

AARP CHAPTER 1917
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016

President John Bloecher called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

John introduced our speaker for the month, Mary Jo Dean, a representative for the Jessie Klump Memorial Fund. Jessie Klump was a senior in high school when he unexpectedly committed suicide. Jessie had a very bright future ahead and had even been accepted into the Naval Academy. From his death, the question of “why” arose and the Jessie Klump Foundation came into being. The Foundation helps with community outreach for depression screening. The fund awards \$12,000 in scholarships each year to seniors in Snow Hill. After the presentation John awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Dean.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report was given by Bill Shoop. The ending balances for February 2016 are as follows: **General Fund - \$10,371.00; Scholarship - \$678.00 (however \$500 of this amount will be remitted to last year’s winner leaving a balance of \$148); Health Fair - \$2,686.00, however this balance is not up-to-date.**

Travel: Due to the absence of Sandy Kvech, Bob McCluskey provided details for travel and the “Lunch Bunch”. After today’s meeting a luncheon will be held at BJ’s on the Water. In March the lunch will be at the Dough Roller, located directly in front of the Senior Center. The sign -up sheet is located at the Travel table. The May luncheon will be at High Stakes on Route 54.

For the next three trips, Harrington, the Cherry Blossom Cruise, and the Candlelight Dinner Theater the bus will leave from the 65th Street parking lot. Participants may pick up a parking pass today or at the day of the trip. For the Harrington trip, there are two open seats. All participants should bring a photo ID and their Player’s card. The cost is \$20 with a return of \$15 free play and 50% off of the cost of the buffet. The Cherry Blossom Cruise is full and the Dinner Theater has 1 o 2 seats left and payment is due today.

There is a Three City Tour scheduled for June 6-8 and payment is due in April. Details can be found on the website.

The Viking River Cruise set for September is being handled by Oasis Travel. The meeting set for 3/22 at the Captain's Table has been postponed by Oasis and a new date has not been set. Also, there will not be bus service to Philadelphia as originally planned.

There will be two West Virginia train trips scheduled for this fall. The first trip, October 19-21 has one opening and the second trip, set for October 27-29 has one or two openings left. The money is due in June.

The German Christmas market trip to Philadelphia on December 6 will be about \$35. The cost includes bus transportation only as you will be able to eat at the food vendors at the event.

The Polish American Club will hold its annual Paczki dance on April 3 at St. Andrew's Hall. Please see Bob McCluskey for tickets and/or details.

Membership: The paid membership is close to 200 and we have currently signed 40 new members. Membership renewals expire on March 31.

Health Fair: Dr. Friedman gave an update on the Health Fair. It will be held on May 3rd from 8-12:30 at the Convention Center. This year the American Legion will be joining us with a ride-in at 7:45 and the presentation of colors at 7:55. The ribbon cutting is set for 8:00 am. A new screening from AGH this year will be a clinical breast exam along with the regular blood draws. Anyone wishing to volunteer may contact Dr. Friedman or Helen Norris.

Scholarship: Norma Bull informed us that the luncheon at Carrabba's to benefit the scholarship fund has been rescheduled to April 9th from 12-2 pm due to a conflict with the OC St. Patrick's Day parade. We hope to raise \$1000 for the next scholarship. The event is \$15 and tax and tip are included. Flyers are on the tables. Norma also thanked everyone who donated snacks for the meeting and asked new volunteers to bring snacks to the next meeting.

The 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$31.00 was won by Roger Wilbandt. Sixty-five members were in attendance.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am was made by Bill Shoop, second by Charlie Herbert.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi McCluskey
Recording Secretary, AARP 1917