



# CHAPTER 1917

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## *The President's Corner ...*

Summer is waning and Fall is approaching. It is a chance to make a fresh start following the HOT Summer months. There is a time for everything and a season for every activity. Examples of upcoming events are: our new Fall Festival; upcoming Travel Trips; outstanding monthly speakers and our Candidates Forum. Your board is also planning a special Holiday party.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the death of Mrs. Gertrude Apple. Gertie served the Ocean City AARP Chapter as our "Mrs. Sunshine" and assisted our membership Chairperson, Mrs. Louise Fox, with her duties. Gertie will be sorely missed by all.

As we continue our programs, let us put to use the vast amount of information supplied to all of us by our Communications Director, Mr. Garry Fox. What a terrific job Garry is doing in publicizing our OC AARP Chapter activities for all members and the OC community in general.

In closing, let's all continue our efforts in making the Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 the best it can be. I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chris

## Our Meetings ....

Membership Meetings are held in the OC Elks Lodge, corner of Sinepuxent and 138<sup>th</sup> street, second floor, on the second Thursday each month. Coffee & Conversation at 9:30 a.m. (BYOC). No meetings in July & August. If Worcester County schools are closed due to inclement weather, then there is no meeting.

**Remember:** Please bring non-perishable food items (canned food, etc.) to each meeting for collection and delivery to local charities who will distribute them.

**Remember:** Please bring new personal hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, etc.) to each meeting for collection and delivery to Diakonia in West Ocean City.

Board Meetings are held at the Senior Center next to the Convention Center in Ocean City on the first Thursday each month at 9:30 a.m.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 13, 2012** – 9:30 AM – *Membership Meeting* - Speaker is Ronald Pilling of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund. Mr. Pilling will speak on the suicide crisis in Worcester County.

**September 18, 2012** - Trip - Suicide Bridge Riverboat Cruise, Hurlock, MD. \$64/person. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website.

**October 3, 2012** - Trip - "American Icons" Musical and Lunch in Lancaster, PA. The ultimate tribute to America's all-time greatest entertainers. \$83/person. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website.

**October 11, 2012** – 9:30 AM – *Membership Meeting* - Speaker is still to be determined.

**October 16, 2012** - 5 to 7 p.m. - Candidates Forum. Our AARP chapter will sponsor a forum where you can meet and submit written questions to the various candidates for the OC Council and Mayor's office. It will be held at the Elks Lodge, same place as our meetings.

**October 25, 2012** - 4 to 8:30p.m. - Fall Festival - Save the date! At the Elks Lodge. All will have a "swinging good time" with lots of prizes. Flyer is on the website and is the last page here.

**October 29-30, 2012** - Trip - Gettysburg and Ghost Tour. \$180/person. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website.

**November 8, 2012** – 9:30 AM – *Membership Meeting* - Speaker is still to be determined.

**November 11-16, 2012** - Trip - Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC. \$455/person (double), \$605/person (single). 6 days, 5 nights. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website.

**November 28-29, 2012** - Trip - NY City Broadway Shows (2 days). Christmas Spectacular and Evita musical. \$356/person. Note that this trip is filled; you may request to be put on the "wait list".

**December 4, 2012** - Trip - Longwood Gardens Christmas Show & Lunch at the *Moshula*, Penns Landing, PA. An incredible holiday celebration with a gingerbread theme. \$88/person. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website.

**January 23, 2013** - Trip - Day Trip to Smithsonian Institute, Air & Space Museum, Washington, D.C. Dinner in Annapolis included. \$55/person. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website.

**April 16, 2013** - Trip - Day Trip to Annapolis, with tours of State House and the Academy, lunch, AND a cruise on the Harbor Queen. Don't miss this deal! \$76/person. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website.

**May 3-14, 2013** - Trip - Holland/Belgium Tulip Time River Cruise. Air Transportation, Tours, Food, all included. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website.

## May Speaker



Our speaker was Kathryn Danko-Lord, owner of the Costa Ventosa Winery and Vinyard in Whaleyville. She was an exciting speaker and brought samples for tasting, too! Yes, we remembered we had to drive home. Kathryn and her husband Jack run this new winery and they already have eight local wines to choose from.

## June Speaker



Our speaker was Darice Oliver, otherwise known as the “Plant Lady”. Darice has been in the horticulture business for twenty-four years. She specializes in interior and exterior plant-scaping and is knowledgeable of plants varying from tropical to native species. She is also an expert in container gardening. Darice explained the importance of good soil (recommends Miracle-Gro), not over-watering(mosquitoes), and many other issues related to successful interior and exterior plants and flowers. She can be reached at 443-614-1345. Ask her for an AARP discount!

### *Travel Committee News ....*

Our Travel committee has made a lot of progress and has various trips planned for this year and next year. The Cherry Blossom/Odyssey Cruise was a success at the end of March. Unfortunately we had to cancel several trips due to lack of participation. Be sure to stop by the Travel Table at the membership meeting and you should also check out the Travel and Calendar sections on the web site: [www.aarp1917.org](http://www.aarp1917.org). Remember: if we don't support the Travel Committee by going on trips, then trips will have to be canceled. That means a lot of wasted effort and inconvenience for everyone involved.

**We have several trips for which payment is due by September 13<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring your checkbook to the membership meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### *Remember to check out our Chapter website: [www.aarp1917.org](http://www.aarp1917.org)*

The web site has pages on our goals, how to join our chapter, photos of our events, etc. Two important pages/sections are the one on **Calendar** and the one on **Travel**. These two pages are constantly updated as new events and trips are scheduled so you should check them frequently. When you go to the web site, just click on the buttons on the left to go to any of those sections/pages.

### *Do you know ....*

## **Kitchen Cleverness ?**

Clean unscented dental floss can be used to make neat, precise cuts and slices in cakes, cheeses, and other soft foods. Also, you can freeze grapes and then use them to chill a glass of wine without watering it down (use white grapes for white wine, red grapes for red wine). For these and other "kitchen tricks", check out the Human Interest/Misc. page of our website ([www.aarp1917.org](http://www.aarp1917.org)) and then click on the link for "Kitchen Cleverness".

Gertie would have liked this one.

## ***On Election Day get out and vote your choice (\*)***

Since National AARP launched [You've Earned a Say](#) in March, more than 2 million people have joined this national conversation about the future of Social Security and Medicare. What's clear is that people 50-plus from all parts of the country feel great economic anxiety. A major driver of this anxiety is concern over retirement security. Not surprisingly, they believe that Social Security and Medicare have become even more important for their future and for future generations.

### **Call to Action**

To find out where the candidates stand on the future of Medicare and Social Security, and to tell them where you stand on keeping these programs strong, visit [www.earnedasay.org](http://www.earnedasay.org).

Voters 50-plus recognize that both Social Security and Medicare face financial challenges and believe that the next president and Congress will need to make changes to strengthen these programs in order to protect the retirement security of future generations. If we act now, we can make reasonable adjustments. But the longer we wait, the larger and more drastic the adjustments will need to be. Voters 50-plus believe that both political parties will have to work together to find a solution.

Yet, many 50-plus voters feel frustrated because they don't feel they know where the candidates stand on strengthening Social Security and Medicare and other important issues. And, in fact, they tell us that the candidates have done a poor job explaining their plans for addressing these priority issues.

So, we posed three questions:

1. How would you protect Social Security for older Americans today and strengthen it for future generations?
2. How would you put Medicare on stronger financial ground and protect beneficiaries today and in the future from the burden of rising health care costs?
3. How would you help Americans build a financial nest egg for their retirement?

After paying into Social Security and Medicare throughout your working life, you've earned a say about their future. You also should know where the presidential and congressional candidates stand. I urge you to read the [2012 AARP Presidential Voters' Guide](#) in the autumn issue of [AARP The Magazine](#) or online at [www.earnedasay.org](http://www.earnedasay.org).

Decide for yourself which candidate best reflects your values and views. Then on Election Day, get out and vote your choice.

(\*) paraphrased from: A. Barry Rand, CEO AARP | from: AARP Bulletin | September 1, 2012

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# FALL FEST

## Dancing With The Stars



Thursday  
**October 25**  
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm



OC Elks Lodge  
13708 Sinepuxent Ave.  
(upstairs - use elevator)  
Parking available at the Fenwick Inn

Entertainment provided by the ~~DELMARVA HAND DANCERS~~ with Lessons,  
Demonstrations & Dances with the ~~STARS~~ Contests with Prizes

Prizes • 50/50 • Silent Auction

### Buffet Menu

Veggie/cheese tray-Salad bar-Chicken Marsala-Crab Cake-Ham-Potatoes  
Rolls - Condiments - Desserts  
Coffee - Tea - Soft Drinks - Cash Bar Optional

**Tickets: Members & Guests \$22 per person.** Checks payable to AARP Chapter 1917.  
Reservations required by October 15. No refunds after October 15.  
Call for information: Andrea 410-250-4533/ Bob 410-250-0980/ Sandy 443-664-2003  
All proceeds benefit the **AARP 1917 Scholarship Fund**

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