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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Vacant		
Coleen Cardy	2024-2025	724-238-3967
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Vacant		
Terry Griswold	2024-2025	443-752-4513

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Community Service	Kathy Lesperance	302-537-7845
Chorus	Ann Jaeger	302-645-8023
Legislative/ Environmental	Ted Spickler	302-927-0050
Membership	Kay Houston	302-732-6977
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Scholarship	Ida Crist	302-732-6336
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Our September 17th Luncheon meeting at Cripple Creek Country Club will feature Ocean View Cheer Center's Yolanda Gallego, who has been helping the seniors of Ocean View for more than 12 years. This dynamic center has a wonderful group of members, amazing volunteers, and the best bus driver! Yolanda will share the variety of activities that aim to meet the many interests and needs of its current and future members. You won't want to miss all that Yolanda will share!

## Luncheon Menu Choices

### Chicken Stir Fry

Served over rice

### Southwest Shrimp Salad

Romaine, corn, black beans, tomatoes, grilled shrimp, cheddar-jack cheese, avocado and zesty ranch dressing

### Steak Quesadilla

Sliced flank steak, peppers, onions, cheddar-jack cheese, southwest aioli and tortilla chips

### Dessert: Cookies & Brownies

Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee included.

### Cost is \$23.00. Cash or checks only.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and Lunch is at 12 noon.  
Chapter news and announcements follow.

### To Make Lunch Reservations:

Call or email Mary Ann Dougherty by noon Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 302-541-9412 or [madod@aol.com](mailto:madod@aol.com).

### IMPORTANT: We cannot take walk-ins.

**If you send Mary Ann an email or leave her a voicemail, you will receive confirmation from her for your reservation. If you did not receive her confirmation, you do not have a reservation!**

Anyone who cancels after the deadline (September 9<sup>th</sup>) or does not attend for any reason will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon.

*Please wear your name badge to the meeting.*

## Presidents' Message

September brings us to the official end of summer. Welcome Back! We've had our break, enjoyed the summer sun at the beach and welcomed friends and family to our homes. Our AARP luncheon gathers us together on the 3rd Tuesday. Join us as we plan events for this year.

We need you to help us on the committees and the Board. Please consider taking a position. With everyone helping, the work is easier for all of us.

Also, remember to [renew your membership](#)! See Kay at the Membership table for assistance. See you on the 17th with a good appetite!

*Terry and Kathy, Co-Presidents*

### Chapter Receives Grant Award

The Chapter has received a Chapter Awareness Grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the AARP national office. The purpose of these funds is to increase Chapter awareness in the community, retain existing Chapter members and/or recruit and engage new Chapter members.

The South Coastal Delaware Chapter proposed to undertake the following activities with these grant funds:

- Provide orientation for new members to make them more aware of the Chapter's history and growth and the opportunities for them to become engaged with the Chapter.
- Formalize the process for contacting new members who have indicated on their membership applications an interest in one or more Chapter activities and initiate their introduction to these activities;
- Increase the number of Chapter committees, e.g., adding a Public Awareness Committee to communicate regularly and frequently to both members and the public about the Chapter's activities;
- Increase the membership on existing committees by providing recruitment opportunities open to all who are interested; and
- Establish more opportunities for social and recreational engagement by members.

Chapter members will be organizing into small groups to address each of these initiatives. We have until the end of March 2025 to complete our work under this grant.

If you have an interest in working on any of these important activities, please call either Terry Baker at 410-812-9063 or Kathy Johnson at 302-829-8956.

### Volunteer Positions Open

We are seeking volunteers to work with our Chapter leadership in the following positions:

**Co-President** will work with co-president Terry Baker to provide general oversight and direction for the Chapter. Please call either Terry at 410-812-9063 or Kathy Johnson, co-President, at 302-829-8956 if you are interested in this opportunity or want more information.

**Assistant Treasurer** will work with Jim Harding, chair of the Tour Committee, and will be responsible for financial management and reporting for the tour committee. Must be familiar with spreadsheet software. Please call Bob Lesperance at 302-537-7845 for more information. Bob will be the Assistant Treasurer until January 2025 and would like to start working with the person who will be the new Assistant Treasurer in the next few months so that he/she can become familiar with the requirements of the position.

**Website Maintenance**, working with the website coordinator, Frances Hart, to ensure that the Chapter's website is kept up-to-date and to assist with sending email blasts to the Chapter membership. Familiarity with WordPress is helpful, but not necessary. Please call Frances at 703-801-7216 for more information.

**Nominating Committee Members**—Two positions to be filled out of a total of five on the committee. The new committee members will start in January 2025. The nominating committee works with the Chapter leadership to identify candidates for current and future vacant positions. Please call either Terry Baker at 410-812-9063 or Kathy Johnson at 302-829-8956 if you are interested in one of these positions or want more information.

We appreciate your interest in working with us to help your Chapter grow and thrive.

## Membership

Our current membership (as of 8.20.2024) stands at 379 paid members. We welcome new members – Kathy & Paul Bugge, Mary Friedlander, Craig Haggerty, John Hartman, Faith Hope, Dave & Flo Kurrle, Jim Landis, Fred & Joyce Legge, Babs Lutton, Judy & Jim Marshall, Karen & Paul McFarlane, Suzanne O'Brien, Grace Shaw, Joanne Spink and Margie Stutts.

The current membership year continues through August 2024. The new membership year will begin in September with the new 2024-2025 Membership forms being available in this newsletter as well as on the AARP website. All members are required to submit a new [Membership Application form](#) along with a check to cover the dues for the current membership year. You can mail it to the address on the form, bring the completed form with you to the September luncheon, or wait to pick up a form at the September meeting. Dues remain at \$15 for email delivery of the newsletter or \$18 if you receive the newsletter via US Postal Service. **REMEMBER that delivery by US Mail is reserved for those members who have NO CAPABILITY FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION.**

In the meantime, reach out to your friends and neighbors to encourage them to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Houston by phone at 302-732-6977 or by email at [joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com](mailto:joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com).



## Name Badge Update

Magnetic Plastic Name Badges are still available for purchase. To date, 91 members have purchased the magnetic badges. Cost is now \$15/badge. See Kay Houston (at the membership table) at the monthly meeting or mail your request along with a check to Kay at: South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please be sure that the name you request is legible.

This is TOTALLY OPTIONAL. We will continue to print badges with the plastic sleeve that you hang around your neck at no cost to you.

*Kay Houston, Chair*

## Dine and Donate To Be on Oct. 29

The Scholarship Committee will sponsor a fund-raiser on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Cottage Cafe in Bethany Beach. The Dine and Donate event with basket auction will be held all day starting at 11 a.m.

This event supports the scholarship fund. This year the Scholarship Committee will give a total of \$8,000 in scholarships—two \$1,500 scholarships for Indian River High School students and three scholarships totaling \$5,000 to Delaware Technical Community College students over two semesters.

At our largest fund raiser of the year, the Artisans Fair in May, we raised \$9,122 after all expenses were paid. Thank you for your support of our scholarship efforts.

*Ida Crist, Co-chair*  
Scholarship Committee

## Chapter Website News

I hope everyone notices the latest improvements to our [website](#). For those of you who use your phone to access the newsletter, you'll see that the 2024 newsletters now appear first. If you use your laptop, 2024 is now on the left side of the [newsletter webpage](#). In both cases you will now be able to see and access the latest issue first.

Each month you'll receive an email to let you know that the latest issue of the newsletter has been posted to the website. The email is typically sent on the last Tuesday of the month for the next month's issue. If you don't receive an email with the link and would like to, please let me know.

*Frances Hart, Web Coordinator*

## Save Money on Car Insurance

If you complete an approved Defensive Driving Course, you may receive 10% off a portion of your Delaware auto insurance for 3 years. If you take a refresher Defensive Driving Course within 180 days of the end of the 3-year period, you may receive a 15% discount. More information can be found at [Driving Courses - Division of Motor Vehicles \(de.gov\)](#). To learn about the defensive driving courses offered by AARP, call 1-800-350-7025 or visit [AARP Driver Safety: Online and Classroom Courses](#).

## Our Chapter's Charter Members



South Coastal Delaware AARP has been recognized by the national AARP organization for 25 years of service to its members and our community. Pictured from left to right are charter members Dottie McGovern, Dottie Rieck (seated), Bob Shaeffer, Shirley Price and Jan Shaeffer. Other charter members who are still members include : Lee and Roberta Shoff, Beverly Dalecki, and Leon and Georgie Calabrese. An article about the chapter appeared on page 68 in the [August 2 edition of the Coastal Point](#) newspaper.

## Sunshine

If anyone is in need of a card – get well, surgery or sympathy – please call me at (302) 541-0513.

**Joan Wolf, Chair**

## Community Service

The Community Service Committee will be collecting “Dollars for Coats for Kids” at the October and November meetings. The dollars collected are used to buy coats, underwear and shoes for the children at John Clayton Elementary School. Our AARP members are always very generous.

Please remember to bring food items to the meetings. We give these items to the Pyle Center in Roxana, where they are greatly needed. Thanks again for your generosity.

**Kathy Lesperance, Chair**

## Special Interest Groups

If you are interested in any of the following groups, please contact the organizer.

**Book Club**, Marie Fletcher, 978-595-6690  
[yuletidechimes@gmail.com](mailto:yuletidechimes@gmail.com).

**Bridge or Scrabble**, Ida Crist, 302-732-6336  
[idacrist@aol.com](mailto:idacrist@aol.com).

**Canasta or Mexican Train**, Anita Ferm, 301-704-3550  
[anitalferm@verizon.net](mailto:anitalferm@verizon.net).

**Pickleball**, Susan Bresuciak, 443-243-5994  
[sbresuciak@gmail.com](mailto:sbresuciak@gmail.com).

**Poker, Texas Hold 'Em or Euchre**, Ed Bresuciak, 443-504-3568, [breslite@verizon.net](mailto:breslite@verizon.net).

**Trips to Museums, Studios or Historical Sites**, Sandy Raymond, 302-539-3941  
[sandyraymond15@gmail.com](mailto:sandyraymond15@gmail.com).

**Walking Club**, Marge Mariotti, 609-505-3183.  
[eastgoingwest@outlook.com](mailto:eastgoingwest@outlook.com).

### Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings of the Chapter's Board of Directors are held the second Tuesday of the month, September through June, at 11:00 am at the John West Municipal Building on West Avenue in Ocean View.

All members are welcome to attend.

## CHAPTER TRIPS 2024

### Sept 24-28 DAKOTA'S BUFFALO ROUND-UP

trip closed to new reservations

#### Overview:

This Fabulous trip will take you to something new, a Buffalo Round-Up in Custer State Park and afterwards the Arts Festival with over 150 vendors. Visit Mt. Rushmore and see the lighting ceremony, explore National Historic Landmark of Deadwood, tour of Black Hills and the Badlands. A private Native American Culture presentation of Dahl Art Center and the Norwegian Chapel in the Hills and much more

**Price Includes:** Round-trip Airfare, Round-trip bus transportation to the Airport, 4 nights hotel accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners including a Chuckwagon Dinner & Show, escorted guide, entrance to all venues as listed, taxes & gratuities.

**Price:** \$2,299.00 per person based on Double Occupancy  
\$2,799.99 per person based on Single Occupancy

**For Reservations Contact:** Maria Harding, Escort (302) 381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302) 245-8511

### Oct 30 CHESAPEAKE BAY RIVER CRUISE

trip closed to new reservations

#### Overview:

Join our live Interpreter for an enjoyable 3-hour cruise from Annapolis' historic harbor, up the scenic Severn River, then into the Chesapeake Bay, under the Bay Bridge, to Thomas Point Lighthouse. A box lunch will be provided to enjoy while cruising. After your cruise enjoy walking around Annapolis or shop or maybe do a little people watching while enjoying a cocktail.

**Price Includes:** Round trip Motor coach, cruise, lunch, tax and gratuities.

**Price:** \$136.00pp

**For Reservations Contact:** Jim Harding, Escort (302) 245-8511

### Nov 10-15 CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES

trip closed to new reservations

Dollywood's Smoky Mt. Christmas is a seasonal event with over 6 Million Christmas Lights and we will experience the beauty of the park all lit up. A guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountain range, then become a passenger or crew member and experience what it was like on the ship Titanic. We will visit Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland of Christmas Lights Orchestrated and Choreographed to Music. Visit to the Cherokee Indian museum where we will listen to the story of the Cherokee people and set the scene for the Cherokee Heritage Trails.

**Price Includes:** 5 nights hotel accommodations, 5 breakfasts & 3 dinners, including Dolly Parton's Stampede dinner show, and meal voucher at Dollywood, 2 additional shows; Country Tonight and Charlie Bob Smith Morning Variety Show, Round Trip Deluxe Motor Coach, luggage handling in Pigeon Forge area, Entrance to all listed venues, taxes and gratuities.

**Price:** \$950.00 per person based on Double Occupancy  
\$1,289.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

**For Reservations Contact:** Maria Harding, Escort (302) 381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302) 245-8511

### Dec 4. DANIEL @ SIGHT & SOUND

reservations still available

#### Overview:

Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith? From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, Daniel is a spectacular theatrical experience. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life.

**Price includes:** round trip motor coach, entrance to Sight & Sound, dinner @ Hershey Farm Restaurant.

**Price:** \$172.00pp

**For Reservations contact:** Jim Harding, Escort (302) 245-8511

# CHAPTER TRIPS 2025

## **Oct 4-Oct 11 The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta call or email for availability**

### **Overview:**

What a Fabulous Trip of the Southwest. Our trip will take us to Downtown Phoenix, AZ and Old Town Scottsdale where you will be immersed in the robust culture of the Southwest, we will travel on to Sedona, AZ & Red Rock Country. The landscape is truly unlike anything you could ever imagine. You will enjoy a Scenic Train Ride and visit the Grand Canyon. While on the train this unforgettable ride you will hear folklore and tales from authentic characters and musicians who bring the Old West to life. We will travel on to Albuquerque, NM. We will hear interactive overview of the History of Hot Air Balloons and enjoy the International Balloon Museum. We will experience the breathtaking ascension of the balloons at sunrise in a special reserved area with seating and buffet breakfast. After we will Travel on to White Sands National Park in Las Cruces where you will be in awe of this hidden gem. We will have a guide everyday on this trip to provide tons of history and fun stories.

**Price Includes:** Round-trip airfare, 7 nights hotel accommodations, 7 breakfast, 2 dinners, guide service everyday, visit and tour Phoenix, Scottsdale and Sedona. Native American jewelry shopping, see the Red Rocks, Grand Canyon Train Experience, Admission to the International Balloon Museum, Admission to the Balloon Fiesta including exclusive entrance to A VIP Viewing Area that includes outdoor seating and buffet breakfast. Visit Las Cruces, tour White Sands National Park, Standard taxes, meal gratuities, baggage handling, motor coach transportation to and from the airport with 40+ passengers, and motor coach transportation while on trip west.

**Price:** \$3299.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$4399.00 pp based on single occupancy

**For Reservations contact:** Maria Harding, Escort (302) 381-0980 or Jim Harding, Escort (302) 245-8511

### **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 RULES**

- **No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If the trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee full refund will be provided to all paid participants.**
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure call trip coordinator listed on flyer
- Price subject to change if the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% after original contract with bus company
- Overnight trips seating will be assigned when initial payment is received
- Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips

# South Coastal AARP Chapter 5226 New Member and Renewal Application

## 2024 – 2025

Membership year runs from September 1 through August 31

Renewing members' dues must be received by **November 1, 2024**, 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 Preferred on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** Street or P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Our standard (and preferred) method for distribution of the Chapter Newsletter is via email. The newsletter CAN be sent through U.S. Mail, however, there is an upcharge of \$3 for this service. The Chapter does take a loss for each newsletter sent through the Post Office, therefore, **this method of receiving the newsletter is reserved for those members who have no capabilities of electronic communication.** If there are two members in the same household, only **ONE** will receive the newsletter by US Mail and only one pays the \$18 fee with the other the standard fee \$15.

Membership renewal: **\$15** using email  and/or **\$18** using U.S. mail .

**Please add [news@southcoastalaarp.org](mailto:news@southcoastalaarp.org) to your contact list**

**(Required)** National AARP Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Your national membership and expiration date are on your membership card and 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

Your involvement in our chapter is crucial to its success. Listed below are many of the opportunities in which you may serve. Please check any or all that may appeal to you:

Chapter Newsletter  Community Service programs  Legislative  Membership  
 Program  Public Relations  Scholarship  Artisan Fair  Tours (planning)  
 Chamber of Commerce Liaison  Chapter Meeting/Luncheon Assistant  
 Chorus  Finance/Auditing

### 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 would be of value to our Chapter programs:

**Please return your application with your annual \$15 (Email) or \$18 (U.S. Mail) membership fee per person (checks only), payable to South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226 to:**

Kay Houston \* South Coastal AARP Ch#5226 PO Box 225 \* Ocean View, DE 19970  
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