

AARP CHAPTER 1917
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President John Bloecher at 10:00AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

John introduced our speaker, Ms. Kim Richardson from Home Instead Senior Care. The organization provides non-medical caregiving and companionship to seniors. Services are covered either by private-pay or some long-term care insurance.

Discussion followed on ways to better communicate with your doctor and get the most from your appointment. It is recommended that we prioritize our problems and prepare a list of our top three concerns. More information can be found on their website, **Home Instead Senior Care**.

John then presented a Certificate of appreciation to Kim.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given by Bill Shoop. The ending balances for January 2016 are as follows: **General Fund - \$10,265.80; Scholarship - \$678.00 (however \$500 of this amount will be made to last year's recipient, leaving a balance of \$148) ; Health Fair - \$2,611.41.**

Travel: The travel report was given by Sandy Kvech who reminded everyone that today's "Lunch Bunch" will be held at the Greene Turtle. Please see Bob at the Travel table. Next month's luncheon will be held at BJ's and at the Dough Roller in April. **Please note that anyone wishing to attend the luncheon at BJ's must call Bob at 410-250-0980 by March 4th.**

The Harrington trip is scheduled for March 16th and has one space left. Parking will be available at the 65th Street lot and you can pick up a parking slip at the Travel table. Everyone must have a photo ID. Seating will be assigned.

The Cherry Blossom Cruise and the Candlelight Dinner Theater are both full. The two West Virginia train trips are just about sold out. The first trip from October 19-21 is sold out and the next trip, October 27-29 has five seats left.

There are several other trips available. Please see the Travel table for details or visit our website, **www.AARP 1917.org** for more details.

Sandy also announced that a special Christmas party will be held this year at an outside venue. Volunteers are needed and details will be forthcoming.

Membership: Andrea Albrecht does not have a report, however we have 35 new members this year and 4 new members at this meeting. Please renew your membership!

Health Fair: No report. The fair will be held on May 3rd.

Scholarship: Our Chapter is trying to raise \$1,000 to provide a scholarship to a student at Stephan Decatur High School. To help us out, a fundraising lunch will be held at Carrabba's on March 12 from 12-2. Tickets are \$15.00 each and include tax and tip. Please see Norma for tickets.

New Business: Charlie Herbert will have a report on the proposed new by-laws after the next Board meeting.

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- Ann Toney requests that AARP members also join the Senior Center. Please see Ann to have your photo taken.
- We had three birthdays and cupcakes were given out by Jeff McArthur.
- Frank Hoover has been ill and is resting at home.

The 50/50 in the amount of \$34.00 was won by Ray Jackson.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debi McCluskey, Secretary
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