

**AARP CHAPTER 1917**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**March 9, 2017**

President Bob McCluskey opened the meeting at 10 AM and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob then introduced our guest speaker, Mr. David Voxmonsky, a pharmacist with Rite Aid, along with Ms. Shannon Jones, a Rite Aid Wellness Ambassador. They spoke about safe medication procedures for seniors. Fifty-six percent of women and 44% of men take 5+ medications per week. In 2009, 2/3 of elderly patients had an adverse reaction to one of their drugs. It is recommended that we read all medication labels and write down any questions about dosages, side effects, etc.

**Treasury Report:** Due to the absence of Sandy Kvech and the unavailability of the most recent statement prior to her vacation the Treasury report will be given next month.

**Health Fair:** The Health Fair will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-12:30 at the Convention Center. Eighty-one vendors have committed and we will have about 100. The Blood Bank will be there and if you would like to make a blood donation, please call 1-800-825-6638. Helen Norris will again be our volunteer coordinator. All volunteers must be there by 7:30. The American Legion Post 166 will open the event with a ride in at 7:45 AM and the presentation of the colors at 7:55 AM. There are information cards on the tables. Volunteers are also needed the day before (May 8) to set up.

**Scholarship:** John and Paulette Lucas reported on the scholarship luncheon at Carrabba's. One-hundred fifty tickets were printed and 126 were sold. One hundred fourteen people showed up and there was \$12 in donations. We made \$905 (including a \$20 donation). Thanks also to Mary Jo Breslin, Norma Bull, Sandy Kvech, and Larry Walton.

**Travel:** Due to Sandy's absence the Travel report was given by Bob. Our next event is Breakfast at Ocean Downs on 3/22. The cost is \$7 and includes \$10 in free play. You must bring your players card and ID. Bob has the parking passes for the Hillwood Mansion trip and the money is due today. The NYC trip on 5/17-18 has a few openings. The Alaska trip is closed. Travelers will need a passport valid through 12/10/17. The Aquarium trip will probably be cancelled. The Rails and Sails trip set for October is filled and has a waiting list of 10.

The Lunch Bunch will be going to the Bayside Skillet in April and Blue Fish in May. Please see Ron Apperson to sign up.

**Membership:** Andrea reminds us that March is the end of our fiscal year. To date we have 220 paid members and 69 were in attendance today. There are membership cards on the sign-sheet to be picked up.

**President's Report:**

- In April representatives from the new PRMC Cancer Center in Ocean Pines will be our guest speakers.
- Some personnel changes – Garry Fox, our original webmaster who has been on a hiatus, has returned. Thanks to John Bloecher and Alcea Sprung for picking up the slack while Garry was gone. Garry urges everyone to check out the website and the contact information.
- An appeal is going out for more tax preparers.
- Not everyone has email and therefore they do not get the newsletter. Please see a Board member if this applies to you.

**Community Activities:**

- St. Patrick's Day parade is on March 11 at noon from 57<sup>th</sup> street to 45<sup>th</sup> street. Bob and Nancy McCarthy are the Grand Marshalls.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> 12-3 Senior Center Cash Bingo
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – bus trip to Md. Live Casino. Bus leaves at 7:30 and returns at 4. Cost is \$3 and includes the bus only,
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Senior Center fundraiser at Carrabba's from 12-2 cost is \$15
- OC-Berlin Optimist Club Scholarship fundraiser at DeNovo's roasted pork dinner
- Sons of Italy will hold the St. Joseph's festival on 3/18 at St. Andrew's Hall

**Old Business:** Please remember the food donations for Diakonia next month

**New Business:** No report

**Good of the Order:** No report

Although Frank Hoover was not at the meeting he sent the cupcakes for the birthdays.

50/50 \$40 won by Joyce Balderson

Ocean Downs drawing won by Gayle Whitelock

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi McCluskey, Secretary  
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