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Proposed President for 2000

Annette Alvater

God Bless You All! Libby Hedges Chapter President 1999

What an honor it has been to be Chapter President during this 25th Anniversary Year of AARP Worcester County Chapter 1917 in Ocean City. I feel very privileged to have served with all past chapter officers whose dedication, experience and hard work have caused Chapter 1917 to become such a strong contributing force in the Town of Ocean City as it is today.

I am very proud to serve in this capacity during such a special year, and also to have my husband Clarence with me, who also served as president for the years of 1990-1991. He too, is still working for the good of our strong organization.

I want to take the opportunity to thank all of our current members and officers for being willing to help during the past year. I know that our chapter will continue to grow, prosper and contribute to the community for many years to come.

Chapter 1917 stated in 1974 with just 40 members and in the ensuing 25 years the membership has grown to exceed 1,000. Many members have given countless volunteer hours, expecting no rewards.

Let us all continue to work with our motto in mind-To Serve and Not Be Served.



Worcester County Chapter #1917 of the American Association of Retired Persons

The History

November is the month in which we celebrate the founding of our chapter. Actually, it was in the early months of 1974 that the idea was first proposed. At a meeting of Senior Citizens in Berlin, Maryland a number of people spoke of the need for a local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. After much discussion a committee of eight was formed and they contacted the state and national officials of AARP. This committee became our Founding Members and their names are listed elsewhere in this Ad Book.

The committee began to recruit others to become members. A minimum of 40 people over 55 years of age was required to qualify for a charter. After many months, and much correspondence and personal meetings with officials, all the requirements were met. Officers and a Board of Directors were elected and in November of 1974 a charter was granted. Worcester County Chapter #1917 of AARP was on its way.

It took a lot of dedicated people to carry the young chapter through 15 yearts of growth. It is not possible to list the names of all the officers, committee members and others who gave their time and efforts to the success of our chapter. We have accomplished much and we take pride in our achievements.

Because we are a community service organization we began by involving ourselves with the community. Many of our members are actively involved in volunteer work, and they have received recognition from National AARP.

Almost our first project was to make a contribution to the Worcester County Developmental Center, and we have continued this as an engoing committeent.

We sponsored the Vial of Life Program and distributed hundreds of Vials not only to Ocean City but to all Worcester County Centers.

We contribute to fund raising drives of Cancer Research, March of Dimes, Cerebral Palsy, Heart Fund and others.

We have given donations to the Ocean City Paramedics, to the M.A.C. Centers of Ocean City and Berlin, to the Ocean City Library for

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We have donated \$350.00 to the Northside Recreation Center for a bench and the planting of trees in memory of our deceased members.

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Our most ambitious and successful undertaking is our annual free Comunity Wide Health Fair. We obtain the services of professional people to test eyesight, blood pressure, blood studies, tests of diabetis, cancer and other diseases.

Our Program Committee has interesting and informative programs at the monthly meetings. We also have an Entertainment Program Committee who put on various skits and lively entertainment at special times throughout the year. On various occassions these programs have been put on for the residents of The Berlin Nursing Home and at the M.A.C. Center and the Senior Citizen's Center.

But we do not neglect our own members in social needs. Our meetings are interesting, active and well attended. Our committee reports at each meeting inform our members of our progress and involvement in all phases of living. Our two most active committees are the Legislative and Tour Committees.

Our Legislative Committee informs us of prospective legislature which will affect the lives of senior and retired people. We are in touch with our representatives in state and national capitals and keep them informed of our opinions on upcoming legislature. Our letter writing

Is most effective in achieving the desired results. The Tour Committee is active all year round. Many chapter membersc would not have the pleasure of travelling if we did not have our Tour Committee. We have gone north, south, east and west. We have been to Maine, Florida, Louisiana, Nevada and all points inbetween. We have been to Canada, Nova Scotia, England, Ireland and Scotland. We have had a Carribean Cruise, an Hawaiian Cruise and are now planning a trip to Alaska. Our one day trips, long trips, and dinner theatres are booked solid. Our Tour Committee truly adds to the enjoyment of life.

We feel that we have come a long way in 15 years. From a charter group of 40 in 1974 to over 600 in 1989. Our membership is not closed. We hope to continue to grow so that we may live us to our motto "TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED."

Rena M. Walcoff Historian

In Memorium

On this 25th Anniversary of the founding of Ocean City AARP 1917, we remember all of our deceased members. In particular, we honor the memory of the following members because of their devotion and outstanding Service to AARP Chapter 1917. 'RIP'



Ed Altvater -- A hard working AARP Chapter
Member and Friend

Tony De Sanctis -- Our Master of Ceremonies with the Golden Voice

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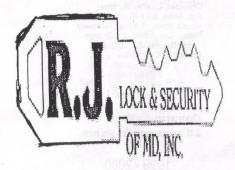
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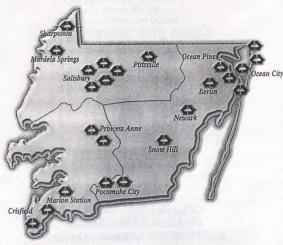
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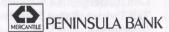
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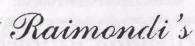
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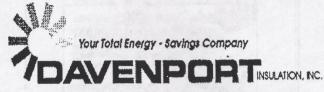
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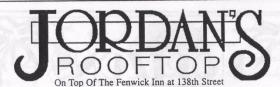
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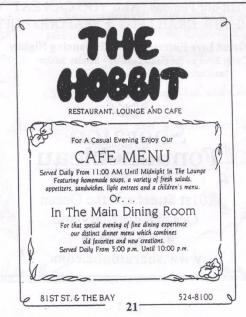


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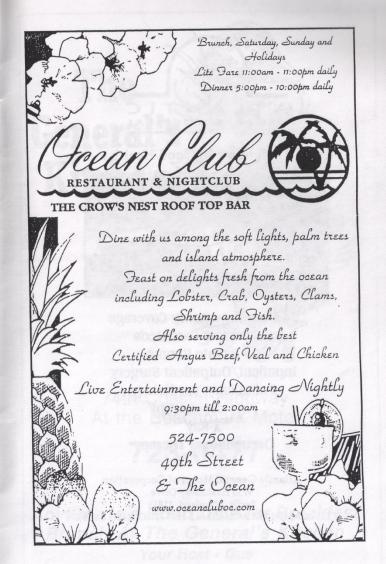


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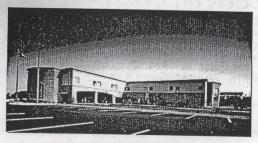
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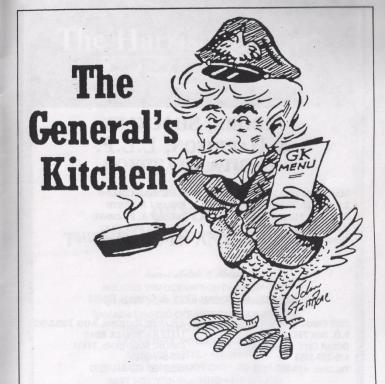


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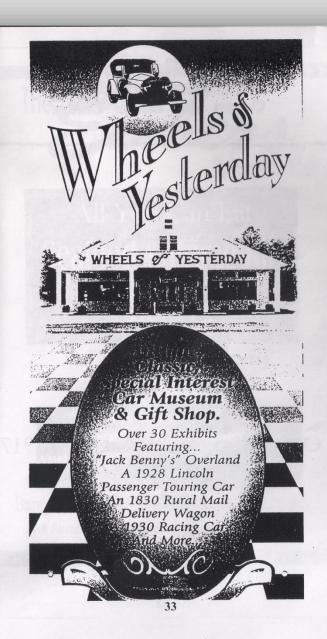
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