

**AARP CHAPTER 1917**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**April 14, 2016**

Due to the absence of President John Bloecher and Vice-President Sue Harding, the meeting was called to order by the Treasurer, Bill Shoop, who also led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill then introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Rina Thayler, the Executive Director of the Ocean City Center for the Arts, who was accompanied by Mr. John Sisson, a board member of the Center. Ms. Thayler provided an overview of her background and how the Center for the Arts has developed. The Arts Center originally opened in 1984 and has now become a beautiful arts gallery which is operated in partnership with the City. It is a non-profit 501-C-3 organization. The Center currently has a membership of 850 and features many various types of artisans. The Center offers classes and these classes can be found on the Center's website, Art League of Ocean City.org. After the presentation, Bill presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Thayler.

**Travel:** Sandy Kvech provided an update on travel opportunities for the remainder of 2016. Today's "Lunch Bunch" will meet at the Dough Roller directly in front of the Senior Center. After the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the "lunch bunch" will go to High stakes on Rte. 54. They have requested a headcount so if you are interested, please sign up at the Travel table.

The Three-City Tour scheduled for June has been cancelled.

Sandy announced that a trip to see Sampson at Sight and Sound is being offered by the Polish American Club on October 5, with a dinner at Shady Maple. The cost is \$115. If interested please contact Sue/Fred Frankowski.

A new trip will be announced at the next meeting for a Murder Mystery luncheon in November.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was given by Bill Shoop. The balances as of March 31, 2106 are as follows: **General Fund - \$10,371.66; Scholarship - \$148.90; Health Fair - \$2,782.79.**

**Scholarship:** Norma Bull announced that the goal of \$1000 has been met due to the Carrabba's event. An anonymous donation in the amount of \$162.10 was made to make up a shortfall. Norma would also like to thank everyone that brought snacks and that helped with the 50/50.

**Health Fair:** Since Dr. Friedman was unable to attend Bob McCluskey provided an update on the Health Fair. It will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-12:30 at the Convention Center. Opening ceremonies will be held at 7:45. Over 100 vendors will be at the Fair and this year Clinical Breast Exams will be offered along with many other screenings. Volunteers are needed for both the Fair and for set up the day before at 10 a.m. Please see Bob McCluskey for more information.

**Membership:** Two hundred eleven members have paid. We have 46 new members and 71 are present at today's meeting.

**New Business:**

- Herb Pawlukewicz informed the membership that a court case will be heard in Snow Hill regarding property taxes.
- Anne Toney reminds us that a fundraiser will be held at Carrabba's on April 23 from 12-2 to benefit the Senior Center. The price is \$15.00 and please see Anne for tickets.

**Good of the Order:** No report

The 50/50 in the amount of \$41.00 was won by George Mosmiller.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Debi McCluskey, Secretary  
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