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The President's Corner ...

Greetings to all:

Finally, springtime has arrived !!!! It is always a wonderful feeling to turn the calendar from March to April and anticipate warmer weather and all that goes with it. With this said, it is not too early to be thinking about our chapter's Spring and other ongoing activities. It is an exciting year. Having received the award from National AARP in March for our Chapter's 40 year anniversary celebration, we as a group have a great deal for which to be proud.

The upcoming months offer a real variety of events. Author Bunk Mann, author of Vanishing Ocean City is our speaker in April. Our free Health Fair occurs May 5th at the Ocean City Convention Center. May's speaker is the corporate marketing director for the Freeman Center. In June Senator Mathias and Delegate Carozza will join us. Also, don't forget all the trips your travel committee has planned for Spring and Fall and into 2016. Check out their table at the April meeting. You'll be glad you did.

Now some other more personal news. I recently received a diagnosis that no one wants to hear. As a result, I will be undergoing radiation treatments for 9 weeks. Vice- President Sue Harting will fill in for me during my absence.

We will continue with our goals for the year, increasing our membership, communicating and encouraging others to share our sense of community. We are always seeking volunteers to share leadership, ideas and skills with our Chapter and our Board. We need your help. Please come forward when you have an idea, some advice or willingness to serve in any capacity. There are many roles that take very little time or effort. We need your support and hope that a few will step up and consider a leadership or Board role. As we pursue our goals and move forward, we need your input and assistance to optimize our efforts.

Anyone may contact me @ chrisn724@comcast.net.

Best wishes for a Happy Easter, Chris

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 9, 2015 – 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting. Our speaker is Mr. Bunk Mann, Author of a book on Ocean City entitled “Vanishing Ocean City”. Released on February 13, 2015, it is already highly acclaimed for the history it provides. He will have copies of his book for purchase and autograph. "Bob's Lunch Bunch" will be going to the Pit and Pub on 28th Street, following our meeting. [Click for details.](#)

April 16, 2015 - Day Trip - Tour of Wallops Island NASA Flight Facility.

May 5th - our [ANNUAL OC HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE.](#) [Click here for flyer.](#)

May 14, 2015 - Membership Meeting. Our speaker is a corporate marketing director from Freeman Stage.

May 14, 2015 – Tickets go on sale for the [Fall Harvest Party.](#)

May 14, 2015 – Day trip – Cape May seafood feast – price \$120/pp, deposit due by 04/09/2015.

May 14-21, 2015 – Trip - Ireland! 8 days, 7 nights. Sorry, [wait list only](#) for this spectacular trip to the Emerald Isle.

June 11, 2015 – Membership Meeting. Senator Mathias and Delegate Carozza join us.

June 11, 2015 - OC Brewery, Lunch at OC Brewery - \$15/person. Optional tour and **tasting available**, following lunch - cost \$10/person. Souvenir glass and 3 beer tastings included.

October 8, 2015 - 9:30 AM – Fall Harvest Party 4-7 p at the Golden Sands.

November 2015 – Membership meeting with speaker from the Salisbury Zoo.

December 10, 2015 - 9:30 AM – Membership Meeting during which we will have our annual Christmas party at the Senior Center.

Note:

Travel Flyers are available on the website and at the Travel Table during meetings.

NEW NEWS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

Chapter Historian – Mary Ann LeMay is collecting historical photos, news articles and other memorabilia relating to the AARP Chapter 1917. Please bring these or other news items to any meeting any time so that we might include them on our Website.

Board Members – Special thanks to John Bloecher and Sandy Kvech who represented us at Maryland's AARP Eastern Shore Rally Day on 3/18/2015 in Annapolis, organized by AARP National. During a State House Session, Ocean City AARP, Chapter 1917 was recognized by House Delegate, Marybeth Carozza for having celebrated our 40th Anniversary as a chapter.

Following the award, at the House Office Building, was a review of proposed legislation for "*The Care Act*" which will allow patients to designate the name of a caregiver when hospitalized, requiring hospitals to provide notification and instruction to caregivers when patients are released. Also proposed was legislation for "*Secure Choice - Retirement Savings*" in which small businesses with less than 5 employees will be able to offer a safe investment option to employees for retirement. AARP's **opposition** to Senate Bill 577 -- Public Utility/Telecommunication Law was reviewed as well. This includes proposed modernization, which authorizes public telephone companies to deregulate service affecting landline telephone services. AARP is fighting to preserve affordable, reliable and accessible phone service for the elderly and other citizens, especially those who rely on their phone service for emergency purposes and service.

SCHEDULED AARP Shred Events:

Shred Events: See dates below for AARP sponsored Shred Events. This is a free service and there is no limit to the amount of documents you can bring to have shred.

- **April 22nd** - Shred event Bank of Ocean City, 1005 Golf Course Rd 10 am - 2pm
- **April 25th** - Shred event at Ocean Pines Community Center, 4/25, 10am - 2pm
- **May 2nd** - Shred event at First Shore Federal Savings & Loan, 11029 Racetrack Rd - Ocean Pines
- **June 27th** - Shred Event. 10am - 2pm, Shred Event at Ocean Pines Library.

It is not too late to contact Helen Norris if you wish to help. hdh878@comcast.net

OCEAN CITY

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

**TUESDAY
MAY 5
2015**

Free & Open to the Public

Blood drive by Blood Bank of Delmarva

Free screenings

- carotid
- skin
- respiratory
- bone density
- foot checks
- hearing
- blood pressure
- lab draws - *lipid panel & blood glucose*
(12 hour fast is required)

Special visitor

Sherman the Shorebird

Time:

8 am to 1:30 pm

Location:

**Roland E. Powell
Convention Center
40th Street &
Coastal Highway**



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Our Meetings



Membership Meetings are held at the Senior Center **next to the Convention Center** in Ocean City on the second Thursday of the month. Coffee & Conversation at 9:30 a.m.; meeting starts at 10 a.m. There are no meetings in July & August. Winter time meetings follow the Worcester County School system. If schools are closed, there is no meeting.

Board Meetings are at the same location, first Thursday each month at 9:30 a.m.

See our website www.aarp1917.org for more information on meetings, events, travel, etc.

TRAVEL UPDATE:

- **Wallops Island, April 16th:** Trip full. Travelers are reminded that **Photo ID is required** and that **Closed Toe Shoes must be worn** - no sandals permitted. Bus will leave from 65th Street Public Safety Building, promptly at 9 am.
- **Cape May Seafood Feast, May 14th: STILL NEED TO FILL 10 SPACES! Help spread the word!** Cost is \$120/person. Payment is due by April 9th.
- **OC Brewery, June 11th:** Lunch at OC Brewery - \$15/person. Optional tour and tasting available, following lunch - cost \$10/person. Souvenir glass and 3 beer tastings included.
- **Fall in Vermont, October 4th - 7th:** \$575/person (double occupancy) 4 Days/3 Nights at Lake Morey Resort. Includes visits to Morse Family Maple Farm, Shelburne Museum, Ben & Jerry's, Rock of Ages Granite Quarry, a Luncheon Cruise on the Spirit of Ethan Allen and a Wine Tour & Tasting at Honora Winery and much more! Meals included: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Luncheon Cruise, 2 Dinners
- **Bonjour to Broadway & Lincoln Center, NYC, December 1st & 2nd: NEW!** \$585/person (dbl occupancy). Includes two Broadway shows -- *An American in Paris* & *A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder*; a guided tour of Lincoln Center; Dinner at Carmines and overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn, Hasbrouck Heights -- breakfast included.



Miss Sunshine

Ms. Louise Guylas is our official Sunshine Lady. In this capacity, Louise communicates with our members and colleagues who are sick, letting them know that they are in our thoughts and prayers. These efforts on her behalf are so important during any recovery phase or healing process. If you are aware of anyone who is ill, has been injured or needs assistance or support that we might provide, please notify Louise at 410 289-9915 or email her at lgcommish@acepm.com

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED for:

Meeting Munchies



Please bring something to share.....

Call Helen Norris with questions! 302 436-1784

AARP 1917 February Speaker



Speaker February

Chris Norris presents a Certificate of Appreciation to our February speaker, Mr. John Bennish, Assistant Vice-President of Delmarva Investment Services. Mr. Bennish shared a great deal of information relating to financial planning and retirement investments.



Speakers March

Chris Norris welcomes guest speakers, Dale Trotter and Chris Larrimore from the Worcester County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit and 2 of their K-9 dogs. One was trained in explosives detection and the other in drug detection. They provided demonstrations by placing drugs and explosive material in the room and then giving the dogs commands to find them. All enjoyed this demonstration thoroughly.

Vanishing Ocean City

Lifelong Worcester County resident Hunter “Bunk” Mann grew up just outside of Ocean City and it has been his passion to preserve as much of the resort’s history as possible. February 13th, 2015 his work was published and provides a beautifully illustrated pictorial and historical coffee table book filled with a century-and-a-half of memories.

About The Author



Bunk Mann first fell in love with Ocean City as a young boy, joining his parents on vacation in the resort town each year, while also making weekly trips to the beach from his hometown of nearby Salisbury. Memories of the beach, the boardwalk, and the carefree summer life started early for Bunk who remembers that time fondly; “it was a great time to be a kid and it was a great time to be in Ocean City.”

From childhood through college, Bunk continued to be a “beach boy,” enjoying the typical summer jobs in Ocean City including running a beach stand and working at the Embers Restaurant. From hanging out on 9th Street and the boardwalk to enjoying the infamous beach parties on 94th Street to attending Lifeguard Balls and sneaking into the Paddock and the Beach Club, he lived and breathed Ocean City life. After graduating from the University of Maryland at College Park, he was forced to put on a suit and tie and live the 9-5 life in Washington D.C. A few years later, Bunk was called back to the Shore, moving back to his hometown to found Mann & Gray Insurance Associates. Today he lives in Ocean Pines with his wife, Shari, and is lovingly known amongst friends as the “world’s oldest beach boy.”

The idea for the Vanishing Ocean City book first came to life in 2004 when Bunk and his mother went to take photos of some of the old hotels being torn down. His mother turned to him and said, “it’s so sad, the Ocean City that I remember is just vanishing,” and from there an idea, and a future book, was born. Bunk had always carried a keen interest in photography so it wasn’t long before he started snapping photos of the “vanishing Ocean City,” for what he thought would be a collection of ‘then and now’ photos. At the prompting and encouragement of friend George Hurley, he decided to start doing interviews in order to collect memories and stories to coincide with his photos. 171 interviews, over 1000 photos and 900 postcards later, a book was born.

“I realized that the story was really about the people in this town,” reflected Bunk, adding that the book is a true story of the history of Ocean City, with memories and photos of everything from the hurricane of 1933 and the March storm of 1962 to the pound fishing and railroad eras in Ocean City. The 7.5 year project has

brought him more than a great book about his beloved beach town; he has also made lasting friendships along the way while spending hours upon hours hearing others' fond memories of Ocean City. Mayors, local businessmen, visitors and locals make up the list – “I’ve met some really great people – people that I like and greatly respect – from writing this book.”

Bunk is the Vice President of the Ocean City Museum Society and serves on the Board of Directors of the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum. He is an active member in the community and hopes to share his love for Ocean City with each reader while passing along the unique and personal history of the resort town. As you turn each page, enjoy reflecting on the Vanishing Ocean City...

SMILE A LITTLE 



Welcome to Spring at AARP!

