

AARP CHAPTER 1917
General Membership Meeting
January 10, 2019

President Bob McCluskey opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob then introduced our guest speaker(s) Ms. Kristin Heiser, newly elected Worcester Co. State's Attorney and Ms. Roberta Baldwin of the Worcester Co. Department of Social Services.

Ms. Heiser gave an overview of the State Attorney's office. The office handles criminal matters and has 10 offices. The office handles financial crimes against vulnerable adults. A new program, titled Veterans Treatment Court will prioritize treatments for veterans.

Ms. Baldwin gave an overview on the investigation of issues relating to older adults, including neglect, abuse, and financial mismanagement. Ninety-five percent of abuse comes from someone they know. If there is a problem the person must initiate contact by calling Maryland Access Point or the Department of Aging. They work in partnership with the Health Department.

MAC offers respite care but is limited to 10 hours per week. There is also an Adult Medical Day Care program available to provide daytime relief. The phone number for Social Services is 410-677-6806. Any concerns regarding scam phone calls should be reported to the Ocean City Police Department.

Treasury: The Treasury report was given by Sandy Kvech. Balances as of 12/31/18 are as follows: **General Funds - \$16,690.68; Scholarship - \$1,334.31; Health Fair - \$5,164.40; Travel - \$12,137.20** (NOTE - \$1,500 from Travel was provided as a subsidy for the holiday party)

The 2018 Holiday party totals are as follows: Income \$4,228.00; Expenses - \$4,055.62 resulting in a profit of \$172.38. There were 124 people in attendance. The subsidy from the Travel committee provided \$1,500 (\$600 for entertainment and \$900 for member cost subsidy and other related costs)

Our Chapter also made a \$300 donation to the Senior Center for the use of the facility this year.

Travel: Travel updates for 2019 are as follows:

- 2/18 - Breakfast at Ocean Downs, \$7 per person includes breakfast and \$10 free play. Please arrive by 9 AM and bring your Player's Card
- 3/20 - Candlelight Dinner Theater, "Curtains" \$95 per person, payment is due today
- 4/24-4/28 – Springtime in NYC. Deposit due by 2/14 balances due 3/14; \$390 per person
- 5/14-5/17 – Music Monuments, and Memories; \$499 per person, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners included
- 6/5-6/6 – Dover Downs, includes show "Sounds of Street Doo Wop"
- 9/22-9/28- Nova Scotia, 7 day 6 night, must have a valid passport to March 2020
- 10/23 – Annapolis fall foliage tour \$125 per person includes bus tour and cruise
- 12/4-12/5 – National Harbor, includes ice show, MGM casino; accommodations at Gaylord

Lunch Bunch – Today Clarion Horizons \$15 per person

February – High Stakes

March -Mio Fratello

Membership: At the end of 2018 our membership stood at 167, of which 63 were new members. Membership drive is now underway.

Scholarship: Our scholarship committee is planning a spring fundraiser. Since we have been going to Carrabba's regularly we might want to consider a new venue (i.e. Mio Fratello, Nick's, Fox's Den) By a show of hands the vote was 50/50 to stay at Carrabba's versus a new venue.

Sunshine: Jeff sent out 16 cards since June. Please notify him of a need to send a card at 410-524-5322.

Tax Prep: Bill Shoop provided details about the AARP free tax program. At the Ocean City Senior Center taxes are prepared every Saturday starting on February 2 from 9:30 AM until 2:00 PM (NOTE: TAXES WILL NOT BE DONE ON MARCH 16th) Taxes in Ocean Pines will be done on Mondays starting on 2/4 from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Appointments will be taken. Please have last year's returns with you.

President's Report:

- Reminder that if Worcester Co. schools are closed we will not be open
- The June luncheon has been approved by the Board
- There is a possibility that we could sponsor a Thanksgiving lunch/dinner. Suggestions for a venue are welcome
- Please welcome Charlie Herbert as our newest Board member
- Thanks to Marian Cicero for her help with hospitality. Priscilla Z has volunteered to help
- Please see Donna Reid to sign-up for refreshments
- Our February guest speaker will be Mr. Michael LeCompte who will speak on "Guarding Your Identity"
- Ziggy explained the new sign in with your WorCOA card

The 50/50 in the amount of \$39 was won by Charlie Herbert.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi McCluskey, Secretary
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