

AARP CHAPTER 1917
General Membership Meeting
May 12, 2016

Due to the absence of President John Bloecher, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Vice-President Sue Harting, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our speaker was Master Chief Timmeree Sparks, who is the officer in charge of the Ocean City Coast Guard Station at the inlet. The Coast Guard is the only service branch under the jurisdiction of Homeland Security. The facility opened in 1964. They have 30 employees and four rescue boats. In the summer they average 5-7 rescues a day. After her presentation, Master Chief Sparks was given a Certificate of Appreciation.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasure's report was given by Bill Shoop. Balances as of March 31, 2016 are as follows: **General Fund - \$10,371.66; Scholarship Fund – 148.90; Health Fair - \$2,782.79.**

Health Fair: Due to the absence of Dr. Friedman Sue Harting provided an update on the 2016 Health fair. Six-hundred two people attended the fair and there were 105 vendors. There were 139 participants for lab work and there were 81 donors for the Blood Bank. In 2017 the Health Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 9th.

Scholarship: Due to the absence of Norma Bull, John Lucas provided the scholarship committee report. This year 11 applications were received (all females). Three finalists were interviewed and a selection was made. The announcement will be made at the Awards Ceremony at Stephan Decatur. We are in the process of raising \$1000 for the next scholarship.

Nominations: John Lucas emphasized that we need nominations for new Board members.

Operating Guidelines: The Board met on May 5th and finalized the Chapter's guidelines. The official copy is held by the Secretary and members can view the guidelines on our website.

Travel: Sandy reported that this has been an outstanding year for travel in our chapter. Both train trips have been filled. There has been one cancellation for the Candlelight Dinner Theater (please see Sandy if you are interested). There is a Harrington Casino trip scheduled for September 21st. The cost is \$20 with a return of \$15 play money and \$7 towards the buffet. The Sampson trip sponsored by the Polish American Club has been filled. On November 15th there will be a Murder Mystery Dinner at Captain's Table and on December 10th there is a trip scheduled for the German Christmas Market in Philadelphia. Only 51 people can go so it is first-come, first-served.

Today's Lunch Bunch will be held at High Stakes on Rte.54 and next month's luncheon will be at Abbey's Burger Bistro. Please see Bob McCluskey to sign up.

In lieu of our December meeting we will hold a "Holiday Extravaganza" on December 8th at the Dunes Manor on 28th Street from 1-5 pm. The cost will be \$20 per member and \$30 for non-members. Entertainment will be provided by the John Vincent Group. The Travel Committee will subsidize the event. Tickets are available today.

Membership: Andrea Albrect, membership chair, reports that we have 218 paid members, 50 new members this year and three new people at this meeting. There are 75 members present at this meeting.

President (Vice) Report: We need people to step up for the Board. We need someone to run the 50/50 every month and to set up the food/coffee prior to the meeting at 9 am. Debi McCluskey reminds everyone to give her names of anyone needing a card.

50/50 in the amount of \$46 was won by Bonnie Mitrecic who donated the money to the Scholarship fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi McCluskey, Secretary

