



CHAPTER 1917



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The President's Corner ...

Greetings!

I hope you are in good health and spirits. We certainly live in interesting times when the numerous challenges we're facing as a nation and individually sometime seem overwhelming. On the national front, events in the Middle East and beyond have drawn our attention.

The individual challenges we face are typically family centered and include concerns about possible employment, funding our retirement, health issues, getting our children and grandchildren educated and prepared for life. Interesting times, indeed.

Our chapter is also having our challenges as we begin focusing on 2015 and beyond. At our general meeting this Thursday, September 11th, our nominating chairperson will announce the resignations of "key" members of your board. While increasing membership is very, very important, we also need members of our chapter to take leadership roles. This chapter cannot exist without members willing to step forward to serve and continue our chapter's proud history.

All members received the "reminder" postcard from our communications director last week. Note the upcoming speakers for September and October plus the political forums scheduled for October 8th and October 14th. All events will again be announced at our September 11th meeting; so please plan to attend.

I and your board look forward to your help and suggestions during our tenure. We need your support, participation and advice to keep this chapter relevant and effective as we move forward.

You may contact me at chrisn724@comcast.net.

Chris.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11, 2014 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker will be Ms. Rebecca Hudson, Director of Outreach and Social Media, NASA Wallops Island Flight Facility, Virginia.

October 8, 2014 – 5-7 PM – Candidates Forum, State Senate. Our guests will be the candidates for the Maryland District 38, James Mathias and Mike McDermott, who will take questions. At the Senior Center. Information to help you vote!

October 9, 2014 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Election! Volunteers Needed! Our speaker will be Mr. Bunk Mann, who has written a book on Ocean City; autographed copies will be for sale. "Bob's Lunch Bunch" will be going to the Grotto Pizza after the meeting, \$11 pp, reservation required. (Payment due this day for Allenberry trip).

October 14, 2014 – 5-7 PM – Candidates Forum, Ocean City Council and Mayor. Our guests will be the various candidates for these offices and will take questions. At the Senior Center. Information to help you vote!

October 23, 2014 - Day Trip - Tour of Wallops Island NASA Flight Facility. WAIT LIST ONLY.

November 13, 2014 – 12 PM-4 PM - Our 40th Anniversary Gala! At the Captain's Table at the Marriott. Members-\$22 pp. Non-members-\$32 pp. Save the date! You can print and fill out the following flyer, bring it to a Membership Meeting to purchase tickets.

November 16-23, 2014 – Trip - New Orleans and Memphis, 8 nights and 7 days, tours, meals, and more! \$1299 pp/dbl. Deposit due by Sept 11. Open to Non-members. This is a good one!

November 19, 2014 - Trip - Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs, PA. The show is "The Christmas Campaign". \$89pp includes transportation, buffet lunch, holiday show and all gratuities. Payment due by 10/09.

December 2-3, 2014 – Trip - Christmas on the Potomac! Gaylord National Harbor Resort and Holiday Ice Show, guided tour of Mt. Vernon, with Dinner at Mt. Vernon Inn. \$315 pp/dbl, \$440 pp/sngl. WAIT LIST ONLY.

December 11, 2014 – 9:30 AM – Holiday Party in lieu of membership Meeting. More 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.

Travel News!



TRAVEL REMINDERS:

WALLOPS ISLAND, October 23rd. "Wait List Only". Detailed itineraries will be available at the September Member Meeting. *Please note: Photo ID's will be required.* We will be leaving from the 65th Street Public Safety Building.

NEW ORLEANS & MEMPHIS, November 16th- 23rd, \$1299pp (dbl): **LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! Open to friends and family. We need more travelers for this trip or we will have to cancel. **Final payment due by 9/11.****

CHRISTMAS ON THE POTOMAC, December 2nd - 3rd, "Wait List Only". **Final payment due by 10/09.**

New for November → "THE ALLENBERRY CHRISTMAS CAMPAIN", Allenberry Playhouse Theatre, Boiling Springs, PA., November 19th, \$89pp. Includes transportation, buffet lunch, holiday show and all gratuities. **Payment due by 10/09.**



June 12, 2014 - Our speaker was Ms. Tammy Bresnahan, Associate State Director of Advocacy, MD AARP. She discussed some of the various activities of the MD AARP: how to work with aging populations, working with Annapolis legislators to ensure state employee retirement benefits, working to repeal part of law which said those over age 62 can get paid less than minimum wage, lobbying against aging pay prohibitions, efforts to repeal part of law prohibiting Medicare from negotiating with drug companies, and working with family caregivers. Ms. Bresnahan noted that each county has grants to support family caregivers and that information is available from the Worcester County Office on Aging.

Come meet the Candidates !!!

Remember, we're having two Candidates Forums this year, one on October 8th, with our candidates for the Maryland Senate, James Mathias and Mike McDermott. The other forum is on October 14, with the candidates for Ocean City Mayor and City Council. Both are from 5 to 7 p.m., here at the Senior Center. Come with your questions and be an informed voter!



Ocean City AARP, Chapter 1917
40th Anniversary Gala
Captain's Table Restaurant - 15th Street, Ocean City
Thursday, November 13, 2014

12pm-4pm

Appetizer

Assorted Cheeses and Fresh Fruit with Crackers

First Course

Garden Salad with Ranch or Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Second Course Selections

Panko encrusted Chicken Breast served with a garlic cream sauce

Rib-eye Steak chargrilled to perfection

Broiled Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes served with tartar sauce and lemon

All entrees served with Chef's selection of starch

Lunch served with rolls and butter

Tables set with water and Iced Tea

Cash Bar Available

Dessert Table

Assorted Desserts and Petit Fours

Coffee Station with regular and decaf coffee and hot tea

Members Only & Invited Guests - Coat & Tie Requested

Member Price - \$22/Person Non-Member Price - \$32/Person

Musical Entertainment Provided By: Phil Perdue, The Pianoman

Name/Selection - Person #1: _____ Ticket #: _____

Entrée: [] Panko Crusted Chicken Breast [] Rib-eye Steak [] Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes

Name/Selection - Person #2: _____ Ticket #: _____

Entrée: [] Panko Crusted Chicken Breast [] Rib-eye Steak [] Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes

Please seat me/us at a table with the following people: _____

Ocean City AARP 1917 Fall 2014 Election

Open Positions

Recording Secretary (3 yrs)

Board Position (3 yrs)

Board Position (3 yrs)

Candidates

Debi McCluskey

Alcea Sprung

Continuing Board Positions

President:	Chris Norris (2-yrs)	Frank Hoover (Emeritus)
Vice President:	Sue Harting (2-yrs)	Ray Jackson (Emeritus)
Treasurer:	Bill Shoop (2-yrs)	
Board Members:	John Bloecher (2-yrs)	Norma Bull (2-yrs)
	John Lucas (2-yrs)	Jeff McArthur (2-yrs)
	Sandy Kvech (1-yr)	Bob McCluskey (1-yr)

CANDIDATE BIO'S

Alcea Sprung: Graduated from William Patterson University of Wayne, NJ with a Business Administration degree. Worked for Honeywell Aerospace in Teterboro, NJ as senior cost estimator for the design and manufacturing of test equipment for aircrafts, such as the F-15 fighter, the C-141, C-5. Moved on to Smith's Industry, also aerospace contractor in Florham Park, New Jersey, as supervisor of Cost Estimating department. Retired in 1998 and moved to Bishopville, MD. Joined the AARP of Ocean City chapter shortly after moving to Maryland and have served on the board of directors for the past 5 years and have been a member of the Travel Committee for the past 3 years.

Debi McCluskey: Graduated from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland with a BA in Business Administration. Employed by the State of Maryland for 35 years until my retirement in 2004. The last 20 years of my employment was as a capital budget analyst concentrating on institutions of higher learning in Maryland. Also served as the legislative liaison between Baltimore and Annapolis. Since moving to Ocean City in 2007, I have volunteered with the *Believe in Tomorrow Children's House* for seriously ill children and their families, am currently in my second term as Secretary for the Polish American Club of Delmarva and serve as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Luke's Church and have recently been elected to the Parish Council.

Historical Documents Needed ...

We have collected various documents relating to your chapter's history. You can see many of them on the website (go to About Us page). However, we're especially lacking in documents for the years 2000 thru 2005. If you have any old trip flyers, handouts, photos, anything relating to our AARP 1917 history, from any year, please contact Garry Fox (443-664-2396 or email at aarp1917newsletter@yahoo.com). Or if you know someone that might have such documents, please let Garry know their name.



Snacks! Snacks!

Please bring snacks and goodies, home-made or not, to the membership meetings for all to share. And if you don't want to take any left-overs home, just ask Ann Toney, manager of the Senior Center, if you can leave them for her guests. She'll probably say, "Yes!".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

OUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOUR HELP HANDLING SPECIFIC TASKS!

PLEASE CONTACT SANDY KVECH 443-664-2003

- **RECORDING SECRETARY:**
 - Records the discussions at the board meetings and general meetings, noting all motions made and results. Keeps attendance of board members at board meetings.
 - Prepares and distributes minutes to board members. Makes corrections as necessary. Maintains a file copy of each in Secretary's book.
 - Sends notice to local papers regarding upcoming monthly meetings (3-4 weeks in advance).
 - Prepares a roster of current board members for distribution to all board members.

- **BOARD MEMBER:**
 - Participates in monthly board meetings and membership meetings.
 - Provides input regarding chapter events (i.e. Health Fair, Special Events, Fund Raising Efforts, etc.)
 - Votes on motions proposed by board members (i.e. Acceptance of Treasurer Report, Minutes, Special expense requests, etc.)

- **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON:**
 - Process new membership requests.
 - Maintain database of active and recently active members. Telephone/e-mail recently active members who have not renewed (March).
 - Provide e-mail addresses/changes to board members, travel committee members and person handling member e-mail communications.
 - Prepare snail-mail addresses for annual postcard communication to membership
 - Staff membership table at meeting.
 - Maintain AARP table at Annual Health Fair

- **WEBSITE MAINTENANCE:** Maintain current website using inputs from Travel, Membership and other committees/board members.

- **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Write and print copies for distribution to members without e-mail addresses and to the president. Provide electronic copy to Webmaster. Newsletters are written/distributed every other month during our "active" season (January-March-May-September-November).

- **CHAPTER HISTORIAN:** Accumulate historical documents (newsletters, newspaper articles, etc.), photograph important events, do research, provide information to webmaster and create digital record and archives.

- **E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS:** Write and distribute e-mail meeting reminders and other e-mails, as needed to membership. Maintain Membership e-mail addresses on the e-mail service.

- **MEETING SUPPORT PERSON:** Create/print Speaker Recognition Certificate, Hang Chapter Banner and Photograph Speakers at membership meetings.