

AARP Chapter 1917
Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Bob McCluskey at 10:00 a.m. and he led the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence was held in memory of two long-time members who have recently passed away and they are Betty Feely and Paul Neal.

Board Members present: Bob McCluskey, Charlie Herbert, Jack Boehmer, Mary Jo Breslin, Donna Reid, John Lucas, Tish Michel and Margaret DeGeorge.

Board Members absent: Sandy Kvech

Speaker: Ms. Rupali Dewan Tetrick presented her program on Clear Captions, a special kind of phone that has a screen that prints the words that the caller is saying. It is a system that is fully paid for by the government and is an aid to anyone with a hearing problem. There were many questions from the audience and Ms. Tetrick agreed to be available for the remainder of the meeting and the luncheon to answer any more questions.

Bob said that Donna's volunteers for the luncheon would be excused as they were probably needed at the food tables to help with the set ups.

Treasury: Sandy was absent but we have her latest report that she presented at the Board Meeting on June 4, 2025.

Travel: Fran Smith made her last pitch for the Orioles game and then had to make the decision to cancel this trip because there weren't enough people committed to it. The October 15th trip to Toby's for Saturday Night Live is still taking names and one should not hesitate to be on the waitlist for The Tropicana in Atlantic City on December 4th. Fran will present her travel ideas for the coming year at the September meeting and the Xmas Party sign-up sheet will be available about that time.

Elections: John Lucas said that there would be 3 positions open on the Board. Charlie Herbert as Vice President is one, so people should be thinking about volunteering. The slate will be presented at the September meeting and the elections will be done at the November meeting. There is also the position as the Webmaster that will need to be filled as Charlie handled that also. If anyone has some computer knowledge and would like some more information as to what would be involved, they should talk to Charlie to get this.

President's Report: Bob reminded everyone about the Shredding event on June 17th at the O.P. Library from 10:00 to 1:00. Canned food donations are requested. Anyone can take a flyer if they have access to a community bulletin board to advertise this event that is open to everyone.

Our September 10th meeting will be held at the American Legion Post with a luncheon to follow for anyone who would like to purchase it. Bob wasn't able to get the details of the luncheon but they will be provided in an email that will go out to the members before the meeting. The American Legion is not charging the Chapter for the use of their hall and supporting the luncheon is a good way to show our appreciation and the price is always reasonable.

Livable Communities update. Previously, suggestions were submitted by the membership as to how to make our Community more user-friendly. Support and Commitment has not been forthcoming from City Hall as yet but if you feel strongly committed to this program yourself, Bob suggested you contact their web address and voice your concern.

September's guest speaker will be Ms. Rachel Schwietzer informing us about the Junior Achievement Program.

Community Activities: The membership had the opportunity to announce things that were happening in their communities and they did so. Jack Boehmer reminded everyone about "The Shadows of the 60ties" performance on MLK weekend in January. This program is co-sponsored by our Chapter and we will get a portion of every ticket sold.

Old/New Business: none

50/50 winner got \$42.00

Luncheon: Bob went over the arrangements that were put into place by Donna and her group of volunteers for the luncheon and table numbers were called. Everything went smoothly due to Donna and her group of volunteers and the many foods that were donated by the members. Bob said we always get positive feedback for this luncheon and many thanks goes to Donna as she tends to every detail to make this event successful and everyone agreed and gave her and her volunteers a round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret DeGeorge, Secretary
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