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CAN ANYONE ACTULLY BE PRESIDENT?

In April, we will welcome Dr. Bill Gudelunas as our guest speaker. Bill is a retired college professor who lives in Ocean View. He obtained his PhD from Lehigh University and is a well-known speaker in our area. Bill will present a factual and humorous look at the characteristics and qualifications of our 44 Presidents. Interested? Come find out more at our luncheon on April 18 at Cripple Creek Country Club.

LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Salmon Special: Pan seared salmon served over cheesy grits with grilled asparagus topped with citrus aioli. **OR**

Soup and Sandwich Combo: 1/2 of Italian wrap (Salami, black forest ham, provolone cheese, onions, lettuce, tomato and Italian dressing) served with a cup of chicken and sausage gumbo. **OR**

Chef Salad: Organic salad greens, turkey, ham, cheddar and parmesan cheeses, bacon, hardboiled egg, tomatoes, carrots and cucumbers with a creamy Italian dressing and a toasted dinner roll.

Beverages include Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water. Dessert will feature plates of assorted cookies.

Reminder: The start time of the monthly luncheon and business meeting at Cripple Creek is **11 AM**. People have been arriving as early as 9:30 AM to reserve tables and sign up for trips. This is causing problems for the staff and volunteers who set up tables. Please arrive as close to the start time as possible. Our signup tables **will not** be available if you arrive early.

Doors open at **11 AM** for social hour with lunch at **12 Noon** followed by the program and chapter news and announcements. **Cost: \$16 members and \$17 guests.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling **Allys Macken 914-819-2992**, or **Mary Ann Dougherty, 541-9412** or madod@aol.com by **noon, Wednesday, March 15**. To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Linda Miller at 236-5570**.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS
LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS**

Email - If you make a reservation by email, you must receive an email confirmation or you will not be included in the luncheon count.

Phone - If you leave a message for your reservation, you must receive a call back or you will not be included in the luncheon count.

If you make a reservation for the luncheon and you are a "**no show**", you are obligated to pay for the cost of the luncheon. If you do not pay for the luncheon, your reservation for future luncheons will not be taken and you will not be able to participate in AARP functions such as trips.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Legislative/Environmental -Chuck Schonder

Legislative News

Delaware

We will launch our email campaign with the legislature soon. The Board voted 16 – 0 against the repeal of the Delaware Senior Property Tax Credits. The credit grants up to \$500 per couple and \$250 for a single on your state income taxes. The Board included a position that would allow for means testing of the credit if this was deemed as an absolutely necessary item to close a projected \$350 million state budget short-fall for fiscal 2018. Governor Carney expects to produce his budget proposal by 3/23/17. We expect this will be our first issue we will address with our new Advocacy Team. We will monitor the Joint Finance committee meetings for developments. Thanks to all those who signed up at our February luncheon to our email Advocacy Team to fight for issues important to seniors. If you would like to participate or have questions contact cschonder3@gmail.com.

Sussex County

I attended the joint Sussex County Council/Planning & Zoning Commission 3/7/17 meeting on the Comprehensive Plan put on by the County Consultants. We will continue to monitor the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan developments.

Dave Jaeger attended a workshop for the Planning & Zoning Commission and the County Consultants.

We have also been monitoring the League of Women Voters' Town Hall meetings on this topic.

Environmental News

The Friends of Holts Landing State Park and Ocean View Boy Scout Troop #281 held a Joint Trail Day 3/18/17 at the park. We took out a 600 foot silt fence that was left from the development of Ellis Point which borders the park on the west. It was restricting the movement of wildlife in the park. Our next committee meeting will be 4/4/17 at noon in the South Coastal Library – Meeting Room A. All are welcome.

Membership – Enid Levine

The Chapter now has 466 members. We welcome new members Joann McGaughey, Wally Shifflett, Patricia Winn, Patsy Evans, Jean Grundman, and Marjorie Schaefer.

The newsletter is mailed and e-mailed the 4th week of the month. If you have not received a Newsletter by the end of the next week, please call me at [302-541-5639](tel:302-541-5639) so that we can look into it and make sure you get one.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone who came to watch the movie "To Catch A Thief". It was a great fundraiser for Hospice. Please continue to bring items for the Food Bank and coupons to be sent to the military.

Food Bank: We are still in need of food for the food pantry. These contributions of non-perishable items are needed to help many needy families in our area stretch their food dollars. Please check the dates and bring **unexpired** items to each chapter meeting.

Coupons for Military Families: Please bring your clipped, **unexpired** coupons (good for 90 days after expiration) to the chapter meeting. Be sure **not** to clip off the **bar code** and **expiration date**. Please sort according to food and non-food items. Mary is also collecting cereal box top coupons.

Blood Bank: To schedule an appointment call 1-888-825-6638 or schedule on line at www.delmarvablood.org. The schedule is as follows: **St. Ann's Catholic Church** - May 15, June 5, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 3, November 10, December 15. Call for times.

MAY 27 IS DATE FOR 2017 ARTISANS FAIR AND NEW OUTDOORS FARMERS MARKET

On May 27 the chapter's Scholarship Committee will present the Tenth Annual Artisans Fair to raise funds for area youth and adult scholarships. Since its inception, this event has brought in thousands of attendees from throughout the area to enjoy and purchase beautiful creations from artisans from throughout the Delmarva area and beyond.

The show is returning for its fifth year to Lord Baltimore Elementary School located on Route 26. Show hours are 9 am to 3 PM. Admission and parking are free.

This year's sold-out show will feature 53 talented exhibitors in all media, including artwork, jewelry, clothing, photography, glass, metalwork and more. Many popular past participants will be returning along with 10 new participants.

An Outdoor Farmers Market will be a new feature of this year's show, offering food items and other choices for outdoor living. Concessions will be provided by **Hocker's BBQ** and **Rita's Italian Ice**. Other popular show offerings will include the huge **bake sale** featuring offerings from the chapter's talented bakers and an **auction** with donations from show exhibitors.

Volunteers Are Needed

We are looking for volunteers to give us two hours of their time on the day of the event to help with many of the fair activities. We get high marks from our exhibitors for our volunteers, and we encourage members to sign up to be part of this huge chapter event. To volunteer, contact Valerie Reeves at missval55@yahoo.com or call 302-539-8212.

Another way you can help is by baking for our sale. Look for a call soon about baking for the event. If you cannot bake, cash donations are much appreciated and go directly to the Scholarship Fund. Checks may be made out to South Coastal DE AARP and designated for the Bake Sale. Contributions may be sent to: South Coastal DE AARP, Attn: Artisans Fair, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970.

Check for other locations in Sussex County on the web site.

The Community Service Committee meets on the first **Tuesday** of the month at the South Coastal Library at **10:30 AM**. We invite members to join us and share your ideas on how we can help the community.

Scholarship - Shirley Price/Ione Phillips

The deadline for applications for the two \$1500 scholarships offered by the chapter to Indian River High School students is Tuesday, April 25. If you know of a worthy senior, please let them know about the availability of these scholarships. Application packets are available in the guidance office at the high school. Winners will be announced at the school's Awards Night on Wednesday, May 24.

See the article elsewhere in the newsletter about preparations for the May 27 Artisans Fair. This is the committee's primary fundraiser. Please don't miss this great chapter event!

Tours - Jim Harding

Please remember our policy regarding payment for trips. If you sign up for a trip, you have **30 days** to pay from the date you **signed up**. If payment is not received within the 30 days, you will be taken off the list.

A separate check for each trip should be payable to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee** and sent to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, P.O. Box 662, Ocean View, DE. 19970.**

Our Tour Committee continues to strive for more exciting, fun trips for all to enjoy. We welcome your suggestions.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter's 20th Anniversary Celebration Set for Tuesday, October 24

South Coastal DE AARP 5226 will be 20 years old this fall, and we will be celebrating with a big party on Tuesday, October 24. The event is scheduled from 5-9 PM at 99 Sea Level in the new Marriott Residence Inn on the Bethany Beach Boardwalk.

A planning committee is hard at work on the details for this fun event. Look for more information and a chance to sign up starting at the April chapter meeting.

AARP Sponsored Book Club

The book group will be meeting on April 6 at 10:30 AM at the Coastal Library to discuss "Killing a King: The assassination of Yitzak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel" by Dan Ephron.

Bowling – Dottie Rieck

With only five weeks to go this season, team Pins & Fins holds a one game lead over team Royale 5's. Several other teams are within striking distance of the second half leader. The winner of this half will bowl the Alley Cats for the league championship on April 24.

We are looking for some new bowlers for next season. Please consider joining us next year. The league bowls on Monday afternoons at Millsboro Lanes and consists of bowlers of all skill levels. If interested, contact **Dottie Rieck at 539-2654**.

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

We always welcome new members and this is a great time to join and we will all learn the new music together. Men and women and all voices are welcome. No need to read music, some do and some don't! We just have a great time. For information and to join us, call Ann Jaeger at 436-5173.

Driver's Safety Classes - Tom Maly

Refresher classes are for those who have previously taken the Standard Driver's Class. You must take the Refresher Class every three (3) years to continue to receive a discount on your auto liability insurance. The State is now mandating that you cannot take the Refresher Class prior to 90 days expiration of your current certificate.

The AARP Driver Safety classe scheduled for May 8 is COMPLETELY FULL (with waiting lists). The next refresher course is scheduled for Monday, September 11, at the South Coastal Library, 9 AM to 1 PM. To register, call Tom at (302) 541-0780.

The next standard course (for those who have not taken the course or it has been longer than 3 years since they took one), is set for Monday, October 2 at the library from 9 AM to 3 PM. To register, call Tom at (302) 541-0780.

All classes are held at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. If you wish to take the course on line, go to AARPdriversafety.org. The cost is \$17.95 for AARP members and \$21 for non-members.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of any member who needs a card (get well, bereavement, etc.), please contact **Joan Wolf at 541-0513**.

CHAPTER TRIPS

2017

- May 10 -11 Luray Caverns, Virginia** - 2 days, 1 night. The trip includes 1 night hotel at the English Inn, Charlottesville, Virginia, Dinner at T Bonze restaurant on your own, Bus transportation, driver gratuity, baggage handling and breakfast included. Also included admission to Luray Caverns, Monticello- tour home of Thomas Jefferson, Natural Bridge of Virginia and final stop at Copper Fox Distillery for a tasting. **Price: \$195** per person based on double occupancy and **\$252** per single. We will depart from Giant parking lot.
- June 7 Trip to Fort Miles-** We will take a guided tour and history of Fort Miles. We will meet at the Cape May Ferry Parking lot at 9:30 AM. At that time we will car pool. If you have a parking pass have someone ride with you. The tour will be from 10 AM to 12 Noon. After the tour, we will go to the Crooked Hammock for lunch (on your own). Only 40 people will be allowed. **Price: \$7** per person.
- June 12 - 15 Finger Lakes** - 4 days 3 nights. 3 breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, Visit Kings' Ferry and Long Port Winery for dinner, historic Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls, Tour of It's A Wonderful Life Museum, Three Brothers Winery for tasting, organ demonstration at Willard Chapel, dinner at Springfield Inn, Merry Go Round Playhouse, Muranda Cheese Co. tour, Knapp Vineyard, Montezuma Winery and Distillery, shopping on the shores of Skaneateles Lake, dinner and cruise on the Judge Ben Wiles, visit Lively Run Goat Dairy, and Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards .**Price: \$699** per person based on double occupancy and **\$905** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- Sept. 18 - 22 Vermont** - 5 days 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners. Cruise on scenic Lake Champlain, lunch and tour at the Von Trapp Inn, tour: Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, explore Plymouth Notch, factory tour of Cabot Cheese, visit Woodstock to view one of their beautiful covered bridges, enjoy a visit to Rock of Ages granite quarry and shop for granite gifts, enjoy Quechee the Grand Canyon of Vermont, shop the Vermont Country Store. **Price: \$979** per person based on double occupancy and **\$1229** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- Sept. 28 Mystery Trip** - Depart Giant parking Lot 6:30 AM. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on your own. **Price: \$65** per person.
- Dec 2 - 7 Nashville, TN** - 6 day, 5 night. 5 breakfast, 1 luncheon cruise, 2 holiday dinner shows. 3 night at the Opryland Resort during A Country Christmas at Gaylord Opryland, Cruise and lunch aboard the General Jackson, guided tour of Nashville and explore Music Row, Tickets to Ice featuring "The Nutcracker", a Delta River flatboat ride, admission to a live holiday production (TBA). Tickets to Treasures for the Holidays a craft, antique and art show, enjoy a self-guided tour of the Parade of Trees, have a fabulous holiday dinner show in Pigeon Forge. **Price: \$1199** per person based on double occupancy and **\$1549** based on single occupancy. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**

2018

- Jan. 27 - Feb. 11 Back -to-Back Southern Caribbean Cruise** - Royal Caribbean's "Jewel of the Seas" Ports of Call include St. Thomas, Antigua, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Maarten, Dominica, Grenada and San Juan. Trip includes: 2 week cruise, shipboard meals and entertainment, hotel accommodations in beautiful San Juan, round Motor Coach transportation to Philadelphia Airport, non-stop round trip airfare, transportation to and from the cruise ship and hotel, port charges and taxes. \$50.00 room credit the second week. For more information go to our web site or call Jim.

**June 3 - 9 Mackinac Island, MI & Frankenmuth, MI - 7 Day/6 Night Trip ,6 Nights Hotel Accommodations Including 1 Night Accommodations at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. 6 Breakfasts & 4 Wonderful Dinners including: 1 Tasty BBQ Dinner at your Hotel, 1 Dinner at a Local Mackinaw City Restaurant, 1 Five-Course Dinner in the Grand Hotel's Main Dining Room followed by classical music in the Parlor, then dancing to a live orchestra in the Terrace Room, World Famous "Home-Cooked" Dinner at the Bavarian Inn and 1 Buffet Lunch at the Grand Hotel. 3 Evening Receptions at your Hotel including Hot Food & Spirits*. Hydro jet Ferry Ride to Mackinac Island. Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island. Enjoy seeing sights such as Arch Rock, Surrey Hills Museum and Fort Mackinac. Enjoy the Jack Pine Lumberjack Show and cheer on Championship lumberjacks in this fast paced competition of chopping, sawing, pole climbing, log rolling and more! Visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and Soo Locks Boat Tour. Admission to the Henry Ford Museum. Tour of Frankenmuth – Michigan's Little Bavaria. Price includes standard taxes, baggage handling, meal gratuities & motor coach transportation
Price: \$1359 per person double occupancy. \$1834 per person single occupancy**

Go to www.aarp5226.org for more details about the many trips offered.

DISCLAIMER:

These tours are a project of and are offered to the South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 of AARP. The chapter and any agent it may use in arranging these or any other tours are not responsible in whole or in part to the tour member for any loss, damage, or injury, whether financial or otherwise, to persons or property, however caused during or in connection with these or any other tours. These tours are activities conducted by South Coastal DE AARP #5226 and are in no way offered, sponsored, or conducted by AARP, which has no responsibility in connection with such tours.

Al Thomas and Lucille Kurtz, Co-Presidents

Trip Reservations:

To make a reservation for any trip, phone **Jim or Maria Harding, (302) 537-5206** or email jameshrdg@yahoo.com
Make checks payable to: **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee** and send to **South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, P.O. Box 662, Ocean View, DE. 19970.**

Please submit a check for each trip you sign up for. Note on the check what trip the check is to be applied to. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.

Trip Rules

- Payment is preferred at time of registration and must be made no later than 30 days after registration.
- Reservations made within 30 days of a scheduled trip must be paid at time of registration.
- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure, contact the tour escort for that trip.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on buses during chapter-sponsored trips.
- **Price subject to change:** If the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% between the date of the contract with Bus Company and the date of the charter, the Tour Committee may charge a fuel surcharge to participants.
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PLEASE NOTE


Due to the increase of members joining AARP, our policy for signing up for AARP trips is as follows: Members at the general luncheon/meeting will have **first** priority over members calling in.

Members can call, text or email the day of the meeting to sign up. If there should not be any opening for the trip, you will be placed on the waiting list automatically in the order of calls.

We will **no longer accept** calls **prior** to the general luncheon/meeting for trip sign ups.

This was always the policy for AARP trips. We will announce new trips at the luncheon/meeting first and then post it on the webpage and newsletter.

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Bowling 1:30 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes	4 Tour Committee 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Community Service Meeting 10:30 a.m. South Coastal Library Legislative Committee -12 Noon South Coastal Library	5 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m.	6 AARP Book Club South Coastal Library - 10:30 a.m.	7	8
9	10 Bowling 1:30 p.m. - Millsboro Lanes	11 AARP Board Meeting 10 a.m. South Coastal Library	12 Chorus Practice South Coastal Library 10 a.m. Deadline Luncheon Reservations/ Cancellations 12 noon	13 Jonah - Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster ,PA	14	15
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NEWSLETTER

Bring your friends and come out to **Hooked Up in Millville on Thursday, October 27** any time from **4-9 pm** for a great evening to benefit the chapter's Scholarship Fund. Hooked Up will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to the fund. Another feature of the evening will be an auction featuring a large number of baskets filled with wine, gift cards and a wide variety of other items donated by the business community.

Hooked Up Will Host October 27 Benefit for Scholarship Fund