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Our April 16th Luncheon meeting at Cripple Creek Country Club will feature Amy Lord Hughes, owner of Lord's Landscaping and Lord's Mercantile on Rt 26. Amy was awarded Businessperson of the Year by Delaware's Small Business Administration and will be recognized in Washington, DC at the end of April. Born and raised in Millville, DE, Amy is excited to share with us the history of the property, her family's legacy and Lord's upcoming spring activities.

Luncheon Menu Choices

Chicken Caesar Pasta Salad

Grilled chicken, rotini pasta, chopped romaine lettuce, cherry tomatoes, seasoned croutons, parmesan and Romano cheeses. Served with a toasted breadstick.

Bistro Steak Sandwich

Thinly sliced beef with arugula, peppadews, melted provolone cheese, roasted garlic aioli on a toasted ciabatta bun.

Shrimp Po' Boy Wrap

Battered shrimp tossed in mild hot sauce with chopped lettuce, tomato and a tangy remick sauce.

Dessert: Lemon Twist

Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee included.

Cost is \$23.00. Cash or checks only.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and Lunch is at 12 noon. Chapter news and announcements follow.

To Make Lunch Reservations:

Call or email Mary Ann Dougherty by noon Monday, April 8th at 302-541-9412 or madod@aol.com.

IMPORTANT: We cannot take walk-ins.

If you send Mary Ann an email or leave her a voicemail, you will receive confirmation from her for your reservation. If you did not receive her confirmation, you do not have a reservation!

Anyone who cancels after the deadline (April 8th) or does not attend for any reason will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon.

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

Presidents' Corner

Signs of new life are all around us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter Season. Let us take time to notice the wonders of new growth around us...

bright yellow daffodils and purple hyacinths, plus the fresh spring air we breathe during a walk outside. Family and friends make connection with us, and together we celebrate the beauty of nature.

So, put a smile on your face and welcome in your heart for all that is Spring 2024. Enjoy!

See you at Cripple Creek to share good ideas and a wonderful lunch with you.

Terry and Kathy, Co-Presidents

Membership

Our current membership stands at 352 paid members. We welcome new members Sherrill Christian, Anne Carol Finley, Judy Hannon, Sue Marley, Deb Nallo, Ursula O'Leary, Colleen Reft and Laura Weaver.

Your current membership year continues through August 2024. The new membership year will begin in September. In the meantime, reach out to your friends and neighbors to encourage them to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Houston by phone at 302-732-6977 or by email at joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com.

Magnetic Plastic Name Badges

You can still purchase Magnetic Plastic Name Badges. Many members have purchased one. The cost is \$10/badge. See Kay Houston at the monthly meeting (at the membership table) or mail your request along with a check to Kay at South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Be sure that the name you request is legible. I will bring to a future meeting. (**This is TOTALLY OPTIONAL.** We will still print badges that hang around your neck at no cost.)



Kay Houston, Chair

Community Service

The Community Service Committee thanks everyone who participated in "Gifts for Seniors." It was a great success!

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the Pyle Center to the next luncheon. Thanks again for your support.

Kathy Lesperance, Chair

Scholarship Committee

Del Tech Recognizes AARP

Delaware Technical Community College in Georgetown recognized organizations including South Coastal DE AARP and individuals in a Celebration of Giving ceremony on March 13 at the college. Both Dr. Mark T. Brainard, president of the college, and Dr. Bobbi Barends, vice president and campus director, thanked the donors for making further education possible for so many students. Many of the scholarship recipients attended the luncheon to thank their donors.

Our chapter gives \$2,500 in scholarships each semester to Del Tech students. Recipients of our scholarships for the spring semester are Tina Collins of Millsboro who is pursuing an associate degree in nursing; Briahna Knuckles of Georgetown who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in nursing; and Samantha Grube who is expected to graduate this May with a degree in human services.

We donate two \$1,000 scholarships to nursing students and one \$500 scholarship to a non-nursing student each semester.



Pictured from left to right: Kay Houston, Membership Committee chair; Tina Collins, recipient of nursing scholarship from our chapter; and Ida Crist, Scholarship Committee chair.

Come Hear the Music at the Artisans Fair

New to the Artisans Fair this year will be the Wave Dragons Band, made up of Michael Drew and Patrice Scully-Murray. They will both play and sing a variety of music from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside at Lord Baltimore Elementary School on Saturday, May 25, where both the Artisans Fair and Farmers Market will take place for the 14th year. The Fair, started in 2008, raises money for scholarships for Indian River High School and Delaware Technical Community College students. It was not held 2020 through 2022 because of COVID-19 restrictions but resumed successfully in 2023.

We hope you'll sign up at the monthly luncheon meetings in April and May to help on the day of the fair. Or you can sign up via phone or email by contacting Coleen Cardy, volunteer coordinator, at 724-238-3967 or coleen.cardy@yahoo.com.

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Scholarship Committee (cont'd)

Dine and Donate a Success

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Dine and Donate event at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar in Bethany on Feb. 28. Your attendance was noticeable. We raised a total of \$880.05. The 50-50 cash raffle totaled \$380, of which half was won by member Sue Allenspach, who donated her winnings back to the scholarship fund. Fins made a \$500 contribution, based on the proceeds from the evening, and a waitress donated a nickel she found on the floor.

Legislative/Environmental

In March we enjoyed the presentation by AARP's Advocacy director, Sheila Grant. If you are interested in receiving further information from her, send a request to me at arcadywood@gmail.com and I will add you to her e-mail list. Please include your home address so we know who your legislators are.

Sheila mentioned that in mid-April we could be invited to attend the committee team at Legislature Hall in Dover where the *Gift Fraud Bill* will be voted on in the DE Legislature. *House Bill 317*, introduced March 7, creates a requirement for all sellers of third-party gift cards to display a notice of potential scams involving gift cards.

If you have never seen our state Legislature in action, this can be quite interesting, and a gang from our AARP South Coastal Chapter can make the difference in the bill being passed into law. For more information you can call me at 302-927-0050.

Ted Spickler, Chair

Fight Fraud: Shred Bethany Beach

AARP DE is offering a free shredding event to help you securely destroy your old bank statements, credit card bills, Medicare documents and more. Your documents will be placed in a shredding bin and disposed of at our on-site shred truck, so no one can get a hold of your personal information.

When: Saturday, Jun 15, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Where: South Coastal Library,

43 Kent Ave, Bethany Beach

Registration is required. [Click here to register.](#)

Only those registered will be admitted.

There is a 3-box maximum.

Sunshine

If anyone is in need of a card – get well, surgery or sympathy – please call me at (302) 541-0513.

Joan Wolf, Chair

Special Interest Groups

If you are interested in any of the following groups, please contact the organizer.

Book Club, Marie Fletcher, 978-595-6690
yuletidechimes@gmail.com

Bridge or Scrabble, Ida Crist, 302-732-6336
idacrist@aol.com.

Canasta or Mexican Train*, Anita Ferm,
301-704-3550

** If you plan to attend, please send me an email at anitalferm@verizon.net so I can gather the equipment needed. Thank you*

Pickleball, Susan Bresuciak, 443-243-5994
sbresuciak@gmail.com.

Poker, Texas Hold 'Em or Euchre,
Ed Bresuciak, 443-504-3568, breslite@verizon.net.

Trips to Museums, Studios or Historical Sites,
Sandy Raymond, 302-539-3941
sandyraymond15@gmail.com.

Walking Club, Marge Mariotti, 609-505-3183.
eastgoingwest@outlook.com

AARP Smart Driver™ Course

Refresh your driving skills and perhaps save on your auto insurance! Members can take the course at a discounted rate in a classroom or online. Call 1-800-350-7025 or visit

<http://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/>

Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings of the Chapter's Board of Directors are held the second Tuesday of the month, September through June, at 11:00 am at the John West Municipal Building on West Avenue in Ocean View. All members are welcome to attend.

TRAVEL

Welcome to the Travel Page. We have changed our format to help condense our pages. If you have a computer, [this is a link](#) to connect you directly to the website's travel page where you can find all the information you need.

CHAPTER TRIPS 2024

April 21 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 plus much more.

Price Includes: Dinner at Capo Capo Italian Restaurant after the show, premium seating at the VA International Military Tattoo, Roundtrip Motor Coach Transportation, tip, tax, and gratuities.

Price \$167.00 per person

For Reservations Contact: Lana Linz, Escort (302) 245-3502

June 2-8 ST. AUGUSTINE, AMELIA ISLAND, & JEKYLL ISLAND OPEN TO EVERYONE

Overview:

Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the oldest continuously occupied settlement of European and African-American origin in the United States. A tram tour of Millionaire's Row on Jekyll Island, with views of historic structures and cottages of America's most wealthy and prominent citizens. While in St. Augustine we will tour Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth, St. George Street, Castillo De San Marcos, Flagler College, Pirate and Treasure Museum and Fernandina Beach. Plus much, more

Price Includes: 6 nights hotel accommodations, 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners, including dinner at the Columbia Restaurant, dinner w/show at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre, Round Trip Deluxe Motor coach Transportation, luggage handling in Florida, taxes, and gratuities.

Price: \$1,210.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$1,589.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

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

August 5-8 CASTLES OF NEW YORK & LAKE GEORGE

WAIT LIST ONLY

Overview:

We start our tour in the Alexandria Bay area near the Canadian Border. A boat tour of Singer Castle built in 1905 and Boldt Castle on Heart Island. Lake George is a beautiful area, and we will tour the lake then go to the Village of Lake George. Our next stop will be Wing's Castle with its unique architectural marvel on the Hudson River. Millbrook Winery is regarded as one of the top wineries of New York where we will have a wine tasting.

Price Includes: 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 boxed lunch, 3 dinners, admission to all above stated venues i.e.; Boldt Castle, Singer Castle, Wing's Castle, St. Lawrence River Cruise, Boat Cruise on Lake George, Millbrook Vineyards and Winery Tour, round trip Motorcoach Transportation, taxes and standard gratuities.

Price: \$779.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$1,008.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

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

Sept 24-28 DAKOTA'S BUFFALO ROUND-UP

WAIT LIST ONLY

Overview:

This Fabulous trip will take you to something new, a Buffalo Round-Up in Custer State Park and afterwards the Arts Festival with over 150 vendors. Visit Mt. Rushmore and see the lighting ceremony, explore National Historic Landmark of Deadwood, tour of Black Hills and the Badlands. A private Native American Culture presentation of Dahl Art Center and the Norwegian Chapel in the Hills and much more

Price Includes: Round-trip Airfare, Round-trip bus transportation to the Airport, 4 nights hotel accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners including a Chuckwagon Dinner & Show, escorted guide, entrance to all venues as listed, taxes & gratuities.

Price: \$2,299.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$2,799.99 per person based on Single Occupancy

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

Nov 10-15 CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES

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Overview:

Dollywood's Smoky Mt. Christmas is a seasonal event with over 6 Million Christmas Lights and we will experience the beauty of the park all lit up. A guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountain range, then become a passenger or crew member and experience what it was like on the ship Titanic. We will visit Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland of Christmas Lights Orchestrated and Choreographed to Music. Visit to the Cherokee Indian museum where we will listen to the story of the Cherokee people and set the scene for the Cherokee Heritage Trails.

Price Includes: 5 nights hotel accommodations, 5 breakfasts & 3 dinners, including Dolly Parton's Stampede dinner show, and meal voucher at Dollywood, 2 additional shows; Country Tonight and Charlie Bob Smith Morning Variety Show, Round Trip Deluxe Motor Coach, luggage handling in Pigeon Forge area, Entrance to all listed venues, taxes and gratuities.

Price: \$950.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$1,289.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

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

Disclaimer

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TRIP RULES

- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If the trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee full refund will be provided to all paid participants.
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure call trip coordinator listed on flyer
- Price subject to change if the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% after original contract with bus company
- Overnight trips seating will be assigned when initial payment is received
- Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips

What's the Tour Committee Working On?

Air Mobility, John Dickinson Plantation
Naval Base Cruise, Cape Charles & Barrier
Islands
Chester River Fall Foliage

Daniel @ Sight & Sound
Cleveland & Mackinaw Island 2025
Christmas in Wheeling West Virginia 2025
Fall in Hudson River Valley 2025