

**AARP CHAPTER 1917**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2017**

President Bob McCluskey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Anna O'Neill from Diakonia.

Ms. O'Neill explained the functions and programs at Diakonia. The main purpose of Diakonia, which is a Greek word meaning "in service to others", is to provide an outreach to the homeless and to those experiencing financial problems. They have five living units and provide shelter beds for 35-40 people. Those using the shelter must work with a case worker in order to better their situation. On site there is a food pantry open to Worcester Co. residents, who can come in every 30 days. Diakonia also operates a thrift store, Used to Be Mine, the proceeds of which help to maintain and operate the house/shelter. For the next two months our Chapter will be collecting canned goods which we will deliver in April.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was given by Sandy Kvech. Balances as of January 31, 2017, are as follows: **General Funds- \$10,421.04; Scholarship - \$734.00 (included in General Funds); Health Fair - \$3,564.12.**

**Travel:** The Travel report was given by Sandy Kvech. Last evening we were treated to a fantastic dinner theater, Joey and Gena's Wedding, which was held at the Dunes Manor. On March 22nd there is an event at Ocean Downs. The cost is \$7.00 per person, with \$10.00 return money and a breakfast. Money is due today. To see more travel opportunities please visit the travel table or visit our website, AARP1917.org.

Today's Lunch Bunch will go to BJ's. The cost is \$15.50. The next luncheon is at Mio Fratello and the cost is \$16.00. Please see Ron Apperson to sign up.

**Membership:** The membership report was given by Andrea Albrecht. We have 226 current members with 46 new members, six of which are present today. There are 20 people on our membership rolls that still need to renew. There are some membership cards on the table to be picked up. There are 85 members present today.

**Health Fair:** Dr. Friedman was not present at today's meeting. The Health Fair is on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We are not sure of the number of vendors. Dr. Friedman needs volunteers and asks that you contact Helen Norris if you can volunteer.

**Scholarship:** John Lucas reminded us of the scholarship fundraiser on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-2:30 at Carrabba's. The cost is \$15.00 which includes tax and tip. All monies raised from the luncheon will go toward our \$1,000 scholarship. Mary Jo Breslin was re-introduced as our new Scholarship Committee chairperson.

**Tax Program:** The AARP Tax Program will be offered at the following locations and times. Walk-ins only.

Ocean Pines Library – Mondays 9-4

Ocean City Senior Center – Saturdays 9-4

Taxes will not be done at the OC Library. Tax prep will begin on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Activities:**

- Elks's Bingo – Saturday, 2/12 starts at noon. Cost is \$35.00 and includes lunch
- Quarter Auction – Sunday, 3/5 to benefit the Humane Society Animal Shelter. Held at the American Legion at 12:30.
- ALOC – Empty Bowl Project – Friday, 3/31. For a \$25 donation you get a bowl and an assortment of gourmet soups and chili. One half of the proceeds will go to ALOC and ½ to Diakonia.
- OC Fire Department – 2/11 spaghetti dinner

**Old Business:** Bob took this opportunity to thank the following individuals:

- Ron Apperson for taking over the Lunch Bunch
- Mary Jo Breslin for being voted in as our newest Board member
- All volunteers for the Heath Fair

Bob also asked for additional volunteers to help with the clean-up after the meetings

**New Business:**

- When you sign in today please pick up your Valentine treat and remember to swipe in at the Senior Center register
- Donna Reid asked that people sign in for refreshments next month

- Frank Hoover would like to make sure that everyone that has birthdays during the months that we don't meet still get their cupcakes so a show of hands was called for

**Good of the Order:** No report

50/50 in the amount of \$47.00 was won by Grace Jenkins.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn at 11:05 was made by Ruth Murphy and seconded by Norma Bull.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debi McCluskey  
Secretary, AARP Chapter 1917

