



# CHAPTER 1917

Ocean City, Maryland

November 2012

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

Well folks, as I write this; the Autumnal Equinox has taken place. Summer is over. I love Autumn. It would be perfect if Spring came right after it.

In the real world, some say this is the busiest time; harvest time has come; many are preparing for the busy holiday season; Election Day is just around the corner; those political ads will soon be a thing of the past and for us guys no more grass cutting until next spring.

It is also time to reflect on our OC AARP Chapter happenings thus far in 2012. We have a new website and a re-energized newsletter; our membership rolls increased significantly; our travel committee worked long and hard to provide trips for your enjoyment. Our recently held political forum was an overwhelming success; and our Spring Health Fair continued its long tradition of providing information to the citizens of Ocean City. Our Fall Festival will be held on October 25th.

Events such as these don't just happen with the snap of our fingers. Many months of planning went into them. Your board worked very hard in trying to meet the overall needs of you, our AARP members and will continue to do so in the coming year. All of us owe them our gratitude.

In closing:                      Don't forget to VOTE!  
    Happy Holidays to all.

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.

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.

See [www.aarp1917.org](http://www.aarp1917.org) for more information.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**November 8, 2012** – *Membership Meeting*. Speaker is Ms. Kathy Jacobs, Director of Community Relations, Brandywine Senior Living at Fenwick Island, Selbyville, Delaware. She will be discussing Long Term Care, Assisted Living, Home Health Care, and Respite Care. This is **Election Day** for our Chapter; see details below.

**November 28-29, 2012** - Trip - NY City Broadway Shows (2 days). Christmas Spectacular and Evita musical. \$356/person. Note that this trip is filled; you may request to be put on the “wait list”.

**December 4, 2012** - Trip - Longwood Gardens Christmas Show & Lunch at the *Moshula*, Penns Landing, PA. An incredible holiday celebration with a gingerbread theme. \$88/person. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website, but payment was due by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**December 13, 2012** – *Membership Meeting*. No speaker but come for snacks, surprises, and swearing in of old and new board members. Free stuff! Free Stuff!

**January 23, 2013** - Trip - Day Trip to Smithsonian Institute, Air & Space Museum, Washington, D.C. Dinner in Annapolis included. \$55/person. Flyer is at the Travel Table, on the website, and on Page 7 here.

**April 16, 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 at the Travel Table, on the website, and on Page 8 here.

**May 3-14, 2013** - Trip - Holland/Belgium Tulip Time River Cruise. Air Transportation, Tours, Food, all included. Flyer is at the Travel Table and is on the website.

### Fall 2012 Chapter Election ....

This year, we have four candidates up for election. Santa Kvech and Bob McClusky are running for 3-year board positions. John Lucas and Jeff McArthur are running for 1-year board positions. All four candidates are running unopposed and will be voted upon by the membership during the November membership meeting. The candidates' impressive bios are on the following two pages.

### **Candidates for Election to AARP 1917 Board of Directors, 3 Year Term**

**Sandy Kvech.** Sandy has been a resident of Ocean City since 1999. For the last three years she has served on the Board of Directors for Montego Bay Civic Association (MBCA). Elected as MBCA Secretary in 2009, her responsibilities included drafting Board Meeting Minutes, developing Community Newsletters and participating on various committees in support of community interests. In 2010, she was elected MBCA Treasurer, responsible for the oversight of the finances of the association. Sandy retired from Giant Food, Inc. as Vice President of Human Resources. At Giant, she directed the administration of five company divisions including Training & Management Development, Employment, Personnel Records, Payroll and Benefits. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from the University of Maryland. Sandy has been an AARP Member of Worcester Co. Chapter #1917 for the last three years and would like to continue her involvement by serving as a Board Member. Sandy has just completed a one year term on the Board of Directors of AARP Chapter 1917 and worked very hard on several committees including the Travel Committee and the Fall Fest Committee. She is very enthusiastic and will work hard to make our chapter successful.

**Bob McCluskey.** Bob is a former Baltimore County high school social studies teacher where he taught for 28 years. Upon retiring, Bob and his wife purchased property in Montego Bay in 2003 and moved there full-time in 2008. Bob has served on the Board of Directors of the Montego Bay Civic Association (MBCA) and continues to participate in the community's Neighborhood Watch program as well as the MBCA pond committee. Bob joined the local AARP chapter shortly after moving to Ocean City, and has enjoyed various AARP sponsored events. Bob co-chaired the 2011 AARP Fall Fest committee and served well on both the 2012 Travel Committee and the 2012 Fall Fest Committee. Bob has also just completed a one year term on the Board of Directors and looks forward to continuing to serve our chapter.

## **Candidates for Election to AARP 1917 Board of Directors, 1 Year Term**

**John Lucas.** John and his wife Paulette reside in West Fenwick, DE and Ocean City, MD. John was born and raised in New York City, earned his BS from Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences in New York City and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of California, Davis. Following completion of his PhD John did additional training at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine before taking a faculty position at the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY. He remained on the faculty for 33 years, with a one year sabbatical back in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins. In addition to his roles as a researcher and educator John served as the Vice Provost for Research in Syracuse and served on several statewide university boards. Before retiring and moving permanently to Delmarva he spent over 2 years at The Wistar Institute in Philadelphia as Vice President for Academic Affairs. John still serves on the IRB, a committee that reviews clinical trial cancer treatments, for the Philadelphia Cancer Treatment Centers of America hospital. John and his family have vacationed in Ocean City for many years and he and Paulette have owned a mid-town condo since 1993. John served on the scholarship committee last year and looks forward to serving the local chapter as a board member.

**Jeff McArthur.** Jeff and his wife (Becky) of 51 years have lived in Ocean City for five years. In 2002 he retired from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC. Before joining HUD he was the Executive Director of two Community Action Agencies in North Carolina. He has served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Manpower Development Corporation and on the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, Maryland. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jeff is looking forward to serving the local chapter as a board member.

## Candidates Forum .....Very Successful !



On Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, our Chapter sponsored a Ocean City Candidates Forum at the Elks Lodge in Ocean City. Both candidates for Mayor attended and nine candidates for City Council attended. The event was moderated by Greg Bassett, editor of the Daily Times, who was assisted by Julia Glanz of Salisbury University. Questions had been gathered from chapter members prior to the event and questions from the audience were also collected. The forum was well organized, not very contentious, and flowed smoothly. The event was well attended (150 plus in the audience) and received good coverage in the local newspapers. Many attendees expressed their appreciation afterwards.

## September Speaker



Our speaker was Ronald Pilling of the Jesse Klump Foundation. Mr. Pilling spoke on the suicide crisis in Worcester County. Mr. Pilling provided useful information about the warning signs of suicide, what to do when someone you know may be considering suicide, and many other issues. The session was not depressing and was an “eye-opener” to everyone present.

## October Speaker



Our speaker was Mr. Tom Oneto of the Ocean City Aviation Association (OCAA). Tom gave a very interesting presentation on the restoration project involving the Huey UH-1 helicopter that is now on display at the Ocean City Airport. The project involved hundreds of hours of volunteer work and donations from many charitable individuals, as a wreck was transformed into a beautiful aircraft. Tom’s assistant, John Sabanosh, is a former Vietnam Huey “dust-off” pilot. John gave a presentation on the role of the Huey as a medical evacuation helicopter during the Vietnam War, and the tumultuous time he spent there. Our chapter members were very appreciative.

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## OCEAN CITY AARP CHAPTER 1917

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### Air & Space Museum at the Smithsonian Institute Washington, DC Wednesday January 23, 2013

#### Itinerary

- 8:00 am** Depart from 65th Street Safety Building - Ocean City, MD
- 11:30 am** Arrive in Washington, DC—Air & Space Museum  
@ Smithsonian Institute
- 3:30 pm** Depart Washington, DC for Annapolis, MD
- 4:30 pm** Dinner at the *Old Country Buffet*
- 6:00 pm** Depart from Annapolis, MD
- 8:30 pm** **Approximate** return time to Ocean City, MD

Explore the first flight of the Wright Brothers in 1903, the growth of aviation and rocketry 1920 and 30's and move on beyond earth to the moon.

Some 160 large space and missile artifacts and 500 smaller space history artifacts are on view at the McDonnell Space Hangar to illustrate the scope of space exploration history as organized around the following four main themes: rocketry and missiles, human spaceflight, applications satellites, and space science. Some of the highlights include:

- Space Shuttle Discovery
- Gemini 7 space capsule
- Apollo command module Spacelab Laboratory Module
- Close Encounters of the Third Kind Mothership model, used for the filming of the movie of the same name



If you are a History enthusiast, check out some of the exhibits including Dorothy's Ruby Red slippers from *The Wizard of Oz*, or the Blue Wool Coat, part of a suit of regimentals made for George Washington in 1789, and if transportation is your interest, check out the Red Crown Gasoline Pump among all other exhibits available in the history of more than 80 cars on exhibit at the Smithsonian.

**TOTAL COST PER PERSON: \$ 55.00** (all inclusive)

Lunch on your own—Water will be provided on the bus; bring your own snacks if you wish.

Cancellation Policy: Refund by replacement only

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**OCEAN CITY AARP CHAPTER 1917**

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**Annapolis, MD**

**Tuesday April 16, 2013**

**Itinerary**

6:30 am Depart from 65th Street Safety Building - Ocean City, MD

9:30 am Arrive in Annapolis, MD

9:45 am—10:30 am Guided Tour of State House



10:45 am—10:30 am Guided Tour of Naval Academy — (Noon Formation if taking place)



12:15 pm—2:45 pm Lunch at the Dry Dock Restaurant



2:45 pm Free Time to include: Visitor Center to view movie "to Lead & Serve", Shopping  
Board the Harbor Queen



3:00 pm—3:40 pm Harbor Queen Cruise

4:00 pm Depart for home

7:00 pm Approximate return time to Ocean City, MD

**TOTAL COST PER PERSON: \$ 76.00** (all inclusive)  
Cancellation Policy: Refund by replacement only

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