

# AARP CHAPTER 1917

February 2011

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**February 8-9, 2011 – Beach Blanket Blood Drive, see separate attachment for details.**

**February 10, 2011 – 9:30 AM – *Membership Meeting*** - Speaker will be Shawn Schoolcraft, Director of Community Relations and Marketing, Delmarva Shorebirds. He will talk about the upcoming Shorebirds Season, Park improvements, and the upcoming All-Star game.

Membership Meetings are held in the Community Center at Northside Park, 125<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocean City, on the second Thursday each month. Coffee & Conversation at 9:30 a.m. 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 agencies 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.

**Travel News ... See Page 3.**

## Medicare Doc Pay Saved – for Now

President Obama has signed legislation that blocks pay cuts for [Medicare](#) physicians for one year. The measure is aimed at stabilizing medical care for fearful seniors worried by the growing number of doctors who threatened to stop treating Medicare patients if scheduled fee reductions took effect Jan. 1. Before signing the law, the president called on Congress to come up with a “permanent solution that seniors and their doctors can depend on.” (See more at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org))

## **Join the Blood Bank !**

If you are not currently a member of the Blood Bank of Delmarva, you should consider the benefits of joining the group membership. Find out why you should join the "Group Membership" by picking up an application at our AARP monthly meeting at a table in the rear of the meeting hall. If you want to know more about it and cannot be at our meeting to pick up an application, please call Alcea Sprung at 410-352-5748 or e-mail your request to [asprung@comcast.net](mailto:asprung@comcast.net).

## ***Did you know .....***

### **National AARP does Travel too !**

AARP gives travel/trip discounts to members. Their Travel web site also has lots of other information such as packing tips, advice on currency exchanging, vacation planning guides, and a free Travel magazine. Go to [www.aarp.org/travel/](http://www.aarp.org/travel/) for more information.

### **Restaurant Gift Certificates with Discounts:**

Go to [www.restaurant.com](http://www.restaurant.com) and put in a zipcode to obtain a list of participating restaurants to receive up to 80 percent off on gift certificates. For example, you can purchase a \$25 gift certificate to Fresco's for \$15. There are restrictions (like two entrees required), but if you're planning to eat there anyway, then you can save \$10. (From the Maryland AARP website)

### **Is there a cheaper alternative to your medicine ?**

Go to <http://drugsavings.aarp.org/> and put in your medications to find out if there are other medications that will have the same effect, but are cheaper. The site will list typical costs for both your medicine and the alternatives, and will sometimes ask you to make a selection on reasons for treatment. As always, discuss the recommendation with your doctor before making changes. (From the Maryland AARP web site)

## **A Boomer's Guide to Medicare** (From the National AARP web site)

Turning 65 does have its benefits. Follow the links below to find out more about Medicare.

- [1. A Boomer's Guide to Medicare](#)
- [2. Your Eligibility](#)
- [3. Enrollment Deadlines](#)
- [4. Medicare Parts A, B, C and D](#)
- [5. Medigap Insurance](#)
- [6. What Medicare Will Cost You](#)
- [7. Your Medicare Checklist](#)

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## Branson & the Ozarks, Missouri

9 Days – 8 Nights

\$ 890.00 per person (double occupancy)

**Package includes:**

**8 Nights Lodging**

**8 Breakfasts**

**6 Dinners**

**7 Outstanding holiday shows:**

**George Dyer  
Brett Family Singers  
Baldknobbers Hillbilly Jamboree  
Twelve Irish Tenors  
Hughes Brothers  
Showboat Branson Belle  
Red, Hot & Blue**

**Branson Landing**

**The Grand Country Square**

**Historic Downtown Branson**

**Casino gambling**

**Souvenir gift**

**All taxes and meal gratuities**

**Luggage handling in Branson**

**Motorcoach transportation**

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