the 4,100 foot summit with outstanding views of the White Mountains and into Maine, Vermont and Canada. *Enjoy a picturesque boat cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee located in the beautiful lake region at the foothills of the White Mountains. *Visit Franconia Notch State Park with dramatic views, as we travel through the Notches we will see covered bridges, scenic waterfall, mountain streams and the beautiful Mt. Washington Hotel. *Tour the Castle in the Clouds Mansion, a mountaintop estate, built 1913/1914. This estate is a unique example of Arts and Crafts architecture in New England. *A performance at the M&D Playhouse at the historic Eastern Slope Inn Playhouse. *Explore Wolfeboro and Weirs Beach nestled on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Price Includes: 4 nights hotel accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners to include Fall Foliage Dinner Train. Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides.

Price: \$1,229.00 per person based on **Double Occupancy**
\$1,499.00 per person based on **Single Occupancy**

Travel Protection Insurance **\$119.00** per person Double Occupancy **\$145.00** per person Single Occupancy

For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511
Or Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980

Nov 8

THE FIRST NOEL
Presented by the American Music Theatre

WAIT LIST ONLY

Overview:

“The First Noel” featuring incredible singers, astonishing dancers, wondrous costumes, breathtaking sets, and all the endearment of a perfect fireside family moment! Bask in the beauty of the season, and cherish the stories of spirit and love as we bring all your favorite sights and sounds to the stage. This year’s all-new holiday show features your favorite seasonal and sacred Christmas songs – songs brought to life by marvelous vocal talent from across the country, accompanied by our masterful AMT Orchestra. Beautiful snows capes, child-like joy, cherished stories, the spirit of love, and all your favorite things about the holiday season are cast onstage in this glorious celebration of timeless holiday classics.

Price includes: The Kitchen Kettle Village for lunch on your own and some Christmas Shopping, dinner in a classic converted train dining car of The Casey Jones. A wonderful show at the American Music Theatre, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

Price: \$144.00 per person

For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511 or email james.aarp5226@gmail.com

Dec 5

THE MIRCLE OF CHRISTMAS
Presented by Sight & Sound Theatre

WAIT LIST ONLY

Overview:

This holiday season; travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three Wisemen—along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah! Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Price Includes: The Kitchen Kettle Village for lunch on your own and some Christmas Shopping, dinner at Hershey Farm restaurant and a magnificent show at Sight and Sound Theatre, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

Price: 150.00 per person

For Reservations Contact: Mable Ruddo, Escort (302)541-8549

2024

Nov 10-15

CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES

Overview:

Dollywood’s Smoky Mountain Christmas event is a favorite for Dolly Parton, who enjoys bringing families

together for a magical holiday celebration each year. It's no easy feat hanging up over **6 million Christmas lights** while simultaneously preparing for other seasonal events and offering park-goers an uninterrupted experience.

Guided Tour of the Great Smoky Mountains – The Great Smoky Mountains are a mountain range rising along the Tennessee–North Carolina border in the southeastern United States. They are a subrange of the Appalachian Mountains, and form part of the Blue Ridge Physiographic Province. We will meet our guide for a tour of the majestic Smoky Mountains America's most visited National Park.

Enjoy Touring & Tasting at Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine Distillery.

Become an actual passenger or crew member and experience what it was like on the ship. Walk the hallways, parlors, cabins and Grand Staircase of the Titanic while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts.

Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland is a wonderland of Christmas Lights Orchestrated and Choreographed to Music? Christmas Experience is for you. Looking for modern props, special effects, and a storyline for all ages. This experience is for you.

We will visit the Museum of the Cherokee Indian; this museum tells the story of the Cherokee people and sets the scene for the Cherokee Heritage Trails. The Cherokee community presents its own perspective on its history and culture through impressive exhibits taking you from 11,000 years ago to the present.

Price Includes: 5 nights hotel accommodations, 5 breakfasts & 3 dinners, including Dolly Parton's Stampede dinner show, and meal voucher at Dollywood, 2 additional shows; Country Tonite and Charlie Bob Smith Morning Variety Show, Round Trip Deluxe Motor Coach, luggage handling in Pigeon Forge area, Entrance to all listed Venues, Taxes and Meal Gratuities.

Price: \$950.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$1,289.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

For Reservations Contact: Maria Harding, Escort 302-381-0980

Jim Harding, Escort 302-245-8511

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERED GO TO:

www.southcoastalaarp.org

Disclaimer

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Trip Reservations:

To make a reservation for any trip contact the trip coordinator listed on the flyer. Make checks payable to: South Coastal AARP and mail 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, unless noted differently
- 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 the trip coordinator listed on the flyer
- 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

- **Seating will be assigned when initial payment is received**
- All overnight trips use a payment schedule.
- Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips. If cancellation is necessary due to illness member will submit claim to the insurance carrier for their reimbursement/ refund.
- Cancellation Policy: Refund by Replacement only
- No refunds for payments will be given unless a replacement. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants

Please Note

We offer four possible ways to notify you of our upcoming trips.

****Blind Broadcast emails sent out to all members supplying their emails **Newsletter ***
Website**General Meeting****

Once notices are sent you have the option to book the trip being offered.

UPCOMING TRIPS
St. Augustine & Amelia Island "2024"