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Help Wanted

OUR AARP CHAPTER #5226 NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION

Our Chapter, needs **YOUR** participation. As of 2022, we will have **six VACANCIES** for positions on the Executive Board.

The majority of the current board members have filled their current board positions for several years. Since these six board members are resigning at the end of 2021, we will need to fill these vacancies for 2022 in order to continue. If these board positions cannot be filled and the chapter is dissolved, we will **not be able** to have this local chapter restarted in the future years.

If you have any interest in being on the board, please contact any board member (Names are on the left) and they will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

LUNCHEON CHOICES FOR OUR SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING AT CRIPPLE CREEK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB:

Crispy Chicken Spinach Salad - Baby Spinach with chopped egg, bacon, red onions, and tomatoes. Served with a warm bacon dressing.

OR

Soup and Sandwich Combination - 1/2 of smoked beef brisket wrap with gouda cheese, slaw, barbeque sauce with a cup of creamy tomato soup.

OR

Fried Flounder Sandwich - Lightly battered flounder with lettuce, tomato, and melted American cheese on a toasted Artisan roll.

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

Dessert will consist of Simply Chocolate Cake

Doors open at **11 AM** for social hour with lunch at 12 Noon followed by Chapter news and announcements. We will not have a guest speaker.

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** by **noon, Wednesday, September 15**. To **cancel** after the **deadline**, please contact **Allys Macken (914-819-2992), (302-616-2650), cecemac.macken@gmail.com**.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

If you have not renewed your membership for 2021-2022, **please pay your dues now**. A membership form is included. If you are not sure whether or not you have renewed your membership, please contact Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.

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. **Please include the expiration date of your National AARP membership on the memo line of your check.**

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

Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder

During the State General Assembly Legislative Session (1/1/21 – 6/30/21) Committee members, Mary Louise Embrey, Ted Spickler and myself attended biweekly zoom meetings of AARP Delaware's First State Advocacy Committee's planning and legislative strategy meetings to carry forward favorable senior state legislation.

We focused on two major bills. HB 48 - New Primary Care Health Care Providers Loan Repayment Program that will award up to \$50,000 per year for a maximum of 4 years of service in underserved areas of Delaware like Sussex County. This passed both houses unanimously and was recently signed by the Governor! Our other project HB 205 – Delaware Earns is a multiyear effort by AARP and the State Treasurer to establish a retirement plan for small employers who don't have the resources to sponsor such plans. According to research from Georgetown University Center for Retirement Initiatives, 38% of the states' workforce (more than 145,000 workers) do not have access to employer-sponsored retirement plans.

Upcoming Event

9/15/21 – 7:30 PM – Free Shakespeare in the Park – “Much Ado About Nothing” – Holts Landing State Park – Bring a chair.

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**. Check for locations in Sussex County on the web site.

Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

Scholarship Fund-Raising Efforts Continue

A big thank you to all of the members who responded to the appeal for scholarship donations earlier this summer. So far, we have received donations of \$1,095, which will be used for college

scholarships for local students. Your donations make our scholarship gifts possible.

You can still contribute to the scholarship fund by mailing checks made out to South Coastal DE AARP and mailed to:

Scholarship Committee
South Coastal DE AARP
P.O. Box 225
Ocean View, DE 19970

Please write "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line. Because our local chapter is a 501(c)4, donations are not tax-deductible.

These monies are vital to continue to fund our scholarship efforts, since we were not able to hold fund-raising activities, such as the Artisans Fair and a Dine and Donate, in 2020 or thus far in 2021. However, if COVID protocols permit, we plan to have a Dine and Donate event in November. Details will follow in an upcoming newsletter. At chapter luncheons and at the Dine and Donate, we will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt, *Set Sail*, made by local chapter members (see related article).

Two Indian River High School students received scholarships of \$1,000 each to attend college this fall. They are Declan Burke, who will be attending Salisbury University, and Destin Smyth, who will be attending Georgia Institute of Technology. Another \$1,500 was donated to Delaware Technical and Community College for three students this fall.

Quilt Raffle to Benefit Scholarship Program

Members of our Chapter created a quilt called "Set Sail."

Proceeds will fund scholarships to students at Indian River High School and adult students at Delaware Technical and Community College, awarded by the AARP Chapter's Scholarship Committee. We were unable to continue selling tickets due to COVID. We are now starting tickets sales: 6 for \$5 or 15 for \$10. We will award the quilt at an upcoming chapter event, no later than Saturday, May 30, 2022, at the Artisan's Fair, depending on Covid protocols.

The quilt measures 75" x 88". A portion of the quilt is shown in the following picture. If you cannot attend a luncheon and wish to purchase tickets,

please contact Ida Crist (email: idadacrist@aol.com, phone: 302-732-6336) or Frances Hart (email: fihart46@gmail.com, phone: 703-801-7216) for information on how to obtain tickets.



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 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!!

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

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 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:

Dottie Rieck * PO Box 286 * Bethany Beach, DE 19930

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