

AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES FOR May 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:05AM. There were 63 people in attendance.

Sunshine chair, Gertie Apple reported that a sympathy card was sent to the daughter of Bud Worsham.

Our speaker, Kathryn Danko-Lord, co-owner of Coasta Ventosa in Whaleyville, presented a lively description of grape growing and wine making at her vineyard. The name means “windy coast”; she and her husband have planted 6 types of grapes, which take 4 years to mature. She stated that too much rain is not good for wine making. All grapes are hand-picked and 1000 cases a year are bottled and corked by volunteers. She brought along samples which members enjoyed. The winery is open Friday through Sunday with tastings available on Fridays from 6-8pm for \$5. The web site is coastaventosa.com for more information.

Secretary Andrea Albrecht presented the minutes of the March 8, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report. Bill Shoop reported a balance in the general fund at the end of April - \$11,510, Health Fair - \$788 and Travel - \$4,339. The Treasurer’s report was approved.

Communications chair, Garry Fox, stated that pictures from the Health Fair were on the web site.

Membership chair, Louise Fox, reported that paid membership was at 188 with 8 new members today. New members were introduced.

Travel committee member, Sandy Kvech presented a new travel survey based on all currently considered trips. Members were given time to complete the survey. Sandy stated that the trip to the Foxwoods may be cancelled and the minimum for Suicide Bridge has been met. Fall trips to American Music Theatre, Biltmore, NYC and Longwood Gardens need sign ups now and the NYC trip would need a deposit by the June meeting.

Scholarship Fund chair, Norma Bull, announced that the recipient was picked and would be announced and presented at Steven Decatur on May 23.

Fall Fest chair, Andrea Albrecht, announced that the date and time have been set – October 25, 5-9pm at the OC Elks Lodge. The committee is working on the details.

Health Fair director, Dr. Melvin Freidman thanked the volunteers. There were 343 attendees plus 90 vendors. Dr. Freidman stated that bad weather and limitations on testing affected the attendance. He noted that Mayor Rick Mehan promised continued support from the City for the health fair.

President’s Report. Chris reported that there is going to be a public hearing on Delmarva Power proposed rate increases in Salisbury on June 19. Bottles of wine and a tape measure were won by attendees holding 50/50 tickets.

50/50 won by Rob Robinson - \$35 to Rob, \$35 to the Chapter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Albrecht,
Recording Secretary