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The President's Corner....

I hear we have many new members this month and I would like to welcome these folks as well as send greetings to our long time loyal members.

We are already in full swing and have an exciting agenda planned for the coming year to share with all you. Over the summer we have upgraded our website and would like your opinion on how it presents the information you need and are looking for us to provide. What can we do better? Let us know in an email to info@aarp1917.org . We are working on a contact form that will be available on the website for your communication needs.

In November, we are once again facing elections for our departing officers and board members. We have included the biographies of our nominees, but continue to accept consideration for anyone wishing to volunteer for open positions. We value your past experience, expertise and ideas and hope that some of you will share at least a seat on a committee if not a chair position. Our current volunteers have been loyal and deserving of many accolades for their participation and advancement of this chapter. We hope you will consider joining us. Anyone wishing to join a committee or sign up for an officer position, please contact John Lucas, our nominating committee chair, at lucasj.oc@gmail.com

PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER ON LINE OR PRINT FOR YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE. WE WILL NO LONGER PROVIDE PAPER COPIES AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS, SINCE IT IS ALSO POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE FOR CONVENIENT ACCESS.

Thanks, JOHN B

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Our membership meetings are held at the Worcester County Senior Center located at 41st street, Bayside, Ocean City, second Thursday of the month. When looking at the Convention Center from Ocean Highway, the Senior Center is located to the right, almost under the water tower. There is free parking next to both the Senior Center and in the Convention Center parking lot.

You do not have to be a resident of Ocean City to join our chapter, and you can already belong to another chapter; that's fine with us.

Bring your friends or your neighbors! See you there at 9:30 a.m.!

BE a SNACK VOLUNTEER for our monthly meeting!

2nd THURSDAY every month

Bring Meeting Munchies



Please thank Donna Reid and friends for stepping up to be our Snack Master for these meetings. We are grateful to have these ladies to provide this service.

NEWS YOU SHOULDN'T MISS

- **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** met last year and reviewed, revised and approved the Operational Guidelines for our Chapter. Charlie Herbert wishes to thank those who participated for their support, input and endorsement. [This document may be reviewed on our website. Click here.](#)
- **OUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** is seeking a few souls who are interested in promoting this awesome cause for high school students in the community who are deserving of a scholarship. Please consider grabbing a friend and helping us out with this worthwhile cause. Norma Bull, our committee chair will be glad to assist in the particulars.
- **Our OCTOBER SPEAKER** is Michelle Clifton to describe a new program sponsored by Atlantic General's Patient Medical Care Home
- **BOB'S LUNCH BUNCH** will be going to "Crabby Pig" at 127th St and Coastal Hgwy, following this weeks meeting. The menu is available at the travel desk. Need more details? call Bob McCluskey at 410 250 0980.
- **DUES (a reasonable \$7.00)** will be accepted for next year 2017, beginning this month. Please pick up a form at the membership desk and provide us updated information. There is also a form attached to your email that you might print out and return via mail with your check. Thank you for your prompt address of this issue.
- **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** Biographies for vacating offices and committees

FOR PRESIDENT

John Bloecher

Long-time resident of Ocean City, Maryland, and Volunteer Fire Company for 37 years, life member for the past 15 years. Served as past Secretary of Fire Company, past member of the board of director. Member of the National AARP for 17 years, member of the Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 and the Ocean Pines AARP Chapter 4507. Volunteer Tax Preparer for AARP Tax-Aide during tax season for past 6 years and Lower Shore tech for the last 5 years for AARP Tax-Aide. Self-taught tech in the computer field. Certified Tech with 16 years of service in the field of Computers and Repairs. Part time Computer Technician with experience in Viruses & Trojan attacks removal and expertise in Cat 5 networking wire d or wireless systems. Avid Fisherman and Certified Coast Guard Captain 100-ton Masters License. Totally disabled through Social Security for the last 5 years. Looking forward to serving the Ocean City Chapter of AARP.

Bob McCluskey

Bob taught high school social studies in Baltimore County, Md. for 28 years. Upon retiring, he and his wife purchased property in the Montego Bay neighborhood of Ocean City and moved there permanently in 2008. Bob has served on the Board of Directors of the Montego Bay Civic Association. He also joined our local AARP chapter shortly after relocating to Ocean City and presently serves on the AARP Board of Directors as well as our Travel Committee. He has fulfilled a variety of roles for AARP over the years and is now seeking the presidency of our organization. He is also a member of the Elks, the Polish-American Club, and the Delmarva Irish-American Club in Ocean City.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Charlie “Tuna” Herbert

Full time Ocean City resident in the Montego Bay Community. Retired Life Safety Fire Protection Union member. National member of AARP and current BOD for Ocean City Local Chapter #1917. Past BOD for MBCA community for several years on various committees. Current member of the OC Elks Lodge #2645 serving as Trustee and Communications Manager along with being the Southeast MD/DE/DC Elks State Association Vice President. Past officer and Exalted Ruler of Glen Burnie Elks Lodge #2266. Auxiliary Officer for the Town of Ocean City Police Department. Current member of WorCOA (Worcester County Commission on Aging) serving on the advisory board and MAC Center backup operations attendant. Current member of Ocean Pines AARP Local Chapter #4507. Current member of the Ocean City Sons of American Legion Post #166. College educated, proven leadership skills, people person, optimistic disposition, problem solver, successful negotiator, and technology literate.

FOR TREASURER

Sandy Kvech

Sandy has been a resident of Ocean City since 1999. For four years, she served as a board member for AARP and for the last two years has been the Chair for the Travel Committee. For the last year, she has served as Assistant Treasurer for Travel. Prior, she served on the Board of Directors for Montego Bay Civic Association (MBCA) -- elected as MBCA Secretary in 2009 and in 2010, elected MBCA Treasurer. Sandy retired from Giant Food, Inc. as Vice President of Human Resources. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications from the University of Maryland. At this time, Sandy would like to offer her experience as Treasurer for AARP, Chapter 1917.

FOR BOARD

Sue Harting

Sue was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and the suburbs thereof. She retired after 36 rewarding years at the National Security Agency in 1995. Sue and her family have been property owners in Ocean City for many years and made OC her permanent home after retirement. What then? She joined the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary and now volunteers in several departments. In 2013 Sue served as the President of the Auxiliary. She belongs to the Atlantic United Methodist Church where she serves as the Secretary to the Administrative Council. Sue is

also a member of the Ocean City Chapter of NARFE, the Ocean City Lodge of the Elks, and the Ocean City Downtown Association. Sue has served as Secretary and Vice President of AARP Chapter 1917.

John Lucas

John was born and raised in New York City, earned his BS from Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences in New York City and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of California, Davis. John did additional training at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine before taking a faculty position at the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY. He remained on the faculty for 33 years. In addition to his roles as a researcher and educator John served as the Vice Provost for Research in Syracuse and served on several statewide university boards. Before retiring and moving permanently to Delmarva he spent over 2 years at The Wistar Institute in Philadelphia as Vice President for Academic Affairs. John still serves on the IRB, a committee that reviews clinical trial cancer treatments, for Cancer Treatment Centers of America. John and his wife Paulette moved to the Ocean City area permanently in 2010. John has served on the AARP chapter Board of Directors since 2012 and serves on the scholarship committee.

Jeff McArthur

Jeff and his wife (Becky) of 55 years have lived in Ocean City for nine years. In 2002 he retired from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC where he last served as and Director of the Management and Organizational Development Division. Before joining HUD he was the Executive Director of two Community Action Agencies in North Carolina and was elected twice as the president of the North Carolina Community Action Association. He has served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Manpower Development Corporation and on the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, Maryland. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For Scholarship Committee

Vacant



ANNOUNCEMENTS

6th Annual Drive in Disguise Boardwalk Parade- As a reminder: residents and visitors with a vintage Ocean City license plate will be allowed to ride down the Boardwalk during the annual OC Vintage License Plate Rally, which will take place Saturday, October 22. Continuing with the *Drive in Disguise* theme anyone wishing to decorate their car also will be allowed to ride down the Boardwalk. Decorated cars will join the OC vintage plate cars during the rally, which will roll-off at 27th Street at 3 p.m. This year instead of driving into the Inlet cars will line up on the concrete part of the Boardwalk north of the Pier. Voting and award presentations will take place there. Proceeds from the event will be benefit the Ocean City Downtown Association. Registration forms are available at www.downtownassociation.net. For additional information, contact Nancy Howard at 443-235-4405.



TRAVEL UPDATES FOR 2016 and 2017

October 19-21, 2016: West VA Scenic Railroad Adventure. } Be sure to pick up Luggage Tags and Parking Passes. Bus will be at 65th St and Coastal Hgwy by 7:30 and depart promptly at 8 am.
October 27-29, 2016: West VA Scenic Railroad Adventure. } 65th St & Coastal Hwy (Circuit Court Bldg Lot) Bus to leave promptly at 8:00 am.

November 15, 2016: "Mistletoe, Murder & Mayhem" Murder Mystery Dinner at Captain's Table Restaurant, \$45/person. Includes dinner and show. **Payment due by October 13th.**

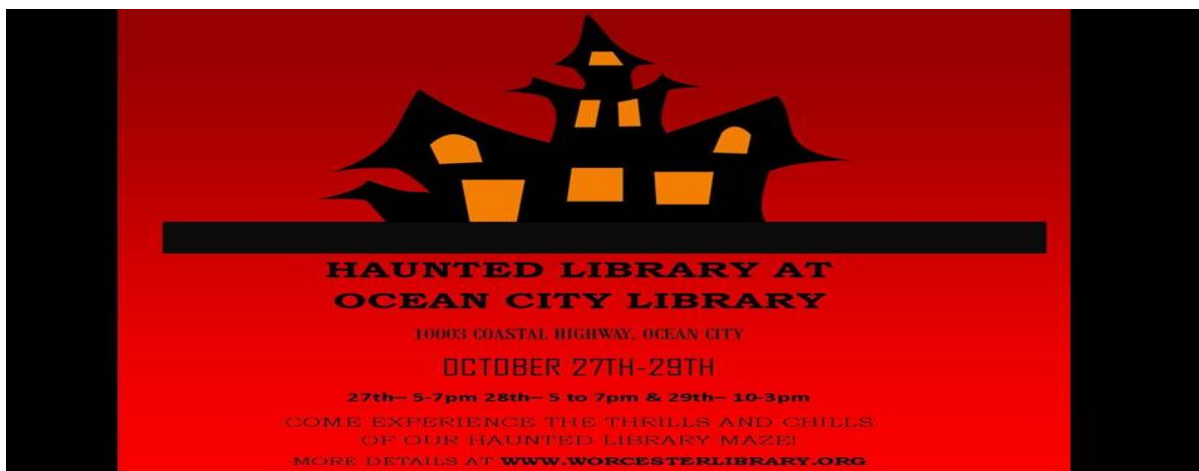
December 6, 2016: The German Christmas Village in Philadelphia, \$35/person. **Trip Full - Wait List Only.**

February 8, 2017: "Joey & Gina's Italian Wedding" Comedy Show at the Dunes Manor. \$59/person. Includes buffet dinner and show. **Payment due by November 10th.**

June 3-10, 2017: Alaska Cruise - Inside Passage with Glacier Bay. Princess Cruise Line - Ruby Princess. Rates based upon double occupancy and include fees, port taxes, round trip air from Baltimore, including Airport Transfers. **Cabin availability may be limited. \$600 deposit/person required for reservations. (Air transportation may be coordinated on own. A \$500 discount/person applies to trip rates.)**

NEW! October 1-5, 2017: Rail & Sail New England, \$675/person (dbl occupancy). Trip includes Boston City Tour, Boston Harbor Cruise, Lighthouse Lover's Cruise, Ride aboard the Winnepesaukee Railroad, Main Lobster Bake, Entertainment and more!

Check our website Travel page for more information www.aarp1917.org and click on Travel.





MAY 2016



Master Chief Timaree Sparks, from the United States Coast Guard, Ocean City Station , provided our May meeting with dynamic discussion regarding the duties and responsibilities of our Federal Coast Guard as pertains our land and sea water- focused community. VP Sue Harting presents her with a certificate of appreciation.

June 2016



Sue Harting thanks Deputy Fire Chief Barton for his informative June presentation with a Certificate of Appreciation.

SMILE A  LITTLE WITH THESE GREAT TRUTHS

1. In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress.

-- **John Adams**

2. If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. -- **Mark Twain**

3. Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. -- **Mark Twain**

4. I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. --**Winston Churchill**

5. A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. -- **George Bernard Shaw**

6. A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. -- **G. Gordon Liddy**

7. Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. -- **P.J. O'Rourke**, Civil Libertarian

8. Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. Ronald Reagan (1986)

9. I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. -- **Will Rogers**

10. If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! -- **P. J. O'Rourke**

11. No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. -- **Mark Twain** (1866)

12. Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it. -- **Anonymous**

13. The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery. -- **Winston Churchill**

14. The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. -- **Mark Twain**

15. There is no distinctly Native American criminal class, save Congress. -- **Mark Twain**

16. What this country needs are more unemployed politicians
--**Edward Langley**,
Artist (1928-1995)

17. A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. -- **Thomas Jefferson**

Can you think of a reason for not sharing this?

Neither could I.



SAVE OUR SENIOR CENTER !

(MAC = MAINTAINING OUR AGING COMMUNITY)

Recently we were informed that our OC senior center used for our monthly AARP meetings and where many citizens frequent to enjoy camaraderie, pool, exercise, classes, cards, bingo and crafts, is under scrutiny for limited State funding. In an attempt to acquire state accreditation each of the four senior or MAC centers in our county must provide utilization numbers for this FUNDING PROCESS. This is accomplished by our signing in each time we attend a meeting here or use the facility for the treadmill, exercise room, planned outing, or AARP events. Currently some AARP members have cards and know to register with a telephone number in the machine to the right of the entry, however, many are unaware of this process. Many of our own members have not taken the time to register with the senior center so that we can support this process and save our center. Please take a moment today and fill out the form. It COSTS NOTHING, and means a great deal to the senior center and those who use it on a regular basis.

There are four senior centers in our County. If we lose our OC center, we lose our free meeting space and our community loses the many daily benefits of this center to our seniors.

Take a minute today and swipe your card if you have one, or enter your phone number if you have misplaced your card.

If we failed to communicate the reasons for this process last Spring, shame on us. Help us correct this now. Many thanks for swiping each time you attend a meeting. It only takes 2 seconds. We will have the application forms available for you on Thursday at our meeting.

DON'T LET THEM CLOSE OUR MAC CENTER!