

AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES FOR June 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:00AM. There were 63 people in attendance.

Chris introduced guest Larry Walton, President of the Ocean Pines AARP chapter who was happy to announce that a cooperative travel agreement between the chapters had been worked out and he presented some flyers for their travel plans including a breakfast on June 26 at Ocean Downs. Information would be available on our web site. Larry also noted that he had signed up his chapter for group participation in the Delmarva Blood Bank.

Chris announced the memorial service that day for Jim Eby, husband of DUBY Eby, our long time Sunshine Lady.

Our speaker was Darice Oliver, better known as the 'Plant Lady'. Darice specializes in indoor and outdoor landscapes and container gardening. She suggested that top soil should not be used for containers, to use potting soil and to add potting soil when planting in the ground. She suggested annuals that actually come back each year and discussed feeding and watering well. In response to questions, she gave some suggestions for good vining plants and how to care for certain annuals. She is a source for plants and can be reached at 443-614-1345.

Secretary Andrea Albrecht presented the minutes of the April 12, 2012 meeting and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report. Bill Shoop reported balances ending for May: General Fund – \$11,276.95, Health Fair - \$807.99, Travel - \$4,010.21. The report was approved as presented.

Communications chair, Garry Fox, stated that our web site would be updated through out the summer.

Scholarship. Chris announced that Mara Smith was the winner of our Scholarship and would be attending UMBC this fall.

Membership chair, Louise Fox, reported that paid membership was at 199 with 4 new members today. New members were introduced.

Travel chair, Alcea Sprung, gave an update on current travel opportunities, many of which were sold out or close. She encouraged taking out the travel insurance. Alcea asked for continued help and suggestions for travel and to use the web site for information and updates.

Blood Bank. Alcea Sprung announced that she would sign up our chapter as a group to participate in the upcoming blood drives. Information will be available on our web site.

President's Report. Chris announced there would be a "Candidates Forum" sponsored by our chapter. It will be held on September 27 at the Elks, 4-7PM. All candidates for the local Ocean City council will be invited. Andrea noted that questions will come from members and that a request for questions would be posted on our web site. Questions should regard policy and not be of a personal nature. Chris said the Health Fair would be May 17 or May 18 of next year. Speakers for the fall would include auto mechanics 101, Ocean City Aviation, Brandywine Assisted Living, and a sports figure

Fall Fest chair, Andrea Albrecht, reminded members to mark their calendars for October 25, 5-9PM at the OC Elks Lodge.

Good of the Order. Mary Knight said that there would be a rehearsal of the OC Air show on Friday and reminded all to remind their guests to cross at the cross walks. There are lots of new activities this summer and they can be found on ococean.com.

There was a discussion about how members without internet access are receiving information, particularly the change in this meetings' date. **The Board will discuss how to improve communications.** **50/50** won by Naomi Popolo - \$28 to Naomi, \$28 to the Chapter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Albrecht,
Recording Secretary