

AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES for March 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:00 AM. There was a head count of 65 attendees.

Sunshine report by Anne Cooley: card sent to Rita Chapman.

Blood Bank of Delaware rep., Suzanne Murphy, announced that hospitals will no longer separately charge for blood as a result of the ACA, therefore a "membership" in the Blood Bank will no longer exist. Donations of blood can continue to be made until age 80 and the Blood Bank can accept tax deductible donations. See Alcea Sprung for information on blood donation times.

Speaker Claude Lewis, co-owner of Home Instead Senior Care, talked about various options for in home non-medical care. Home Instead has been on the Eastern Shore for 10 years, is a franchise of a national company and provides non-medical care of a personal nature and companion care. Their organization is licensed and provides care givers who have been fully vetted and trained. Payment comes from private funding and Long Term Care Insurance. Medicare covers only medical home care. Other in home care providers can be found through registries or private employment. Their rates are \$19.50 per hour for companion care, \$21.50 per hour for personal care.

Scholarship chair Norma Bull announced that 63 pizza kits have been sold to date. Delivery will be uncertain as the company will not deliver fewer than 100 kits on a specified date. Norma will receive the kits and get in touch with purchasers for pick up.

Treasurer's report presented by Bill Shoop: General Fund balance ending for February: \$12,397.07 (including \$603.50 in the Scholarship Fund escrow). Motion to accept by Frank Hoover, second by John Bloecher and unanimously approved. Bill noted that the Board had approved not announcing the Travel Fund balance as it varies based on the number of trips in place.

Travel chair Sandy Kvech reviewed the status of upcoming trips and noted that 8 more people are needed for the June NYC trip. The lunch bunch is set for April 11 at the Blue Ox, \$11, let Bob McCluskey know if you plan to attend. April 15 is the last Ocean Downs for the year, \$7; make reservations through Sandy.

40th Anniversary Party chair Sandy Kvech announced the ticket price is \$22 for members, \$32 for non-members. The festivities are set for November 13 (in lieu of the General Meeting) at the Captain's Table, noon to 4PM.

Health Fair chair Dr. Melvin Friedman announced the date – May 6, 7am-noon. There will be 3 speakers: 9AM – Acupuncture, 9:30 AM – Dermatology, 10 AM – Urology. PSA testing is controversial and will no longer be included.

President Chris (1) Announced that the "Smart Meters" Town Hall meeting on March 12 was well attended. (2) Dale Trotter from the Worcester County Sheriff's office will speak next month on "Physical Abuse of the Elderly."

Membership chair Louise Fox reported that 160 have paid for 2014. Renewals for 2014 are due by the end of March.

Ann Toney, coordinator of the MAC Center discussed amenities and hours of operation, 9-3, Monday through Thursday. There is a fund raising lunch at Carrabas on March 26. She has tickets for \$10.

Good of the Order:

1. Mary Beth Caroza, running for the newly created congressional district 38C (affecting Ocean City), was present and announced that the Maryland primary has been moved to June 24.
2. John Bloecher announced that the AARP Tax Aide is available for one more month.

50/50 won by Paulette Lucas, \$38 to her, \$38 to the chapter.

Chris presented cupcakes to the February **birthday** folks and welcomed visitors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Albrecht,
Recording Secretary