

AARP CHAPTER 1917      GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
**MINUTES for February 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:00 AM. There was a head count of 49 attendees.

**Sunshine** report was given by Chris: Norma Bull and Frank Hoover are at home and recuperating.

**Treasurer's** report presented by Bill Shoop: Balances ending for December: General Fund –\$11,918.72; Health Fair - \$1,467.86, Travel - \$3,499.86. Bill presented the 2014 budget noting that income and expenses both equaled \$2000. Motion to accept by Melvin Friedman, second by Rob Robinson and unanimously approved.

**Speakers** Nancy Bradford, Assistant VP Bank of Ocean City, Ray Robinson, Assistant VP, Manager Taylor Bank, 20<sup>th</sup> St. and Dale Trotter of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office are part of a local group which speaks to seniors about "financial abuse". Per Mr. Robinson, state law requires banks to report any suspect financial abuse and encouraged members to speak with their bankers. Mr. Trotter said that the burglar of this era is the phone and the number 1 crime is identity theft. He encouraged members to use caller ID and not automatically return calls to unknown numbers and don't call back if there is no message. Criminals can use search engines to discover information about you and use the phone to collect more information from you. A reminder not to give out personal information over the phone. He stated that family members are the number 1 perpetrators of identity theft. He encouraged everyone to check their credit reports every 4 months and rotate the companies used. Take a proactive approach and notify the police and local bank if something is wrong. Using online banking is a quick way to monitor your accounts.

**Membership** chair Louise Fox reported that 120 have paid for 2014. Renewals for 2014 are due by the end of March.

**Scholarship.** Sue Harting announced that the March meeting would be the last day to place orders for pizzas. If we sell 100, \$5.75 for each will come back to the chapter.

**Travel.** Bob McCluskey announced that the lunch bunch would go to Blue Fish after today's meeting. The Green Turtle will be the March luncheon at \$11 per person and asked that he be notified if you planned to attend. He reviewed current excursions that required payment today.

**Guest** Vince Gisriel spoke about the Delmarva Electric smart meters being installed in Ocean City. Chris Norris asked if there was interest in having a Town Meeting hosted by the City Council on the subject. Interest was expressed and Chris will arrange with the Council for a time and date for the meeting to be held at the Senior Center.

**Health Fair** chair, Dr. Melvin Friedman announced the date – May 6, 7am-noon. He said there will new screenings and perhaps an opportunity to receive the shingles vaccine.

**President** Chris (1) Announced the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is to be held at the Captains Table on November 13, noon until. The sit down luncheon and other festivities will be in lieu of the November meeting. (2)The Board has agreed to hold another Candidates Forum, probably in October. (3) Announced future speakers: March – speaker from Home Instead; April – Physical Abuse of the Elderly; May – Freeman Stage; June – Wallops Island.

Valentine flowers were presented to all ladies present.

Chris presented cupcakes to the February **birthday** folks.

**Good of the Order:** Nancy Howard announced some joint presentations of the Live Saving Museum and the Worcester County libraries.

**50/50** won by Irmie Dunne \$24 to her, \$24 to the chapter.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Albrecht,  
Recording Secretary