

AARP CHAPTER 1917      GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
**MINUTES FOR APRIL 12, 2012**  
**(with corrections)**

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10AM. There were 61 people in attendance.

Dawn Denton, Community Education Manager from Atlantic General Hospital, explained the changes in the health testing policy for the Health Fair. AGH is required to get a permit from the State for each event. The State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is enforcing a long-standing regulation that lab draws require a personal physician or extender to be on site to ensure responsibility and follow-up. Therefore the State will only allow only cholesterol testing. She noted that this regulation may be overturned in the future.

Our speaker, Brian Buschmiller, owner of Burley Oak Brewing Co. in Berlin, described the founding of his micro brewery and credited the Town of Berlin with offering him a good opportunity. Brian, with a degree in Biochemistry and a long-time love of micro brewing in his garage, now continues his "all by hand" operation with 10 employees. His beers are available at many OC bars and restaurants. The brewery is located at 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd. and offers free tours and tastings on Saturdays at 3PM. Brian brought several beer and root beer samples which were immediately swilled by meeting attendees.

**Secretary** Andrea Albrecht presented the minutes of the March 8, 2012 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Sandy Kvech, seconded by Carol Robinson and approved by all.

**Treasurer's Report.** Bill Shoop reported a balance in the general fund at the end of March \$11,428, Health Fair - \$783 and Travel - \$3,824. Bill noted that an excess of \$170 from the Cherry Blossom cruise will stay in the Travel fund. A motion to accept the report was made by Ray Jackson, seconded by Sandy Kvech and approved by all.

**Scholarship Fund** chair, Norma Bull, announced that there are 38 applications. On April 17, she, Chris Norris, Andrea Albrecht, Kitty Maitha and Paulette Lucas will meet to select three finalists.

**Communications** chair, Garry Fox, reminded all to check the web site for updates.

**Membership** chair, Louise Fox, reported that paid membership was at 176 with 6 new members today.

**Travel chair,** Alcea Sprung, reported that the Cherry Blossom cruise went well. Chris and Helen Norris donated water and snacks. Future trips will be bring your own snacks, the Chapter will supply water. Due to insufficient participation, the Atlantic City trip and Lancaster/Jonah may be cancelled, but interest may be accommodated by the Polish Club. Gettysburg and Biltmore are still scheduled for the fall. Sandy Kvech announced that a representative from Grand Circle will make a presentation on the Belgium/Holland trip on April 19, 10:30 at the OC Library.

**Health Fair** director, Dr. Melvin Freidman asked volunteers to be at the Convention Center by 6:30 am on May 9.

**President's Report.** Chris said that more volunteers are needed for Chapter activities, especially a Historian. He announced that next month's speaker will be from the Coasta Winery and will bring samples. Chris introduced new members. He presented Sue Frankowski with Shore Birds box seat tickets, won at last Fall Fest.

**Good of the Order.** Mary Knight announced the inaugural Komen Race for the Cure to be held April 22. Volunteers are needed. Sandy Kvech requested that the travel survey be returned.

**50/50** won by Sue Harting - \$34 to Sue, \$34 to the Chapter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Albrecht,  
Recording Secretary