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CHAPTER WILL CELEBRATE ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

After months of planning, the Chapter's 20th Anniversary Celebration will take place on **Tuesday, October 24**. take the place of our October Chapter meeting. The event will be held from 5-9 PM at 99 Sea Level in the new Bethany Beach Ocean Suite on the Bethany Beach Boardwalk. If you have not already signed up, there are a few spaces left. The deadline for reservations and payments is Thursday, October 5.

The anniversary committee has planned an exciting evening chock full of great food, entertainment, recognition of chapter accomplishments and a chance to socialize with other members. It promises to be a fun-filled evening of remembering many of our Chapter's highlights over the last two decades!

The event will feature an opening reception hosted by Delaware AARP, a three-course gourmet plated dinner, entertainment by DJ Sky Brady, dancing and chapter recognitions. Parking is free in downtown Bethany Beach in October. Recommended attire is dressy but not formal.

Tickets to the event are \$40 a person. To reserve your space, call committee member Joan Thomas at 302-539-1367 or 302-249-7292 or email her at joandcoach@mchsi.com. When making your reservation, please select your entrée from either Stuffed Chicken Breast with Spinach, Sundried Tomatoes & Mozzarella or Seared Alaskan Salmon in Lemon Wine Sauce. Payment is due immediately after registering to hold your place and can be mailed to 20th Anniversary Celebration, 113 Ashwood Street, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Thanks to the planning committee members who have worked to make this event an enjoyable occasion for Chapter members. They are Brenda Fegelin, Kathy Lesperance, Chris and Helen Norris, Ione Phillips and Joan Thomas.

**NEED YOUR HELP FILLING VACANCIES
OFFICERS- BOARD MEMBERS- NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

AARP Chapter #5226 needs your help!!! Please consider running for positions that will become vacant. This is a preliminary list and will be subject to change. The positions begin in January, 2018.

Officers:

2nd Vice President - is liaison between Board & Tour Committee

Assistant Treasurer - is the treasurer of the Tour Committee

Directors - one needed

Nominating Committee - need 3 members

Officers terms are for 1 year and may serve 3 consecutive terms in the same office except for the 2nd VP and Assistant VP. Treasurer can serve up to 6 consecutive terms.

Directors terms are for 3 years and may serve no more than 1 term.

Nominating Committee terms are for 2 years and may serve 2 consecutive terms.

If you have an interest in any of these positions or know someone that you think would help our Chapter in these positions please call: Joan Thomas 539-1367 or Lee Shoff 539-6952

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder

Legislative

School Property Tax Credit-application forms are available. You must be at least 65 years of age and a full time resident of Delaware for three full years by December 31, 2017. Contact Donna Stevenson at Sussex County- 302-855-7762 or sussex.de.gov.

There is a new Medical Services Location in the Ocean View Cheer Center at 30637 Cedar Neck Road on Thursdays from 10 AM - 4 PM. Call 303-855-1233. See the September newsletter for services provided.

House Bill 80/HS1- Changed the provision allowing car insurance companies to raise rates based on age from 70 years of age to 75 years of age. AARP is doing a nationwide assessment of hospitals and publicizing their "best CARE ACT practices". Delaware AARP would like to disseminate these and push hospitals to adopt them.

Environmental

Friends of Holts Landing State Park held their third annual Coastal Cleanup at the park on September 16, 2017. They had the most volunteers of all 13 locations in Sussex County that day. A special shout out to Scout Troop 281 of Ocean View for their energetic help with the project.

The next Legislative/Environmental Committee Meeting is on October 3, 2017 at noon in Room A at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact cschonder3@gmail.com.

Membership – Enid Levine

AARP welcomes the new members: Bill & Mercedes Lenno of Ocean View, Kaylene Lasbury and Charlene Kilipa of Selbyville, Wendy Wrobel of Frankford and Priscilla Morin of Selbyville. Corrections for the September 2017 Newsletter: New members are Antoinette Brzozowki of Wilmington and Henry & Eileen Buoni of Milton. We are now 516 members strong, the largest group in the country.

A REMINDER: You do not have to submit a new application if nothing has changed from last year's submission. If there is a change in address, phone number, AARP National membership expiration date, or you wish to volunteer for a different committee, please submit a new application along with you check. You can mail a renewal check or a whole application package to Enid Levine, 38019 East Chester Lane, Ocean View DE 19970-2827.

If you joined in May, June, July or August of 2017, your membership is good through August 2018.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

Please hold onto your "Dollars for Coats", food items and coupons for the military until the November luncheon. We will not be having our

usual October luncheon. Instead we will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary on October 24.

Thanks for your support.

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. 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 - October 3,
November 10, 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, October 4 at 3 PM at the South Coastal Library. New members are always welcome. The committee is responsible for administration of the Chapter's Scholarship Fund. Currently the Chapter offers \$5000 in annual scholarships to graduating seniors at Indian River High School and adult students attending Delaware Tech.

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

Tours - Jim Harding

Please remember our policy regarding payment for trips. If you sign up for a trip, you have **30 days** to pay from the date you **signed up**. If payment is not received within the 30 days, you will be taken off the list.

A separate check for each trip should be payable to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee** and sent

to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, P.O. Box 662, Ocean View, DE. 19970.**

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

AARP Sponsored Book Club

Book group is discussing "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough on October 5 at 10:30 AM at the South Coastal Library.

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The AARP Chorus meets on Wednesday at the South Coastal Library from 10 AM to noon. We will be working on holiday music.

New members are always welcome and so are people who had to drop out for a while. We have a great time and would enjoy having you back or just starting with us. Give us a try!

Driver's Safety Classes - Tom Maly

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.

The next standard course (for those who have not taken the course or it has been longer than 3 years since they took one), is set for Monday, October 2 at the library from 9 AM to 3 PM. To register, call Tom at (302) 541-0780.

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

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

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

CHAPTER TRIPS

- 2017**
- Oct 18** **Wilmington & Western Railroad**
Fall foliage steam train trip. Take a leisurely 1 ½ hour round trip ride up the red clay valley to the Mt. Cuba picnic grove to take in the glorious colors of the changing leaves. Trip includes motor coach transportation, gratuity, and train ride. Lunch/dinner on your own. Bus departs Giant parking lot 9:30 AM.
Price \$50 per person **WAIT LIST ONLY**
- 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
\$1549 per person based on single occupancy **WAIT LIST ONLY**
- 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** **Back-to-Back Southern Caribbean Cruise-**
Feb 11 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** **Gettysburg National Military Park**
May 1 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
\$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-
Sept 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 ABOVE 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 jameshrdq@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

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Standard Driving Course 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. South Coastal Library	3 Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Community Service Meeting 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library	4 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Scholarship Committee 3 p.m. South Coastal Library	5 AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 A.M.	6	7
8	9	10 AARP Board Meeting 10 a.m. South Coastal Library	11 Deadline - Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Wilmington & Western Railroad Trip	19	20	21
22	23	24 20th Anniversary Celebration 99Sea Level 5 p.m. 	25 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31 Happy Halloween				