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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON WILL FEATURE UPDATES ON FORT MILES AND TOWER 3

The Fort Miles Historical Association Board President, Mr. Gary Wray will be the speaker at our November 19 luncheon at Cripple Creek Country Club.

He will bring us up to date on their efforts with the new Fort Miles Museum and efforts to restore Tower 3 at Dewey Beach.

The Fort Miles Historical Association was selected by Governor Carney last year as the state's volunteers of the year for their hard work on both endeavors.

For more information about Fort Miles, go to their web site at (www.fortmiles.org).

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Hot Turkey Plate - Sliced roasted turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and cranberries. Served with a toasted roll .

OR

Italian Hoagie - Ham, pepperoni, salami, lettuce, tomato, onions, Italian dressing and provolone on a hoagie roll.

OR

Jerk Chicken Salad - Jerk chicken over mixed greens with grilled pineapple, pickled red onions and tomato with a mango vinaigrette dressing.

Beverages include ice tea, lemonade, coffee, and water. Dessert will consist of 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: \$17 members and \$18 guests.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing: **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412), madod@aol.com by noon, Wednesday, November 13.** To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Allys Macken (914-819-**

2992), (302-616-2650),
cecemac.macken@gmail.com.

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

Please remember items for the food bank.

REMINDER: You must make reservations to attend the luncheon. No walk ins. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you are responsible for the cost of the luncheon.

2020 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The election for these positions will be held at the November luncheon.

The following nominations for elected positions were made at the October Chapter #5226 Luncheon:

Officers - 1 year term (2020)

President - Jim Harding
Vice Pres - Lucille Kurtz
Program Director - Rose Verona
Secretary - Maureen Eisenhart
Corresponding Sect. - Joan Thomas
Treasurer - Carolyn Kelly
Assist. Treasurer - Kathy Phillip

Directors - 3 year term (2020-2022)

Andrea Gowetski
Jack Beall
Terry Baker (Complete term of Lucille Kurtz (2020-2021))

Nominating Committee - 2 year term (2020-2021)

Sandra McGrath
VACANT
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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

It is time to renew your membership in our chapter. 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 **\$10** fee. We ask that all

renewing members **submit a new membership form** along with their dues. If a member joined or renewed during May - August 2019, the membership extends through August 31, 2020.

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. Deadline for renewals is **November 1, 2019**.

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

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW.

Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder

Legislative

Our Legislative Committee is planning and putting together an ACTION PLAN for 2019-2020 to carry forward the incredible successes we had in the General Assembly last year. **Part I** we announced last month – our committee Vice Chairman, Mary Louise Embry, has been appointed to act as the state point person for AARP to help make sure the necessary regulatory details are in place for the implementation of our Share the Care Act, passed unanimously by both houses last year. This may mean new legislation for us to work on.

We are now announcing **Part II** of our new Action Plan – a second member of our group has been appointed to act as a state point person for AARP – our Ted Spickler will monitor the newly appointed state Legislative Working group charged with reducing Drug Prices in Delaware. This group may produce legislation we will work to support as well. There has never been a more important time to be part of our work. We are involved at the early, top legislative level in the state protecting the rights of Delaware seniors.

Environmental

Two weeks ago the new trail construction was completed with a beautiful new foot bridge over a low wet area at Holts Landing State Park. Our new 600-foot boardwalk over the meadow with a full view of the Indian River Bay was just begun at the end of September. It will complete the loop between the parking lot and the Sea Hawk Trail.

Upcoming Events

11/5/19 – Noon – Legislative Committee meets in Room A of the South Coastal Library for planning this year's Action Plan. You are welcome to attend and participate.

11/12/19 – 9 AM – Friends of Holts Landing State Park, meet at the maintenance shed to beautify this gorgeous natural wonder. Coffee and donuts are provided. Join us for three hours of fun work in the woods.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee will collect "Dollars for Kids Coats" in November. Donation baskets will be on the tables at the AARP luncheon.

Don't forget that we will have "Gifts for Seniors" in December. Some suggestions are: gift certificates from grocery stores or Walmart, hats, gloves, lap blankets. Please mark the gift if it is for a "M" or "F".

We will also be collecting toothpaste for kids in December and January. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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

If You Can Sew, You Can Help Make a Quilt for the Artisans Fair

You don't have to be a quilter to help make a beautiful quilt, which will be offered at next year's Artisans Fair, Saturday, May 23. Frances Hart, who is coordinating the quilt effort, says, "If you can use a sewing machine, you can help construct the quilt."

Last year, we raised \$200 for quilts donated by the Delmarvalous Quilters. This year, the Scholarship Committee would like to raise additional funds through a silent auction for a quilt made by members and their friends.

So if you are or you know any quilters or seamstresses, contact Frances Hart at 703-801-7216 or send her an email at fihart46@gmail.com. The funds raised from the sale of the quilt will help fund college scholarships for Indian River High School students and Delaware Technical and Community College adult students.

Come join others in a worthwhile cause and have some creative fun.

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 busy working on holiday music! We are so pleased to have some new members and are enjoying our full range of voices! Members are always welcomed, so come to our practice at the Bethany Beach Library at 10 AM on Wednesday. We practice until noon. On Wednesday, October 30 our practice has been moved to Ocean View Presbyterian Church on Central Avenue in Ocean View. This is just for October 30. We will be back to the library for November 6. For questions or to join, talk to our leader, Ann Jaeger at 645-8023.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of any member who needs a card (get well, bereavement, etc.), please contact **Joan Wolf** at **541-0513**.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for an assistant to help manage the web page interface with our Web Master. Only light computer skills are needed. Please call Frances at 703-801-7216, if you are interested in helping when she is out of town.

WEBSITE

The AARP South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 has a website with information containing upcoming events, copies of our newsletters for the past 2 years, a list of all the trips that the chapter is currently planning, and information about our committees and other chapter activities. Please bookmark our address and visit this website to see what is available. www.southcoastalaarp.org

DINE AND DONATE NOVEMBER 12 TO SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Gift Baskets and 50-50 Auction to Be Featured at Fins

Our annual Dine and Donate will be from **4 to 8:30 PM. Tuesday, November 12**, at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar in Bethany Beach to raise funds for the Scholarship Fund. We will also have an array of baskets containing merchandise and gift cards donated by local merchants.

Fins, located across from Sea Colony on Route 1 in Bethany Beach, will donate a percentage of the evening's dinner receipts to the Scholarship Committee of South Coastal DE AARP. There will also be a 50-50 cash drawing. All proceeds from the basket auction and 50-50 go toward college scholarships for Indian River High School seniors and adult students at Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown.

If you would like to donate bottles of wine to help fill the baskets, or if you have a new item that is appropriate to include in nice gift baskets, we would be grateful. You can bring the donations to the Long and Foster Real Estate office on the southbound side of Route 1, Bethany Beach, by Friday, November 1. Mark them to the attention of Shirley Price.

Come and enjoy a fantastic evening and bring your friends.

Ida Crist, Co-chair
Scholarship Committee

CHAPTER TRIPS

2019

Nov 13

Murder Mystery Dinner

A Killer High School Reunion, everybody will be cutting Footloose in this totally tubular comedy murder mystery reuniting the class of 1985! Jennifer Grey McFly is sure it is her time after 17 years as assistant principal but when the star quarterback of the 1985 Championship Football Team returns, mayhem might ensue! Join a crazy cast of characters from familiar movies and TV and some Awesome music as we discover who will be the next principal of Franklin Pierce High School!

Price includes: show, dinner and gratuities. Alcoholic beverages are not included, however, optional cash bar is available. This venue will be held at Cripple Creek Country Golf Club, Dagsboro. Doors open @ 5:15 PM and dinner starts @ 6:00 PM.

Price: \$50.00 per person

Dec 11

Longwood Gardens & Winterthur Gardens

Discover one of the Brandywine Valley's most spectacular holiday showcases! Yuletide at Winterthur embraces the warmth and festivity of the season with a **magnificent holiday tour of Henry Francis du Pont's mansion** as well as breathtaking trees, dazzling room displays, a magical dollhouse, and the opportunity to shop, dine, and create new memories.

No holiday is complete without a visit to **A Longwood Christmas at Longwood Gardens**, where more than 500,000 twinkling lights and a spectacular fountain show create a brilliant wonderland that families are sure to love. As visitors stroll through the grounds, they can marvel at lights strung on miles and miles of wire glowing in the trees and seasonal plants decked out with ornaments. Outside, colorful fountains dance to holiday music and three fire pits invite guests to cozy up under the stars.

Price includes: round trip deluxe motor coach transportation and admission to all sightseeing per itinerary, guided tours, tax and gratuities. Lunch will be on your own at Winterthur.

Price: \$98.00 per person

2020

May 1-
May 3

Virginia International Tattoo

The largest spectacle of music in the United States, the Virginia International Tattoo offers an astounding display of inspirational military music, majestic massed pipes and drums, show stopping drill team maneuvers, colorful and elegant dancers, and much more. Each year's Tattoo is different, with new performers from across the globe, new themes of honor and patriotism, and new sights and sounds to amaze you. Our 24th annual Tattoo, set for April 30 - May 3, 2020, will feature over 1,000 performers from eight different countries--don't blink or you might miss something!

The Greatest Generation Our 2020 Tattoo promises to be one of the most moving ever, as we mark **the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II** and honor the **courage and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation**. With stirring music, historic photos and video, tributes from U.S. military bands, and special appearances by veterans, we will remember and celebrate the men and women who changed the course of history, not only for the United States but for the world.

Overview

Visit **Naval Station Norfolk**, the largest naval installation in the world. On your riding tour, pass the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" and drive by the military vessels, including the magnificent battleships. An active-duty military personnel will board the motor coach and narrate throughout the base. Then embark on a riding tour of **Norfolk** to learn about the port city's colorful 330-year history as you ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas. Next, enjoy ice cream on a famous waffle cone from **Doumar's**. Abe Doumar invented the waffle cone by taking a waffle and rolling it into a cone, to which he added ice cream. Doumar's still bakes cones on the original cone machines.

Visit **Nauticus**, a nautical museum, where guests will learn about the power of the sea, experience ship handling first hand and pet a shark. Visit the museum and then enjoy a self-guided tour of the **Battleship**

Wisconsin—the largest battleship that served in WWII, the Korean War and the Persian Gulf War. Then, walk the short distance for reserved seating at the **Parade of Nations** which features marching bands, Military performers, dazzling floats and decorated NATO officials, all representing NATO nations. Following the parade, visit **Town Point Park** for **NATO Fest**, a cultural experience of food, drink and entertainment. The 28 NATO countries will showcase their unique cultures in a festival-style format. Guests can take in the sights and sounds while enjoying lunch on their own from the many international offerings. Next visit the **MacArthur Memorial**, for a glimpse into our country's history. View the outstanding collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and memorabilia housed in Norfolk's historic city hall which trace the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur and see the 25-minute film which chronicles General MacArthur's life. The General and Mrs. MacArthur are entombed in the rotunda of the memorial. Then, depart for a fun-filled night at **The Virginia International Tattoo**. The experience will begin with **Taste of Tattoo: A Pre-Performance Dinner Experience**, featuring lively entertainment acts performed on a stage while guests enjoy a delicious, plentiful Southern buffet dinner. Then it's on to the main event—the **Tattoo**, the largest ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands in the United States. In a premium seating section, guests will see pageantry and patriotism, spirit and spectacle, talent and teamwork, precision personified.

Visit the Military Aviation Museum. Home to one of the largest private collections of World War II and Korean War era fighters, bombers, trainers and seaplanes in the world. Many aircraft have been fully restored to their World War II condition and are used for flight demonstration, movie production and commercials. An in-depth guided tour will be given of the vintage aircraft and numerous other veteran vehicles housed in a variety of hangars and within the main museum. Next, visit the **Norfolk Botanical Gardens** in full bloom. Take a trackless tram to explore 155-acres of rare flowers, mature forests and one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, and roses on the East Coast. Enjoy lunch on your own at the garden café.

Package Includes: Two nights lodging @ Hyatt Place Virginia Beach Town Center, Luggage Handling, Two breakfasts at the hotel, two dinners, one lunch and one ice cream treat. All admissions, taxes & meal gratuities, a dedicated local guide for 3 days, gratuity for guide and motor coach driver, round trip motor coach transportation.

Price:	Double Occupancy	\$575.00 per person
	Single Occupancy	\$736.00 per person
	Triple Occupancy	\$521.00 per person

May 6

Air Mobility Command Museum & John Dickenson Plantation

Fly back with us in history to the Air Mobility Command Museum. The only museum dedicated to airlift and refueling history. The museum's collection on the grounds of DAFB is focused on U.S. Air Force history from WWI to today. Go on a guided tour, given by the men who served, of artifacts and planes inside Historic Hangar 1301 as well as the planes on the grounds. John Dickenson Plantation one of the founding fathers of the United States, signer of the U.S. Constitution, and "Penman of the Revolution".

Price includes: roundtrip motor coach, snack, and entrance to attractions. Lunch on your own at Cheddars

Price: \$39.00 per person

May 14

Queen Ester @ Sight and Sound

Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, QUEEN ESTHER is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres. **Price includes:** show, dinner, roundtrip motor coach, tax and gratuities.

Price: \$134.00 per person

**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 tempt 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

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

Open to Everyone

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

Oct 3

Mackinac Island Michigan & Cleveland, Ohio

Oct 11

Since 1887 the Grand Hotel beckons guests to a bygone era of old-world hospitality and charm. Experience the traditions including nightly dancing to the sounds of the Grand Hotel Orchestra, and sitting in a rocking chair on the world's longest porch with views of the Straits of Mackinac.

Cleveland has a proud history that is 223 years in the making General Moses Cleaveland of the Connecticut Land Company came to the Western Reserve and founded the City of Cleveland in 1796. The name changed to its current spelling in 1831 lets discover the real Cleveland in the following days.

Overview:

We will start our tour of the famous "**Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**". Rock Connects Us. Their mission is clear: To engage, teach and inspire through the power of rock and roll. We share stories of the people, events and songs that shape our world through exhibits, innovative programs and concerts. Join the millions who love it as much as you do. For those about to Rock, dive into the new Hall of Fame, voice your choice on who should be inducted, and experience the Power of Rock. Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is a hip-shaking, guitar-flinging reminder of why Cleveland is ground zero for world-famous music. Memorabilia immortalizes the radio DJs and recording artists who invented the genre, and much the rock and roll itself, the multi-level museum just keeps on evolving.

Climb aboard **Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad** and hear the whistle blow! The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad located in Northeast Ohio and runs through Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 33,000 acres of land that is part of the National Park System. The railroad offers an excellent view of the natural scenery and wildlife of the national park and an opportunity to learn about the history of the railroad in the valley.

An overview guided tour of Cleveland, Ohio

Little Italy Neighborhood Food Tour,

If a standard history tour does not appeal, combine history with delicious food on this guided tour. Explore Cleveland's Little Italy neighborhood and learn about the Italian culture that has held firm here for generations. Visit some of the area's best restaurants, some long-standing, some newer, and sample some typical dishes.

Visit **Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland-** Bronner's Christmas Wonderland is a retail store in Frankenmuth, Michigan that promotes itself as the "World's Largest Christmas Store". Designed with an Alpine architecture and operating year-round, the building is 7.35 acres in size with landscaped grounds covering 27 acres.

Frankenmuth Brewery 150-year-old brewery with German & American fare offers outdoor dining with river view & tours. One of America's oldest microbrewery offering award winning ales and lagers since 1826!

Bavarian Inn Restaurant immerses you in Michigan's "Little Bavaria" and takes in a world class dining experience. Since 1888, tens of millions of guests have enjoyed home-cooked meals fresh from our

kitchen. While we are renowned for our World-Famous “all-you-can-eat” family-style dinners that feature platters of our premium golden chicken, our dinner and luncheon menus also include authentic German dishes such as Schnitzel and Sauerbraten, as well as steak and seafood options. We didn’t invent comfort food, but we have perfected it! The Bavarian Inn Restaurant’s cobblestone walkways and Bavarian architecture deliver a fairytale atmosphere for visitors to browse thousands of unique items.

Frankenmuth River Place Shops- over 40 unique shops, featuring floral gardens, streams, waterfalls, and architecture that recreate an authentic Bavarian Village atmosphere.

Since 1887 **Grand Hotel, Mackinac** beckons guests to a bygone era of old-world hospitality and charm. Experience the tradition of Afternoon Tea in the Parlor, dressing up for dinner, nightly dancing to the sounds of the Grand Hotel Orchestra, and sitting in a rocking chair on the world’s longest porch with views of the Straits of Mackinac.

Family-owned for three generations, this National Historic Landmark has always embraced its [rich history](#), while keeping up with current times. That means today, guests enjoy modern amenities while the hotel’s original architecture and charm have been tastefully preserved. Contributing greatly to the hotel’s ambiance is the relaxed atmosphere of [Mackinac Island](#), where cars are not allowed and the horse and carriage and bicycle are favored modes of transportation.

Price includes: 8 night hotel accommodations, 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners, admission to all venues per itinerary, round trip motor coach, round trip ferry to Mackinac, tips, baggage handling, meal gratuities and driver gratuities.

Price: \$1,899.00 per person based on double occupancy
\$2,399.00 per person based on single occupancy
WAITING LIST ONLY

2021

**Nov 2-
Nov 10**

Rhine Getaway River Cruise

Fairy-tale castles, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns and spectacular scenery—little wonder that the Rhine is one of Europe’s best-loved rivers.

Overview:

Depart from home on your over night flight to Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Arrive in **Amsterdam, The Netherlands**. Transfer from the airport to your ship. **Viking Longship Sigrun**. After boarding, relax and get settled in, or enjoy time on your own getting acquainted with the city, or join our “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and get oriented.

Kinderdijk, The Netherlands – This morning we sail to Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a tour of this ingenious network of windmills and other flood management devices. You learn why the windmills were built and see how they work, plus you enter a working windmill for a tour of its mechanisms and living quarters. Return on board for lunch and an enjoyable afternoon of Dutch diversions: sample handcrafted Dutch cheeses and jenever, distilled juniper liquor, and take in a culturally enriching presentation on the Dutch Golden Age.

Cologne, Germany – You have a morning tour of Cologne, including a visit to the Dom, Germany’s largest cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After your tour, spend the rest of the day and evening exploring Cologne on your own: Roman ruins, interesting neighborhoods and museums like the Fragrance Museum and the Chocolate Museum.

Koblenz, Germany – Proceed along the Rhine, disembarking to tour the 700-year-old Marksburg Castle. Alternately, choose an optional excursion that offers a lively and informative tour of Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, or enjoy an optional guided exploration of Koblenz on foot. After, enjoy an onboard lunch as you cruise the scenic **Middle Rhine**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where turreted castles and fortresses overlook the river from their hilltop posts. Arrive in **Rüdesheim, Germany** in the late afternoon. Spend free time in the pedestrian-only Drosselgasse. Dine on board your ship, or you may also choose one of the optional dinners on shore.

Speyer, Germany – After lunch, enjoy an included tour to visit the historic town of Speyer and take in views of the imposing Speyer Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built in the 11th century on the site of a former basilica, the building's design influenced Romanesque architecture for centuries to come, and is the final resting place of eight German monarchs. Alternatively, after breakfast, you may choose to disembark for a full-day tour of Heidelberg, the home of Germany's oldest university, founded in 1386. Visit the beautiful sandstone ruins of imposing Heidelberg Castle and admire the Neckar River Valley. Continue with a walking tour through Old Town to Heidelberg's renowned gates.

Strasbourg, France – We dock this morning in Kehl and disembark for a guided tour of Strasbourg. See the European Parliament and tour the interior of the city's famed cathedral. The afternoon is free to further explore this Alsatian city's blend of French and German cultures, resplendent churches, medieval covered bridges, verdant parks and handsome Art Nouveau and modernist architecture. Alternately, join our optional excursion into Alsatian wine country for an informative winery tour and tasting. On board this evening, enjoy a Taste of Germany dinner event.

Breisach, Germany – Arrive in Breisach this morning, gateway to the Black Forest. Take a scenic excursion through the area's renowned mountain landscape, rolling meadows and dense forests. Once there, visit a local workshop to see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration, and learn how Black Forest Cake is made. Return to your ship for lunch. This afternoon, perhaps join an optional excursion to the quaint Alsatian town of Colmar to discover the storybook charm of its streets lined with medieval, Gothic and Renaissance buildings, or choose an optional excursion that explores Colmar's World War II history. Dine on board this evening and cruise on through the night.

Basel, Switzerland – Disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight

Price includes:

- Round-trip Airfare Viking Air Plus
- 8-day cruise visiting 4 countries & 10 ports
- Cabin,
- Welcome bottle of Wine & Welcome Cocktail Reception & Farewell Dinner
- Wine & Beer served with lunch & dinner
- All onboard meals featuring regional specialties & always available American classics
- 6 included shore excursions with local guide & headset
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Culture Curriculum (enjoy a classical music performance; learn how to create your own Alsatian flammkuchen; observe a traditional glassblower; attend lectures on Germany's current affairs & origins of Rhine River cruising),
- Port Charges
- Taxes
- Transfers in Amsterdam and Basel.
- Motor coach transportation to and from Airport

Price: \$2999.00 Per Person Window Cabin Cat. F
\$3499.00 Per Person French Veranda Cat. D
\$3799.00 Per Person Balcony Cabin Cat. B

(Prices Based on Double Occupancy. Cabin Selection Subject to Availability)

OPEN TO EVERYONE

To make reservations: sign up at any General Meeting or contact Jim Harding (973)903-1495 or email jameshrdg@yahoo.com

Reservations must be paid within 30 days. After the 30 days we reserve the right to cancel your reservations without notice.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERS GO TO: www.southcoastalaarp.org

Disclaimer

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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

WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

Date to be determined: A Day at Cape Charles, winery, oyster/clam farm

Date to be determined: Harriet Tubman Museum

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>		1	2
<p>3 Turn back clocks</p> 	4	<p>5 Community Service Meeting 10:30 A.M. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library</p>	<p>6 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>	7	8	9
10	<p>11 VETERANS DAY</p> 	<p>12 AARP Board Meeting Noon - South Coastal Library (note time change)</p> <p>Dine and Donate 4 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Fin's in Bethany Beach</p>	<p>13 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p> <p>Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon</p> <p>Murder Mystery Dinner 6 p.m. Cripple Creek</p>	14	15	16
17	18	<p>19 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club</p>	<p>20 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>	21	22	23
24	25	26	<p>27 Chorus Practice 10 a.m. South Coastal Library</p>		29	30