



# CHAPTER 1917

Ocean City, Maryland

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

Where is the Ocean City AARP Chapter going?

This question struck me not long ago when reading an AARP periodical; that some chapters in this country are under the impression that they are making progress in their local programs; when in reality they are moving in vicious circles.

Should our Ocean City Chapter evaluate our total program? Should we take a long term look at our future goals? Are our programs meeting the needs of our members? Are we going in a circle?

Many of you have been active in the Ocean City AARP Chapter life for many years. Others are just beginning their association.

I and your board would challenge you to investigate these issues. Accept this challenge and see what happens!

Remember: This is your OC AARP; my OC AARP; our OC AARP!

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**

**February 2 thru April 14** - Free tax preparation by AARP volunteers, including our own Treasurer, Bill Shoop. See Page 5 for details.

**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. We need more people for this trip! Flyer is at the Travel Table and on the website.

**April 12, 2012** - 9:30 AM - *Membership Meeting* - Speaker will be Mr. Bryan Brushmiller, owner of Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin, who will speak on the many joys of Beer, and the challenges of making a high quality product.

**April 28, 2012** - Trip - Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Arundel Mills, MD. Flyer is at the Travel Table and on the website.

**May 9, 2012** - 7 a.m. to Noon- Health Fair at OC Convention Center. Free Health Screenings and Free Health Education. Details on Page 6.

**May 21-23, 2012** - Trip - Atlantic City, Trump Plaza, 3 days/2 nights. \$145 per person. Flyer is at the Travel Table and on the website.

**June 19-21, 2012** - Trip - To see "Jonah" at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. \$272 per person. Flyer is at the Travel Table and on the website.

**June 25-27, 2012**- Trip - Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun, 3 days/2 nights. Flyer is at the Travel Table and on the website.

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

**Fall TBD, 2012** - Trip – Gettysburg Tour and Dinner. Details to follow.

**October TBD, 2012** - Trip - Haunted House Tour. Details to follow.

**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 on the website.

**December TBD, 2012** - Trip - NY City Broadway Shows (2 days). Details to follow.

## *Chapter Milestone ....Web site Launched*

At the February membership meeting, we announced the launch of our chapter web site: [www.aarp1917.org](http://www.aarp1917.org). The web site was designed and is being maintained by Garry Fox, who also does our chapter newsletter. The web site has pages on our goals, how to join us, 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.

## February Speaker



Our February Speaker was Mr. Timothy Gonzales, Assistant VP, Delmarva Investment Services, who spoke on “What I always wanted to know about investing but was afraid to ask”. Mr. Gonzales is shown above with Karen Turner, Manager of the Ocean City branch of the Bank of Delmarva. Mr. Gonzales discussed investing basics, including the Rule of 72, compound interest, inflation, risk versus return, investment goals, and other interesting subjects.

## January Speaker



Our January Speaker was Joe Stetka, who is a Baltimore Orioles Associate Scout. Mr. Stetka spoke on spoke on Orioles scouting and recruitment efforts, and knows a lot about the history of the Orioles. The speech included a very lively question and answer session.

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

Our Travel committee has made a lot of progress and now has seven trips planned for this year. The trips are a Cherry Blossom Cruise, Medieval Times, Atlantic City, Jonah/Lancaster, Foxwoods, Suicide Bridge, and the Biltmore Estate. Other trips are being investigated, including some trips outside the continental U.S. for next year. 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. Remember: if we don't support the Travel Committee by going on trips, then trips will have to be canceled.

## **2012 - Free Tax preparation with FREE E-Filing by AARP**

**AARP** is once again offering free tax preparation for this year's Tax Season starting Feb. 2, 2012 and going through April 14th. You do not have to be an AARP member for us to do your taxes; anyone whose taxes are not extremely complex are welcomed. Just phone the locations below to get an appointment.

### **Site Location Information**

**Mondays:** Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines Branch  
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Phone Number 410-213-1608 for Appointment**

MAC Center Salisbury  
Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Phone Number 410-742-8569 for Appointment**

**Tuesdays:** Worcester County Library, Snow Hill Branch  
Time: 10.00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Phone Number 410-632-1277 for Appointment**

**Wednesdays:** MAC Center Pocomoke City  
Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Phone Number 410-957-0391 for Appointment**

**Thursdays:** St Peter's Lutheran Church in OC  
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Phone Number 410-213-1608 for Appointment**

**Saturdays:** Community Church at Ocean Pines  
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Phone Number 410-213-1608 for Appointment**

Worcester County Library, Ocean City Branch  
Time: 10:00 to 3:00 PM  
**Phone Number 410-213-1608 for Appointment**

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

**AARP**  
**HEALTH FAIR**  
**AARP CHAPTER 1917**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**  
**Roland E. Powell Convention Center**  
**41<sup>st</sup> Street & Coastal Highway**  
**Ocean City, Maryland**

**7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**  
Free admission: Attendees 12 years or older please

**Free Health Screenings**

**LIPID Profiles: Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglycerides. Testing will require a 12 hour fast. Atlantic General Hospital will provide Free Lipid Profiles to the first 500 participants between 7 and 11 a.m.**

**Free Health Education**

Co-Sponsors: Mayor and City Council of Ocean City.  
Atlantic General Hospital

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