

AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES for April 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:00 AM. There was a head count of 75 attendees.

Sunshine: no reports of illness.

Treasurer's report presented by Bill Shoop: General Fund balance ending for March: \$14,176 (including \$885.50 in the Scholarship Fund escrow). Pizza sales netted \$593 in profit. Motion to accept by Norma Bull, second by Herb Paulukewicz and unanimously approved. Bill noted that the IRS does not call, beware of scams.

Membership chair Louise Fox reported that 182 have paid for 2014.

Speaker Cpl. R. Dale Trotter from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office provided an in-depth talk on Physical Abuse of the Elderly and Venerable stating that most abuse occurs in home and by relatives and care givers. The abuse consists of physical assault, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and health care fraud. He encouraged looking for signs of overall change in behavior, unexplained injuries, malnutrition and financial exploitation. He noted that there often is health care fraud via Doctor's overcharging. If this is noticed by reviewing medical bills, it should be reported to the police. Preventive measures include being observant, checking on neighbors, looking at meds consumed, reviewing bank statements and "believing what the elder tells you." Elders should be sure their financial and legal affairs are in order, keep in touch with family and friends, and if you think you are being abused, tell everyone. He suggested life alert necklaces and keep your cell phone with you. (N.B. Cpl. Trotter will be back next May with a demonstration including 5 canines.)

Health Fair chair Dr. Melvin Friedman reminded all of the date – May 6, 7am-noon. There will be 3 speakers: 9AM – Acupuncture, 9:30 AM – Dermatology, 10 AM – Urology. The Fair is free to all. Chris noted that he has arranged for a "reverse" rain dance outside the Convention Center at 6:30 am!

Travel chair Sandy Kvech asked all to complete a 2015 travel wish list. A trip to Wallops Island has been added for October 23, lunch on your own. The last Ocean Downs is April 15 and the last lunch bunch is May 8 at BJ's. Ocean Pines AARP is holding a fundraiser at the Blue Ox on April 26; Sandy has details.

40th Anniversary Party chair Sandy Kvech reminded all of the date - at the Captain's Table, noon to 4PM, November 13. The ticket price is \$22 for members, \$32 for non-members.

Scholarship chair Norma Bull happily announced that 101 pizza kits have been sold and are available for pick up after the meeting. Norma and her committee received kudos from the attendees. The Worcester County Commission on Aging placed orders to bring us to our goal.

President Chris (1) Requested volunteers to bring snacks to meetings. (2) Doug Phillips, Director of Marketing for the Freeman Stage will speak next month on the upcoming summer program; a representative from Wallops Island will speak in June. (3) Our chapter will again sponsor a Candidates Forum in October preceding the local elections.

Good of the Order:

1. Nancy Howard announced a local author will be at the OC Library on April 15 to discuss his new book on the history of Ocean City pre-1933.

Frank Hoover presented cupcakes to the April **birthday** folks.

50/50 won by Betty Feehley, \$44 to her, \$44 to the chapter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Albrecht,
Recording Secretary