

AARP CHAPTER 1917
General Meeting Minute
April 12, 2018

President Bob McCluskey opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He then introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Jeff Merritt of "Operation We Care". This non-profit program packages and ships care packages, including snacks and toiletries, to active military personnel. Approximately 2200 care packages are sent out each year (30-100 each month). The major cost associated with the packages is the shipping (\$17.40 per package). The organization also assists police forces with the purchases of smoke detectors and the training of service animals. People are urged to visit the website www.OperationWeCare.org to get more information on the services and the packing parties.

A special thank-you to Scott Fowler and Ann Toney for hosting the April 16th Jazz Festival dinner that was held at the Senior Center. Also, on April 28 WorCOA will sponsor a golf tournament.

Health Fair: If you would like to volunteer at the Health Fair, please give your name and number to Bob and Helen Norris will contact you. The Fair runs from 8:00AM until 12:30 and over 100 vendors will be there. There will be a pharmacist from AGH to answer questions about medications as well as provide medication disposal. The Fair will offer lab draws, skin cancer screenings, pet therapy dogs, and many other screenings and tests. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the set-up on May 7th should be there by 10:00 AM and volunteers for the Fair should be there by 7:30 AM on the 8th.

Treasury: The Treasury report was given by Sandy Kvech. Due to her absence in March, two reports were given. **February 2018: General Funds -\$10,005.01; Health Fair - \$4,674.88; Travel - \$21,735.81. March 2018: General Funds - \$10,005.01; Health Fair - \$4,874.92; Travel - \$27,480.18**

Lunch Bunch : Today Blue Fish \$10 per person
April – The Big Easy - \$17 person

Travel: Following is a rundown of the scheduled trips

- Tropicana Resort – few seats left
- Rails and Paddlewheels – May 23rd, wait list only
- Hank and Heidi’s Hillbilly Hoedown – 9/15, \$39 per person; to be held at the Elks
- Hudson River Valley – October 10-12, cost is \$425 per person
- In May a trip to see “A Christmas Carol” at the Dutch Apple Theater in Lancaster will be announced.

Holiday Party: Several venues are being considered by the Party Committee.

Summer Raffle: Tickets are being sold for a raffle for two sets of tickets for Frontier Town. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The values of the prize(s) are over \$100. The drawing will take place at the June luncheon.

Membership: Andrea reports that we now have the same number of members as last year (253). We have 51 new members this year.

Scholarship: The Scholarship Committee is working on the \$1000 scholarship for a nursing student at AGH. Details will follow.

Staggered Elections: Beginning this year we will stagger the elections of our Board members to prevent having too many open positions at one time. The president, secretary, and treasurer will run for re-election in cycles.

President’s Report:

- The reserved sign at the first table is for seating for people with mobility problems.
- The Chapter luncheon will be held on June 14th immediately following the meeting. The Chapter will provide subs, soda, and water. We need members to bring desserts, snacks, and side items. Please see Donna Reid to sign up.
- The Senior Center fundraiser will take place on 4/21 at Carrabba’s from 12-3. Cost is \$15 per person. Please see Ann for tickets.
- Our speaker in May will be Scott Fowler who will speak on Autism.
- AGH will offer free blood pressure screenings at each meeting.

The 50/50 in the amount of \$46.00 was won by Bill Shoop.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi McCluskey
Secretary, AARP Chapter 1917