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Ocean City, Maryland – <u>WWW.AARP1917.ORG</u> March 2018

The President's Corner....

Dear everyone, Happy St. Patrick's Day!

With the arrival of spring close at hand, we have a number of up-coming activities scheduled to keep everyone busy during the warmer days ahead:

1. The Worcester County Commission on Aging is looking for people from our chapter to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. Parade participants will be treated to breakfast and lunch and can ride the parade route in one of the buses that will be provided. Sign-up at the Senior Center if you are interested.

2. On April 6, a jazz ensemble/dinner event will be held at the Ocean City Senior Center from 5-7 pm. Dinner will be catered by the Decatur Diner and door prizes will be awarded. Tickets are available (\$15 pp.) at the Senior Center.

3. The Senior Center will host a luncheon fundraiser at Carrabba's on April 21 from 12-3. See Ann Toney for tickets (\$15 pp.). All proceeds will support Senior Center activities.

4. A trip to Atlantic City's Tropicana Resort Casino will be run on April 30. The cost is \$109 pp. and includes transportation, \$15 in free play, lunch at Carmine's, and seating for a Frankie Valli tribute, "Who Loves You." Sign up at the Travel Table if you are interested, but beware, final payment is due by March 15.

5. The 2018 Ocean City Health Fair will be held on May 8 from 8-12:30 am. at the Ocean City Convention Center. This is a great opportunity to have some free health screenings and obtain other medical information. There is no charge to attend this event. We also need some volunteers to help with this event.

6. Your local AARP chapter will again host a luncheon on June 14 at the conclusion of our general meeting. Subs, soda, and water will be provided. Additional information will follow.

I hope many of you will find these activities attractive and will choose to join in. More events are planned for the fall and beyond. In order to take advantage of everything, please remember to pay your 2018 membership dues (still \$7.00) if you haven't already done so.

I want to thank our Scholarship Committee chairperson, Mary Jo Breslin, for organizing a successful scholarship fundraiser at Carrabba's Restaurant on Feb. 24. I would also like to thank all of you who attended the fundraiser. With your help, we raised enough money to fund a \$1000.00 scholarship for a student at Stephen Decatur High School this year.

Don't forget the AARP tax program. Taxes will be done at the Ocean City Senior Center on Saturdays and at the Ocean Pines library on Mondays from 9-3 between now and April 16. Please call 410-641-5036 to make an appointment. There is no charge for this service, but there are some restrictions on complex tax issues.

All the best, Bob McCluskey

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Lunch Bunch Ron Apperson Open to anyone over the age of 50 who enjoys fun with friends, opportunities for travel, camaraderie, educational and guest speakers and discounted local fare, just to name a few!



Our meetings are held at the Worcester County Senior Center located at 41st street, Bayside, Ocean City, on the <u>second Thursday of every month, September through</u> <u>June.</u> The Senior Center is just to the right of the Roland Powell Convention Center, almost under the water tower. Free parking is plentiful.

Meeting time is preceeded by coffee, snacks and time for travel and brochure browsing, followed at 10:00 am by our speaker and business meeting. The Senior Center is just to the right of the Roland Powell Convention Center, almost under the water tower. Free parking is plentiful.

Ocean City residency is not required to **JOIN US**, and belonging to another chapter is fine with us. Tell your friends or your neighbors!



<u>Discover all the Senior Center has to offer for your personal down time.</u> Take time to walk through and check out the planned events and programs. You won't be sorry! Ann Toney can help you with questions. Contact her by email <u>ann@worcoa.org</u>

SNACKS AND SUCH



Wouldn't you love to be

a snack volunteer for one of our monthly meetings?? Show off your favorite cake, cookies, or cheese dip and cracker treats for all to enjoy???

We would love to have you share your culinary skills. These snacks are a great part of our meeting and always immensely appreciated. Donna Reid, our volunteer Hospitality Hostess would love to hear from you. She is a magician organizing our monthly snack sharing. Give Donna a call if she can count on you to help at an upcoming meeting. 301 518-4187

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NEWS YOU SHOULDN'T MISS



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Albrecht, our Membership Committee Chair, reports positive response to our continued Andrea quest for dues. Thank you to all who have filled out the renewal form and responded with your \$7.00. WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS WHO REMAIN OUTSTANDING.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Last month's Carrabba's fundraiser netted a \$900.00 profit for the Stephen Decatur scholarship. Additionally, the dental care raffle has already raised another \$200.00 so that this year's scholarship will be fully funded with a small surplus

for next year. Many thanks to all those attendees who supported this worthwhile event.

SENIOR EVENTS FOR AGES 50 AND OLDER



St. Patrick's Day Parade – Ocean City, MD – March 17th, 2018

Please join us and our entry in the St. Patrick's Day parade! We will be meeting at the Ocean City Senior Center at 9:30 to enjoy Dunkin Donuts and Coffee while we decorate our transportation. We will board the agency busses and take part in this year's parade from 11 until about 12:30 when we will return to OCSC to enjoy Reuben Sandwiches and potato soup courtesy of the Original

Green Turtle! There is no fee to participate, but we are limited on our busses. Please call either Ann Toney or Scott Fowler at 410.289.0824 or visit OCSC to sign up!

1st Annual Jazz Dinner – Ocean City Senior Center, Ocean City MD – April 6, 2018 – 5-7 p.m.

(please see flyer attached to this email)

The event is open for all Worcester County residents 50 and older and tickets are available (in advance only) for \$15.00 / person (Tickets limited to 100 people/ first come first served). Including in the price of the ticket is social time, dinner catered by Decatur Diner, door prizes, and live jazz entertainment (see attached poster). Tickets can be purchased at the Ocean City Senior Center by calling 410.289.0824 (cash/check / money order).





FOR OUR ANNUAL OCEAN CITY HEALTH FAIR! May 8th, 2018 Think

about volunteering your service for the day. It would be greatly appreciated. No heavy lifting required. Just come and help us out and enjoy the day.



March lunch bunch will be going to Mio Fratello's following this Thursday's our monthly meeting. Sign up VIA PHONE prior to Monday. Call Ron Apperson at 302

April lunch bunch will visit BlueFish for \$10.00

May lunch bunch is TO BE DETERMINED.



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<u>February 24, 2018</u> <u>Carrabba's Italian Restaurant Scholarship Fundraiser</u>



















TRAVEL UPDATES FOR 2018

MARCH TRAVEL NEWS

April 29 – May 2: Virginia International Military Tattoo Unfortunately, this trip has been cancelled. Refunds will be mailed in the next few weeks.

April 30 (Mon): Tropicana Casino, Atlantic City – A Little Gambling, A Fabulous Lunch & An Amazing Show! \$109/Person due by March 15th. Includes: Bus Transportation, \$15 Slot Play Money, Lunch at the famed Carmines and Reserved Seating for "Who Loves You" Show.

May 23 (Wed): Rails & Paddlewheels of the Susquehanna Valley - \$115/Person due by April 12th.

Sorry, this trip is now full. Taking a "Wait List" only.

NEW! Sept 15 (Sat): Hank & Heidi's Hillbilly Hoedown - \$39/Person Grab your 10-gallon hat and join the Huckleberry & Hoggslogger families in the celebration of Han & Heidi's young love. Another Ovation's Dinner Comedy Event! Includes Buffet Dinner & Show.

Oct 16-18: Hudson River Valley – \$425/Person (Dbl), \$537 (Sngl) Includes 2 Breakfasts & 2 Great Dinners, including the Famed Ever Ready Diner & a Chef Demo Dinner at the Culinary Institute of America. Tours of West Point, Eleanor Roosevelt's Personal Cottage - the Val-Kill, Roosevelt's Home & Gardens and the Vanderbuilt Mansion. And ... a cruise down the historic Hudson River, with sites of the Lighthouses, Mansions and more!

Reminders:

Non-members may join us on any of our trips, however, there will be a *\$7* fee/person/trip assessed. New members are always encouraged to join and it is more economical!

Seating on the bus is assigned based upon payment received. If you want to sit at the front of the bus, you need to make payment early!

Check our website Travel page for more information <u>www.aarp1917.orq</u> and click on Travel.



INFORMATIONAL SPEAKERS and meeting fun

Our

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speaker, from the Fire Marshall's office provided a plethora of information on fire and accident prevention for everyone, but more especially cautionary issues for seniors. She also noted that Carbon monoxide detectors are more common now for anyone who has gas heat or fireplaces. New smoke and fire detectors now last 10 years without annual battery replacement. She advised us to contact the local fire department for possible replacement of the older models. Fire detectors were not made to last more than 10 years.



Mr. Bruce Young of Shepherd's Crook spoke in February and appraised the group of many pertinent facts regarding this great community resource. Shepherd's Crook is a food pantry located at 201 S. Baltimore Avenue having served over 16,000 people in 2017. Open 5 days a week from 10-12 except on Wednesdays and Sundays, clients number 61 per day off season and often over 125 daily during summer months. Clients include senior citizens, the homeless and J-1 students in the summer. Shepherd's Crook always welcomes donations of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items. Without these donations from individuals and local businesses this service would be short lived. Our chapter will be collecting food and hygiene at our March meeting. Please remember to bring items for this effort.

NEWS FROM OUR SENIOR CENTER



REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS regarding your Senior Center card

Please remember to stop in the Senior Center office soon either before or after our meeting with your card for a quick update patch. It only takes a few seconds. Swipe your card or use your phone number to register each time you attend the Senior Center to keep our numbers up and keep this valuable Center open.

For questions call Ann Toney at the Ocean City Senior Center (410-289-0824).

ALWAYS BE ALERT TO FRAUD









