

AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES for January 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:00 AM. There were 72 attendees.

Sunshine Lady Anne Cooley announced cards had been sent to John Bloecher and Michelle Donovan. She noted that Norma Bull will go in for surgery on January 13.

Speaker Chris Bitters of the Shorebirds gave us some insight into his functions as general manager of the Shorebirds operations which includes everything “beyond the white lines”. The Baltimore Orioles own the ball players, but the management group owns the Shorebirds entity and Wicomico County owns the facility. The stadium is now 20 years old and restoration plans are in the works. The players are between 18 and 23 years old, many come from other countries, most are just out of high school or college and are on their own for the first time. Many of them stay with local families during the season.

Scholarship chair Norma Bull announced the start of a fund raiser for scholarships. January through March pizza kits will be sold and delivered in April. If we sell 100, \$5.75 for each will come back to the chapter.

Treasurers report presented by Bill Shoop: Balances ending for December: General Fund –\$11,918.72; Health Fair - \$1,467.86, Travel - \$3,499.86 (corrected balance).

Ann Toney, Coordinator of the Senior Center, discussed some of the center’s activities: Open Monday through Thursday, 9 – 2:30, exercise room and pool room, bingo, cards, tai chi, ceramics, mahjong. Lunches are \$2.25. She welcomed all to participate, including Delaware residents.

Travel chair Sandy Kvech reported on the travel schedule through 2014. Sandy also noted that February 24 will be the next AARP Safe Driver course; \$15 payment is due February 13. A “Lunch Bunch” is starting in February for after meeting lunches at local establishments. Bob McCluskey is to be notified if you will attend.

President Chris (1) Thanked Garry and Louise Fox for making and donating the lovely lectern for our use at meetings. (2)The ARP Tax Aide Program will start in February; our own Bill Shoop and John Bloecher are preparers. (3) The OC Community Health Fair is Tuesday, May 6. (4) If anyone is interested in putting together an entry for the OC St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 15, let Chris know. (5) Announced future speakers: February – Margaret Muldrun from Taylor Bank and police officials will discuss elder financial abuse; March – speaker from Home Instead; April – Physical Abuse of the Elderly; May – Freeman Stage; June – Wallops Island.

Communications chair Garry Fox noted that postcards announcing our change in venue were lost in the mail.

Frank Hoover presented cupcakes to the January **birthday** folks.

Good of the Order: Sandy Kvech asked for volunteers for planning our 40th anniversary party.

50/50 won by Tom Christie \$41 to him, \$41 to the chapter. Two box seats to a Shorebirds game were won by Trish Neal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Albrecht,
Recording Secretary