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The President's Corner ...

Well folks, as I write this let's hope warm weather is awaiting. Winter is finally OVER !!!!!

As we are well into 2013, it is time to focus on membership. I assume all chapters, not only ours, are looking at why memberships continue to decline and what we can try to change it.

One answer is community involvement. I think the more visible we are in our community, the more involved our chapter's members will be and more people would want to join our chapter to see what we are doing. One way we can become more involved is to look for a need and then put both the National AARP and our local AARP Chapter to work to meet that need. Who knows of needs more then members of our local chapter??

Another way is to make sure the local media is involved. They should be kept apprised about our plan as it begins and be kept involved as it progresses. Invite them to join committees. The more people see our dedication and involvement in the community, the more likely they will want to join our chapter. THAT MEANS MEMBERSHIP !!! The more members we have, the more we can accomplish.

Accept this challenge and see what happens !!

Finally, always remember that joining our chapter should be fun, exciting, enjoyable, and most importantly, productive for you and your family, community and fellow chapter members.

Chris

Our Meetings:

Membership Meetings are held in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 99th street, behind St. Luke's Church. Coffee & Conversation at 9:30 a.m. There are no meetings in July & August. If Worcester County schools are closed due to inclement weather, then there is no meeting.

<u>Board Meetings</u> 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.

See our website www.aarp1917.org for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2 – April 12, 2013 – Free Tax preparation. See Page 5 for details.

<u>April 9, 2013</u> - Trip - Day Trip to Rainbow Dinner Theatre: "Fun Between the Covers". Comedy show and Lunch! \$75/person. Flyer is on the website and is available at the Travel Table.

<u>April 11, 2013</u> - 9:30 AM - *Membership Meeting*. Speaker will be Mr. Brian Garrett, Executive Director of the Delmarva Discovery center in Pocomoke City.

April 16, 2013 - 8:30 AM - Breakfast at Ocean Downs. Come join us for breakfast and some gambling fun! \$6/person. See this Calendar entry on the website or the Flyer at the Travel Table.

May 3-14, 2013 - Trip - Holland/Belgium Tulip Time River Cruise. Air transportation, Tours, Food, all included! Plus a 10% Rebate paid based upon total trip price! Flyer is on the website and is available at the Travel Table.

May 8, 2013 – Health Fair – OC Convention Center. Free blood work, Free Health Education. See last page for Flyer.

May 9, 2013 - 9:30 AM - Membership Meeting. Speaker will be Senator James N. Mathias , Jr., State Senator representing Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

May 15, 2013 - Trip - Day Trip to St. Michael's: Narrated Cruise on the *Patriot* with lunch at the Crab Claw Restaurant. \$72/person. Flyer is on the website and is available at the Travel Table.

<u>June 13, 2013</u> - 9:30 AM - *Membership Meeting*. Speaker will be Mr. Michael Franklin, President/CEO of Atlantic General Hospital.

<u>June 17, 2013</u> – Trip – Day Trip to the Delmarva Discovery Center in Pocomoke, lunch, cruise on the *Bay Queen*. Only \$45/person. Flyer is on the website and is at the Travel Table.

October 22, 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 on the website and is at the Travel Table.

November 19-20, 2013 – Trip – New York City Broadway Trip. 2 shows ("Wicked" and "Phantom of the Opera"), dinner at Carmine's Italian restaurant. Maximum of \$450 PP, double occupancy. Flyer is on the website and is at the Travel Table.

<u>December 9-10, 2013</u> – Trip Christmas in Williamsburg. Includes two days of guided tours of historic homes, shops, and museums, plus guided ghost tour and overnight hotel accommodations, 3 meals(2D/1B), and 2 day admissions pass. \$295 pp/double, \$345 pp/single. Flyer is on the website and is at the Travel Table.

Note: This Newsletter is written primarily for those members who do not have access to a computer to access the Internet. Our website has all the information contained in the newsletter. Also please remember that most public libraries offer free access to the Internet.

Dues Dues Dues



Remember: Annual membership dues are now \$7/year per person. When paying at the membership table at the membership meeting, if you're not paying by check, exact change is greatly appreciated!

Travel News....



We have exciting trips planned for 2013, including ones to Annapolis, the Rainbow Dinner Theatre, NYC Broadway again, Williamsburg, and the always popular "Ocean Downs Breakfast" every couple of months. You can sign up for all our trips via forms at the website or at our meetings. Check out the Travel and Calendar Pages for more details: www.aarp1917.org. Note that the chapter now has a post office box, as listed on the flyers and membership forms.

Remember:

PAYMENT DUE 4-11-2013 FOR THE FOLLOWING TRIPS:

- Breakfast at Ocean Downs (Tuesday, April 16) \$6
- St. Michael's Island: Wednesday (May 15) \$72
- □ Delmarva Discovery Center, Pocomoke (Monday, June 17) \$45

NEW YORK CITY - DEADLINE EXTENDED THRU APRIL 19TH! A

\$200 deposit will hold your spot for this two-night Broadway extravaganza! November 19 & 20, 2013. *Includes: Tickets to "Wicked " & "Phantom of the Opera", Dinner at Carmines, Lodging and Breakfast at the Courtyard Marriott in Edison, NJ.*



February 14, 2013 – Our speakers were Ms. Karen Turner of the Bank of Delmarva and Ms. Veronica Nhan-Nock of the Seaford Federal Credit Union. They gave an interesting talk on the differences, pros, and cons of banks and credit unions. Some of the details can be read on our Human Interest/Misc webpage, under item "C". More information about credit unions can be found at www.lovemycreditunion.org.



March 14, 2013 — Our speaker was Ms. Andrea Schlottman, manager of the Ocean City Library branch. Ms. Schlottman (above, right) discussed the many services and features of the library, including 1-on-1 instruction on Ereaders and computers, the OC History Room, Internet access, Friends of the Library, etc. Our library is unique in Marylandin that it serves several thousand people 8 months of the year but must be able to serve several hundred thousand people during the busy season. Kim Price and Jane Hill (above, left, middle) also came to our meeting and read some of their poetry that is featured in the *Watermark*, which is published by the Ocean City Writers Group. For more information on the library, go to www.worcesterlibrary.org or just stop by the library at 100th street, bayside.

Free Tax Preparation with Free E-Filing by AARP Tax-Aide

AARP Tax-Aide is once again offering free tax preparation for the 2012 tax season starting February 2, 2013. Preparation is available to all and you need not be a member of AARP. Appointments are required. Preparation is done by trained volunteers and free e-filing is included.

Site Location Information For 2013

AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE

Ocean Pines Library Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday:

> 11107 Cathell Road Berlin, MD 21811

Phone Number 410-213-1608 for Appointment

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM MAC Center Salisbury

909 Progress Circle Suite 100 Salisbury, MD 21804

Phone Number 410-742-8569 for Appointment

Tuesday: Snow Hill Library Time: 10.00 AM to 3:00 PM

Feb 19th 307 North Washington Street March 19th Snow Hill, MD 21863

Phone Number 410-632-1277 for Appointment April 2nd

@ MAC Center 107 E. Market St Snow Hill

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday: Ocean Pines Library

11107 Cathell Road Berlin, MD 21811

Phone Number 410-213-1608 for Appointment

Ocean City Library Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

10003 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842

Phone Number 410-213-1608 for Appointment

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Friday: Pocomoke Library

Feb 15th Pocomoke City, MD 21851

March 29th April 12th

March 1st Phone Number 410-957-0878 for Appointment March 15th

Saturday: Community Church at Ocean Pines Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

11227 Race Track Road Berlin, MD 21811

Phone Number 410-213-1608 for Appointment

Ocean City Library Time: 9:30 to 3:00 PM

10003 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842

Phone Number 410-213-1608 for Appointment

RecycleGo Green....Save the Earth!

Ever have something to throw out but you just know that somebody, somewhere could use it? Then this group is for you. You must be willing to give the item away – no selling or bartering!

FREEcycle Worcester County, Maryland is a group of neighbors that came together to serve the residents of Ocean City and surrounding communities in the effort to go GREEN. To join, go to this website:

groups.yahoo.com/group/worcestercountymdfreecycle

Anyone with questions may e-mail:

worcestercountymdfreecycle-owner@yahoogroups.com

AARP Driver Education

Online

The driver safety course offered online by AARP is only \$5.00 with a promo code BHM2013. It takes 4 hours for the entire course, but probably only need about 1/2 hour to answer the questions. You don't have to take all 4 hours at one time. If you follow instructions, after you register and get a temporary password, which you can change, you pay the \$5.00. You can elect for AARP to send you the certificate for free regular mail, or pay \$2.00 for an email. For more information, go to www.aarp.org and do a search on "driver safety program"; you should then find a link to the course in the middle of the page.

Area class room courses

Classroom courses are also taught in our area, in Millsboro, or example. For a list of area courses, do the same online search at the AARP website; you should then find a link to "locate a class room near you" in the middle of the page OR

Contact Mr. Dave Lloyd (410-641-6278), who is the area coordinator for the AARP driver classes. People can call him and leave their name and contact information. Once Mr. Lloyd gets enough people for a class, he will schedule one.

The Mayor & City Council of Ocean City, Maryland proudly invite you to the



NORTHSIDE PARK OUTDOOR EXERCISE & FITNESS AREA

Effective April 6, 2013, the OC Department of Recreation and Parks is proud to make available to you, free of charge, an outdoor exercise and fitness area under a canopy. There are a variety of exercise machines for your use and when combined with walks around the park, will help you become a healthier, happier person. Come check them out!

Just Walk is a self-directed, self-reported physical activity program sponsored by the Worcester County Health Department. You record your miles walked and report them. Incentives like sweatshirts and Tee-shirts are provided. Get some free stuff while you're getting healthy! Just stop by the Northside Park recreation center office to pick up a brochure or go online at http://www.worcesterhealth.org/.



Ocean City Chapter 1917

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Roland E. Powell Convention Center 41st Street & Coastal Highway Ocean City, Maryland

Free Health Screenings Free Health Education

Atlantic General Hospital will provide free lipid and glucose tests* to the first 500 participants between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Testing will require a 12 hour fast.

For more information, contact Melvin Friedman docmelvin@verizon.net, 410-524-1177 or Dawn 410-641-9268

FREE ADMISSION: Attendees 12 years or older please

Co-Sponsored by: Mayor and City Council of Ocean City Atlantic General Hospital



Newsletter Feedback: Please send constructive feedback or suggestions to Garry Fox at **aarp1917newsletter@yahoo.com** or call him at 443-664-2396.