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The President's Corner ...

It's hard to believe "Spring" is finally around the corner and "hopefully" Winter, snow, and cold are just a passing memory. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the recent and upcoming activities. Your Ocean City AARP Chapter started a new venue, the Ocean City Senior Center. The center offers so much to our community at large with its daily activities, exercise and game areas, etc.

Our Travel group has many great trips planned for 2014. If you have not planned a "family" vacation this year, make sure you visit the Travel Table at all general meetings. You are going to be pleasantly surprised at the variety of trips available.

We also have some interesting speakers lined up for the balance of 2014, i.e. from the Joshua Freeman Center at Bayside, NASA Wallops Island, Home Instead Senior Care, Talk on Physical Abuse, and an Ocean City author in October. Your chapter will be co-sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting on March 12, 2014, on "Smart Meters", co-sponsoring the 28th Annual Health Fair on May 6th, sponsoring its 2nd Annual Ocean City Candidates Forum in October, and conducting its Fortieth Year Anniversary Celebration on November 13th! So much is coming up, so attend our general meetings and follow us on our website. And talking about our website and newsletter, what a terrific job Garry Fox does. What a benefit to have Garry as a member of our chapter.

A few words about membership. No organization, no matter now large or small, can survive with members. This is a commonly known fact. To support the good work of our chapter, we need new members. The more members we have, the more we can accomplish.

In closing, I want to thank your Board of Directors and committees for the wonderful job they do. They are not compensated for their time; they give their time and talent because they believe in our Ocean City Chapter. With this being said, thank you to every OC Chapter member and volunteer for making our chapter the "Best It Can Be".

Welcome Spring!

Chris.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12, 2014 - 11 AM-2 PM - Town Hall Meeting on the subject of "Smart Meters", at the OC Senior Center. This co-sponsored by our chapter and the Town of Ocean City. We will have speakers for both sides of this controversial topic. The speakers will be Jim Smith, Public Affairs Manager, Delmarva Power, and Jonathan Libber, President of Maryland Smart Meter Awareness. Come out and be informed!

March 13, 2014 - 9:30 AM - Membership Meeting. Our speaker will be Mr. Claude Lewis, Co-owner, Home Instead Senior Care, who will speak on "Enhancing the Lives of Aging Adults and Their Families". Again, the Scholarship Committee will be selling pizza products with all profits going to our scholarship fund. And right after the meeting, **Bob's Lunch Bunch** will be going to the *Green Turtle* at 116th street. Only \$11 p/p! Call Bob McCluskey at 410-250-0980 to make your reservation.

March 19, 2014 - **Trip** - "Moses" at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theater, PA. A great show and includes lunch at the Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$105/person. Payment due by February 13th.

April 10, 2014 - 9:30 AM - **Membership Meeting.** Our speaker will be CPL R. Dale Trotter (Community Policing Division, Worcester County Sheriff's Office) who will discuss "Physical Abuse of the Elderly". Also, pizzas will be delivered! And right after the meeting, **Bob's Lunch Bunch** will be going to the Blue Ox. Only \$11/pp. Call Bob McCluskey at 410-250-0980 to make your reservation.

April 15, 2014 - 9:00 AM - Event. Breakfast at Ocean Downs! Breakfast and \$10 Play Money, socialize with friends. All for just \$7/person. Photo idea required. For reservations, contact Sandy Kvech at 443-664-2003.

April 23, 2014 - **Trip** - Newseum and Spy Museum w/Lunch at Carmine's, Washington, DC - \$99/person. Payment due by March 13th.

May 6, 2014 - 7 AM - 12 PM - **Ocean City's 28th Annual Community Health Fair - OC Convention Center.** Health screenings for cholesterol, skin cancer, lung function, carotid, hearing, bone density, etc.

May 8, 2014 - 9:30 AM - **Membership Meeting.** Our Speaker will be Mr. Doug Phillips, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, Joshua M. Freeman center, Selbyville, DE. He will present a preview of the Summer 2014 program. (Deposit due for New Orleans/Memphis trip).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Continued)

May 13-30, 2014 - Trip - Italy: Tuscany & the Amalfi Coast. Enjoy the landscapes of serene beauty and architectural splendor of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. 18 days (including air travel). Land Tour - \$2995pp. International airfare - \$1100pp from Newark, NJ (may choose alternate departure city). Contact Grand Circle Tours at 1-800-597-2452 and press 2. Mention booking code G4-25388.

May 21, 2014 - Trip - Nemour's Mansion and Gardens w/Lunch at Buckley's Tavern, Wilmington, DE. \$65/person. Payment due by April 10th.

June 10-11, 2014 - Trip - New York City Sights & Broadway, 1½ days of guided tours, tickets to "Jersey Boys" and two meals. \$369pp/double, \$444pp/single.

June 12, 2014 – 9:30 AM – **Membership Meeting.** Our speaker will be Ms. Shirley J. Lapole, Assistant Education Program Coordinator, NASA, Wallops Island, Va. (Deposit due for Christmas Potomac trip).

September 18-26, 2014 - Trip - Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, New England & Eastern Canada Cruise. Departure from Port of Baltimore. Includes cruise, meals, port taxes, fees and shipboard gratuities. Registration for this trip is now **closed** (There is no Wait List).

November 13, 2014 – Noon - **Our 40th Anniversary Celebration!** At the Captain's Table at the Marriott. Details to follow.

November 16-23, 2014 – **Trip** - New Orleans and Memphis, 8 nights and 7 days, tours, meals, and more! \$1299 pp/dbl. Deposit due may 8th. This is a good one!

December 2-3, 2014 – **Trip** - Christmas on the Potomac! Gaylord National Harbor Resort and Holiday Ice Show, guided tour of Mt. Vernon, with Dinner at Mt. Vernon Inn. \$315 pp/dbl, \$440 pp/sngl. Deposit due June 12th.

Remember: For all the details and flyers on events and trips, check out the website (www.aarp1917.org) and visit the Travel Tables and special events tables at our membership meetings !

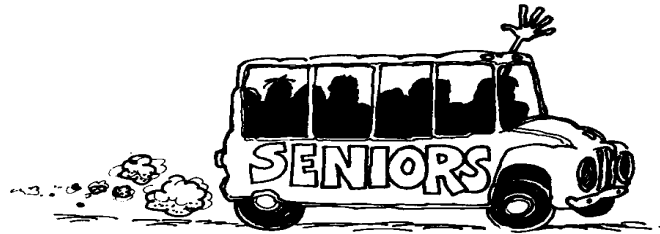


Our Meetings:

Membership Meetings are held at the Senior Center next to the Convention Center in Ocean City on the second Thursday of the month. Coffee & Conversation at 9:30 a.m.; meeting starts at 10 a.m. There are no meetings in July & August. If Worcester County schools are closed due to inclement weather, then there is no meeting.

Board Meetings are at the same location, first Thursday each month at 9:30 a.m.

Travel News!



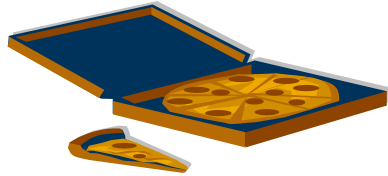
TRAVEL REMINDERS:

NEWSEUM & SPY MUSEUM, April 23rd: **Payment Due March 13th - \$99/Person**
NY CITY SIGHTS & BROADWAY, June 10th-11th: **Deposit Due March 13th - \$100/Person**
LUNCH BUNCH at the GREEN TURTLE, March 13th: **\$11/Person**

NEW TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BREAKFAST at OCEAN DOWNS, April 15th: **\$7/Person**
NEW ORLEANS & MEMPHIS, November 16th-23rd: **\$1299/Person (double occupancy)**
CHRISTMAS on the POTOMAC, December 2nd-3rd: **\$315/Person (double occupancy)**

Pizza! Pizza! Pizza!



Starting at our January meeting, the Scholarship Committee will be taking orders for pizza and pizza products. All profit will be used for the scholarship fund. Orders will also be taken at the February and March meetings, with delivery in April. The pizza will come from Joe Corbi's, which is one of the leading fundraising companies in the country. The company was founded in Columbia, MD in 1983. Mr. Corbi got his start in the pizza business in 1958. Bring your checkbook and help support the scholarship fund!

Bob's Lunch Bunch ...



Bob McCluskey is organizing luncheon "get togethers" that occur right after each membership meeting. Last month, we went to the *Blue Fish* and the food was great and everyone enjoying the socializing.

On March 13th the luncheon will be at the *Green Turtle* at 116th street. Only \$11 p/p!

On April 10th, the Lunch Bunch will be going to the *Blue Ox*. Again, only \$11/pp.

Call Bob McCluskey at 410-250-0980 to make your reservation. Cash is preferred; this is not a fundraiser. Flyers are available on the website, or you can just stop by the Travel Table, since Bob is also a member of the Travel Committee.

AARP 1917 History. Go to the website, www.aarp1917.org, click on the "About Us/History" button on the left, scroll down the page that comes up, to the "History" section and then click on the link there. It is a work in progress; we have more items to add there. Let us know if you have any chapter history information or documents (e.g. photos from past events). Call Garry Fox at 443-664-2396.

Free Tax preparation with FREE E-Filing by AARP Tax-Aide

The **AARP Foundation** is once again offering **Free Tax Preparation** for low to moderate income tax payers, especially those 60 and older. The volunteers are trained to assist you in e-filing your returns, however, the Volunteers Protection act requires that Volunteers stay within the scope of the program. We cannot prepare rental / business income, HSA / COD returns.

Mondays will be at the Ocean Pines Library, Thursdays & Saturdays at the Community Church at Ocean Pines and the Ocean City Library. Fridays sessions will be at the Pocomoke City Library; call 410-957-0878 for appointments.

For Ocean City / Ocean Pines, call 410-213-1608 for appointments. Appointments will only be taken on Tuesdays Wednesdays & Fridays during daylight hours only. Do not leave any messages **they will not be returned.**

Smart Meters ...



Are you wondering what all the fuss is about regarding the installation of “smart” power meters in our homes? Have questions? Well, here’s your chance to find the answers. Our chapter and the Town of Ocean City are sponsoring a town meeting/forum on the topic. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 11 a.m., at the OC Senior Center at 41st street (same place as our membership meetings). Speaker Jim Smith, DP&L’s Public Affairs Manager, will speak on the benefits of smart meters. Speaker Jonathan Libber, President of Maryland Smart Meter Awareness, will speak against smart meters.



February 13, 2014 – Our speakers were Nancy Bradford (Assistant VP, Branch Manager, Bank of Ocean City), Raymond Robinson (Assistant VP/Loan Officer, Security Officer, Taylor Bank), and CPL R. Dale Trotter (Community Policing Division, Worcester County Sheriff's Office), who discussed the topic of "Financial Abuse of the Elderly". It was surprising to hear that most abuse of this kind is committed by family members. The speakers reminded us that we should not give out personal information over the phone, that we should be very careful when using the Internet, that offers received over the phone or in the mail that seem "too good to be true" are indeed that, so ignore them. Above, Chris Norris presents Certificates of Appreciation to the speakers.

Ocean City Senior Center Activities March 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3 9:00-12:00 Open Activities 10:00-10:30 Exercise 12:30-2:30 Open Activities	4 10:00-10:30 Exercise 10:30-12:00 Bone Healthy Diet 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Ping Pong 1:30-2:30 Wii Bowling	5 10:00-10:30 Exercise 10:30-11:00 Sharing News 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Shuffleboard	6 10:00-10:30 Exercise 11-12 Sleep Apnea 12:30-1:30 Mahjongg 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Cards
10 9:00-12:00 Open Activities 10:00-10:30 Exercise 12:30-2:30 Open Activities	11 10:00-10:30 Exercise 10:30-11:00 Sharing News 11:00-12:00 Medical Service 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Shuffleboard	12 10:00-10:30 Exercise 10:30-11:00 Sharing News 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Shuffleboard	13 9:30-12:00 AARP 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Cards
17 9:00-12:00 Open Activities 10:00-10:30 Exercise 12:30-2:30 Open Activities	18 10:00-10:30 Exercise 10:30-11:00 Sharing News 11:00-12:00 Are you At Risk 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Shuffleboard	19 10:00-10:30 Exercise 10:30-11:00 Sharing News 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Shuffleboard	20 10:00-10:30 Exercise 10:30-11:30 Sharing News 11-12 Healthy Eating 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Cards
24 9:00-12:00 Open Activities 10:00-10:30 Exercise 12:30-2:30 Open Activities	25 10:00-10:30 Exercise 10:30-11:00 Sharing News 11:00-12:00 Talk Wellness 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Cross Word Puzzles	26 CARRABA'S LUNCHEON	27 10:00-10:30 Exercise 10:30-11:30 Sharing News 11-12 Who Should Exercise? 12:30-2:30 Open Activities 12:30-1:30 Cards
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