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The President's Corner....

Happy New Year to one and all! We ended 2019 in fine form with an excellent Christmas party at The Clarion. Many thanks to Sandy Kvech and her party committee for organizing a wonderful event. Sadly, Sandy will be stepping down as our party chairperson after a run of successful parties, but our 2020 Christmas party is still in good hands-- Fran Smith has agreed to grab the reins and chair this year's party. Please speak to Fran if you would like to help with the planning.

While our Christmas party committee deserves a ton of credit for planning a very enjoyable 2019 party, I would also like to give credit to area merchants who generously donated gift cards to the event. The awarding of these gift cards to lucky recipients is always a highlight of our annual party and enhances everyone's enjoyment of the event. We are fortunate to live in a community where so many merchants are willing to make a contribution to our Christmas party. To give recognition where it is due, here is a list of those businesses that contributed to our 2019 party:

Abbey Bistro Burger
Bad Monkey (West OC)
Blue Fish Restaurant
Captain's Table
Clarion Hotel
Crabcake Factory (Rte. 54)
Denny's
The Hair Studio (Fenwick)

High Stakes
Outback Steakhouse
Pine House Pub
Pit & Pub
Seacrets
Splash Mtn. Waterpark
Toast

Many of the businesses on this list are repeat contributors who have been supporting our parties year after year. I would like to appeal to our members to consider thanking those merchants who have supported us by patronizing them when you are making dinner arrangements. Helping those who have helped us would be a nice gesture and in keeping with the Christmas spirit. Have a wonderful new year everyone.

Many events are planned for the next few months. Please join us, bring your friends or family and take advantage of our speakers, special events and travel opportunities. We hope that you will join us for our Outback Steakhouse fundraiser scheduled for April 4th, 2020, from 11:30AM through 2 PM. A real deal at only \$15.00, includes tips and gratuities.



Bob McCluskey



SAVE THESE DATES



2020 TAX preparation for OC seniors and others with low to moderate income will be held at the Northside Park Civic Center by appointment only. Other centers are available locally. TAX AIDE is by appointment only this year at most centers.

TAX INFORMATION - beginning February 1st through April 15th, 2020 various TAX AIDE SITES will provide free tax preparation for seniors and low to moderate income taxpayers. This year tax preparation will be scheduled by appointment only. Listed below are the names, locations and current phone numbers for several locations. You may access individual sites below. If you do not get a response call TAX AIDE for times and call numbers, call 1 -888-687-2277 and choose products and services.

NORTHSIDE PARK CIVIC CENTER
200 125TH ST
OCEAN CITY, MD 21842-2247
SAT 09:30-03:00
410 641-5036

OCEAN PINES LIBRARY
11107 CATHELL RD
OCEAN PINES MD 21811-9310
MON AT 09:00 AM - 3 P
443 373 2667

ST ANN'S CHURCH EDUCATION CENTER
691 GARFIELD PARKWAY
BETHANY BEACH, DE 19930-9227
302 858-3575

LONG NECK CHEER CENTER
26089 LONG NECK BLVD
PELICAN GROVE SHOPPING CENTER
LONG NECK, DE 19966-1966

INDIAN RIVER SENIOR CENTER
214 IRONS AVE
MILLSBORO, DE 19966-1807

POCOMOKE
FRIDAY 0900-3PM
410 957-0878

April 4th, 2020

Fundraiser for Stephen Decatur Scholarship at Outback Steakhouse.
11:30AM-2PM. Stop in and enjoy the Aussie service.

May 5th, 2020

Ocean City Health Fair @ Convention Center will be held May 5th, 2020



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

ITS DUES TIME!

\$7.00 buys you membership in a great and progressive local AARP chapter with monthly meetings and camaraderie, coffee and snacks while you enjoy local and interesting speakers on a variety of subjects. We also sponsor and participate in local events provide healthcare information through Atlantic General Hospital and most importantly travel opportunities like no other. ALL FOR ONLY \$7.00. **Andrea Albrecht, our Membership Committee Chair, will be waiting for you and your check at the membership table.**



RON APPERSON'S LUNCH BUNCH

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON IS AT CRABCAKE FACTORY ON RT 54 FENWICK
COST \$16.00 (PLEASE BRING EXACT CHANGE)



Committee News

scholarship winners, Alexis Driscoll, and Emergency McCabe, joined us at our thanks for the two \$500.00



In September 2019, two Atlantic General Seldon and Samantha Department director, Andi meeting to relate their scholarships awarded to

them from AARP. Their scholarships were awarded with funds from the Ocean City Community Health Fair in May of 2019. These students, already in health care programs to advance their careers for nursing, shared information regarding their intended use of the funds as well as their planned careers in health care. Both planned to remain in Worcester Co and are currently employed at Atlantic General Hospital. Congratulations to these AGH employees for pursuing higher education.

WE HAVE SOME WINNERS!



John Lucas, swears in our new Vice President, Charlie Herbert, our talented treasurer, Sandy Kvech, our new board member, Ed Pinto and our Sunshine Lady and continuing board member Jeff McArthur.



Congratulations to all, and many thanks for all you do for our chapter!

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COME GET "A REAL DEAL"

AARP 1917 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 4th, 2020

11:30 am until 2:00 pm

We invite you to join us at Outback Steakhouse in West Ocean City for a luncheon to support our annual fundraiser to benefit Stephen Decatur High School Scholarship Award Program.

You will be provided a choice of 3 entrees: 6 oz sirloin center cut, shrimp salad or chicken pasta. Each entrée comes with mashed potatoes with side vegetable or salad, dessert and choice of non-alcoholic beverage for:

\$15.00 (includes tax & gratuity)

Full Cash Bar Available

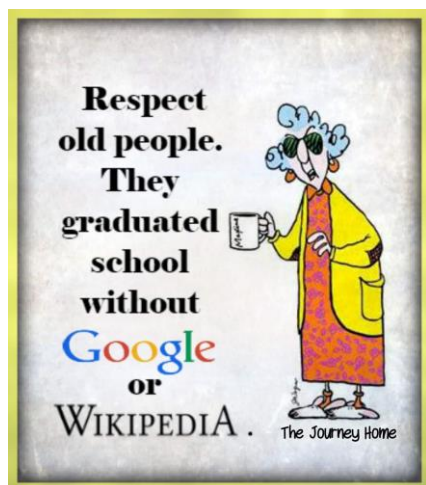
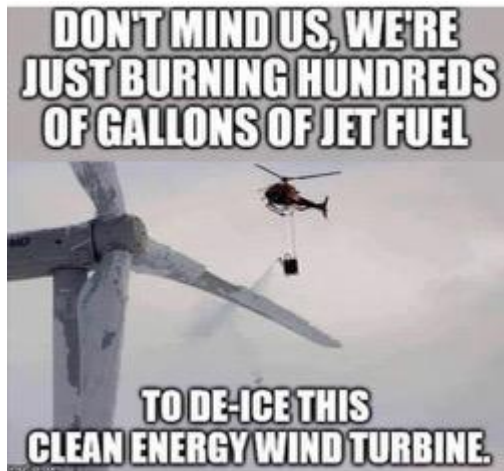
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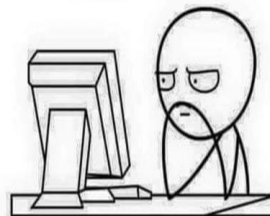
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SPEAKERS



MR. CHARLIE HERBERT, OUR VICE PRESIDENT AND WELL-KNOWN COMMUNITY MEMBER, ROXANNA FIREMAN, AND SHOWMAN, PROVIDED A FASCINATING EDUCATIONAL POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON FIRE SAFETY AND ELECTRICAL HAZARDS IN OCTOBER.



MR RICHARD MEEHAN , OUR LONGSTANDING MAYOR OF OCEAN CITY, PROVIDED A TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE IN NOVEMBER, ON CHANGES, CHALLENGES AND CELEBRATION OF TOPICS RELATIVE TO OUR CONCERNS. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPECTED OFFSHORE TURBINE WIND POWER AND CITY FINANCIALS, ESPECIALLY OCEAN CITY'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF WORCESTER COUNTY WERE MAJOR INTERESTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS .

IN JANUARY 2020, MR ROB HART, DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES FOR WORCESTER COUNTY, ACCOMPANIED BY SARA BOUFALLA, COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH DIRECTOR, OFFERED A PLETHORA OF THE VARIOUS RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN SOME MARYLAND COUNTIES TO ENABLE AGING FOR SENIORS IN THEIR HOMES. COMMUNITY FOR LIFE SERVICE BROCHURES WERE AVAILABLE FOR ALL TYPES OF SERVICE OFFERINGS FOR SENIORS. WHILE WORCESTER COUNTY IS CURRENTLY NOT PROVIDING THESE SERVICES, WICOMICO COUNTY IS ENJOYING THE BENEFITS. AARP MAY PETITION OUR COUNCIL FOR THIS PROGRAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS ONE THAT WOULD SERVE OUR



MEMBERS AND OTHERS WELL.



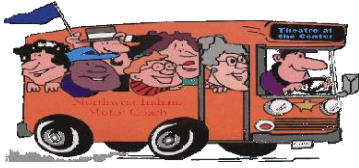
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Good times with Music and Dancing like the old days!
And what a party it was.....SPECIAL THANKS TO SANDY AND FRAN AND THEIR COMMITTEE FOR THIS FABULOUS EVENT!



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TRAVEL UPDATES FOR 2020

TRAVEL PLANNED FOR 2020!

March 19 (Thurs): Breakfast at Ocean Downs, \$7/person

Come join us for breakfast and some gambling fun! Includes: Breakfast sandwich, hash browns, beverage and \$15 play money! **Payment due by February 15th.**

April 21 (Tues): Peddler's Village & The Golden Girls Murder Mystery, \$105/person

Thank you for being a friend! Especially a Golden Girl's Friend! Your favorite ladies from the 80's are throwing a party, and you're invited! Trip includes some free time to browse/shop in Peddler' Village, followed by a 3 course lunch and show at the Cock n Bull Restaurant. **Payment due by February 15th.**

May 3 (Sun): VA International Military Tattoo Performance, \$135/person

The International Tattoo is one of the most patriotic displays of might and skill. The Tattoo is an annual performance in Norfolk, VA that guarantees to thrill audiences with pipers and drummers, military bands, drill teams, Celtic dancers, cultural performers, choirs and more! Includes Transportation, Admission to the Military Tattoo Performance & Lunch at Brick Anchor Brew House. **Payment Due by Feb 15th.**

NEW! May 9 (Sat): Delmarva Shorebirds Game w/ Tailgate Dinner at Tall Tales Brewery

What better way to kick off springtime than with a trip to the ballpark! There will even be a special evening display of fireworks! ... And, join us for a tailgate buffet prior to the game at Tall Tales Brewery for pizza, wings and salad. Includes transportation, tailgate buffet & admission to game.

June 6 – 11, 2020: Cruise to Bermuda from Baltimore

Time is running out! If you wish to take travel insurance, insurance must be booked on-line or called directly in to NTA, 1-800-388-1470 no later than March 1st. Mention Tour Operator Location #306194, located at top right hand corner of form.

Sept 29/30, 2020 (Tues/Wed): Dover Downs - \$135/person (dbl); \$169 (sngl)

Join us for some gambling fun, & live entertainment with the "Almost Cher" Show! Trip includes \$50 play money, Admission to the Show, "Almost Cher", Over-night Accommodations & Breakfast Buffet. Bus transportation, Gratuities & Driver Tip Included. **Payment due by June 9th, 2020.**

For more information and flyers, visit our website at www.aarp1917.org or contact Sandy Kvech, 443-664-2003 or email skvech1917@hotmail.com.



SENIOR EVENTS FOR AGES 50 AND OLDER

What is open to anyone over the age of 50 who enjoys fun with friends, opportunities for travel, camaraderie, educational and guest speakers and discounted local fare, just to name a few!



AARP 1917 - JOIN US! Our meetings are held at the Worcester County Senior Center located at 41st street, Bayside, Ocean City, on the second Thursday of every month, September through June. The Senior Center is just to the right of the Roland Powell Convention Center, almost under the water tower. Free parking is plentiful.

Meeting time is preceded by coffee, snacks and time for travel and brochure browsing, followed at 10:00 am by our speaker and business meeting. Ocean City residency is not required to JOIN US, and belonging to another chapter is fine with us. Tell your friends or bring your neighbors to a meeting to see what we are about..

Senior Center card

New members, please take the time to get your picture Senior Center card at the center. Each time you attend a meeting or event, please swipe your card or use your dedicated number to sign in. These sign ins are to assist our county leaders to budget accurately for these valued Senior Centers throughout our county.

Senior Resources in Worcester County

Senior Resources for Worcester County Residents - Contact Numbers:

- Maryland Access Point (MAP), **410-632-9915**, X170
- Compass Program, **855-346-5905**
- Worcester County Commission on Aging, **410-632-1277**
 - o Meals Wheels o Community for Life o Senior Centers o Adult Medical Day Care o Senior Care
- Atlantic General Hospital "We Care" Program, **410-641-9678**
- Free Directory: www.retirementlivingsourcebook.com

LINK FOR SENIOR CENTER MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRAVEL :

<http://worcoa.org/ocean-city/>

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FREE SENIOR CALL PROGRAM FOR SINGLE MARYLAND RESIDENTS: DON'T MISS THIS PROGRAM.

Recently the Maryland Department of Aging has begun offering a "daily call program" for seniors in the community who live alone, who are at risk for falls or other health issues.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Every day a telephone call will be placed to a participant at a regularly scheduled time. These calls will take place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. as close as possible to the one-hour time block pre-selected by the participant. If the participant does not answer their first call, they will be tried two more times. If those calls go unanswered, additional calls will be made to notify an alternative person who is selected by the participant during program enrollment. This could be an adult child, a neighbor, or another loved one. The alternate will then be encouraged to check on the older adult program participant. The failure of the participant and alternate to answer may result in a Welfare Check by local law enforcement.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any Maryland resident who is 65 years of age or older who has a landline phone or cell phone (TTY is available). The participant and alternates should not have automated call blocking technology (or they should disable that phone feature for this program).

HOW TO APPLY?

Three options available to apply:

1. Click on REGISTER NOW below.
OR
2. Go to RESOURCES below; download & print Maryland Senior Call Check Paper Application to mail in.
OR
3. Call toll-free (866)-502-0560 and ask to have a hard copy application mailed to your home.

<https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx>

MORE SCAMS NOTED:

PLEASE USE CARE WHEN YOU SEE THIS TYPE OF EMAIL ASKING YOU TO VERIFY YOUR ACCOUNT AND INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER.

An Email from AMAZON IS ASKING TO YOU TO REENTER YOUR INFORMATION OR THEY WILL CANCEL YOUR ACCOUNT. Call AMAZON, do not use the number given you. Look up the Amazon customer service number.

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