



# CHAPTER 1917



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**MARCH 2017**

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

As we near the start of spring, we can look back to a successful beginning to 2017. Our first special event—Joey and Gina's Wedding at the Dunes Manor—was a rousing success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at this fun filled evening. A special thank you goes to those AARP members who found themselves incorporated into the Joey and Gina cast and performed their duties with good humor.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome back Garry Fox as our AARP webmaster. Garry created and maintained our website ([www.aarp1917.org](http://www.aarp1917.org)) before taking a hiatus from his AARP duties to spend more time with his family. Although John Bloecher and Alcea Sprung filled in admirably by maintaining our website during Garry's absence, we are all thrilled to hear that Garry was willing to return to his previous duties. John and Alcea gladly surrendered their web duties to make room for Garry. This will allow John and Alcea to concentrate on their other AARP tasks while knowing that the website is in good hands. As a practical matter, anyone who needs to post or update web info should now work through Garry.

A quick reminder: anyone who would like to **donate foodstuffs to Diakonia should bring those items to our March or April meetings.** Also, on the subject of food, don't forget our refreshments table. Our hospitality chairperson, Donna Reid, could use your help if you are willing to bring a breakfast type food item to our meetings. Thank you for your help.

Let's hope that the rest of our year goes as well as the first few months. Enjoy this rather colorful newsletter! Lots to learn about.....

Best regards, Bob McCluskey

For additional website information [click here](http://www.aarp1917.org)

## Welcome to Our AARP Meetings

Open to anyone over the age of 50 who enjoys fun with friends, opportunities for travel, camaraderie, educational and guest speakers and discounted local fare, just to name a few!



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Our meetings are held at the Worcester County Senior Center located at 41st street, Bayside, Ocean City, on the second Thursday of every month, September through June. The Senior Center is just to the right of the Roland Powell Convention Center, almost under the water tower. Free parking is plentiful.

Meeting time is preceded by coffee, snacks and time for travel and brochure browsing, followed at 10:00 am by our speaker and business meeting. The Senior Center is just to the right of the Roland Powell Convention Center, almost under the water tower. Free parking is plentiful.

Ocean City residency is not required to **JOIN US**, and belonging to another chapter is fine with us. Tell your friends or your neighbors!

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Wouldn't you love to be a snack volunteer for one of our monthly meetings?? Show off your favorite cake, cookies, or cheese dip and cracker treats for all to enjoy???

We would love to have you share your culinary skills. These snacks are a great part of our meeting and always immensely appreciated. Donna Reid, our Snack Master volunteer, would love to hear from you. She is doing a great job with organizing our monthly snack donations. Give Donna a call if she can count on you to help at an upcoming meeting. Her phone is 301 518-4187

## NEWS YOU SHOULDN'T MISS

- **NEW and old board members! New / old Webmaster !** Soon after we published our last newsletter with a photo of our Board, we added a “new” board member, Mary Jo Breslin, and Garry Fox, who managed our website several years ago, stepped up to become our new webmaster. Thanks to all for the talents they share to make our chapter great!

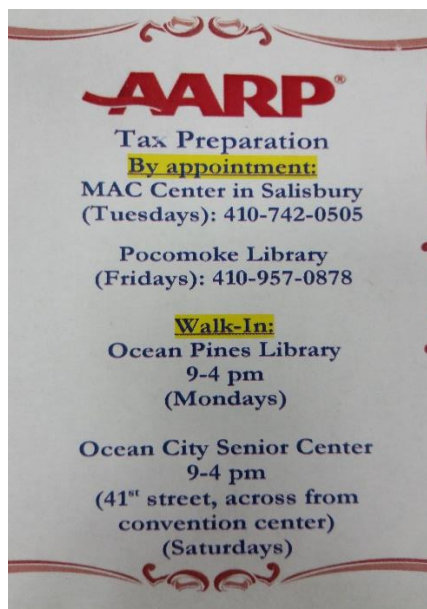


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Back row: Bob McCluskey, President, John Bloecher, Vice-President, John Lucas, Board Member, Jeff McArthur, Board. Front Row: Debi McCluskey, Secretary, Santa Kvech, Treasurer, Sue Harting, Norma Bull, Board. An illustrious group that does us proud. We thank our outgoing officers, John Bloecher, Sue Harting and Bill Shoop for their years of service. **WELCOME MARY JO BRESLIN. WELCOME GARRY FOX .**

- **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** - Mary Jo Breslin chairs the scholarship committee in conjunction with Norma Bull, Andrea Albrecht, John and Paulette Lucas, presenting a \$1000.00 scholarship to a deserving Stephen Decatur High School student annually. Our scholarship committee is proud to announce that our **CARRABAS FUNDRAISER** held in February, was a **HUGE SUCCE\$\$**, selling 126 tickets and earning \$905.00 for this valuable cause.



- **TAX PREPARATION**

**TIMES AND PLACES**

## Get out your calendar! Save these Dates!



**OUR OCEAN CITY COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR IS UNDERWAY – TUESDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2017,** and there is never enough advertising for this phenomenal event presented for our local and expanded community. Over 81 vendors and it's free and open to the public, taking place at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center, located at 40<sup>th</sup> and Coastal Hgwy. **8:00AM – 12:30 PM.** Share this information with your friends and

neighbors. Then bring them along.

Free health screening by Atlantic General personnel include screening for:

- Respiratory
- Carotid arteries
- Bone density
- Hearing
- Skin cancer
- Blood pressure
- Foot checks

Lab draws for testing Cholesterol, Lipids and Blood glucose can be done on site. For this **a 12 hour FAST** is necessary, meaning nothing but water for 12 hours prior to your arrival.

For more information contact: Donna Nordstrom 410 629-6820  
([dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org)) or Dr. Melvin Friedman 410 524-1177  
([docmelvin@verizon.net](mailto:docmelvin@verizon.net))

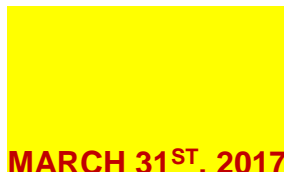
Helen Norris is graciously organizing volunteers for this highly worthwhile event.  
Please let her know if you might help out for an hour or two on this day. 302 436-1784

**RON'S LUNCH BUNCH – FOR FUN AND GOOD EATS !!!** following monthly meetings.

**MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2017** - Mia Fratello, rt 54 Fenwick

**APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017** - Bayside Skillet

**MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2017** - Blue Fish @ 84<sup>th</sup> St



**MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2017 - MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE...PAY YOUR DUES NOW!!!**

**BRING YOUR \$7.00 TO THIS MEETING .**



**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 enjoy Another Carrabbas Fundraiser**

**this time for the benefit of our SENIOR CENTER. Same great food, same great price \$15.00, all inclusive 3 course Italian meal. Join us! AND SUPPORT MAC.**



## TRAVEL UPDATES FOR MARCH 2017

March 22, 2017: Breakfast at Ocean Downs. **Be sure to bring your Player's Card and Photo ID (required).**

April 26, 2017: Hillwood Mansion & Gardens, \$85/person. Trip includes two guided tours of Hillwood Mansion and Gardens and a three course lunch at the Hillwood Café. **Payment due by March 9th.**

May 17-18, 2017: Springtime in NYC! \$455/person (dbl); \$518/person (sngl). There's nothing like Broadway in NYC! Travel package includes Broadway show, *Kinky Boots*, and guided tours of "The One World Observatory" and "The 9/11 Museum" and dinner at Carmines. **Just a few seats remaining! Final payment due by April 13th.**

September 20, 2017: The Baltimore Aquarium. \$70/person. Journey deep into the ocean, walk through the bottom of a rocky-river gorge and travel through a rain-forest at one of the biggest aquariums in the country.

October 1-5, 2017: Rail & Sail New England, \$675/person (dbl occupancy). Trip includes Boston City Tour, Boston Harbor Cruise, Lighthouse Lover's Cruise, Ride aboard the Winnepesaukee Railroad, Main Lobster Bake, Entertainment and more! **Sorry, trip full - accepting wait list only.**

Check out our webpage [www.aarp1917.org](http://www.aarp1917.org) and click on travel.



## NEW SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES !

**CHECK OUT THESE ON SITE CLASSES!!!! Call Ann Toney 410 289-0824**



March 13-20, 2017 Getting Started with Android Device (Wor-Wic) 12:30

Tuesday March 15 - Bingo at OC Senior Center (sponsored by parks and recreation) 10 am – 12 noon

Line dancing – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, Sunday and Monday 6 pm-9pm

Tai chi for better balance – every Thursday 1:30 – 2:30

Painting club – Every Monday from 10 am – 12noon (at OC ART LEAGUE)

Drop in paint club at Art league of OC – first Thursday 10 am

April 7, 2017 – Live Casino – shopping and gambling trip to Arundel Mills

SEE ENCLOSED FLYER





Anna O'Neil, the Communications Coordinator from DIAKONIA, shared a wealth of information related to the various services provided for the homeless and Veterans at risk in our local community. These include caseworkers to help clients with income, health and shelter and addiction illnesses. Families may be provided with tutors, parenting and personal skills. They manage a thrift store with volunteers, selling clothing and other items at significantly reduced prices, as well as a food pantry. They sponsor a mid-Spring food drive in April-May collecting food to stock their shelves during the down season when their stores are low. Their food needs mostly are proteins such as peanut butter/jelly, canned tuna, canned beans and fruit. Their thrift shop accepts clothing items. Called "Used to be Mine", it is located on Rt 611 & Sunset Avenue with a Yellow Awning. Diakonia is located in West Ocean City from Golf Course Rd to Rt 707 and Old

Bridge Rd. **PHONE TO GUARANTEE DIRECTIONS, RESOURCES and SPONSORED EVENTS is 901 213-0923. PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS TO THE MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER. WE WILL SEE THAT DIAKONIA RECEIVES THESE. CLOTHING ITEMS CAN BE TAKEN TO THE THRIFT SHOP.**

The Art League of Ocean City is sponsoring a Soup Dinner on March 31<sup>st</sup>. For \$20. You can go to the Art Center and make your own soup bowl during a class and enjoy your soup in your own bowl. If you do not wish to make a bowl, I believe the soup served at the Art Center is \$25.00 per bowl. All proceeds from this event go to the Diakonia and the Art League of OC, both a worthwhile cause.

Have you ever felt invisible before ?



**Help the Homeless**

# A DAY OF FUN and SHOPPING

MARYLAND

*Live!*

CASINO

Friday, April 7

Bus leaves Ocean City Senior Center ( 41<sup>st</sup>. – Bayside)

at 7:30 am, leaves Casino at 4 pm

Reservations required – first come with fee, first served – \$3 bus fee.

See Ann Toney at the Ocean City Senior Center (410-289-0824).

There are no promotions available from the Casino. There are plenty of places to lunch within the Casino and the adjacent Food Court at Arundel Mills Mall.





## EVENT AND TRAVEL FUN

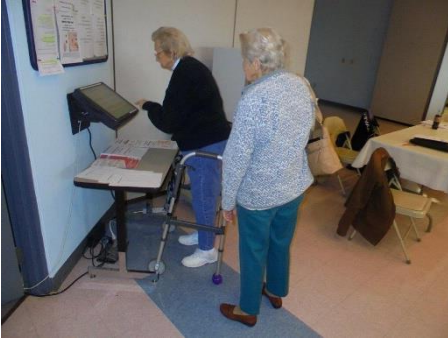


**Gina and Joey's Wedding**  
***Caught in the Fun and Funny Wedding Party and Excitement***





## Senior Center Sign In



## Our Fearless Leader

## McArthur's 50 - 50



**Bring your friends or neighbors to a meeting !  
Find out what AARP is all about. In OC, it's the "IN" thing to do.**



## Donna's Delicacies

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### **FRAUD ALERT FOR IMPOSTER SCAMS**

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO I RECEIVED A CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING TO BE THE IRS, INDICATING THAT I OWED BACK TAXES AND I WAS TO CALL IMMEDIATELY THE NUMBER GIVEN ME. SOUND FAMILIAR??? WE ARE CONSTANTLY WARNED ABOUT THIS TYPE OF CALL AS WELL AS EMAILS FROM INDIVIDUALS ASKING FOR MONEY TO HELP AN INDIVIDUAL

(SOMETIMES SOMEONE WE KNOW) RETURN HOME FROM ABROAD OR TO HELP A CHILD OR GRANDCHILD WHO IS IN TROUBLE OR WHO HAS BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT. MAYBE EVEN THAT WE WON A PRIZE.

I KNEW NOT TO BE SUCKED IN ON THIS CALL, BUT I DID NOT KNOW WHO TO REPORT IT TO. IT WAS OBVIOUS THEY HAD LEFT A NUMBER FOR ME TO CALL. COULD THIS BE TRACED PERHAPS? THIS PERSON IS PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE ELSE. I DID KNOW THAT NO GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND ESPECIALLY THE IRS NEVER CALL INDIVIDUALS VIA PHONE OR EMAIL ASKING FOR YOU TO WIRE OR TRANSFER MONEY.

**IF YOU SPOT A SCAM, REPORT IT TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.**

**CALL 1 877-FTC-HELP (1 877 382 4357), TTY- 1 866 653-4261**

**OR GO ONLINE : [FTC.GOV/COMPLAINT](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint). PLEASE PUT THIS NUMBER IN YOUR SMART PHONE, YOUR ADDRESS BOOK OR PASTE TO YOUR REFRIGERATOR.** You MAY ALSO ACCESS [FTC.GOV/PASSITON](https://www.ftc.gov/passiton) TO FIND MORE INFORMATION. STAY ALERT!