



CHAPTER 1917

Ocean City, Maryland
January 2012

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The President's Corner ...

May I first express my thanks for electing me your president for 2012. I take this role very seriously and will do my very best to justify your vote of confidence. I have no need to worry unduly about the future because of promises of help and support from our now Past President, Nancy Howard. Now, just a word about the future. This year and beyond will present its problems and challenges. For example, we need to expand our membership. With the guidance of our membership chairperson, Louise Fox, and your board, I should like to make this our first priority. A close second is the need to re-develop our travel group. Under the leadership of Chairperson Alcea Sprung and her committee, it appears to be headed in the right direction. Our first trip is already planned for March. I am sure that I and the board will need your active support in both these and other activities as we proceed in the new year. Suggestions are always welcome and encouraged.

Happy New Year.

Chris

Our Meetings

Membership Meetings are held in the OC Elks Lodge, corner of Sinepuxent and 138th 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

January 12, 2012 – 9:30 AM – *Membership Meeting* - Speaker will be Joe Stetka, who is a Baltimore Orioles Associate Scout. Mr. Stetka will speak on Orioles scouting and recruitment efforts. And our first 50/50!

January 24-25, 2012 – Beach Blanket Blood Drive – The Blood Bank of Delmarva needs your blood! Convention Center. Details on page 6. Please donate!

February 9, 2012 – 9:30 AM – *Membership Meeting* - Speaker will be Timothy Gonzales, Assistant VP, Delmarva Investment Services, who will speak on “What I always wanted to know about investing but was afraid to ask”.

March 8, 2012 – 9:30 AM – *Membership Meeting* - Speaker will be Tom Wimbrow, who will speak on “Assateague Before the National Park – 1649 to 1952”.

March 28, 2012 – Trip - Cherry Blossom Festival Lunch Cruise on the Odyssey in D.C. Details on page 5. We need more people for this trip!

April 16-19, 2012 – Trip – To Las Vegas. Details at the January meeting. See the Travel Table.

May 2012 – Trip – Cruise to Bermuda. Details at the January meeting. See the Travel Table.

Travel Committee News

Our Travel committee has been reorganized and is busy planning trips, talking to travel agents, talking to other AARP chapter travel committees, and just figuring out the best way to operate the Travel activities of our chapter. A questionnaire is being distributed with the January Newsletter. Please fill it out and bring it to the January meeting.

Scheduled: March 28, 2012 – Cherry Blossom Festival Lunch Cruise on the Odyssey in D.C. Flyer is on Page 5 below. You can use the new Travel Registration form to sign up.

Upcoming: April 16-19 – Las Vegas Trip. \$816 per person. Flyer with details will be available at the meeting on January 12th. Fly with Southwest and stay at the Riviera Hotel right on the Strip!

May – Cruise to Bermuda! Details at the meeting on January 12th.

Do you know

5 Hidden Health Dangers of Winter

1. Heart attack and stroke
2. High blood pressure
3. Vitamin D deficiency
4. Winter blues
5. Lung problems

See the details at http://www.aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/info-12-2010/hidden_health_dangers_of_winter.2.html

2011 Holiday Luncheon – December 13



Attendance was down (68) compared to last year (98), but everyone enjoyed the great food and fabulous entertainment at our annual Holiday Luncheon at the Clarion. Gertie and Alcea worked very hard to organize this event and the Clarion staff were very accommodating. We took a few minutes to swear in the chapter officers and board members. Pictured left to right are: Chris Norris (President), Bill Shoop (Treasurer), Alcea Sprung, Frank Hoover, Norma Bull, Bob McCKuskey, Gertie Apple (Correspondence Secretary), Andrea Albrecht (Recording Secretary), Garry Fox, Sue Harting (Vice President), and Sandy Kvech. Board member Ray Jackson is not pictured.

2011 Holiday Luncheon – December 13 (Cont.)



The OC Stars from OC Elementary are always a hit at our Holiday luncheon. The 120 plus members of this singing group perform throughout the area and have won numerous awards. Many thanks to Director Rick Chapman and the Clarion staff for the smooth performance and great entertainment.

MAC Center Hidden Gem in Ocean City

At 41st street next to the Convention Center, we have one of Ocean City's best kept secrets. It is the Ocean City Senior Center that is maintained by the Worcester County Commission on Aging. Want to use a tread mill for free? Go there. Need a nice place to play cards with your friends? Go there. The center has so many activities, including chair exercises, dominos, ceramics, bingo, cards, Wii shuffleboard, sing-alongs, and many others. Lunch is only \$2.25 for our 55+ age group. The center is open Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info just call Center Director Ann Toney, 410-289-0824, or check it out online at: <http://www.worcoa.org/centers/OceanCity.html> .

OCEAN CITY **AARP** CHAPTER 1917
presents

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL LUNCH CRUISE
On the ODYSSEY
Wednesday March 28, 2012

Itinerary

- 8:00 am Depart from 65th Street Police Dept Parking Lot - Ocean City, MD
- 11:00 am Arrive in Washington, DC
- 11:15 am Board the Odyssey
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Cherry blossom Festival Lunch Cruise
Depart for home
- 5:30 pm Approximate return time to Ocean City, MD

As you depart from the dock and begin your journey out on the water, bring your cocktail (cash bar) up to the observation deck and see up - close views of the monuments that will take your breath away. We guarantee, you've never seen your city quite like this before. Once back at your table, allow your attentive waiter to serve you your first course, main dish and dessert of your choice. Feel free to dine at a leisurely pace - there's no rush. Sit back and relax - we'll handle the rest.



TOTAL COST PER PERSON: \$98.00 (all inclusive)
Cancellation Policy: Refund by replacement only

For **RESERVATIONS** and additional information

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Newsletter Feedback: Please send constructive feedback or suggestions to Garry Fox at syssf@yahoo.com or call him at 443-664-2396.

Beach Blanket Blood Drive

OCEAN CITY

2012

Tuesday

January 24

10AM-6PM

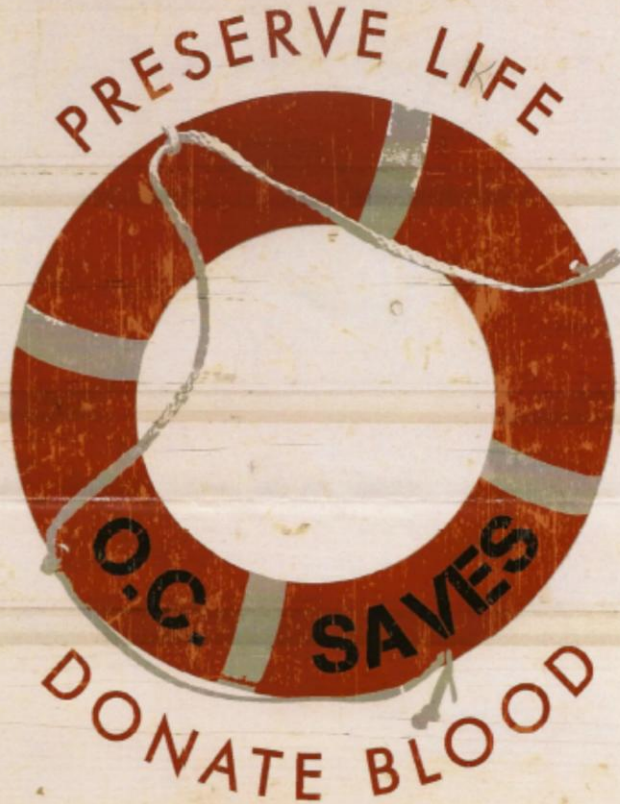
Wednesday

January 25

9AM-5PM

Ocean City
Convention Center
4001 Coastal Hwy

Blood drive is sponsored by the Coastal
Association of REALTORS®, the Mayor, and



Blood Bank
of Delmarva

TO GIVE BLOOD, ONE MUST:

- Be 17 years of age or older
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be in general good health
- Have had no tattoos or body piercings within the last 12 months
- Bring photo ID - or two other forms of ID

To make an appointment, please call
410-749-4161 or 1 888 8-BLOOD-8

www.delmarvablood.org

Walk-in donors will be taken as time allows.

