

AARP Chapter 1917
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Bob McCluskey at 10 a.m. and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present: Bob McCluskey, Charley Herbert, Donna Reid, John Lucas, Margaret DeGeorge, Sandy Kvech, Tish Michel, Mary Jo Breslin and Jack Boehmer.

The guest speaker was Ms. Kelly Williams, a nutritionist with the Worcester County Health Department who spoke on "Nutrition & Brain Health". Her presentation was very informative and there were many questions from the members. She emphasized that what's good for your heart is also good for your brain.

Treasury Report: Sandy Kvech went over the Treasurer's report and it has been submitted in printed form and is attached to the minutes in the binder. Sandy reported that the Chapter is in good financial shape. Each board member present at the Board Meeting on November 6th received a copy.

Travel and Xmas Party: Fran Smith stated that the Xmas Party would be on December 11th from 12-4, at the Ocean City Golf Club and the price would be \$35 members and \$42 non-members. She went over the details of the food being offered and the entertainment. In answer to a question regarding dress, she said it would be dressy casual and festive if you like.

Fran announced that Dottie Pinto has joined the travel committee and she is a welcome addition. The New York trip has been canceled as the required sign-ups for this trip was not met. The Gaylord National Resort for December 16-17 is close to the required sign-ups and just a few more will make this trip happen. There will be no trip in January, 2025. Breakfast at Ocean Downs will be on February 25th. The Military Tattoo held in Virginia Beach will be an overnight trip on April 24-25. A trip to the Hippodrome Theater to see "Some Like it Hot" will be on May 5th. The big trip for 2025 will be a Cruise to the Greek Isles from October 7-19.

Bob said that Chapter member Larry Yates won his election to the City Council. Larry wasn't at this meeting, but you could congratulate him when you see him.

Elections: John Lucas stated that the 3 Board members (Bob McCluskey, Jack Boehmer and Tish Michel) were running unopposed as no member put forth any other names. Therefore, Secretary Margaret DeGeorge cast a vote for their reelection and

each person will now continue as Board members.

AARP Summit Meeting: Bob said that although we have little interaction with the National AARP, we often work with our State AARP. Donna Reid and Michelle Donovan attended this Summit Meeting in Annapolis representing our Chapter. The purpose of the meeting was to assemble the Maryland chapters together to share their accomplishments and challenges. Donna reported that 5 chapters attended and there were a variety of different size chapters and their mission and participation in their communities. We were recognized for the successful Gala that the State participated in and the Health Fare, shredding event, Scholarship we sponsor, various Health Care speakers we have and our Website. The State AARP needs more volunteers at that level and anyone who wishes to join their Board, can contact Donna. Some people are only familiar with the National AARP and the magazine and don't realize that there are Chapters that one can join and we want to get this information out there. Bob thanked them both for representing us.

Lunch Bunch: Andrea Albrecht said that for January, 2025 anyone interested in going to lunch after the meeting will be going to Taylors, Sofia's in February and Liquid Assets in March.

President's Report: Bob stated that when schools close on our meeting days, the meetings will be canceled. If the school opening is merely delayed, we will have the meetings.

The chapter dues are needed by January 1st and none will be taken at the Xmas party. Bob has more of the discount coupons to the Healing Hands facility if anyone wants one.

Members are encouraged to sign up with Donna Reid to bring snacks to a meeting. January's speaker will be Marye Kellerman presenting the "AARP Livable Communities Initiative". Ocean City will be a willing participant in this program and more details will be forthcoming in January.

Ms. Sunshine: Sharon Craven had goody bags for anyone who has a Birthday in November. Sharon sent a card to Claudia Quemore whose husband Kurt died.

Community Activities: Members stated various events that would be taking place in the community, including the need for more volunteers at Winterfest that goes from the week before Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve.

Old/New Business: Tish Michel pointed out that the National AARP dues will be going up in 2025, so if yours are due, it would be smart to pay them now and even take

advantage of their discounts if you renew for more than one year.

50/50: Charlie reported \$120 was collected and the winner received \$60.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret DeGeorge, Secretary
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