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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Chorus	Ann Jaeger	436-5173
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DID YOU KNOW BEEBE HEALTHCARE IS PLANNING A MAJOR EXPANSION?

Join us on November 21 at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club to learn more. Mr. Jeffrey M. Fried, President and CEO of Beebe Healthcare, Mrs. Judy L. Aliquo, President and CEO of Beebe Medical Foundation and other leaders from Beebe will share an update on their current services and future expansion plans in Sussex County.

Beebe Healthcare has announced a new free-standing Emergency Department and a new free-standing Cancer Center in the Millville by the Sea area as well as the addition of more family practice doctors and services. Join us to learn more about these exciting plans that are focused on helping people get and stay healthy.

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Hot Turkey Plate - Sliced roasted turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetable and cranberry. Served with a toasted roll. **OR**

Soup and Sandwich Combo - 1/2 of a grilled vegetable sandwich with a cup of butternut squash soup. **OR**

Greek Salad - House salad blend with artichoke hearts, Kalamata olives, pepperoncini, red onion and Feta cheese. Topped with grilled chicken and served with Greek dressing.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will feature pumpkin pie.

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, November 15**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller** at **236-5570**.

STANDING RULES -- CHANGES

The following Standing Rules changes for the South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226 were approved at the October 10, 2017, Board of Directors meeting.

Please read them. The membership will be asked to adopt them at the November 21, 2017, Chapter Luncheon/Annual Meeting.

V. OFFICERS

Section A

Presently is: The Chapter shall have seven (7) officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer

Change to: The Chapter shall have seven (7) officers: President, Vice President, Program Director, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

Reason for change: Instead of First Vice President (who now does programs) and Second Vice President (who is now responsible for Tour Committee) we would now name the person responsible for the Tour Committee the Vice President and the person responsible for Programs/Luncheon Menus the Program Director.

Section D

Presently is: A chapter officer may serve only three consecutive terms in the same office except for the Second Vice President and the Assistant Treasurer who can serve up to six consecutive terms.

Change to: A chapter officer may serve only three consecutive terms in the same office except for the Vice President and the Assistant Treasurer who can serve up to six consecutive terms.

Reason for change: The Second Vice President is now called the Vice President under the proposed rules changes.

IX. FINANCES

Section F - Last Section in this section

Presently is: The authorized officers for the Tour Account are the President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

Change to: The authorized officers for the Tour Account are the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

Reason for change: We no longer have a Second Vice President. The Vice President is responsible for the Tour Committee and can sign Tour Committee checks.

SECTION III, MEMBERSHIP

Part F, last sentence

Presently is: To facilitate Chapter operations, the membership list may be made available to only Chapter Officers, Committee Chairs, or other members responsible for an approved Chapter activity and to AARP Area officers and staff.

Change to: To facilitate Chapter operations, the membership list may be made available to only Chapter Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, or other members responsible for an approved South Coastal DE Chapter activity.

Reason for change: This would add directors to the list of those getting a membership list. In the past, directors have received a membership list. This also eliminates "and to AARP Area officers and staff" since state and national AARP do not need to receive our membership list which contains names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses where available.

IX. FINANCES

Add Section N under IX to read: The President of the Chapter must sign all obligating contracts or the president may delegate this responsibility to committee chairs as appropriate.

Reason for change: From time to time, the Chapter enters into contracts with various entities for purposes such as website design and build, yearly website hosting and maintenance, luncheon venue/meals, luncheon programs, and Anniversary venue/meals to name a few. This addition clarifies the responsibility for signing these agreements.

Section G

Presently is: The President and Treasurer are responsible for managing the approved budget, staying within the approved expenditures. The Board may authorize the President or Treasurer to cover unbudgeted expenditures up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) without further approval of the membership, assuming funds are available. Unbudgeted expenditures greater than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) must be approved by Chapter membership.

Change: Replace the three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in each place in Section G with one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Reason for change: Allows for emergency spending (if funds are available). This amount has been \$300 for many years and needs to be increased. The \$1,000 figure represent only about 4.6% of the Chapter's 2017 Income/Expenditures budget of \$21,700.00 (Budget before adding Anniversary Committee budget amount of

\$7,550.00). Also, the Chapter may have to pay more non-members to do certain tasks if we cannot get volunteer participation. This budget expense might not be anticipated, as was the case with the Website.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2018

At the October 10, 2017, Board of Directors meeting, the board approved the following nominations for the positions needed for 2018. This is usually done at the October Luncheon, which was not held this year due to the 20th year Anniversary Celebration on October 24, 2017.

If you have any nominations you would like to make for any of these positions, you may do so at the November 21, 2017, Chapter Luncheon/Annual Meeting. If you do so, make sure that you have the permission of anyone you nominate.

Officers serve a 1-year term and can serve three consecutive terms in the same office except that the Vice President and Assistant Treasurer may serve up to six consecutive terms.

President	Chris Norris
Vice President	James Harding
Program Director	Kathy Tirella
Secretary	Terry Baker
Corresponding Secretary	Patricia McMullen
Treasurer	Kathy Johnson
Assistant Treasurer	Kathy Filip

Directors serve a 3-year term and may serve only one term.

Jack Macken	2018 - 2020
Jack Beall To serve remaining 2 years of Chris Norris's term.	2018 - 2019

Nominating Committee members serve a 2-year term and may serve no more than two consecutive terms

Andrea Gowetski	2018 - 2019
Sandra McGrath	2018 - 2019
Julia McMullen	2018 - 2019

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder Upcoming Events

11/2/2017 2 - 6 PM – Comprehensive Plan Hearing
– County Council Chambers – Georgetown Circle

11/8/2017 – Wednesday – 12 Noon – South Coastal Library – Next Legislative Committee Meeting. All are welcome.

State AARP

HB 99 – Senior Property Tax Credit will probably be superseded by HB268, which passed the House (only) in the wee hours of 6/30/17! HB 268 calls for a refundable credit, with an annual income limit of \$50,000 (it's means-tested). We lobbied our proposal hard with legislators (which was more favorable to the middle class). HB 268 is in the Senate Finance Committee currently and expected to come up for consideration in Jan. 2018. We will update you at the next board meeting.

Local AARP

Last week we hosted Sheila Grant – Delaware AARP's Associate Director for Advocacy (third ranked state AARP official). We are coordinating with state AARP on how we fit into the AARP decision making process in order to have our initiatives be recognized by State AARP. Our first part of this project requires us to get a clear picture of our members' top priority issues for guidance to set up our efforts moving forward.

We are developing an issues survey of members' concerns. We would look at results from the whole chapter and identify the top two or three issues and plan our agenda around those. Then according to the AARP Chapter Handbook, the Board would vote on the Legislative Agenda, so we will have authority to pursue those items on behalf of the Chapter. As issues come up during the year, we can look back at our Top three from the survey and know what our people care most about.

Membership – Enid Levine

We welcome new members Mary Ellen Koehler, Donna Redman, Florence Morris and John and Maryann Walker. This brings our membership to 518 members. Membership renewals are due by November 15. If nothing on the application has changed since last year, you do not have to fill out an application. Couples can submit one application for both. You can mail a renewal check or application package to Enid Levine, 38019 East Chester Lane, Ocean View DE 19970-2827.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

At the November luncheon, the Community Service Committee will be collecting "Dollars for Kids". Any amount is appreciated.

Food Bank: We are still in need of food for the food pantry. 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**. The schedule is as follows: **St. Ann's Catholic Church** - November 10 and December 15. Call for times. Check for other locations in Sussex County on the web site.

Scholarship - Shirley Price/Ione Phillips

The Scholarship Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 1 at 3 PM at the South Coastal Library. New members are always welcome. The committee will be finalizing plans for its annual Fall Fundraiser to be held at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar in Bethany Beach on November 30. (See separate article about the event.)

For more information about the committee, contact co-chair Ione Phillips at 302-539-2172 or ldphillips@mchsi.com.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

AARP Sponsored Book Club

The Book group will be meeting at the library on Thursday, November 2 at 10:30 AM to discuss "Everybody's Fool" by Richard Russo. It is a book filled with humor, heart, and hard-luck characters.

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

We are happily starting the new year singing Christmas music. We are doing music from past years, and it is great visiting them again. We welcome new members to our fun group. We have had a few new faces at practice this year. Come join us! We meet at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach on Wednesdays at 10 AM till noon.

For more information, contact our director, Ann Jaeger (302-436-5173)

Driver's Safety Classes - Joan King

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 November 6. To register call Joan King at 239-567-0606.

All classes are held at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members

JOIN US AT FINS ALE HOUSE AND RAW BAR, BETHANY BEACH, ON NOVEMBER 30 FOR OUR ANNUAL BASKET AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Committee is hard at work assembling baskets for its annual Fall Fundraiser to benefit the Scholarship Fund. This year's event will take place from 4 - 9 PM on November 30 at the new Fins Ale House and Raw Bar located in the Marketplace at Sea Colony shopping center on Route 1 in Bethany Beach.

This year's baskets will have a holiday theme to meet your needs for holiday gifts or entertaining. Fins will generously donate 15% of its proceeds during the event hours to the Scholarship Fund. If you haven't been to Fins yet, this is a great chance to try this new addition to the area's dining options.

The Scholarship Committee provides \$5,000 annually in scholarships. This includes two \$1,500 scholarships to Indian River High School seniors and four \$500 scholarships to adults attending Delaware Tech. The Fall Fundraiser and the Artisans Fair in May are the two primary fundraisers for the scholarships

Please join us on November 30. You can come in at any time during the event for dinner and to bid on baskets. You do not have to be present to win. Attendees can expect an evening of great food, fun, and fellowship with other chapter members while helping raise funds for a great cause.

CHAPTER TRIPS

- 2017**
- 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? **Price includes:** motor coach transportation, show, dinner at Millers Smorgasbord Restaurant, tips, and gratuities.
Price: \$128 per person WAIT LIST ONLY
- Dec 2-7** **Nashville, Tennessee**
Enjoy 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 the Grand Ole Opry, Treasures for the Holidays a Craft, Antique and Art Show enjoy a self-guided tour of the "Parade of Trees", a fabulous holiday dinner show in Pigeon Forge. **Price includes:** 5 breakfast, 1 luncheon cruise, 2 Holiday Dinner Shows, hotel accommodations, motor coach transportation, admission fees to all scheduled sightseeing per itinerary, tips, gratuities, and luggage handling.
Price: \$1199 per person based on double occupancy WAIT LIST ONLY
\$1549 per person based on single occupancy
- Dec 13** **Radio City Christmas Spectacular**
Enjoy a wonderful Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall and after the show enjoy Christmas in New York City on your own. You will be provided a map of New York City in order to explore points of interest, Rockefeller Center and the Christmas tree, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Time Square, Macy's Christmas display, then enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants in the city. **Price includes:** show, motor coach transportation, tips and gratuities. Lunch and Dinner on your own. Bus departs Giant parking lot 5:30 am for a 11AM show.
Price: \$165 per person 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. **Price includes:** 2 week cruise, shipboard meals, entertainment, one night hotel accommodations in beautiful San Juan, round-trip motor coach transportation to Philadelphia Airport, non-stop round trip airfare to San Juan, transportation to and from the cruise ship and hotel, port charges and taxes. \$50.00 room credit the second week. For more information, call Jim Harding.
- April 30- May 1** **Gettysburg National Military Park**
Explore Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitors Center, Guided tour of Gettysburg Battlefield, Eisenhower National Historic Site, Tour of the Shriver's' Home, Haunted Ghost Tour of Jennie Wade House, Haunted Orphanage and Cemetery Hill. Dinner at the Dobbin House and Lunch at Hickory Bridge Restaurant in Organna. **Price includes:** 1 dinner, 1 Breakfast, and 1 lunch, motor coach transportation, tax, gratuities, baggage and handling, admission to all scheduled sightseeing per itinerary and hotel accommodations.
Price: \$270 per person based on double occupancy WAIT LIST ONLY
\$331 per person based on single occupancy
- May 9** **Jesus-Sight & Sound**
Sight & Sound Theatres invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! Jesus is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Bus leaves Giant parking lot 9:30 AM. **Price includes:** show, motor coach, dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, tax and gratuities.
Price: \$133 per person
- 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 19-21

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

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE TRIPS OFFERED 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

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Scholarship Committee 3 p.m. South Coastal Library</p>	<p>2 AARP Book Club 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>	3	4
<p>5 Daylight Savings Ends Turn back your clock</p>	<p>6 Driver's Refresher Course South Coastal Library</p>	<p>7 Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Community Service Meeting 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Legislative Committee 12:00 noon South Coastal Library</p>	<p>8 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>	9	10	<p>11 </p>
12	13	<p>14 AARP Board Meeting 10:10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>	<p>15 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon</p> <p>Miracle of Christmas-Sight and Sound Trip</p>	16	17	18
19	20	<p>21 Chapter Luncheon – 12 noon Meeting 1:00 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club</p>	<p>22 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>	<p>23  Happy Thanksgiving</p>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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SOUTH COASTAL AARP CHAPTER 5226 NEW MEMBER AND RENEWAL FORM

Your renewal must be received by November 15, 2017, in order to receive the next newsletter. (Please complete the form by typing or printing legibly).

CHECK ONE: New member Renewing Member Date _____

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) _____

Name Tag _____

Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

How do you want to receive your newsletters and information? Email _____ or U.S. Mail _____

Membership renewal is **\$7** is using email and **\$10** is using U.S. mail. If two or more members are in the same household, you need to pay only one \$3 fee is choosing U.S. Mail.

National AARP Membership No. _____ Expiration: _____

Your national membership and expiration date are on your membership card and also on the mailing label of **AARP THE MAGAZINE**. Membership in National AARP does not make you a member of your local chapter.

Current/Previous Occupation _____

Service To Your Chapter

Our philosophy is that everyone does his/her share to help make the program a success. Please check your interest in volunteering for any of the following chapter committee or to serve in a leadership position.

Committees

Chapter Newsletter Community Service Host/Hostess Legislative
 Membership Program Public Relations Scholarship Tours (planning)

Officers/Board of Directors

Would you consider serving as: Officer Board Member Committee Chair?

Please share with us any experience or skills that you have that you may wish to use for Chapter projects.

Chapter Activities of Interest to Me

Chorus Tours Other (please specify) _____

Signature _____

Please return your application with your annual \$7 (Email) or \$10 (U.S. Mail) membership fee per person (checks only), payable to South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226 to: Enid Levin, 38019 East Chester Lane, Ocean View, DE 19970 (Phone (302) 541-5639)