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## SUSSEX COUNTY'S SWEETHEART OF SONG

Come hear Sussex County's Sweetheart of Song on June 20 at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club. Cathy Gorman was born in Georgetown and has been singing since the age of 10 in school choirs and the county and state choruses. In her teens, she was Miss Georgetown 1971 and Junior Miss 1972 garnering a reputation as a talented singer with a 1,000 watt smile.

Cathy specializes in singing rock and roll from the 50's and 60's as well as jazz and songs made famous by Etta James, Lena Horn, Doris Day, Patsy Cline, Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra, just to name a few. To date, Cathy has had the pleasure of singing at more than 300 weddings and many local venues.

## LUNCHEON CHOICES:

**Fried Chicken Platter** - With a side of potato salad and a potato roll. **OR**

**Cheeseburger Slider Basket** - Two cheeseburger sliders with lettuce, tomato and American cheese. Served with battered French fries. **OR**

**Grilled Chicken Ranch BLT Salad** - Grilled chicken topped on romaine and organic mixed greens, seasoned croutons, wedge tomatoes, bacon, sliced green onions. Served with side of creamy southwestern ranch dressing.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will feature a plate of assorted cookies.

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](mailto:madod@aol.com) by **noon, Wednesday, March 15**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller at 236-5570**.

**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**

Legislation Update

HB99 – Which calls for changing the residency requirement for the Senior Property Tax Credit from the current 3 years to 10 years, was heard before the House Administrative Committee.

This committee consists of the top five leaders of the House/Speaker, Majority Leaders of each party and the Whips from each party. Two groups gave testimony: the League of Women Voters, who favored the Bill and AARP who opposed the Bill.

I gave the testimony on behalf of AARP. AARP's testimony mentioned our size (185,000 members statewide) and our philosophy (ensuring AARP members are financially secure and can age in their homes and community). I then gave a comparison of the financial impact on the state of a non-resident home owner in Sussex County (myself) and a similar lifelong resident. Pointing out that the non-resident usually does not bring school children, uses minimal EMT, Fire or Police services as well as many fewer miles on the highways as the full time resident. Comparing the two families the lifelong resident costs the state \$455,000 more over the time period in this example.

The Bill was approved by the Committee 5 – 0 and sent to the full house for a vote. The morning of April 27 the sponsor put in an amendment calling for a change of the effective date for the Bill from June 1 (retroactive) to December 31. We see this

as a win. That gives us the rest of the year to get all members eligible signed up to get the Senior Property Tax Credit. The House passed the bill 37 – 2 – 2 (no shows) on April 27. The Senate Education Committee sent it to be heard by the full Senate. We are working on the Senior Property Tax Credit in the Joint Finance Committee. The current proposal being discussed calls for changing the cap for the credit maximum from \$500 to \$400 with a 20% cut across the board which would adversely affect the folks with less expensive homes. Our Board voted on the 9<sup>th</sup> to support a reduction of the maximum to \$300 without the 20% reduction across the board. This would protect folks on the lower end. We estimate the average tax credit in Sussex County is currently \$250.

Our next Legislative Committee meeting will be June 6 at noon, Meeting Room A, South Coastal Library, if you'd like to join us.

Environmental Update

Eagle Scout, Will Keller, delivered two kayaks racks to the Friends of Holts Landing State Park as part of his Eagle Scout Project to be followed by two bike racks. May 13 was the Final Trail Day of the season.

Four new wayside boards were installed in the woods and by the pier describing natural resources found in the park. On a beautiful Mother's Day, 61 Easy Striders hiked Holts Landing State Park. There will be more on the Summer Concert Series on Tuesday evenings starting on June 13.

**Membership – Enid Levine**

We welcome new members Pamela Young, Earl Saylor, Gary Hummer and returning members Leon and Georgianna Calabrese and Janice and Robert Shaeffer. Our membership now stands at 483.

The newsletter is mailed and e-mailed the fourth week of the month. If you have not received a Newsletter by the end of the next week, please call me at [302-541-5639](tel:302-541-5639) so that we can look into it and make sure you get one.

A reminder that there is only one meeting left in this membership year. Therefore, if a new member signs up or a current member renews in May through August, the membership will run through August 2018. The official membership year runs from September 1 through August 31.

## Join Us on May 27 For Our Tenth Annual Artisans Fair and New Farmers Market

Join more than 1,000 attendees from throughout the area on May 27 when the chapter's Scholarship Committee presents the Tenth Annual Artisans Fair. The event will feature 50 highly skilled crafts people from a five-state area and more than 10 vendors for our first-ever outdoor Farmers Market. Proceeds from the fair go for area youth and adult scholarships.

The show is returning for its fifth year to Lord Baltimore Elementary School located on Route 26. Show hours are 9 AM to 3 PM. Admission and parking are free.

The sold-out fair will feature exhibitors in all media, including artwork, jewelry, clothing, photography, glass, metalwork and more. Many popular past participants will be returning along with 10 new participants.

A Farmers Market will be a new feature of this year's show, offering food items and other choices for outdoor living. Concessions will be provided by **Hocker's BBQ** and **Rita's Italian Ice**. Other popular show offerings will include the huge **bake sale** featuring offerings from the chapter's talented bakers and an **auction** with donations from show exhibitors

If you have promised to bake for the sale, please plan to have your contribution at the school between 7- 8 AM on May 27. **If you cannot bake, cash donations are much appreciated** and go directly to the Scholarship Fund. **Checks may be made out to South Coastal DE AARP** and designated for the Bake Sale. Mail contributions to: South Coastal DE AARP, Attn: Artisans Fair, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. **Your support is appreciated!**

### Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

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](http://www.delmarvablood.org)**. The schedule is as follows: **St. Ann's Catholic Church** - 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.

### Scholarship - Shirley Price/Ione Phillips

Winners of the two \$1500 scholarships to be awarded by the committee to 2017 Indian River High School graduates have been selected and will be announced at the Awards Night at the high

school on Wednesday, May 24. Look for information about this year's recipients on <http://www.aarp5226.org> on May 25. The winners were selected from 13 applications received.

### Tours - Jim Harding

**Please remember our policy regarding payment for trips.** If you sign up for a trip, you have **30 days** to pay from the date you **signed up**. If payment is not received within the 30 days, you will be taken off the list.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### Bowling – Dottie Rieck

The South Coastal AARP Bowling League celebrated the end of its 19th season on May 8 at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club. Team Lucky Ladies (Jeri Magargal, Elaine Oakes, Mim Dohrn, Chuck Santoni, and Len Fitzwater) won the league championship over the Alley Cats (Ginger Collins, Joe Ewers, Becky Kelly, and Lori & Ron Wroblewski).

In January 1998, this chapter sponsored a bowling league called the South Coastal AARP Bowling League. We started with 6 4-man teams. Since then we have grown to 16 5-man teams. We have had many years of fun and friendship. However, the league's financial needs and responsibilities no

longer match Chapter #5226's financial requirements. Therefore, it is with deep regret that I announce that the bowling league is separating itself from this chapter's sponsorship. The bowling league will now be called Coastal Senior Bowling League.

The league bowls on Monday afternoons at Millsboro Lanes. Next season begins on September 11, 2017, and bowls through April 2018. We are always in need of new bowlers. Come join us for a fun time and make new friendships. All skill levels are welcome. If interested, contact **Dottie Rieck at 539-2654**.

Finally, the league gives a special thank you to Gary Meredith for his many years of service as our Secretary/Treasurer. I personally want to thank Gary for his support and guidance this past season.

### **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 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 (for those who have not taken the course or it has been longer than 3 years since they took one), is set 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](http://AARPdriversafety.org). The cost is \$17.95 for AARP members and \$21 for non-members.

The AARP Smart Driver course will be available the second Friday of every month at Community Lutheran Church, 30897 Omar Road, Frankford,

DE. Call Joan King at 239-567-0606 for more details or to register.

### **Sunshine - Joan Wolf**

If you know of any member who needs a card ( get well, bereavement, etc.), please contact Joan Wolf at 541-0513

### **Tickets Are Going Fast for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

We are already more than half full for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, October 24. The event will be held from 5-9 PM at 99 Sea Level in the new Bethany Beach Ocean Suite on the Bethany Beach Boardwalk. We encourage members to make their reservations now.

The event will feature an opening reception hosted by Delaware AARP, a three-course gourmet plated dinner, entertainment by DJ Sky Brady, dancing and chapter recognitions. Parking is free in downtown Bethany Beach in October. The planning committee sees this event as "a chance to celebrate our past, enjoy the present, and look to the future."

Tickets to the event are \$40 a person. To reserve your space, call committee member Joan Thomas at 302-539-1367 or 302-249-7292 or email her at [joandcoach@mchsi.com](mailto:joandcoach@mchsi.com).

When making your reservation, please select your entrée choice from either Stuffed Chicken Breast with Spinach, Sundried Tomatoes & Mozzarella or Seared Alaskan Salmon in Lemon Wine Sauce. Payment is due 30 days after registering and can be mailed to 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 113 Ashwood Street, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

### **Standing Rules Addition- VI Board of Directors**

**L** The Board approves any contracts, agreements, or other instruments that require either performance or payment by the Chapter. Following Board approval, such contract, agreement, or instrument is to be executed on behalf of the Chapter.

**Rational:** There is no provision at this time.

## CHAPTER TRIPS

2017

**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 Sugarworks, 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.**

**Sept. 28 Mystery Trip** - Depart Giant parking Lot 6:30 AM. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on your own. **Price: \$65** per person. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**

**Oct. 18 Wilmington & Western Railroad** - Fall foliage steam train trip. Take a leisurely 1 1/2 hour round trip ride up the red clay valley to the Mt. Cuba picnic grove to take in the glorious colors of the changing leaves. Trip Includes motor coach transportation, bus driver gratuity, train ride and conductors tip. **Price: \$50** per person . Lunch/dinner on your own. Depart Giant parking lot 9:30 AM. . **WAIT LIST ONLY.**

**Nov. 15 Miracle of Christmas** - Sight and Sound. After decades of crushing Roman rule, the Hebrew people are losing hope. When will the promised Messiah come. In the midst of this turmoil, young Mary is told she will miraculously bear God's son. Who can even believe such a thing. Dinner at Millers Smorgasbord Restaurant. Price includes bus, show, dinner and gratuities. **Price: \$128** per person. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**

**Dec 2 - 7 Nashville, TN** - 6 day, 5 night. 5 breakfast, 1 luncheon cruise, 2 holiday dinner shows. 3 night 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 3 - 9 Mackinac Island, MI & Frankenmuth, MI** - 7 Day/6 Night Trip, 6 Nights Hotel Accommodations Including 1 Night Accommodations at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. 6 Breakfasts & 4 Wonderful Dinners including: 1 Tasty BBQ Dinner at your Hotel, 1 Dinner at a Local Mackinaw City Restaurant, 1 Five-Course Dinner in the Grand Hotel's Main Dining Room followed by classical music in the Parlor, then dancing to a live orchestra in the Terrace Room, World Famous "Home-Cooked" Dinner at the Bavarian Inn and 1 Buffet Lunch at the Grand Hotel. 3 Evening Receptions at your Hotel including Hot Food & Spirits\*. Hydro jet Ferry Ride to Mackinac Island. Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island. Enjoy seeing sights such as Arch Rock, Surrey Hills Museum and Fort Mackinac. Enjoy the Jack Pine Lumberjack Show and cheer on Championship lumberjacks in this fast paced competition of chopping, sawing, pole climbing, log rolling and more! Visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and Soo Locks Boat Tour.

Admission to the Henry Ford Museum. Tour of Frankenmuth – Michigan's Little Bavaria. Price includes standard taxes, baggage handling, meal gratuities & motor coach transportation  
**Price: \$1359 per person double occupancy. \$1834 per person single occupancy. WAIT LIST ONLY.**

Go to [www.aarp5226.org](http://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](mailto: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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#### PLEASE NOTE

Due to the increase of members joining AARP, our policy for signing up for AARP trips is as follows: Members at the general luncheon/meeting will have **first** priority over members calling in.

Members can call, text or email the day of the meeting to sign up. If there should not be any opening for the trip, you will be placed on the waiting list automatically in the order of calls.

We will **no longer accept** calls **prior** to the general luncheon/meeting for trip sign ups.

This was always the policy for AARP trips. We will announce new trips at the luncheon/meeting first and then post it on the webpage and newsletter.

## June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1			1 AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 a.m.	2	3
4	5	6 Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library  Legislative Committee -12 Noon South Coastal Library	7 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	8 Trip to Fort Miles  AARP Chorus Concert South Coastal Library	9	10
11	12 Trip to Finger Lakes June 12 - 15	13 AARP Board Meeting 10 a.m. South Coastal Library	14 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.  Deadline Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	15	16	17
18	19	20 Chapter Luncheon - 12 noon Meeting 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club	21 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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