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## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT FLOODING DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE?

Join us on **October 19** at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club to hear Dr. Ted Spickler, a member of our AARP chapter and a volunteer with the Legislative/Environment Committee, talk about the flooding problem we are having due to climate change and how it will affect the future. He will also discuss what we can do about the problem.

Ted was trained by the Al Gore "Climate Reality Project" and "Citizens Climate Lobby". He taught weather and climate while a physics professor at West Liberty University in West Virginia.

## LUNCHEON CHOICES:

**Waldorf Salad** - Spring mix with chopped apples, glazed nuts, shredded carrots, heirloom tomatoes, Cucumbers, dried cranberries, topped with a citrus herb cod. Served with a citrus vinaigrette.

## OR

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

## OR

**Chicken Lo Mein** - Chicken, mixed vegetables, noodles tossed with soy sauce, hoisin, and spices.

Beverages include ice tea, lemonade, coffee, and water. Beverages will be served at the table.

Dessert will consist of Tangerine Blossom Cake.

Doors open at **11 AM** for social hour with lunch at 12 Noon followed by Chapter news and announcements. **Cost \$19.**

Due to covid restrictions, we are limited to **6** people at a table with a capacity of **80** members. Masks are not required.

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412), [madod@aol.com](mailto:madod@aol.com)** by noon, **Wednesday, October 13.** To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Allys Macken (914-819-2992), (302-616-2650), [cecemac.macken@gmail.com](mailto:cecemac.macken@gmail.com).**

**Please wear your name badge to the meeting.**

**REMINDER: 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.**

## **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

### **Membership – Dottie Rieck**

AARP 5226 is starting off the new membership year with **255** members. We welcome new members Bill and Julie Gonnelli, Chris Hillegeist, Nannette King, Brenda McIntyre, and Diane Nelson.

If you paid dues last year (Sept. 2020-Aug. 2021), you do not owe dues until Aug. 2022. If you did not renew your membership last year and want to continue to be a member of our chapter, please pay your dues now. We understand this is very confusing. If you do not remember whether or not you owe dues, please contact Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at [Rieck5226@aol.com](mailto:Rieck5226@aol.com) to verify membership status.

Dues are \$10 per person if you receive your newsletter by email or \$13 if you receive your newsletter by US mail. If two people in the household are getting the newsletter by US mail, only one pays the membership fee of \$13 and the other the standard \$10 fee. Deadline for renewals is **November 1, 2021.**

Please mail your check and membership form, payable to South Coastal DE Chapter 5226, to Dottie Rieck, P O Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

### **Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder**

### **Advocacy Update**

**HB 205-DE EARNS** – carried over from last year. AARP's effort to establish, along with the state treasurer, a retirement plan for employees

(estimated to number 145,000) small employers who don't have the resources to sponsor such a plan. Good News – it's looking food for the Governor to include funding in his proposed 2023 budget. Bad News – the Federal Reconciliation Bill, at this point, includes a Federal Auto – IRA mandate. There's a possibility of getting a vote on our bill during a special legislative session in early November. Stay tuned.

**The Credit for Caring Act** is currently included in the Federal Reconciliation Bill with a \$2,000 tax credit for caregivers.

We are pushing congress to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices which would lower drug prices.

We will be advocating in the upcoming session of the state legislature for **Paid Family and Medical Leave and Absentee Voting.** We will be calling on you for assistance to get these bills through the General Assembly at the critical times.

## **Environment**

10/7/21 – 9 AM – **First Fall Trail Maintenance** event at Holts Landing state Park – Coffee & donuts provided.

### **Community Service - Kathy Lesperance**

For those who are attending the AARP luncheon, please "DO NOT BRING FOOD ITEMS". Because of COVID restrictions, we are unable to accept those items at this time.

The Community Service Committee will be accepting "Dollars for Coats for Kids" at the October and November luncheons. The coats, shoes, underwear, etc., will be given to the John Clayton Elementary School. If you cannot attend either luncheon, your donation can be sent to me at: **Kathy Lesperance, 31679 Ajewell Rd., Dagsboro, DE 19939.**

Thank you for donating to this wonderful cause.

Blood Bank: To schedule an appointment call **1-888-825-6638** or schedule on line at [www.delmarvablood.org](http://www.delmarvablood.org). Check for locations in Sussex County on the web site.

### **Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price**

**HOLD THE DATE: November 18, 2021**

### **Dine and Donate for Scholarships**

The Scholarship Committee will hold a Dine and Donate Thursday, November 18, at Northeast Seafood Kitchen in Ocean View. A percentage of the total amount of all diners' bills will be donated to the Scholarship Fund by the restaurant. So, invite your friends and join us at Northeast Seafood. We will also have a raffle basket auction. Look for details of the dining hours and other details in the November chapter newsletter.

Each year the Scholarship Committee awards two college scholarships to graduating seniors at Indian River High School and three students 25 or older at Delaware Technical and Community College. Since we have not been able to hold the Artisans Fair the past two years, it is important to find ways to replenish the scholarship funds.

Another way to support the scholarship fund is to buy raffle tickets for a beautiful 75" x 88" quilt, "Set Sail," made by members of South Coastal DE AARP. We are selling raffles each month at our member luncheons. If you cannot attend the luncheon and would like to see the quilt and or purchase tickets, contact Ida Crist at 302-732-6336 or [idadacrist@aol.com](mailto:idadacrist@aol.com) or Frances Hart at 703-801-7216 or [fihart46@gmail.com](mailto:fihart46@gmail.com). You have to view the quilt to see how beautiful it is.

It is not too late to make a cash contribution to help with scholarships. A big thank you to all the members who have already responded. We have raised more than \$1,000 so far in the latest appeal. Send your checks to Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 225, Ocean View, DE, 19970.

### **CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

#### **Driver's Safety Classes**

Take the AARP Smart Driver course and learn:

- Proven safety strategies
- New traffic laws
- Rules of the road.

Classroom and online courses are available. Sign up today at [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive) or call **1-877-846-3299**.

Upon your completion you may be eligible to receive an **auto insurance discount**. Consult your agent for details.

#### **Sunshine - Joan Wolf**

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

#### **Chorus - Ann Jaeger**

At this time there is not a date set for the opening of the Chorus practices. We will notify Chorus members when we know something.

You may call Ann at 645-8023 if you want to join when we open or need more information. Thank you for your patience. We all really want to get back to singing!!



### **EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS**

There has been some response to the plea for officers. We have at least one candidate for president, secretary, and chapter treasurer. We still **need** a vice president, treasurer for the tour committee, coordinator for luncheon programs, one directors, and two members for the nominating committee. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. Call Sandra McGrath at 537-7709.

## CHAPTER TRIPS 2021

Dec 6  
Dec 9

### CHRISTMAS AT THE BILTMORE ESTATES

Mr. Vanderbilt created Biltmore as an escape from everyday life. Now, his descendants invite you to enjoy his legacy of hospitality.

#### Overview:

Enjoy an evening at the **Blue Ridge Mountain Opry Dinner Show** featuring the award winning Whitewater Bluegrass Company; prepare to be captivated by their blend of Bluegrass music, country ballads, mountain swing and down-home humor.

Recapture the magic of the season during **Self-Guided "Candlelight Christmas Tour"** of the Biltmore House. Enjoy America's largest home decorated with dozens of Christmas trees, hundreds of wreaths, bows, and poinsettias; miles of evergreen garland, thousands of ornaments, tinsel, and beading and a 35-foot Fraser fir.

Enjoy a **Guided Tour of Asheville, NC** taking in the spectacular scenery and rich Appalachian history and heritage. Your tour will include stops at: **The Cove**, the **Asheville Folk Art Center**, **Basilica of Saint Lawrence**, the **Thomas Wolfe Memorial**, the **Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center**, and the **Historic District**.

Admission to **Biltmore Estate Gardens and Grounds Garden Conservatory**- An explosion of vibrant color greets you in the Conservatory. Each room showcases a different color and display scheme. Imagine red poinsettia trees, marble and light maroon poinsettias, tropical blooms, silver foliage and more overpowering your senses.

**Antler Village** a casual and relaxing way to extend the Biltmore experience, Antler Hill Village connects the estate's past and present with dining, shopping, exhibits, world-class food and wine, and more. The scene elicits a vintage feel with illuminated trees, garlands and wreaths for a fun, relaxing time. **Biltmore's Shops**- Many of the great treasures you see at Biltmore can't go home with you. Then again, many can. Browse our wide variety of shops to find unique gifts and charming keepsakes.

**Wine Tasting at the Famous Biltmore Estate Winery**-Take a relaxing stroll through our historic winery building, where our gracious wine hosts will treat you to a complimentary tasting of our award-winning Biltmore wines.

**View Gingerbread House Competition Entries at the Grove Arcade**- For a sweet treat; tour the amazing display of the best gingerbread houses in the country.

**Price includes:** 3 night hotel accommodations with baggage handling, 3 breakfasts, 1 Festive Holiday Buffet Lunch at Deerpark Restaurant, 3 wonderful dinners including: 1 Holiday Dinner at the Biltmore Estate, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary.

**Price: \$799.00** per person based on **Double Occupancy**  
**\$999.00** per person based on **Single Occupancy**

**OPEN TO EVERYONE**  
**seats available**

2022

We are looking into new trips for both overnight and day trips

## FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERED GO TO:

[www.southcoastalaarp.org](http://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, (302-381-0980) or (302)537-5206 or email [james.AARP5226@gmail.com](mailto:james.AARP5226@gmail.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 Maria or Jim Harding (302)381-0980 or (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

- **Seating will be assigned when initial payment is received**
- All overnight trips use a voucher system for the payment fee with 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.
- Seating will be assigned upon receipt of your deposit

### 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**

2021 – 2022

**SOUTH COASTAL AARP CHAPTER 5226 NEW MEMBER AND RENEWAL FORM**

Renewing members' dues must be received by **November 1, 2021**, in order to receive the next newsletter. (Please complete the form by typing or printing legibly). **Membership in National AARP is required to join local chapter.**

**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? Email \_\_\_\_\_ or U.S. Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Membership renewal is **\$10** using email and **\$13** using U.S. mail. If two or more members are in the same household, you need pay only one **\$3** fee if choosing U.S. Mail.

**(Required)** 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 committees or to serve in a leadership position.

**Committees**

☐ Chapter Newsletter ☐ Community Service ☐ Host/Hostess ☐ Legislative ☐ Membership

☐ Program ☐ Public Relations ☐ Scholarship ☐ Artisan Fair ☐ Tours (planning)

**Officers/Board of Directors**

Would you consider serving as an: ☐ 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 \$10 (Email) or \$13 (U.S. Mail) membership fee per person (checks only), payable to South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226 to:**

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