

# AARP CHAPTER 1917

November 2010

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OFFICERS

#### *President*

Nancy Howard  
410-524-1881

#### *Vice President*

James Watts  
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#### *Recording Secretary*

Sue Harting  
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Gertrude Apple  
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William Shoop  
410-723-6409

### DIRECTORS

*Frank Hoover*  
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410-250-0676

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*Alcea Sprung*  
410-352-5748

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### *Membership*

Louise Fox  
410-250-5788

#### *Tours*

Barbara Murphy  
302-537-6363

**November 11, 2010 – 9:30 AM – *Membership Meeting*** - Speaker will be Margaret Long, who will speak on “The Fun of Genealogy Research”. Learn how to step back in time and trace your ancestors and your heritage. Find out what is available on the internet and how to get started researching your family tree. Come and learn about the Fun of Genealogy.

**December 14, 2010 – 10 AM - *Holiday Luncheon*** – Details last page.

Membership Meetings are held in the Community Center at Northside Park, 125<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocean City, on the second Thursday each month. Coffee & Conversation at 9:30 a.m. No meetings in July & August.

Board Meetings are held at the Senior Center next to the Convention Center in Ocean City on the first Thursday each month at 9:30 a.m.

**Travel News ... See Page 3.**

#### The Status of Social Security:

*Q: "If there is a \$2.5 trillion surplus in the Trust Fund now, how much is that down since the start of the recession?"*

*A: Basically, the answer is that the trust fund is so big that the recession doesn't really affect it much. So Social Security remains strong for the next 25 years. Details below as provided by AARP policy expert Jo Liu.*

According to the Social Security Trustees annual report issued in August, the Trust Fund actually grew by \$121.7 billion to \$2.54 trillion at the end of 2009. Social Security is designed to withstand economic slowdowns, even those as severe as the current recession, by building up assets over long periods of time and investing only in the safest of all possible investments -- US government bonds that pay interest.

The trust fund was able to grow because Social Security's income comes from two sources -- taxes and interest on the money in the trust fund. Because of the economic recession and high unemployment, revenues from taxes barely covered the cost of the program in 2009 and are projected to fall below costs in 2010 and 2011. But, because the trust fund is so large, Social Security earned \$118.3 billion in interest payments. When you add in the interest payments, the trust fund's income exceeds expenditures and the trust fund is expected to continue to grow until 2015. The interest and assets of the trust fund are large enough to make sure all earned benefits in Social Security can be paid in full until 2037.

### **Join the Blood Bank !**

If you are not currently a member of the Blood Bank of Delmarva, you should consider the benefits of joining the group membership.

Find out why you should join the "Group Membership" by picking up an application at our AARP monthly meeting at a table in the rear of the meeting hall.

If you want to know more about it and cannot be at our meeting to pick up an application, please call Alcea Sprung at 410-352-5748 or e-mail your request to [asprung@comcast.net](mailto:asprung@comcast.net).

### ***Did you know .....***

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Upper Shore Dementia Caregiver Conference:

Friday, November 19, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Amy Lynn Ferris Chestertown Senior Center, 200 Schaubert Road, Chestertown, MD 21620, 410-778-2564. \$25 for Family Caregivers. Register online at <http://UpperShore2010.kintera.org> or call 1-800-272-3900 for more information. Bill Shoop also has a flyer on this event.

## AARP Chapter 1917 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS & BOARD FOR 2011

### OFFICERS:

President: Nancy Howard  
Vice President: Jim Watts  
Recording Secretary: Sue Harting  
Corres. Secretary: Gerty Apple  
Treasurer: Bill Shoop

### BOARD:

One year: Ray Jackson, Alcea Sprung  
Two Years: Carlyn McMullen, Chris Norris  
Three Years: Frank Hoover, Norma Bull & Garry Fox

These nominees will be voted on during the November membership meeting.

December 6 - 8, 2010

Williamsburg, Virginia

Three days and two nights. Cost is \$380 per person, double occupancy. \$100 down payment is required. Final payment is due the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of November.



April, 2011

Las Vegas, Nevada !

Five days and four nights at a Las Vegas Strip Hotel Casino with round-trip air fare, hotel transfers, luggage handling and fees. Options can be a Grand Canyon tour, Hoover Dam tour, Red Rock Canyon or city tour. Enjoy fabulous shows, singers, sinners, comedians and nearby natural wonders. More details later!



**2011 TRIPS**

January 10 – 13, 2011



Atlantic City, NJ

We are staying at the Taj Mahal on the boardwalk. Buffets are not included because they can be purchased there for \$17 (\$3 savings). Cost is \$190 per person, double occupancy. A \$100 deposit is needed and final payment is due at the November meeting. No Meals Included!

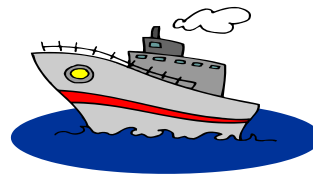
April, 2011

Branson, Missouri

Package includes 9 days and eight nights lodging, 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners. Motor coach transportation, taxes and meal gratuities included. Seven outstanding shows with trips to Branson Landing, the Grand Country Square, Historic downtown Branson and a casino. Cancellation insurance available. \$852 per person, double occupancy.



Royal Caribbean Cruise



ALLURE  
(Sister to the Oasis)

**February 20, 2011 – February 27, 2011**

The world's most revolutionary cruise ship; a feat of architecture and imagination. Designed around 7 neighborhood concepts. From the ocean-side seating of the Aqua Theatre to the lush green landscape of Central Park, there is something for everyone on the grandest ship the world has ever seen. Prices include insurance. *Air fare is not included !*

Prices are:	Central Park Balcony	\$1843.36
	Balcony overlooking the Sea	\$1823.36
	Ocean View, No Balcony	\$1693.36



## AARP Holiday Luncheon 2010

The AARP Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Clarion Hotel on Tuesday, December 14, 2010. A cash bar will be available. The Meeting will take place at 10:00 AM and will include:

- The discharge of officers and board members ending their term.
- Induction of new officers and board members.
- Entertainment will start at 11:00 AM
  - The Ocean City Stars (OC Elementary School)
  - Seaside Dancers
  - Stephen Decatur Performers
  - Comedian Dubby Eby
- Welcome and Blessing before lunch is served, will be given by Grace Jenkins.
- Luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon. The menu will include:
  - ✚ Cranberry Juice and Special Crackers
  - ✚ Fruit Cup – Strawberries, Grapes, Cantaloupe, Pineapple
  - ✚ Chicken Sonoma – Boneless Breast of Chicken filled with Spinach, Ricotta Cheese and Sun Dried Tomatoes, in a Cream Sauce
  - ✚ Chef's choice of Pasta
  - ✚ Chefs Choice of Vegetables
  - ✚ Rolls and Butter
  - ✚ Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Decaf, and Iced Tea
  - ✚ Lemon Meringue Pie

Tickets: \$20.00 per person, can be obtained at the AARP meeting or by sending a self-addressed STAMPED envelope along with the check (made payable to "AARP # 1917") to:

Alcea Sprung  
12300 Point View Road  
Bishopville, MD 21813  
Telephone: 410-352-5748

Tables of 10 or 12 can be arranged.



**Newsletter Feedback:** Please send constructive feedback or suggestions to Garry Fox at [sysgf@yahoo.com](mailto:sysgf@yahoo.com) or call him at 410-250-5788.