



# CHAPTER 1917



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## The President's Corner....

### In Memoriam: Frank Hoover (1926 – 2018)

I would like to dedicate this particular edition of The President's Corner to one of our finest members--Frank Hoover--who passed away on May 23. Frank was our chapter's longest serving member and he and his wife, Sunny (who predeceased Frank), were pillars of AARP Chapter 1917 for many years. The Hoovers organized and led many of our chapter's trips and other activities for a long time. Even in their later years, when they were no longer organizing the activities, you would still find them in attendance at mostly all of our events. Some of our newer members, who only remember Frank as the "cupcake man" who would honor people's birthdays each month, can't possibly appreciate all that Frank and Sunny did to make our chapter successful. All organizations have people who form the backbone of their respective organization. Frank and Sunny Hoover were such people. For many years, they helped to form the nucleus that provided leadership and stability to AARP Chapter 1917. We would not be what we are today without them.

Some five or six years ago, in appreciation for all he had done, Frank was named as an emeritus member (non-elected and non-voting) to our Board of Directors. In that capacity, Frank would attend Board meetings (often with cupcakes in tow) and would draw upon his years of experience to provide insight and wisdom to our tasks at hand. He proved to be a treasure trove of useful information.

But in the final analysis, it is not his many contributions to our chapter for which he will be best remembered. Above all, Frank was a warm and caring person with a keen sense of humor. It was difficult to hold even a short conversation with Frank without him interjecting a humorous remark. I believe that it is his humor and geniality for which he will be best remembered.

Frank helped to build a strong foundation for our chapter that we continue to build upon today. On behalf of this chapter, I would like to thank Frank posthumously for all that he did for us and wish him eternal peace. The poet John Donne once wrote, "Every man's death diminishes me for I am one with mankind." Frank Hoover's death diminishes us all.

Bob McCluskey



**URGENT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ**

## **NEW MEDICARE CARD FRAUD POTENTIAL**

**RECENTLY AARP found that 60 percent of members surveyed mistakenly believe they might have to pay for the revamped cards. The new cards are free.** And more than half of respondents said they might not be suspicious if they received a call — supposedly from Medicare — asking them to verify their SSNs as a prerequisite to getting a new card.

**Medicare officials have emphasized that they will never call beneficiaries about the cards, which are being mailed out by the Social Security Administration.**

“The new Medicare cards are a step forward for fraud prevention, but con artists are working overtime on new ways to scam seniors,” says Nancy LeaMond, AARP’s chief advocacy and engagement officer.

**Scammers posing as Medicare representatives have already been calling beneficiaries demanding a processing fee. Other fraudsters are telling beneficiaries that they are owed a refund from transactions on their old card and then asking for bank account information to process the reimbursement. Medicare will never ask an enrollee for a bank account number, and no refunds are owed.**

**[AARP’s Fraud Watch Network](#) provides more prevention tips and advice on card-replacement and other types of scams. Consumers can also sign up for “Watchdog Alert” emails to get regular updates on new scams.**



**Mr Jeff Mc Arthur has volunteered to become “Mr Sunshine” on our chapter behalf to serve our ill or recovering members. We sincerely thank Debi McCluskey for her dedicated service over the last several years.**

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**SAVE THESE DATES for more fun!**

**JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 - PICNIC** at the Senior Center following our meeting.

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 - Fundraiser!!** all you can eat Crab Feast at Hooper's Crab House in West Ocean City!! Enjoy end of summer party, from 12-4 PM for steamed Maryland crabs, steamed shrimp, Hooper's fried chicken, Maryland grown corn, hush puppies, and unlimited soft drinks, coffee and tea. Gratuity inclusive price is \$40.00 per person. Tickets on sale June 13<sup>th</sup> or at Ocean City Senior Center.

**DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2018 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATION** at the Dunes Manor Hotel from 1 pm to 4:00 pm. See flyer for more information.



**NEWS YOU SHOULDN'T MISS**



**On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we held OUR ANNUAL OCEAN CITY HEALTH FAIR!**  
**phone calls from friends and neighbors in Maryland and Delaware identified this event as**  
**the best ever health fair anywhere! Over 619 attendees visited over 120 vendors to make**  
**this event a huge success. Health Fair total screening numbers were as follows:**

**Bone density 68**  
**Carotid 51**  
**Skin Cancer 57**  
**Labs Lipids/Glucose 122**  
**Respiratory 19**  
**BMI 47**  
**Hearing 70**

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## **WE MOURN THE LOSS OF A DEAR AARP FAMILY MEMBER**

Frank Landis Hoover passed away peacefully on May 23, 2018 at the age of 91. He was known best to us as a kind and gentle man and past president of our AARP1917. He was the quiet, smiling gentleman who thoughtfully passed out our birthday cupcakes to our members at every general meeting for many years. He will be missed for his stature, his service to country, his community service, his patriotism, his family ties and many other fine qualities, and certainly for all he brought to our organization over his many member and president years served.



### **Obituary - Frank Landis Hoover**

Ocean City - July 7, 1926 - May 23, 2018

Frank Landis Hoover passed away peacefully on May 23, 2018 at the age of 91.

Born on July 7, 1926 in Washington, DC, Frank was the son of the late Eli Landis Hoover and Florence Agnes Dixon Hoover.

Frank earned his GED after returning from his tour of duty in the Navy during World War II from 1944 to 1946. He was recognized for his Naval service as a Seaman Second Class, most recently by the Town of Ocean City as one of its Hometown Heroes. He was a proud and patriotic American.

His post-war career was spent in the road construction industry, with his last 20 years as office manager for State Construction Company in Landover, MD. In 1965, Frank and his wife, Sunny, bought a summer home in Ocean City where they retired full time in 1981 and enjoyed fishing and the most beautiful sunsets in the world.

Frank had a very giving spirit and thus was very active in the local community. He was a proud member of American Legion Post 166, serving as Commander from 1995-97 and Vice Commander from 2006-07. He was an active volunteer with the Legion for over 35 years and was well known for his efforts with bingo. He earned the Legionnaire of the Year award in 2006. He also served as a distinguished and active member of the Ocean City Board of Port Wardens for 30 years. Frank also volunteered his time and energy to the Berlin Nursing and Rehab Center and to the local Meals on Wheels program. An active member of the local AARP chapter, he was recognized for his outstanding community service. And Frank was very proud to be a long-time member of the Atlantic United Methodist Church and served the Church in many different capacities. Frank truly was a friend to all of Ocean City yet was very humble about his community involvement.

In addition to his parents, Frank was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife of 60 years, Valencia Mae Sunday "Sunny" Hoover; his brother, Stephen Hoover; and his sisters, Margaret Wells and Mary Diggs. He is survived by his son, Frank G. Hoover and his wife, Joanne of Concord, NC; his daughter, Laurie Marie Brucki and her husband, Richard of Roanoke, VA; and his three adored grandchildren, Taylor M. Brucki and his wife, Kelsey of Alexandria, VA, Kristen L. Brucki of Ocean City, MD and Dylan J. Brucki of Laurel, MD.

Special heartfelt thanks go to his many loving and helpful friends in Ocean City; the caring and supportive staff, congregation and fellow volunteers at Atlantic United Methodist Church; the compassionate aides with Coastal Hospice; and to his granddaughter, Kristen, "Tootsie" as he fondly called her, who became his live-in caregiver a year ago.

In Frank's true giving spirit, he donated his remains to the Anatomy Board of Maryland to further medical research in an effort to help others. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Atlantic United Methodist Church and/or Coastal Hospice.

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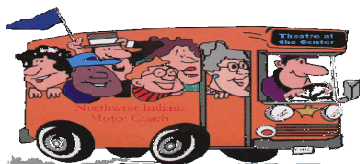
## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Andrea Albrecht, our Membership Committee Chair, reports positive response to our continued quest for dues. Our membership is growing and includes many individuals from other counties and locations. Thanks to Andrea and her assistants for a great job tracking down dues. Thanks to our members and attractive travel venues for attracting and recruiting new members.



## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Our Stephen Decatur scholarship has been determined after reviewing over 20 applications and interviewing four highly deserving recipients from the school's senior class. This year's \$1000.00 scholarship is fully funded thanks to the scholarship committee planning and everyone's participation in the Carrabba's dinner in February garryand our ticket auctions. Many thanks to all those who supported this worthwhile event. This year's \$1000.00 scholarship award was presented on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Laila Mirza of Ocean Pines, who has been accepted at Georgia Institute of Technology, for a program in chemical engineering. It was heartwarming to see many of these gifted high school students receive scholarships from our local community and some national organizations.



## **TRAVEL UPDATES FOR MAY 2018**

**Sept 15 (Sat): Hank & Heidi's Hillbilly Hoedown - \$39/Person *LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!***

Grab your 10-gallon hat and join the Huckleberry & Hoggslogger families in the celebration of Han & Heidi's young love. So join us for an afternoon of food, fun and laughter! Includes Buffet Dinner & Show.

**Oct 16-18: Hudson River Valley – \$425/Person (Dbl), \$537 (Sngl). *Sorry this trip is full – Wait List Only!***  
We currently have more people signed up than we can accommodate. A \$200 deposit per person is required to secure your reservation, so don't delay!

**Nov 27 (Tues): Dutch apple Theater – "A Christmas Carol" - \$99/person, due by October 11<sup>th</sup>.**  
A seasonal favorite for sure! Includes transportation, gratuities, lunch and show.

**Dec 3-4 (Mon/Tues): The Rockettes Radio City Music Hall in NYC! - \$325/person; \$68 Single Supplement. Includes: Tickets to the famous Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, plus a thrilling guided bus tour in NYC on THE RIDE Adventure, a Visit to EATALY – the largest indoor Italian Market in the US and a fantastic dinner at Buca di Beppo. Overnight accommodations just across the pond in NJ including a great hot continental breakfast. Trip Assurance available - \$30/person**

We are also doing a **SUMMERTIME RAFFLE** for two one day passes to Frontier Town for a family of 6 - valued at more than \$100 each! Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. Drawings will be June 14th and you do not to be present to win.

### **REMINDERS:**

- Non-members may join us on any of our trips, however, there will be a *\$7 fee per person per trip* assessed. New members are always encouraged to join and it is more economical!
- Seating on the bus is assigned based upon payment received. If you want to sit at the front of the bus, you need to make payment early! Payment due dates only reflect the last day that we can accept reservation requests. However, some trips fill quickly and reservations are taken on a first come basis.
- Travelers with medical conditions requiring special accommodations are encouraged to register early. When submitting payment and registration, please notify us of any special needs.

Check our website Travel page for more information [www.aarp1917.org](http://www.aarp1917.org)

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## SENIOR EVENTS FOR AGES 50 AND OLDER

Bingo is still the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month. Many other events are available including bus trips for shopping, movies and other recreational events. Ann Toney always has information on a variety of exciting events for the Senior Center.



### RON APPERSON'S LUNCH BUNCH

At our June meeting, we will provide a picnic luncheon following our meeting at the Senior Center. If you enjoy cooking or baking or just shopping around, you may see Donna Reid who has the sign up sheets for extra items for our luncheon. The board will provide drinks and a variety of sub sandwiches for everyone to enjoy.



### INFORMATIONAL SPEAKERS and EVENT FUN



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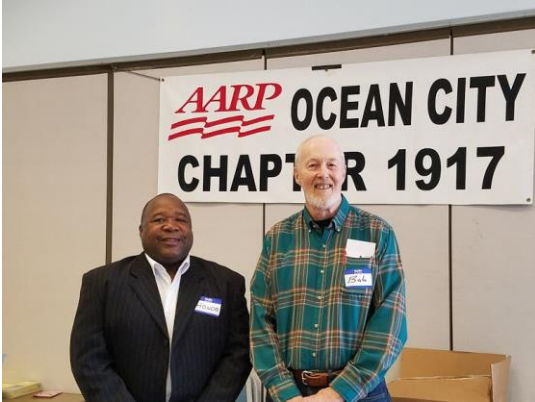


### Scholarship Fundraiser



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## March Speakers



**Al Handy, Northside Park  
Dept of Recreation**

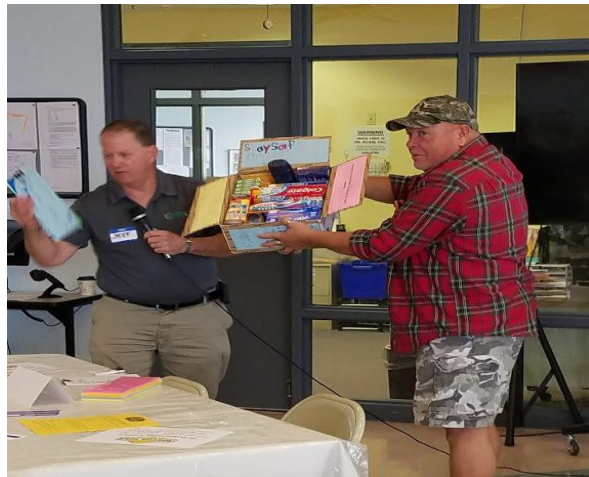


**Kelly Taylor, Assateague  
National Park**

## April Speaker



**Jeff Merritt**



**With assistance from Charlie Herbert**

**Operation We Care - providing care pkgs for our active military**

## May Speaker



**Scott Fowler provided valuable information  
relating to Autism in children and adults**

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**A JAZZ Festival at the Senior Center in April brought new faces to our venue to enjoy an evening of music and a buffet supper**



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## Welcome to Our AARP Meetings

What is open to anyone over the age of 50 who enjoys fun with friends, opportunities for travel, camaraderie, educational and guest speakers and discounted local fare, just to name a few!



**AARP 1917 - JOIN US!** Our meetings are held at the Worcester County Senior Center located at 41st street, Bayside, Ocean City, on the second Thursday of every month, September through June. The Senior Center is just to the right of the Roland Powell Convention Center, almost under the water tower. Free parking is plentiful.

Meeting time is preceded by coffee, snacks and time for travel and brochure browsing, followed at 10:00 am by our speaker and business meeting. The Senior Center is just to the right of the Roland Powell Convention Center, almost under the water tower. Free parking is plentiful.

Ocean City residency is not required to JOIN US, and belonging to another chapter is fine with us. Tell your friends or your neighbors!



Discover all the Senior Center has to offer for your personal down time. Take time to walk through and check out the planned events and programs. You won't be sorry! Ann Toney can help you with questions. Contact her by email [ann@worcoa.org](mailto:ann@worcoa.org)

### Senior Center card

Please remember to stop in the Senior Center office soon either before or after our meeting with your card for a quick update patch. It only takes a few seconds. Swipe your card or use your phone number to register each time you attend the Senior Center to keep our numbers up and keep this valuable Center open.

**For questions call Ann Toney at the Ocean City Senior Center (410-289-0824).**



## **SNACKS AND SUCH**

Wouldn't you love to be a snack volunteer for one of our monthly meetings?? Show off your favorite cake, cookies, or cheese dip and cracker treats for all to enjoy???

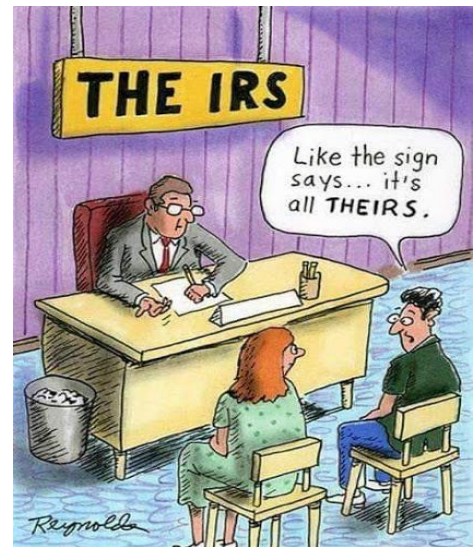
We would love to have you share your culinary skills. These snacks are a great part of our meeting and always immensely appreciated. Donna Reid, our volunteer Hospitality Hostess would love to hear from you. She is a magician organizing our monthly snack sharing. Give Donna a call if she can count on you to help at an upcoming meeting. 301 518-4187

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I am so lucky people  
can't hear what i am  
thinking.



"I figured you should have  
breakfast in bed on your  
birthday. Can you reach  
the stove okay?"



A friend is  
Someone who  
Reaches for your  
Hand and Touches  
Your heart!

**See you in September! Have a great, safe and happy  
summer!**

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