



To Serve Not To Be Served

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50/50	Joan Wolf	541-0513
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## OUR SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON RETURNS TO CRIPPLE CREEK!

September's speaker will be from the DE Seashore State Park Life Saving Station. They will speak about the history of and the programs available at the Life Saving Station Museum. You may even learn about some volunteer opportunities. **Did you know that DE State Parks were picked the Best State Parks in the Nation?**

## MENU CHOICES:

### Teriyaki Glazed Salmon Salad

Teriyaki glazed salmon with mixed greens pickled ginger, seaweed salad, heirloom tomatoes, grilled red onions and a sweet soy cream **OR**

### Soup and Sandwich Combination

1/2 a sandwich of chicken salad with grapes and cranberries, chopped lettuce, tomato and bacon served with a cup of creamy tomato soup. **OR**

### French Dip Sandwich

Premium roast beef with melted Swiss cheese and sautéed onions. Served on a kaiser roll with a side of au jus.

Beverages include iced tea, lemonade, coffee, and water.

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. **Cost \$21.**

Due to covid restrictions, we are limited to a capacity of **120** members.

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, Monday, Sept 12.** To **cancel** after the **deadline**, call or email

Mary Ann Dougherty at 302-541-9412 or [madod@aol.com](mailto:madod@aol.com).

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.  
**REMINDER: If you make a reservation and do not attend, you are responsible for the cost of the luncheon.**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Due to the pandemic, the past two years have been difficult for all of us in many ways. As we continue to face our adjusted way of life, it has been a change for us within our families and social interactions, along with our membership in the AARP South Coastal, Local Chapter #5226.

I write to ask for continuing and/or renewal of your membership status within the South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226. This year will be one of more activities.

The attendance at Chapter Meetings has been at our lowest number since January of 2022. I am aware that many of you have not attended due to the food and service at our last location for Chapter meeting and luncheons.

Please be aware that we will continue these meetings and luncheons, **HOWEVER**, we will be returning to **CRIPPLE CREEK** as our meeting luncheon location.

There are many things in life that detract or hinder us from being as active as we could be, but we just need a bit of a nudge in the right direction. I am hoping that you will plan to attend the Chapter Meetings/Luncheons on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month commencing in September.**

All our committees will be active this Fall. If you are interested in participating, see the Committee Chairs and read their reports enclosed in this newsletter.

I encourage you to become more involved by volunteering for activities, committees and administrative responsibilities. I look forward to seeing you at our Chapter Meeting Luncheons.

Rose Verona  
President, South Coastal De Chapter #5226

### COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

#### Membership - Dottie Rieck

Our chapter's membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. We are starting off the new year with **364** members. We welcome the following new members: Terry Griswold, Ellen Marchese, Dill Patz, and Mary Peterson. **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 2022, the membership extends through Aug. 31, 2023. 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 -

Ted Spickler is reporting until the Board finds a replacement for Chuck Schonder:  
The 151<sup>st</sup> State General Assembly ended at midnight, June 30. AARP worked for the following bills that were passed:

**Paid Family & Medical Leave Insurance**

**DE Solar Program** – For lower income neighborhoods.

**DE Earns** – Automatic retirement savings program.

#### Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Committee hopes to continue our charitable donations in September.

**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

Look for an announcement in next month's newsletter about a Dine and Donate event to be held in the fall to raise funds for the Scholarship Committee. Date and place to be announced. It is not too early to start thinking about the **Artisans Fair which we hope to hold on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School.** This is the largest fund-raising event of the scholarship committee. We have not been able to hold the event for the past three years due to Covid restrictions. **We will have opportunities to volunteer on various committees and on the actual day of the event.** For more information contact **Ida Crist at 302-732-6336** or **idacrist@aol.com**. The scholarships go to two Indian River High School Seniors and two nursing students and one non-nursing student at Delaware Technical Community College.

## Sunshine - Joan Wolf

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

## Chorus – Ann Jaeger

*The Singers of Note*, our 40-member chorus under the direction of Ann Jaeger, will begin practicing for the Winter performance schedule in September. Call Ann at **302-645-8023** if you are interested in joining this fun group.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

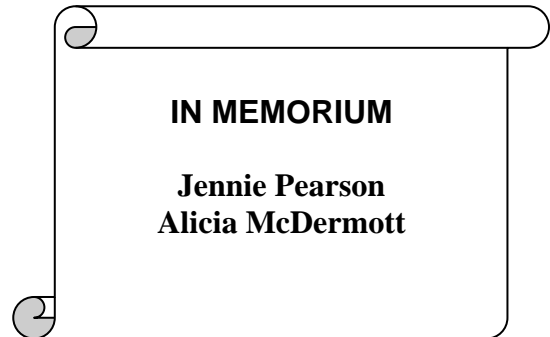
### Driver's Safety Classes

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.



## CHAPTER TRIPS 2022

### Sept 18- RAILS & SAILS MAINE Sept 23 6 Day/5 Nights

**Overview:** Enjoy this wonderful trip north to Maine, with a possibility of sighting the start of color blush on the trees. Spend time shopping and browsing in Freeport, the home of L.L. Bean. As we continue on we will visit Kennebunkport we will see the George Bush estate at Walker's Point and hear the history of this and other shipbuilding towns plus the legend of the Wedding Cake House, Ogunquit and Perkins Cove, Boothbay Harbor and a narrated boat cruise and a ride on a coal-fired narrow gauge steam train. Experience an authentic lobster harvesting on a lobster boat tour, a downeast lobster bake with entertainment. Then we will enjoy an ice cream social with a life size chocolate Moose. Our last stop in Maine will be the Nubble Light in Cape Neddick; this 41-foot conical tower sits on the summit of Cape Neddick Bubble. On our way home we will tour the city of Boston, our tour along the Freedom Trail, The Old North Church, Boston Common, the USS Constitution.

**Price includes:** 5-night hotel accommodations with baggage handling, 5 breakfasts, 3 wonderful dinners including: 1 Downeast Lobster bake with Entertainment, 1 Welcome Reception, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides.

**Price: \$1249.00** per person based on **Double Occupancy** Trip Protection Insurance \$119.00pp

### **Oct 25 DAVID AT SIGHT & SOUND**

**Overview:** Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God's own heart. With original music inspired by the Psalms, "DAVID" is a state-of-the-art theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets and live animals in this brand-new stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres. Price Includes: Show, Dinner at Hershey Farm Inn, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes and gratuities.

**Price: \$145.00** per person

## **2023**

### **June 7-9 QUAINT AMISH GETAWAY 3 Days 2 nights**

**Overview:** This wonderful trip will give you a little bit of everything. We start this trip off with a relaxing train ride through Lancaster County's famous Amish Country. After our train excursion we will head over to Hershey Farm Inn for a wonderful buffet lunch before heading to Sight & Sound to see Moses. The new production of Moses, set adrift as a baby, he is an unlikely hero-until God calls him to lead. This is one of the Bible's most epic stories. To finish off the night we will head to Shady Maple for a tremendous dinner buffet. We will see a new production of "Dear Soldier Boy" dinner show at Bird in Hand Stage. A 2-hour guided Amish Farmland Tour with stops along the way. We will visit Lapp Valley Dairy Farm, where they make their own ice cream, and raise the cows. It is the best ice cream for which everyone will have a chance to sit on the front porch and enjoy a dish or cone of ice cream. You will have time to browse and shop the stores in Kitchen Kettle Village and you will have time at the Amish Farmers Market in Bird in Hand. You can bring coolers for your shopping. A wine and cheese social under a beautiful gazebo allows for some down time and socializing. Price includes: 2nights hotel accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners to include Shady Maple & Bird in Hand. 1 wine & cheese social, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides

**Price: \$485.00** per person based on **Double Occupancy**. **\$610.00** per person based on **Single Occupancy** Trip Protection Insurance can be purchased through Square Mouth Insurance (800)240-0369

**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 the trip coordinator listed on the flyer. 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 the trip coordinator listed on the flyer • 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. • Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips. If cancellation is necessary due to illness member will submit claim to the insurance carrier for their reimbursement/ refund. • Cancellation without insurance for illnesses –refunds by replacement only. • No refunds for payments will be given unless a replacement. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants

We offer three possible ways to notify you of our upcoming trips.

**\*\*Blind Broadcast emails sent out to all members supplying their emails \*\*Newsletter \*\*\* Website**

Once notices are sent, you have the option to book the trip being offered.

### **SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING TRIPS**

Virginia International Tattoo April 23, 2023

Roaring 20's Murder Mystery Dinner @ Cripple Creek Golf & Country Club May 17, 2023

Miracle of Christmas @ Sight & Sound December 5, 2023

**SEE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM ON NEXT PAGE OF NEWSLETTER**

2022 – 2023

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

Renewing members' dues must be received by **November 1, 2022**, 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.

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**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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