



CHAPTER 1917



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The President's Corner ...

The Chapter's year of 2014 will be finished in a few weeks. After a few loose ends are tied down, the Ocean City AARP Chapter will be ready to move forward. The new officers will soon be in place and the committee appointments are being sorted out. Contact me if you would like to participate in a committee program.

Last month we celebrated our 40 year anniversary. Thanks to Sandy Kvech and her committee for arranging such a fine event. All comments I received were extremely positive, with one couple stating they couldn't wait until our 50th anniversary gala.

Our chapter membership stands at 227 as of November 6th. Many thanks to Louise Fox for her dedication in signing up both new and old members; it made a difference. Without her, we could not have had the success we have enjoyed.

Talking about membership, let's have everyone step up and recruit a new member. Membership is the key that opens many doors. We are actively recruiting a new membership committee chairman. Can you help on this committee ?????

A big "Thank You" goes out to all our chapter volunteers. Without you we would have a problem keeping our chapter afloat and enjoying the success it has achieved. I do not wish to mention any names because I'm sure I will miss someone. You know who you are! So, "THANKS".

Our December meeting (December 11th), will be an Old Fashioned Christmas party. Last year we had delicious food, prizes and games and it was enjoyed by all who attended. Again the year, we are asking each member to bring a covered dish or their favorite Christmas item.

In closing, the new year always causes us to reflect and make resolutions to improve our life and the lives of others. Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years to ALL.

See you at the party!

Chris.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 11, 2014 – 9:30 AM – Holiday Party. Short membership Meeting; officers and board to be sworn in. At the Senior Center. Please bring a dish. Helen Norris is coordinating the food preparation. Please call her at 302-436-1784 if you have any questions! Music and Prizes!

January 8, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker will be Mr. Chris Calciano, Baseball Scout for The Boston Red Sox. All right, Yankee fans, time for questions! Bring items for Donation Drive! Flyer on page 5.

February 12, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker will be Mr. John Bennish, Assistant Vice President, Delmarva Investment Services. The topic will be "Financial Planning". Bring items for Donation Drive! Flyer on page 5.

March 12, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker is TBD; details later.

March 24, 2015 - Day Trip - Tour of Air & Space Museum, Chantilly, VA. This will be a good one! \$55/person.

April 9, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker is TBD; details later.

April 16, 2015 - Day Trip - Tour of Wallops Island NASA Flight Facility. \$25 p/p.

May 5, 2015 – Annual Ocean City Health Fair. Combined with a blood drive this time. More details later.

May 14, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker is TBD; details later.

May 14, 2015 – Day Trip - Cape May Seafood Feast. Price \$120/PP, deposit due by 4/9/2015.

May 14-21, 2015 – Trip - Ireland! The Emerald Isle! 8 days, 7 nights. This will be a good one! Wait List at this time.

June 11, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker is TBD; details later.

Note: Travel Flyers available on the website and at the Travel Table at meetings.



Our Meetings:

Membership Meetings are held at the Senior Center next to the Convention Center in Ocean City on the second Thursday of the month. Coffee & Conversation at 9:30 a.m.; meeting starts at 10 a.m. There are no meetings in July & August. If Worcester County schools are closed due to inclement weather, then there is no meeting.

Board Meetings are at the same location, first Thursday each month at 9:30 a.m.

See our website www.aarp1917.org for more information on meetings, Travel, etc.

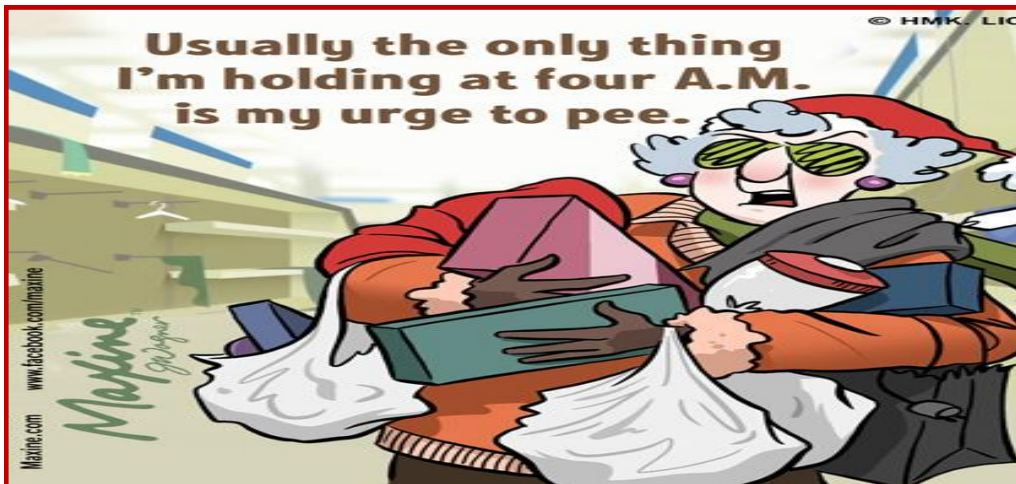


November 13, 2014 - Ocean City AARP 1917 celebrated its 40th anniversary with a gala luncheon at the Captain's Table restaurant. One hundred members and invited guests enjoyed a historical slide presentation and proclamations from the Mayor and City Council, Senator Ben Cardin and from the Maryland Office of the AARP honoring the chapter's positive contributions to local seniors and to the Town. Guests received door prizes generously donated by many Ocean City merchants and friends.

Pictured are Jerry and Sandy Kvech, Gala Chairwoman, proudly displaying the memento brochure created by Communications Chairman, Garry Fox.



September 11, 2014 - Our speaker was Ms. Rebecca Hudson, Director of Outreach and Social Media, NASA Wallops Island Flight Facility, Virginia. Ms. Hudson described various aspects of Wallops, including the mission, staff, physical facility, equipment, etc. Few of us in the audience realized that Wallops encompasses 6000 acres and employs almost 1100 people. The equipment there includes the large Global Hawk drone, which has a wing span of 130 feet. Wallops launches vehicles as tall as a 13 story building. Ms. Hudson noted that they are currently working with Ocean City to establish a launch viewing site in Ocean City on the boardwalk near the Life Saving Museum. For more information, you can go to www.nasa.gov/wallops.



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To support the Shepherd's Crook – an affiliate of St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
3rd St., Ocean City

The Shepherd's Crook provides food, clothing and toiletries to the needy – all FREE.

They have asked for the following items:

Clothing: clean, good condition, wearable, especially men's. Blankets, warm gloves and hats.

Food items (flip top cans, NO glass, most recipients only have a microwave)
Soup, tuna, chicken, Spaghetti O's/Ravioli, vegetables (no string beans or corn), Spaghetti sauce & pasta, fruit, apple sauce in individual containers, individual serving bags of instant mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes in box, box Mac&Cheese, microwaveable servings of rice, peanut butter, saltines, pancake mix (complete) & syrup, granola bars, hot chocolate mix, tea bags. Fresh apples, oranges.

Toiletries: bar soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant, laundry soap.



Have a Heart

**Donation Drive
February 12**

Good time to clean out your closets and pantries – maybe make a trip to the food store, Walmart, Roses, Dollar Store, etc. Ask your neighbors.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE FEBRUARY 12 MEETING.

Donations can also be accepted at the January 8 meeting. If you need a pick up at your house, please call Andrea Albrecht 410-250-4533.

Our community members in need will surely appreciate your donations.

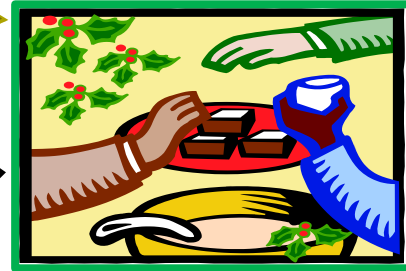
Welcome Aboard for new Volunteers!



Effective January 1, Debi McCluskey, pictured left, will be our new Secretary for AARP Chapter 1917. Mary Ann LeMay will be the new Chapter Historian. If you have any new or old documents, photos, or newspaper clippings relating to the chapter history, Mary Ann is looking for them! You can find both Debi and Mary Ann at the membership meetings.

We would like to thank outgoing members Andrea Albrecht (Secretary), Louise Fox (Membership Chair), and Garry Fox (newsletter, website, etc.) for their

Holiday Party – December 11th !



Membership Meeting/Holiday Party-Senior Center-0930. Food Volunteers Needed! Our meeting will be very short (installation of officers and board members). We will mostly have a party with delicious food, prizes, and holiday music. We need members to bring food for all to share, just like last year. Helen Norris is coordinating the food preparation. Please call her at 302-436-1784 if you have any questions!