



CHAPTER 1917

Ocean City, Maryland
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The President's Corner ...

As Summer winds down, one of our many favorite seasons is upon us: football season! I know many of our members are passionate about sports, and football seems to rule this time of year as teams wrap up pre-season and prepare to take the field for the regular season. At our Ocean City, MD AARP, we are a team – and while we do not strap on football uniforms, we are united, like all great teams, by a singular purpose.

Our purpose is to connect people to what's important in their lives through friendly, factual monthly meetings for the betterment of all. Your board and its membership are dependent on our ability to execute and fulfill that purpose.

As we begin a new Ocean City AARP season (2013-2014), here is our chance to share our purpose for ALL our existing members and potential new ones. We must take pride in being an AARP member. We truly are the best people on Earth and must let our Ocean City community know that. Talking about members, the more we have, the more we can accomplish.

Looking ahead with our monthly programs, stay tuned ... Starting this month (September 12th) with a visit from the Salisbury Zoo, we have planned a pretty dynamic monthly schedule of speakers and guests. I will make everybody aware of that schedule at our September meeting.

Here's to another great season!

Chris.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12, 2013 - 9:30 AM - Membership Meeting. Our speakers will be from the Salisbury Zoo, who will bring some interesting "guests". If you're allergic to snakes, elephants, or predatory birds, you might want to sit in the back of the room. And please don't drop any muffin crumbs on the floor!

October 10, 2013 - 9:30 AM - Membership Meeting. Speaker will be Ms. Carol Moore, who will give a presentation on "Good Humor and Good Health". This will be very entertaining and informative! Also, **Election** of Officers and Board members. There are eight candidates; see slate on last two pages of this document.

October 15, 2013 - 9:00 AM - Event - Breakfast at Ocean Downs. Come join us for breakfast and some gambling fun! Only \$7/person, which includes breakfast and \$10 play money. Flyers are available at the Travel table and on the website.

October 22, 2013 - Trip - Day Trip to Annapolis, with tours of State House and the Naval Academy, lunch, AND a cruise on the Harbor Queen. Don't miss this deal! \$76/person. Flyers are available at the Travel table and on the website.

November 14, 2013 - 9:30 AM – Special Membership Meeting. There will be a special presentation on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (aka "Obamacare") as sponsored by Maryland AARP, our chapter, and the Ocean Pines chapter. **Seating capacity is limited to 200 people; call 877-926-8300 to register to attend this event.**

November 19-20, 2013 - Trip - New York City Broadway Trip. 2 shows("Wicked" and "Phantom of the Opera"), dinner at Carmine's Italian restaurant. Flyers are available at the Travel table and on the website.. (Wait List only at this time)

December 9,10, 2013 - Trip - Christmas in Williamsburg. Includes two days of guided tours of historic homes, shops, and museums, guided ghost tour, overnight hotel accommodations, 3 meals(2D/1B), and 2 day admissions pass. \$295 pp/double, \$345 pp/single. Flyers are available at the Travel table and on the website. Swearing in of newly-elected board members and officers.

December 12, 2013 - 9:30 AM - Membership Meeting. There will be a special performance by "Squawkappella", the acappella group from Salisbury University. Come and be entertained!

March 19, 2014 - Trip - "Moses" at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theater, PA. A great show and includes lunch at the Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$105/person. Flyers are available at the Travel table and on the website.

Our Meetings:

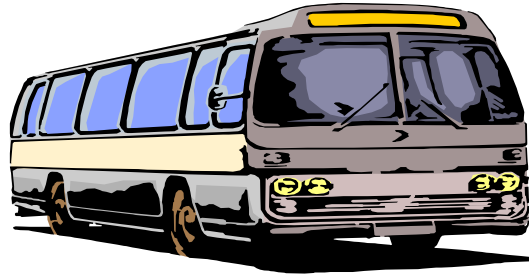
Membership Meetings are held in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 99th street, behind St. Luke's Church. Coffee & Conversation at 9:30 a.m. There are no meetings in July & August. If Worcester County schools are closed due to inclement weather, then there is no meeting.

Board Meetings are held at the Senior Center next to the Convention Center in Ocean City on the first Thursday each month at 9:30 a.m.

See our website www.aarp1917.org for more information.



June 13, 2013 – Our speaker was Mr. Michael Franklin, President/CEO of Atlantic General Hospital. Mr. Franklin gave a very interesting presentation on the role of AGH in our community and the efforts of the hospital to make continuous improvements in patient care, accessibility, and organizational efficiency. He explained how AGH is not simply a hospital but is involved with you before, during, and after your hospital stay. For more information visit www.atlanticgeneral.org. Above, Chapter President Chris Norris presents Mr. Franklin with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Travel News ...

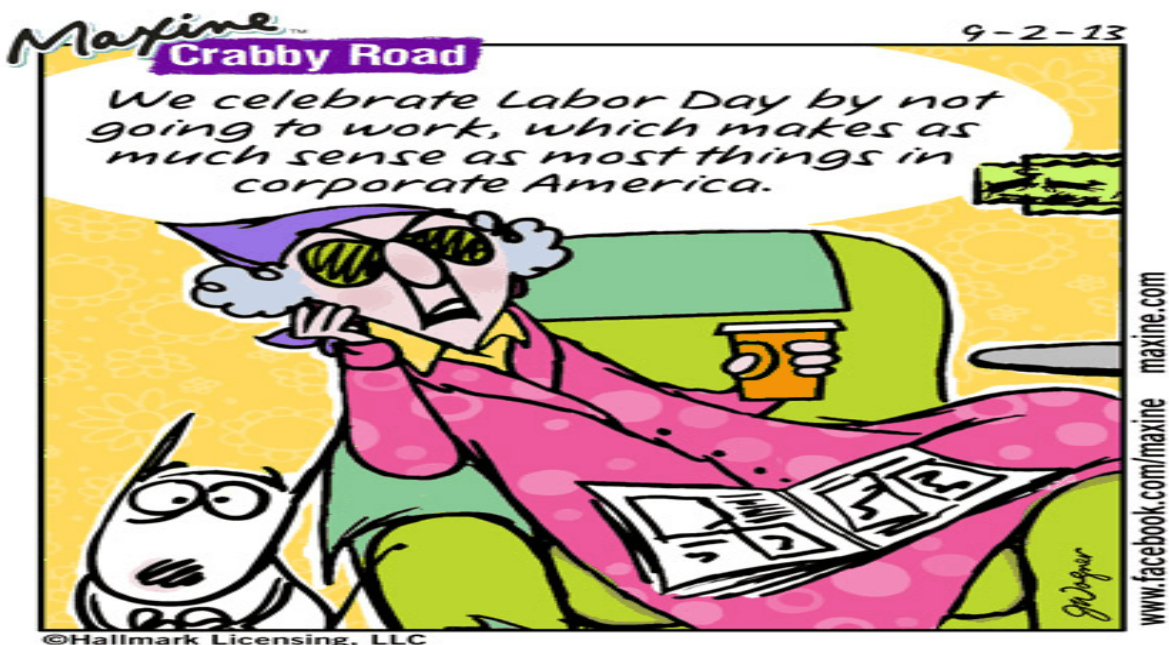
Payment for the Annapolis Trip is due September 12th - \$76/Person.

Payment for the Williamsburg Trip is due by October 10th.

We still have 10 openings for this trip! If we do not get the additional interest for this trip, we will have to **cancel**. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please pass on the trip information.

NEW for OCTOBER: Breakfast at Ocean Downs, Tuesday, October 15th - \$7/person

Flyers for above are available at the Travel table and on the website.





Art Exhibit

Sept 16

The public is invited to see an exhibit by senior artists of the Ocean City area on Monday, September 16, 2013 at the Ocean City (MAC) Senior Center at 41st street and the Bay. It is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday. There is no charge and light refreshments will be served. The artworks will be in in various mediums, including oil, acrylic, water color, pastel, and pencil.



Volunteers Wanted

All of our chapter's officers, board members, committee members, as well as any chapter member working to enrich the lives of our members and help our chapter function, are all volunteers! More help is always needed and appreciated. Please review the following chapter committees and projects to see if you can participate.

Activities Committee

This committee has overall responsibility for creating, planning, and/or supporting various chapter activities such as holiday festivals, luncheons, and fund-raisers. This committee works throughout the year to enrich the lives of our members. To volunteer for this committee, please contact the chairperson, Helen Norris, 302-436-1784.

Nominating Committee

This committee is responsible for finding a slate of qualified candidates for any forthcoming elections. Because of varying terms of office, election activities may vary from year to year. This committee is usually active August through October. To volunteer for this committee, please contact the chairperson, Sandy Kvech, 443-664-2003.

Scholarship Committee

This committee is responsible for awarding the annual scholarship our chapter presents to a deserving high school senior at Stephen Decatur High School. The committee reviews the applications, interviews prospective candidates, and awards the scholarship to the most deserving applicant. The committee meets several times each year. To volunteer for this committee, please contact the chairperson, Norma Bull, 410-213-1616.

Tax-Aide

The AARP Tax-Aide program helps low-to moderate income taxpayers have more discretionary income for everyday essentials by assisting with tax services and ensuring they receive all applicable tax credits and deductions. This is another good way of helping your neighbors and you'll even understand your own tax return better. To volunteer for this program, please contact Fred Mangels, District Coordinator, 443-834-8425

Travel Committee

The Travel Committee works very hard to bring you interesting and reasonably priced trips, in both the Delmarva area as well as out of the area. Members do extensive research and trip evaluation, interact with travel service companies, and often act as a Trip Leader on a trip. Activities and committed meetings occur throughout the year, but decline somewhat during the months of July and August. If you enjoy traveling and interacting with other people, have basic computer skills (email, etc.), please contact the chairperson, Alcea Sprung, 410-352-5748.

Ocean City AARP 1917 Fall 2013 Election

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
President (3-yrs):	Chris Norris
Vice President (3-yrs):	Sue Harting
Recording Secretary (3-yrs):	Andrea Albrecht
Treasurer (3-yrs):	Bill Shoop
 Board Positions (3-yrs):	 Norma Bull Garry Fox John Lucas Jeff McArthur
 Continuing Board Positions:	 Sandy Kvech (2-yrs) Bob McCluskey (2-yrs) Alcea Sprung (1-yr)
 Emeritus Board Positions:	 Frank Hoover Ray Jackson

Chris Norris. Chris retired for the second time in May 2010, after spending over forty (40) years in Human Resources with various nationally ranked engineering firms in Maryland and Virginia. He has received the following honors and national/state awards: Member Baltimore Chapter Red Cross Hall of Fame; Former Elder and President of Consistory of Church in Baltimore County; State of Maryland Chairperson for Job Service Employee Committee; Founding Member of State of Maryland Engineers HR Committee; Former President and Chief Executive Officer of Retirement Facility in Silver Spring, Maryland; Former President of Maryland Officials Club (officiated college and high school swimming throughout state of Maryland). Chris currently serves on the board of our OC AARP Chapter 1917 as President and also serves on the Scholarship, Travel, and Health Fair Committees. Chris is also a member of the OC Elks and a member of the 25th Infantry Division Association. Chris and his wife Helen will be married fifty-two years this coming February, has two grown daughters and two grandsons (one entering college this fall and the other graduated last year from Maryland).

Sue Harting. Sue was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and the suburbs thereof. She retired after 36 rewarding years at the National Security Agency in 1995. Sue and her family have been property owners in Ocean City for many years and made OC her permanent home after retirement. What then? She joined the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary and now volunteers in several departments and is currently the President of the Auxiliary. She belongs to the Atlantic United Methodist Church where she is the Volunteer Coordinator for ushers, greeters, liturgists, etc. and also serves as the Secretary to the Administrative Council. Sue is also a member of the Ocean City Chapter of NARFE, the Ocean City Lodge of the Elks, and the Ocean City Downtown Association.

Andrea Albrecht. Andrea has been an Ocean City property owner since 1969 and a full time resident of Montego Bay here in OC since 1999. She loves OC. She was graduated from the University of Maryland in 1964. Andrea was employed in publishing and printing with marketing and finance directorships. She retired from the Maryland Hospital Association as Director of Operations. She has served on the Board of Montego Bay as Secretary and Treasurer and co-founded the OC Beach Singles club. Andrea is a volunteer at the OC library, teaches computer skills there and is Treasurer of the Friends of the OC Library. She would enjoy lending her skills to and continuing to serve on the OC AARP Board as Secretary.

Bill Shoop. Bill was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1940 and attended Penn State University. Bill worked for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for 37 years and retired in 2000. After retirement, he moved to Ocean City and became active in numerous community and volunteer activities such as AARP. Bill often volunteers his time and skills for the annual free income tax preparation assistance sponsored by AARP. Bill is currently finishing up a 2 year term as our Chapter treasurer and has been nominated to run for another 3 year term. Bill has been married for 49 years and has 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Norma Bull. Born and raised in PA. Attended and graduated from Red Lion High School in PA. Attended a 2 year business school in PA. Worked at a major steel company and interest tabulating company. Norma and her husband owned & operated a business for 15 years in PA. Retired from a major retail company, *Bon Ton Department Stores, Inc.* after 18 years as a Corporate Computer Accounts Payable, paying bills for merchandise received from manufacturers to be resold in all of the Corporate owned retail stores on the East Coast. Married for over 49 Years to same man. Mother of one daughter, three grand-children, two step grand-children, two step great grand-children. Built a home in MD in 1990 and moved here totally 2003. Member of a number of organizations as well as numerous committees and offices within my church. Past Vice President of "*Widow & Widowers Social Club*" of Ocean Pines.

Garry Fox. After serving six years in the U.S. Navy, Garry attended college and received a BS in Computer Science. Garry then worked in the Information Technology field his entire career, at various positions and organizations as programmer, analyst, supervisor, and manager. He retired from the National Institutes of Health in 2008. Garry and his wife Louise vacationed in OC for many years prior to retirement, became property owners here in 2004, and have lived here year-round since 2008. Garry was elected to a three year term on the board of Chapter 1917 in 2011. He is currently the Communications Director and the chapter's Historian. Garry designed, deployed, and maintains the chapter's website. He also does the chapter newsletter, sends out emails to members, is a member of the Membership Committee and Elections Committee, and performs other duties at the discretion of the board. Garry and his wife Louise also volunteer for the Worcester County Meals-on-Wheels program and he would like to continue to serve our chapter as well.

John Lucas. John and his wife Paulette reside in West Fenwick, DE and Ocean City, MD. John was born and raised in New York City, earned his BS from Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences in New York City and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of California, Davis. Following completion of his PhD John did additional training at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine before taking a faculty position at the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY. He remained on the faculty for 33 years, with a one year sabbatical back in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins. In addition to his roles as a researcher and educator John served as the Vice Provost for Research in Syracuse and served on several statewide university boards. Before retiring and moving permanently to Delmarva he spent over 2 years at The Wistar Institute in Philadelphia as Vice President for Academic Affairs. John still serves on the IRB, a committee that reviews clinical trial cancer treatments, for the Philadelphia Cancer Treatment Centers of America hospital. John and his family have vacationed in Ocean City for many years and he and Paulette have owned a mid-town condo since 1993. John served on the scholarship committee and on the board this past year.

Jeff McArthur. Jeff and his wife (Becky) of 52 years have lived in Ocean City for six years. In 2002 he retired from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC where he served as Acting Director of the HUD Training Academy and Director of the Management and Organizational Development Division. Before joining HUD he was the Executive Director of two Community Action Agencies in North Carolina. He was elected twice as the president of the North Carolina Community Action Association. He has served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Manpower Development Corporation and on the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, Maryland. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.