**AARP CHPTER 1917**

**General Membership Meeting**

**September 12, 2019**

President Bob McCluskey opened the meeting at 10:05 AM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the Pledge, Ms. Sandy McCabe, Director of the Emergency Department at AGH introduced the two recipients of the AGH scholarships which were awarded this year. Both recipients will attend WOR Wic to study careers in health

Our next speaker was Mr. Ed Pinto who introduced the Ocean Pines Players. The group performed a short skit to introduce themselves and provide information on the OP Players.

Our next guest speaker was Mr. Michael LeCompte who spoke on “Guarding your Retirement” and how to protect your assets. Mr.LeCompte said that the primary cause of identity theft is stealing from the mail, followed by family members and social engineering (impersonating an authority figure). He also stressed that if any theft occurs you should notify law enforcement immediately.

**Treasury:** The Treasury report was given by Sandy Kvech. The ending balances as of 8/31/19 are as follows: **General Funds - $9,039.70; Scholarship - $334.31; Health Fair - $5,737.42; Travel - $27,385.87. (NOTE: Ending balances include June, July, and August)**

**Travel:**  Sandy provided updates on travel:

* 9/22-9/28: Nova Scotia; 43 travelers, each traveler will receive a $50 rebate. Please pick up luggage tags and parking passes
* 10/23: Fall Foliage tour and cruise in Annapolis, wait list only
* 12/4-12/5: Christmas on the Potomac; wait list only
* 2/27/20: Grumpy Old Men, $105 p.p. Dutch Apple Theater
* 4/21: Golden Girls Murder Mystery, $105 p.p. Peddler’s Village
* 5/3: International Tattoo; I day trip, lunch included $135 p.p.
* 6/6-6/14: Bermuda Cruise

Also under consideration for 2020 are Ocean Downs, Dover Downs, and Shorebirds game

WorCoA also has two trips planned:

* 12/6-12/7: Christmas in Cape May
* 4/14-4/15: Sight and Sound in Lancaster

**Lunch Bunch:** Today at High Stakes. Order from menu

October 10 – Denny’s at 62nd street; $14 includes tax and tip

**Holiday Party:**  Christmas on the Edge, with the band, On the Edge, a mix of Motown music; held on 12/12 from 1-5 pm (in lieu of December meeting) at the Clarion Crystal Ballroom; $25 pp. for members, $35 pp for guests and non-members, includes tax, tip, and non-alcoholic beverages. No tickets sold at the door and they will be available through the November meeting.

**Membership:** If you are a new member and join now you get four additional months. Dues are $7 per year and you must be a National member. We urge you to also join the Senior Center at no cost.

**Scholarship:** There will be a scholarship fundraiser at Outback on Saturday, 10/26 from 11:30-2 pm. Cost is $20 and includes non-alcoholic beverages.

Mary Jo Breslin has resigned as chairperson of the scholarship committee but will remain on the Board. We need a new chair but Michelle Donovan will temporarily

fill the position.

**Elections:** John Lucas will resign as Vice-President and will also step down from the Board. Charlie Herbert will run for Vice-President. There will now be a 2-year vacancy on the Board.

**President’s Report:**

* At the AARP State convention held in OC. Dr. Friedman was awarded a Chapter Leader award.
* Thanksgiving Buffet: November 28 at 1:00 pm at the Clarion Crystal Ballroom. Cost is $25 for members and $30 for non-members/guests. Price includes tax, tip and non-alcoholic drinks. No tickets will be sold at the door and may be purchased through our November meeting.
* A fall prevention program is being offered at the Senior Center, beginning on October 2nd. The program is offered through the Salisbury MAC Center.
* Please see Donna for the monthly hospitality table donations
* Our guest speaker for October will be Charlie Herbert who will speak on fire prevention and in November Mayor Meehan will speak to us.

**Senior Center News:**

* The center is now open until 4:00pm
* There is still space open on the Cape May trip
* September 26th there will be a luau from 11-4 cost is $5.00
* Tai Chi on Tuesdays; Bingo on first Wednesday of the month

Kim Herbert is our new 50/50 chair. Today’s winner of $63.00 is Paul Neal

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debi McCluskey, Secretary

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