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**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FOR OUR
APRIL CHAPTER MEETING.**

**THE APRIL CHAPTER
MEETING/LUNCHEON AT BEAR
TRAP IS CANCELLED.**

**Bear Trap contacted me stating they could
accommodate our April CHAPTER
MEETING/LUNCH ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19,
2022.**

The General Manager informed me that they had double-booked the space and could not accommodate our Tuesday time. Due to the limited time till our next meeting, the Board decided it would be best to CANCEL the APRIL CHAPTER MEETING AND LUNCHEON.

We will resume our regular scheduled chapter meeting/luncheon in MAY.

Thank you for your patience. Please plan to attend our MAY chapter meeting and lunch.

Rose Verona, President
South Coastal De Chapter 5226 of AARP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A special thanks to Brenda Fegelein, for her long-term membership and service for the South Coastal DE, Chapter #5226. Brenda recently has been a member of our Board of Directors. Unfortunately, for us, Brenda will not be completing her current term as a Board Director. She will be leaving us in April. We appreciate and thank her for her participation on this Board. She will be missed. We wish her well as she moves on to her new endeavor.

As a result of Brenda leaving, we have an open position on the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact me.

We are also looking for member volunteers to conduct audits for our Chapter and Scholarship accounts. Please let me know if you would be able to complete this task.

Any member who is interested, is always welcome to attend our Board Meetings. They occur on the second Tuesday of the Month at 11 AM in the John West Municipal Building.

Sincerely
Rose

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

Our current membership is **354**. We welcome new members Linda Grigsby, Barbara Guthrie, and Meredythe Loquet.

Dues are \$10 per person if you receive your newsletter by email or \$13 if you receive your newsletter by US mail. If two people in the household are getting the newsletter by US mail, only one pays the membership fee of \$13 and the other the standard \$10 fee. Please mail your check and membership form, payable to South Coastal DE Chapter 5226, to Dottie Rieck, P O Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.

Legislative/Environmental -

We are actively seeking Chuck's replacement as Committee Chairperson. Please notify Rose Verona, President, at 630-297-2562, if you are willing to chair the Committee. There are several active Committee members willing to help acclimate a new Chairperson.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Committee hopes to continue our charitable donations in September.

Blood Bank: To schedule an appointment call **1-888-825-6638** or schedule on line at www.delmarvablood.org. Check for locations in Sussex County on the web site.

Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

The 2022 Artisans Fair, which was tentatively scheduled for May 28, has been **cancelled**. We needed approval from the national AARP organization to hold this event. Because that approval was not extended in time for us to plan the event, we had to cancel for the third year in a row due to restrictions stemming from COVID-19.

Because the Artisans Fair is the main fund-raising event for the scholarship fund, the Scholarship Committee is looking to replace the revenue we realize from the show with two fund-raising efforts. The committee plans to hold a spring dine and donate. At the deadline for this issue of the newsletter, the place and date had not been finalized.

In addition, we will appeal to members to make cash contributions. In the past two years, the generosity of members has allowed us to continue to give two \$1,000 scholarships to Indian River High School seniors and a total of \$3,000 in annual scholarships to adults 25 and older at Delaware Technical Community College. The Del Tech scholarships are given to two nursing students and one non-nursing student.

You may make a donation now or look for an e-mail this spring asking for donations. *Checks may be made out to: **South Coastal DE AARP with Scholarship Fund in the memo line.**

Mail checks to:

**South Coastal DE AARP
P. O. Box 225
Ocean View, DE 19970**

*Our chapter is a 401(c)4 organization; therefore donations are not tax-deductible.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Driver's Safety Classes

Take the AARP Smart Driver course and learn:

- Proven safety strategies

- New traffic laws
- Rules of the road.

Classroom and online courses are available. Sign up today at www.aarp.org/drive or call 1-877-846-3299.

Upon your completion you may be eligible to receive an **auto insurance discount**. Consult your agent for details.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of anyone who needs a card, please contact **Joan Wolf** at **541-0513**.

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The Chorus started our spring session on Wednesday, February 9 at the Ocean View Presbyterian Church. As usual we are practicing a variety of music from show tunes to spiritual and patriotic. We will be practicing at the church for the rest of this session on Wednesdays from 10 AM till noon. Call our director, Ann Jaeger for information at 302-645-8023

**CHAPTER TRIPS
IT IS TAX RETURN TIME**

For information about Tax-Aide locations in this area, call the toll-free number, 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit the AARP Web site at www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp.

HELP FOR PARENT OR SPOUSE SUPPORT

The following organizations may be contacted if you need support for your parents or spouse:

Friends Life Care

Your Life, Independence, Your Home
Operates in PA and DE
Contact in DE: 302-436-1510
www.friendslifecare.org

Home Instead

Has offices in:
Lewes, DE (302-645-8270)
Dover, DE (302-697-6435)
Wilmington/Newark (302-654-4003)
Berlin, MD (410-641-0901)

Mid-Eastern Shore, MD (410-822-1230)
www.homeinstead.com

South Coastal Village Volunteers

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