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ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GOING SOLAR?

Join us on March 21 at Cripple Creek Country Club to learn more. Rich Kapolka, a retiree new to Sussex County, thought about going Solar for several years. Should he lease, buy, or stay with the roof he had? Rich considered these questions.

Hear about his personal journey and the lessons he learned since making the switch to solar roof panels. Find out if Rich still has any concerns. He will highlight his decision in financial terms as well as from an impact on the environment.

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Corn Beef and Cabbage Plate - Traditional Irish fare of corn beef and cabbage, carrots and potatoes.

OR

Fried Shrimp Lomaine - Red hook beer battered shrimp, tossed in linguine with oriental vegetables and a teriyaki sauce.

OR

Chicken Parmesan Sandwich - Lightly breaded chicken topped with provolone cheese and marinara sauce, served on a toasted roll

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will feature Chocolate Mousse

Doors open at **11 am** for social hour with lunch at **12 noon** followed by the program and chapter news and announcements. **Cost: \$16 members and \$17 guests.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling **Allys Macken 914-819-2992**, or **Mary Ann Dougherty, 541-9412** or madod@aol.com by **noon, Wednesday, March 15**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller at 537-2475**.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS
LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS**

Email - If you make a reservation by email, you must receive an email confirmation or you will not be included in the luncheon count.

Phone - If you leave a message for your reservation, you must receive a call back or you will not be included in the luncheon count.

If you make a reservation for the luncheon and you are a **"no show"**, you are obligated to pay for the cost of the luncheon. If you do not pay for the luncheon, your reservation for future luncheons will not be taken and you will not be able to participate in AARP functions such as trips.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder

Legislative News: Our top priority now is implementing The Care Act for the 123,000 Delaware caregivers. We need volunteers to put some muscle behind this effort. When big votes come up you can help by emailing State Representatives. We will have a sign up available at the luncheon. For more information on joining the 5226 Advocacy Team, contact Chuck Schonder at cschonder3@gmail.com. The next committee meeting will be March 7 from noon to 1 PM at the South Coastal Library, Room A. All are welcome.

Environmental News: The February 11 Trail Day at Holts Landing State Park was very productive. Crew 1 cleaned out the blue bird boxes. Crew 2 picked up trash from the boat ramp past the fishing pier on the waterfront. Crew 3 cleaned from the Trail Head to the Maintenance Headquarters. Crew 4 cleaned up the maintenance yard. The next Trail Day is on Saturday March 11 at 9 AM. Join in for three hours of work/fun at your own level. Coffee and donuts are provided.

Membership – Enid Levine

The Chapter now has **453** members. We welcome the following newcomers: Thomas and Carol Clark, Barbara Farrell, Mary Patrice Guella, John & Georgeann Magnes, Carol Senerchia, Janet Shifflett, Ellen Treem, Jeannette Webber, Sandy

Raymond, Laura and Charles Norwood, Nancy Pepper, Mary Warrington and Lorraine Weiland.

The newsletter is mailed and e-mailed the fourth week of the month. If you have not received a newsletter (by e-mail or US Mail) by the end of the next week, please call me at 302-541-5639.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

Please mark your calendars: Our committee will be having a fund raiser for DE Hospice at the Clayton Theatre in Dagsboro on **Saturday, March 25**. We will have a 50/50 and will chance off a basket. Doors will open at 1 PM with the movie **"To Catch A Thief"** to be shown a 2 PM. Tickets are **\$10** and may be bought at the luncheon in March.

The "Game Day" was a fun success. The participants donated 172 items for the Food Bank. Thanks to all who attended.

On February 8 Dr. Cramer told the first graders at Phillip Shoal Elementary School about the importance of keeping their teeth brushed and not eating certain foods.

Food Bank: We are still in need of food for the food pantry. These contributions of non-perishable items are needed to help many needy families in our area stretch their food dollars. Please check the dates and bring **unexpired** items to each chapter meeting.

Coupons for Military Families: Please bring your clipped, **unexpired** coupons (good for 90 days after expiration) to the chapter meeting. Be sure **not** to clip off the **bar code** and **expiration date**. Please sort according to food and non-food items. Mary is also collecting cereal box top coupons.

Blood Bank: To schedule an appointment call **1-888-825-6638** or schedule on line at www.delmarvablood.org. The schedule is as follows: **St. Ann's Catholic Church** - May 15, June 5, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 3, November 10, December 15. Call for times. Check for other locations in Sussex County on the web site.

The Community Service Committee meets on the first **Tuesday** of the month at the South Coastal Library at **10:30 AM**. We invite members to join us

and share your ideas on how we can help the community.

Scholarship - Shirley Price/Ione Phillips

Exhibitor spaces are sold out for the 2017 Artisans Fair to be held on **Saturday, May 27 from 9 AM – 3 PM at the Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View.** Artisans participating in the fair offer a range of creations from artwork to metal craft, wood, jewelry and more.

A new feature of this year's fair will be a Farmers Market to be held in the field on the school grounds from 9 AM-1 PM. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase seasonal produce, plants and other products from the vendors.

The fair will once more feature a bake sale, auction, and 50/50.

Soon someone will be contacting members for bake sale donations or if you desire to send a check instead that also would be appreciated.

Lunch on the grounds will be catered by **Hocker's Barbecue.**

The 2017 application for the committee's two \$1500 scholarships for Indian River High School seniors is now available in the guidance office at the high school. Applications are due on Tuesday, April 25. The scholarships will be awarded at the school's annual awards night. If you know of a student who might qualify for the scholarship, let him/her know of the availability.

The next meeting of the committee will be at 3 PM, Wednesday, March 22 at the South Coastal Library. New members are always welcome.

Tours - Jim Harding

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

AARP Sponsored Book Club

The Book Group will be meeting at 10:30 AM on March 2 at the Library to discuss "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Bachman. This story about a sad, curmudgeon of a man becomes comical and heartwarming.

Bowling – Dottie Rieck

After seven weeks into the second half of the season, our brand new team, Royale 5's, holds a one game lead over my own team, the Beach Bowlers. Ed Thurston of team Fab Five currently has the high average for men at 190. Ed's teammate, Debbie Littleton, has high average for women at 171.

We currently have openings for four new bowlers to fill the teams. All skill levels are welcome. The league will bowl through April with our banquet held on May 8 at Cripple Creek Country Club. To sign up, please contact **Dottie Rieck at 539-2654** The league bowls on **Monday at 1:30 PM** at Millsboro Lanes.

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The chorus is very busy working hard on our spring music. We will be traveling in May and June to perform for other people. We sing many types of songs, old and more modern. Join us at the Bethany Beach Library on Wednesdays at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome!

For information and to join us, call Ann Jaeger at 436-5173.

CHAPTER TO CELEBRATE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER

The chapter will mark 20 years of operation in October and is planning a special celebration in place of our usual meeting on Tuesday, October 17. Mark your calendar for this fun event. More details about the celebration and a chance to sign up will be available at the March chapter meeting.

The event will feature a three-course seated dinner, a cash bar, entertainment, chapter recognitions and more.

The planning committee is seeking volunteers to help with aspects of the event such as ticket sales, decorations, and publicity. If you are interested in helping, please contact either Joan Thomas at joandcoach@mchsi.com or Lone Phillips at idphillips@mchsi.com.

Driver's Safety Classes - Tom Maly

Refresher classes are for those who have previously taken the Standard Driver's Class. You must take the Refresher Class every three (3) years to continue to receive a discount on your auto liability insurance. The State is now mandating that you cannot take the Refresher Class prior to 90 days expiration of your current certificate.

The AARP Driver Safety classes scheduled for **March 6** and **May 8** are COMPLETELY FULL (with waiting lists). The next Refresher course is scheduled for **Monday, September 11**, at the South Coastal Library, 9 AM to 1 PM. To register, call Tom at (302) 541-0780.

The next Standard course is for **Monday, October 2** at the library from 9 AM to 3 PM. To register, call Tom at (302) 541-0780.

All classes are held at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. If you wish to take the course on line, go to AARPdriversafety.org. The cost is \$17.95 for AARP members and \$21 for non-members.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of any member who needs a card (get well, bereavement, etc.), please contact **Joan Wolf** at **541-051**.

NO-COST INCOME TAX RETURNS

Again this year, the AARP Tax-Aide program will offer free tax return assistance and preparation to

taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to those 50 and older. Taxpayers do not need to be members of AARP to use this service. In the Bethany Beach area, the service will be offered by appointment at the Masterson Center, St. Ann's Church, Route 26, Monday through Wednesday, beginning February 6. Appointments will be from **9 AM** until **1 PM**. The phone number to call to make an appointment is **302-858-3575**.

At the time of appointment, taxpayers must present photo ID and proof of SSN for every individual named on the return and must have last year's (2016) Federal and State tax returns. All tax documents, including income statements, proof of deductions and credits, and health insurance statements, should be removed from envelopes. A taxpayer who may be able to itemize deductions should bring a summary of the expenses to be itemized along with supporting documentation.

For information about other Tax-Aide locations in this area, call the toll-free number, 1-888-AARP NOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit the Web site at www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp.

REMINDER

Please vote on March 2 between 10 - 8 PM (**yes/no**) for the Indian River School District referendum.

The referendum details that a tax increase of \$0.49 for every \$100 assessment value would go to the Indian River School District. Voting places are your local schools.

CHAPTER TRIPS

2017

- April 13** **Jonah** - Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Jonah is a prophet and a man on the run from God. Jonah finds himself in the belly of a giant fish. It is here where God teaches Jonah how to receive grace and extend mercy. Lunch at Hershey Farm Inn. Price includes bus, lunch, show and gratuities. Depart Giant parking lot. **Price: \$122** per person. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- April 27** **Wallops Island** - A trip to NASA Wallops Flight Facility to Tour Wallops Island. Includes Suborbital Rockets presentation and video, orbital partnership, and Antares launch video, Wallops overview, and the Global Hawk control center. **Price \$30** per person, includes bus, entrance, and tip. Lunch at the cafeteria on your own. **WAIT LIST ONLY**
- May 10 -11** **Luray Caverns, Virginia** - 2 days, 1 night. The trip includes 1 night hotel at the English Inn, Charlottesville, Virginia, Dinner at T Bonze restaurant on your own, Bus transportation, driver gratuity, baggage handling and breakfast included. Also included admission to Luray Caverns, Monticello- tour home of Thomas Jefferson, Natural Bridge of Virginia and final stop at Copper Fox Distillery for a tasting. **Price: \$195** per person based on double occupancy and **\$252** per single. We will depart from Giant parking lot.
- May 17** **Longwood Gardens** - Longwood Gardens spring flowers. Cost includes entrance fee, transportation and bus driver tip. Depart from Giant parking at 7:30 AM. **Price: \$58.**
- June 12 - 15** **Finger Lakes** - 4 days 3 nights. 3 breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, Visit Kings' Ferry and Long Port Winery for dinner, historic Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls, Tour of It's A Wonderful Life Museum, Three Brothers Winery for tasting, organ demonstration at Willard Chapel, dinner at Springfield Inn, Merry Go Round Playhouse, Muranda Cheese Co. tour, Knapp Vineyard, Montezuma Winery and Distillery, shopping on the shores of Skaneateles Lake, dinner and cruise on the Judge Ben Wiles, visit Lively Run Goat Dairy, and Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards .**Price: \$699** per person based on double occupancy and **\$905** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- Sept. 18- 22** **Vermont** - 5 days 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners. Cruise on scenic Lake Champlain, lunch and tour at the Von Trapp Inn, tour: Morse Farm Maple Sugar Works, Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, explore Plymouth Notch, factory tour of Cabot Cheese, visit Woodstock to view one of their beautiful covered bridges, enjoy a visit to Rock of Ages granite quarry and shop for granite gifts, enjoy Quechee the Grand Canyon of Vermont, shop the Vermont Country Store. **Price: \$979** per person based on double occupancy and **\$1229** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- Dec 2 - 7** **Nashville, TN** - 6 day, 5 night. 5 breakfast, 1 luncheon cruise, 2 holiday dinner shows. 3 nights at the Opryland Resort during A Country Christmas at Gaylord Opryland, Cruise and lunch aboard the General Jackson, guided tour of Nashville and explore Music Row, Tickets to Ice featuring "The Nutcracker", a Delta River flatboat ride, admission to a live holiday production (TBA). Tickets to Treasures for the Holidays a craft, antique and art show, enjoy a self-guided tour of the Parade of Trees, have a fabulous holiday dinner show in Pigeon Forge. **Price: \$1199** per person based on double occupancy and **\$1549** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**

2018

- Jan. 27 - Feb. 11** **Back -to-Back Southern Caribbean Cruise** - Royal Caribbean's "Jewel of the Seas" Ports of Call include St. Thomas, Antigua, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Maarten, Dominica, Grenada and San Juan. Trip includes: 2 week cruise, shipboard meals and entertainment, hotel

accommodations in beautiful San Juan, round Motor Coach transportation to Philadelphia Airport, non-stop round trip airfare, transportation to and from the cruise ship and hotel, port charges and taxes. \$50.00 room credit the second week. For more information go to our web site or call Jim.

**June 4 -
June 10**

Mackinac Island, MI - 7 days, 6 nights, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners. One night accommodation at the Grand Hotel with one five course dinner, one buffet lunch, and a tasty BBQ. One dinner at a local Mackinaw City restaurant and a home cooked meal at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. 3 evening receptions at your hotel going and coming home. We will have a hydro jet ferry ride to Mackinac Island, carriage tour of the island. Enjoy the Jack Pine Lumberjack show, visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, Soo Locks boat tour, the Henry Ford Museum and a tour of Frankenmuth. **Price: \$1359** based on double occupancy and **\$1834** based on single occupancy.

Go to www.aarp5226.org for more details about the many trips offered.

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.

Al Thomas and Lucille Kurtz, Co-Presidents

Trip Reservations:

To make a reservation for any trip, phone **Jim or Maria Harding, (302) 537-5206** or email tours@aarp5226.org Make checks payable to: **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee** and send to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, P.O. Box 662, Ocean View, DE. 19970.**

Please submit a check for each trip you sign up for. Note on the check what trip the check is to be applied to. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.

Trip Rules

- Payment is preferred at time of registration and must be made no later than 30 days after registration.
- Reservations made within 30 days of a scheduled trip must be paid at time of registration.
- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure, contact the tour escort for that trip.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on buses during chapter-sponsored trips.
- **.Price subject to change:** If the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% between the date of the contract with Bus Company and the date of the charter, the Tour Committee may charge a fuel surcharge to participants.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	2 AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 a.m.	3	4
5	6 Standard Driving Class Coastal Library 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bowling 1:30 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes	7 Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Community Service Meeting 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Legislative Committee -12 noon South Coastal Library	8 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	9	10	11
12 Showboat Trip Giant Parking Lot 7 a.m. Daylight Savings - Turn Clock Forward	13 Bowling 1:30 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes	14 AARP Board Meeting 10 a.m. South Coastal Library	15 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Deadline Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	16	17 	18
19	20 Bowling 1:30 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes	21 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	22 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	23	24	25
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