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### ATTEND OUR LUNCHEON AT CRIPPLE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB TO LEARN SOME LOCAL HISTORY

Our **April 18** speaker will be Barbara Slavin the President of Ocean View Historical Society and Coastal Museum. She will speak about the history and development of this area. Her family were among the first settlers in the area. She will speak about how the town of Ocean View developed.

### LUNCHEON MENUE CHOICES

**Meatloaf Platter** - House made meatloaf finished with a tomato glaze. Served with green beans and mac & cheese. **OR**

**Flounder Wrap** - Breaded flounder with arugula, sliced tomatoes, grilled red onions and lemon caper dill mayo. Served in our signature wrap. **OR**

**Southwest Salad** - Mixed greens, tomatoes, onions, corn, black beans, Mexican seasoned shrimp. Served with zesty ranch dressing and topped with crispy tortilla strips.

**Beverage** – Ice tea, lemonade, water.

**Dessert** - Tangerine Cream Cake and coffee service..

Doors open at **11 AM** with lunch at **12 noon** followed by Chapter news and announcements.

**Cost \$21.** Cash or checks only.

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412)**, madod@aol.com by noon, **Monday, April 10.**

**Please wear your name badge to the meeting.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Anyone who cancels after the deadline or does not show for any reason will be billed the full amount of the cost of the luncheon. **No walk-ins are permitted.**

## COMMITTEE ACTIVITES

### Membership – Dottie Rieck

Our current membership stands at 321 paid members. We welcome new members Diane Frye, Terry McGraw, Laura Overton, and John & Marge Warren.

Dues are **\$10** per person if you want your newsletter sent by email and **\$13** if you want your newsletter sent by US Mail. If there are two members in the household receiving the newsletter by US Mail, only one pays the **\$13** fee and the other the standard **\$10** fee. Please **submit a new membership form** along with their dues.

Please send your check (made out to South Coastal DE Chapter #5226) and your membership form to Dottie Rieck, PO Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

If you have any questions, please contact Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.

### Legislative/Environmental – Ted Spickler

If you are interested in joining the Legislative/Environmental committee, contact **Ted Spickler at 302-927-0050**.

### Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

We are collecting **non-perishable** food items for the Pyle Center Food Pantry. Please check the expiration date on your items and bring them to the monthly Chapter Luncheon/Meeting.

**Blood Bank:** To schedule an appointment call 1-888-825-6638 or schedule online at [www.delmarvablood.org](http://www.delmarvablood.org). Check for donation locations in Sussex County on the website.

### Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

The Artisans Fair to be held Saturday, **May 27**, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School. The artisan and craft show will be from **9 AM** until **3 PM**. A Farmers Market will be held from **9 AM** to at least **1 PM** outdoors at the school. The Artisans Fair will have exhibitors both inside and outside. To volunteer, sign up at the Chapter meetings or contact Coleen Cardy at 724- 238-3067 or

[coleen.cardy@yahoo.com](mailto:coleen.cardy@yahoo.com). It takes everyone pitching in to make this a successful community event.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITES

### Tax Return Preparation

The AARP Tax-Aide program offers free tax return assistance and preparation to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to those 50 and older. Taxpayers do not need to be members of AARP to use this service. The service is offered by appointment at the Masterson Center, St. Ann Catholic Church, Route 26. Appointments will be from **8:30 AM** until **1:00 PM**. The phone number to call to make an appointment and get further information is **302-858-3575**.

### AARP Driver Safety Classes

Online courses are available. Sign up today at [www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/](http://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/) or call 1-800- 350-7025. Upon completion of a driver safety class, you may be eligible to receive an **auto insurance discount**. Consult your insurance agent for details.

### Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of anyone who needs a greeting card, please contact **Joan Wolf** at **302-541- 0513**.

### Help Wanted – Frances Hart

We have switched to a new mail server. If you fail to get your newsletter or email blast, and are reading this directly from our website, please let me know. I can be reached at **703-801-72216**.

I am looking for a backup person to assist with coordinating with our webmaster an updating email addresses. Call me if you are interested.

**IN MEMORIUM**

**Donna Spickler**

## CHAPTER TRIPS 2023

April 23

### VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

WAIT LIST ONLY

**Overview:** The largest spectacle of music and might in the United States, the Virginia International Tattoo offers an astounding display of inspirational military music, majestic massed pipes and drums, show stopping drill team maneuvers, colorful and elegant dancers, and much more. Each year's Tattoo is different, with new performers from across the globe, new themes of honor and patriotism, and new sights and sounds to amaze you. A tattoo is meant to celebrate pride and patriotism, culture, and history through the unifying power of music that enthalls spectators and those heroes serving in the armed services.

**Price Includes:** Premium seating at the VA International Military Tattoo, Dinner at The Island House Restaurant on the water after the show featuring broiled Island House crab cakes, chicken marsala, carved top round of beef au jus, roasted red potatoes, steamed green beans, sweet potato biscuits, cheesecake, coffee, tea and soda, round trip motor coach transportation, tips, tax and gratuities.

**Price: \$165.00 per person. For Reservations Contact Joan DeMarco, Escort 410-250-0963**

May 17

### MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

OPEN TO EVERYONE

#### Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club

**Overview:** In this roaring 20's Murder Mystery Show performed by Riddles brood Touring Theatre's crime pays off big time! With shady characters, suspense, tommy guns and cheesy puns. The year is 1926, and two bumbling gangs are duke' in it out for control of the bootleg business. But be careful! The jokes and action can be a blast...so if there is a lot of gun play...don't forget to duck. But if prohibition has got you down, and your hankering for some illegal hooch, just stop by...tell them "Sharkie" sent ya!

**Dinner Selection Choice of one:** Chicken Parmesan, Flounder Pacita or Prime Rib Salad, dessert, rolls/butter, coffee, tea, lemonade or soft drinks Cash bar available. Price includes: Dinner and show

**Price \$60.00 per person. For Reservations Contact Jim Harding 302-245-8511 or Lucille Kurtz 914-329-9038**

June 7-9

### QUAINT AMISH GETAWAY 3 Days 2 nights

WAIT LIST ONLY

**Overview:** This wonderful trip will give you a little bit of everything. We start this trip off with a relaxing train ride through Lancaster County's famous Amish Country. After our train excursion we will head over to Hershey Farm Inn for a wonderful buffet lunch before heading to Sight & Sound to see Moses. The new production of Moses, set adrift as a baby, he is an unlikely hero-until God calls him to lead. This is one of the Bible's most epic stories. To finish off the night we will head to Shady Maple for a tremendous dinner buffet. We will see a new production of "Dear Soldier Boy" dinner show at Bird in Hand Stage. A 2 hour guided Amish Farmland Tour with stops along the way. We will visit Lapp Valley Dairy Farm, where they make their own ice cream, and raise the cows. It is the best ice cream for which everyone will have a chance to sit on the front porch and enjoy a dish or cone of ice cream. You will have time to browse and shop the stores in Kitchen Kettle Village and you will have time at the Amish Farmers Market in Bird in Hand. You can bring coolers for your shopping. A wine and cheese social under a beautiful gazebo allows for some down time and socializing.

**Price includes:** 2 nights hotel accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners to include Shady Maple & Bird in Hand. 1 wine & cheese social, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides

**Price: \$485.00 per person based on Double Occupancy \$610.00 per person based on Single Occupancy**

Trip Protection Insurance can be purchased through Square Mouth Insurance (800)240-0369  
**For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511 Or Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980**

**Oct 1-5                    AUTUMN IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS                    WAIT LIST ONLY**  
**5 days 4 Nights**

**Overview:** The White Mountains of New Hampshire are absolutely beautiful this time of year. We have packed this trip in order for you to view beautiful colors of the mountains from all different viewpoints. \*A Scenic Railroad Dinner along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee where you will travel through the village of Weirs Beach and along Paugus Bay towards Lakeport, NH. You'll enjoy breathtaking views of New Hampshire's largest lake. \*We will ride up the White Mountains on the first mountain-climbing cog railway in the world. This cog train will climb through three climate zones to arrive on the top of the White Mountains. \*Travel to the top of Cannon Mountain on an aerial tramway whisking you above timberline to the 4,100 foot summit with outstanding views of the White Mountains and into Maine, Vermont and Canada. \*Enjoy a picturesque boat cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee located in the beautiful lake region at the foothills of the White Mountains. \*Visit Franconia Notch State Park with dramatic views, as we travel through the Notches we will see covered bridges, scenic waterfall, mountain streams and the beautiful Mt. Washington Hotel. \*Tour the Castle in the Clouds Mansion, a mountaintop estate, built 1913/1914. This estate is a unique example of Arts and Crafts architecture in New England. \*A performance at the M&D Playhouse at the historic Eastern Slope Inn Playhouse. \*Explore Wolfeboro and Weirs Beach nestled on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee.

**Price Includes:** 4 nights hotel accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners to include Fall Foliage Dinner Train. Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides.

**Price: \$1,229.00** per person based on **Double Occupancy** or **\$1,499.00** per person based on **Single Occupancy**

Travel Protection Insurance **\$119.00** per person **Double Occupancy** **\$145.00** per person  
**Single Occupancy**

**For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511 Or Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980**

**Nov 8                    THE FIRST NOEL                    SEATS AVAILABLE**  
**Presented by the American Music Theatre**

**Overview:** "The First Noel" featuring incredible singers, astonishing dancers, wondrous costumes, breathtaking sets, and all the endearment of a perfect fireside family moment! Bask in the beauty of the season, and cherish the stories of spirit and love as we bring all your favorite sights and sounds to the stage. This year's all-new holiday show features your favorite seasonal and sacred Christmas songs – songs brought to life by marvelous vocal talent from across the country, accompanied by our masterful AMT Orchestra. Beautiful snows capes, child-like joy, cherished stories, the spirit of love, and all your favorite things about the holiday season are cast onstage in this glorious celebration of timeless holiday classics.

**Price includes:** The Kitchen Kettle Village for lunch on your own and some Christmas Shopping, dinner in a classic converted train dining car of The Casey Jones. A wonderful show at the American Music Theatre, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

**Price: \$144.00 per person.**

**For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511 or email  
james.aarp5226@gmail.com**

**Dec 12                    THE MIRCLE OF CHRISTMAS                    SEATS AVAILABLE**  
**Presented by Sight & Sound Theatre**

**Overview:** This holiday season; travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three

Wisemen—along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah! Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

**Price Includes:** The Kitchen Kettle Village for lunch on your own and some Christmas Shopping, dinner at Hershey Farm restaurant and a magnificent show at Sight and Sound Theatre, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

**Price: \$150.00 per person. For Reservations Contact: Mable Ruddo, Escort (302)541-8549**

**FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERED GO TO:  
[www.southcoastalaarp.org](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org)**

#### **Disclaimer**

These tours are a project of and are offered to the South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 of AARP. The chapter and any agent it may use in arranging these or any other tours are not responsible in whole or in part to the tour member for any loss, damage, or injury, whether financial or otherwise to persons or property, however caused during or in connection with these or any other tours. These tours are activities conducted by South Coastal DE AARP #5226 and are in no way offered, sponsored, or conducted by AARP, which has no responsibility in connection with such tours.

#### **Trip Reservations:**

To make a reservation for any trip contact the trip coordinator listed on the flyer. Make checks payable to: South Coastal AARP and mail to South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, PO Box 662, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please submit a check for each trip you sign up for. Note on the check what trip the check is to be applied to. If you are paying for more than 1 person please make note on the check. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.

#### **Trip Rules**

##### **Day Trips**

- Payment is preferred at time of registration, unless noted differently
- Reservations made within 30 days of scheduled trip must be paid at time of registration
- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure, contact the trip coordinator listed on the flyer
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on buses during chapter-sponsored trips
- Price subject to change: If the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% between the date of the contract with Bus Company and the date of the charter, the Tour Committee may charge a fuel surcharge to participants.

##### **Overnight Trips**

- **Seating will be assigned when initial payment is received**
- All overnight trips use a voucher system for the payment fee with a payment schedule.
- Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips. If cancellation is necessary due to illness member will submit claim to the insurance carrier for their reimbursement/ refund.
- Cancellation Policy: Refund by Replacement only
- No refunds for payments will be given unless a replacement. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants

#### **Please Note**

We offer three possible ways to notify you of our upcoming trips: **Blind Broadcast emails sent out to all members supplying their emails, Newsletter, and Website**

Once notices are sent you have the option to book the trip being offered.

#### **UPCOMING TRIPS**

**Christmas in the Smokies "2024"  
St. Augustine & Amelia Island "2024"**