



CHAPTER 1917



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The President's Corner ...

Greetings to all:

I hope you are in good health and spirits as we begin 2015. In this New Year we hope to improve on our 2014 outcomes, increase our membership and continue our goals of providing the best service to our chapter.

We see the keys to our success as growing membership and seeking new members for our database that will become leaders of our chapter in the future. We are looking to everyone to share their talents by becoming more involved in community affairs, volunteering for chapter functions, e.g. our health fair, tax preparation, political forums, etc., or simply serving as a chapter leader or committee participant.

The New Year always causes us to reflect and make resolutions to improve our life and to modify those behaviors we may feel are destructive to ourselves and others. My wish is that we all stand tall and make our voices heard as valued chapter members. Step up and suggest ideas on how we can help improve the lives of others individually or collectively as a chapter.

The officers and board members of your chapter do our best to manage your affairs in a conservative, responsible manner with an eye toward chapter quality and longevity. In the near term your board is focused on improving growth in 2015.

Our next milestone anniversary may be years away but we are confident, with your help, that our Ocean City AARP Chapter is well positioned to be stronger in the future than it is today.

See you on February 12th at our general meeting at the Ocean City Senior Center.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Chris

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 12, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker is Mr. John Bennish, Assistant Vice President, Delmarva Investment Services. His topic will be “Financial Planning” and provide a general overview of the retirement picture.

*****Please bring items for our Donation Drive! - See attached flyer.**

*****Join Bob’s lunch bunch at Dough Roller after the meeting.**

March 12, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker is Corporal Dale Trotter, Worchester County Police with demonstrations by the K9 Corps.

March 24, 2015 - Day Trip - Tour of Air & Space Museum, Chantilly, VA. This is expected to be a super trip. \$55/person.

April 9, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker is Mr. Bunk Mann, Author of a book on Ocean City, MD. He will have copies of his book for purchase and autograph.

April 16, 2015 - Day Trip - Tour of Wallops Island NASA Flight Facility. \$25 p/p.

May 5, 2015 – Annual Ocean City Health Fair; combined with a blood drive this year. More details later.

May 14, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Speaker TBD; details later.

May 14, 2015 – Day Trip - Cape May Seafood Feast. Price \$120/PP, deposit due by 4/9/2015.

May 14-21, 2015 – Trip - Ireland! 8 days, 7 nights. Sorry, **wait list only** for this spectacular trip to the Emerald Isle.

June 11, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Speaker TBD; details later.

October 8, 2015 - 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker will be from the Salisbury Zoo.

December 10, 2015 - 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting during which we will have our annual Christmas party at the Senior Center.

Note:

Travel Flyers are available on the website and at the Travel Table during 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. Winter time meetings follow the Worcester County School system. If schools are closed, there is no meeting.

Board Meetings are at the same location, first Thursday each month at 9:30 a.m.

See our website www.aarp1917.org for more information on meetings, events, travel, etc.

TRAVEL REMINDERS!!!

Payment is due by **02/12/2015** for the following trips:

- February 19: Breakfast at Ocean Downs, \$7/person. ***SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!***
- March 24: Air & Space Museum, Chantilly VA, \$55/person. ***SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!***
- April 16: Wallops Island, \$25/person. **TRIP FULL - WAIT LIST ONLY.**
- May 14-21: Ireland. **TRIP FULL - WAIT LIST ONLY.**

There is still time to sign-up for Cape May Seafood Feast!

- May 14: Cape May Seafood Feast, \$120/person. **Payment due by 4/09/2015**

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To support the Shepherd's Crook – an affiliate of St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
3rd St., Ocean City


The Shepherd's Crook provides food, clothing and toiletries to the needy – all FREE.

They have asked for the following items:

Clothing: clean, good condition, wearable, especially men's. Blankets, warm gloves and hats.

Food items (flip top cans, NO glass, most recipients only have a microwave)
Soup, tuna, chicken, Spaghetti O's/Ravioli, vegetables (no string beans or corn), Spaghetti sauce & pasta, fruit, apple sauce in individual containers, individual serving bags of instant mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes in box, box Mac&Cheese, microwaveable servings of rice, peanut butter, saltines, pancake mix (complete) & syrup, granola bars, hot chocolate mix, tea bags. Fresh apples, oranges.

Toiletries: bar soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant, laundry soap.



Have a Heart

**Donation Drive
February 12**

Good time to clean out your closets and pantries – maybe make a trip to the food store, Walmart, Roses, Dollar Store, etc. Ask your neighbors.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE FEBRUARY 12 MEETING.

Donations can also be accepted at the January 8 meeting. If you need a pick up at your house, please call Andrea Albrecht 410-250-4533.

Our community members in need will surely appreciate your donations.

***Meet your officers, directors,
and our chapter advisor for 2015***

Pictured below, from the swearing-in ceremony held at the Holiday party on December 11, 2015, are your 2015 officers and directors and our chapter advisor. Left to Right (Front) are Nancy Howard, Sandy Kvech, Norma Bull, Sue Harting, Debi McCluskey, and Alcea Sprung. Left to Right (Rear) are Bill Shoop, John Bloecher, John Lucas, Chris Norris, Bob McCluskey, Frank Howard, and Jeff McArthur. Absent(Ray Jackson).



Welcome Aboard New Volunteers!



Effective January 1, Debi McCluskey, pictured left, will be our new Secretary for AARP Chapter 1917. Mary Ann LeMay will be the new Chapter Historian. If you have any new or old documents, photos, or newspaper clippings relating to the chapter history, Mary Ann is looking for them! You can find both Debi and Mary Ann at the membership meetings. Michelle Donovan will manage Communications via the newsletter in conjunction with John Bloecher and Alcea Sprung as Webmasters.

We would like to thank outgoing members Andrea Albrecht (Secretary), Louise Fox (Membership Chair), and Garry Fox (newsletter, website, etc.) for their long time service.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED for:

Meeting Munchies



Please bring something to share.....

Call Helen Norris with questions! 302 436-1784

AARP 1917 January Speaker



Our January speaker was Chris Calciano - a scout for the Boston Red Sox for eight years. Mr. Calciano was an All-American college player for Eastern University and earned his Master's Degree in Sports Administration. He gave a presentation on the business and scouting side of baseball today. Following his presentation, Chris Norris presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

SMILE A LITTLE



SORRY, SON...THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT

Looking for activities with other active seniors?



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Worcester County Commission on Aging, Inc.

Ocean City Senior Center



Ocean City Senior Center

104 41st Street

Ocean City, MD 21842

Tel: 410-289-0824

Open 9 am – 2:30 pm Monday – Thursday. Call Ann Toney for more information.