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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It feels a bit strange writing my fourth President's Message when it seems like I just arrived. I still have much to learn, and I'm truly grateful for the patience, kindness, and support so many of you have shown along the way.

After months of cold weather, blizzards, and time spent indoors, spring is finally beginning to show itself. Looking outside, I see sunshine, the remains of winter's storms, and neighbors clearing debris and starting fresh. Often the result is something even better than what was there before.

Our chapter is in a similar moment. It's a good time to look at "how we've always done things" and ask whether a few new ideas might better serve our members. Change can feel uncomfortable, but it's also how we grow.

Over the next few months, I plan to visit each committee to learn what matters most to them, how they make decisions, and how we might welcome and recruit new members. Together, we can continue building a strong, active chapter.

Spring is a season of renewal. Let's embrace it together. 🌸

*Peace and love,  
Caryn Cleveland-Short*

## THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON PROGRAM & NEW LOCATION

Our April 21<sup>st</sup> luncheon and Chapter meeting at **Hocker's Family Restaurant** will feature **Caitlin Himmer**, a registered veterinary technician and beekeeper, for an introduction to the world of honeybees. Caitlin runs a small business producing and selling honey, hives, and beeswax products. She'll share how bees make honey and beeswax, how both are collected and used, what life inside a colony looks like, and the many benefits of keeping honeybees. You won't want to miss this fascinating presentation!

**TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT AND SELECT YOUR MEAL, PLEASE SEE PAGE 4.**

Wear your name badge to the meeting for a sweet treat!



For the **FASTEST** and **BEST** way to ensure you see the most recent newsletter, visit the Chapter Website on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at: [www.southcoastalaarp.org/newsletters](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org/newsletters). While you're there, check out the rest of the site for information on Chapter Activities, Travel, and more.



**Artisans Fair**  
Saturday, May 23, 2026  
9am - 2 pm

[Artisans Fair & Farmers Market](#)  
Lord Baltimore  
Elementary School Rt  
26 Ocean View, DE

[Artisan Registration](#)

Photos by Chet Davis

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

This month we welcome four new members: Peggy Behun, Eileen & Floyd Johnson, and Marcia Summers. Stop by the membership table at the next luncheon to pick up your name badge and to say Hello. While there, consider ordering one of the magnetic name badges. Continue to reach out to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join us. Word of mouth really works! As of March 8, 2026, membership stands at 436. I am glad that we have a steadfast following, and I'm always happy to see so many of you at our luncheons.

### Accessing the Newsletter

I cannot emphasize enough to members that you can access the latest newsletter via our website at [www.southcoastalaarp.org](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org). The newsletter is posted on the [website](#) on the fourth Tuesday of each month. While our volunteers work diligently to keep the email distribution lists current, delivery issues can occasionally occur. Checking the website ensures you always have access to the most recent updates.

**Kay Houston, Membership Chair**



### SUNSHINE

If anyone is in need of a card – get well, surgery or sympathy – please call me, at (302) 245-0059.

**Joan Wolf, Chair**

## MEET OUR NEW LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

Please welcome our new Legislative Committee Chair, John Short. If you're interested in learning more about the committee or getting involved, you can contact John at [johnnyeshort146@gmail.com](mailto:johnnyeshort146@gmail.com).

### Thank you note from the Pyle Center

To: South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226,

**Just a little note to say thanks for everything.**

We here at Pyle wanted to send a heartfelt **THANK YOU** for the food donations and gift cards.

We are grateful that you have come alongside our agency to assist with helping the vulnerable population in our community.

Thanks again!

Pyle State Service Center

Wayne, Vicky, Darlene, Elisa, Larry and Erica

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Come join us for our Spring Dine and Donate and Basket Auction Thursday, March 26, from 12 noon to 8:30 p.m. at Hocker's Family Restaurant and Crab House, to raise funds for the two \$1,500 scholarships that we award to Indian River High School students and \$6,000 in scholarships that go to adult students 25 and older at Delaware Technical and Community College each year.

Hocker's Family Restaurant is at 30244 Cedar Neck Road. You will need to present the coupon below to the server for the Scholarship Fund to get 10% of the total dining receipts. You can either print out this coupon or get one at the door from one of our volunteers. Please note that Happy Hour menu items and the White Sheet Specials are not included in this offer.

**Ida Crist, Scholarship Chair**





South Coastal DE AARP

**Dine and Donate for Scholarships**

Thursday, March 26, 2026

12 noon – 8:30 p.m.

Hocker's Family Restaurant  
30244 Cedar Neck Rd.  
Ocean View



Gift Basket Raffle. ● 50-50 Cash Raffle

Drawing at 7:30 p.m. You do not have to be present to win.

Event benefits South Coastal DE AARP Scholarship Fund.

Happy Hour menu and White Sheet Specials do not count toward the restaurant's donation to the scholarship fund.



## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES

If you complete an approved Defensive Driving Course, you may receive 10% off of a portion of your Delaware auto insurance for 3 years. If you take a refresher Defensive Driving Course within 180 days of the end of the 3-year period, you may receive a 15% annual discount. More information can be found at [Driving Courses - Division of Motor Vehicles \(de.gov\)](http://Driving Courses - Division of Motor Vehicles (de.gov)). To learn about the defensive driving courses offered by AARP, call 1-800-350-7025 or visit [Online Defensive Driving Course From AARP Driver Safety](http://Online Defensive Driving Course From AARP Driver Safety).

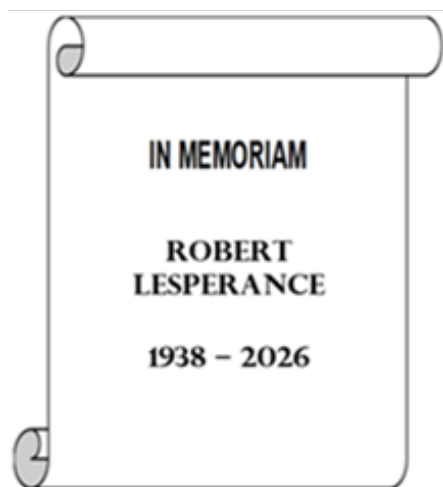
## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to help with paying electric bills sponsored by the Pyle Center in Roxanna. This is such a great way to help our community.

We are still collecting food items at our monthly luncheon meeting for the Food Pantry at the Pyle Center.

Thanks again for your wonderful support.

***Kathy Lesperance, Chair  
Community Service***



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Bob Lesperance. Bob was Assistant Treasurer for the Chapter from 2022 to 2024 and will be missed by all who knew him. You can read his obituary [here](#).

## CHAPTER WEBSITE

Please visit our Chapter Website at <http://www.southcoastalaarp.org> for up-to-date information on upcoming activities, contact information for Board and Committee Members, news about this year's Artisan Fair, event photos and the latest travel opportunities.

***Frances Hart, Web Coordinator***

## CHORUS

### Spring Chorus Concerts Scheduled

The Singers of Note, under the direction of Laura Weaver, will present several concerts this spring. The chorus rehearses Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Ocean View Presbyterian Church. Barb Clair is the accompanist for the chorus. To access the church, turn north on West Ave. from Route 26 and take the first left.

### The performance schedule is:

- Sunday, May 31, Prince George's Chapel, Dagsboro at 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 2, South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach at 2 p.m.
- Friday, June 5, Ocean View Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 10, Selbyville Public Library at 2 p.m.
- Friday, June 12, Millville United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 16, at the monthly meeting of South Coastal DE AARP at Hocker's Family Restaurant on Cedar Neck Road, Ocean View.

New members are welcome. For more information, contact Laura Weaver at [lweaveraarpchorus@gmail.com](mailto:lweaveraarpchorus@gmail.com) or phone 302-382-4564.



Singers of Note rehearse weekly. Come join us.

Jim Hartsig Photo

## WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE ARTISANS FAIR

We are seeking volunteers to help with the Artisans Fair to be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School, Ocean View. What can you do?

1. Make phone calls to the Chapter members, seeking bakers for the bake sale.
2. Make baked goods (pies and cakes are especially needed).
3. Help exhibitors unload their wares from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 23.
4. Assist with parking.
5. Provide staff support at offsite parking locations.
6. Welcome attendees and hand out show programs.
7. Help exhibitors return their unsold wares to their vehicles starting at 2 p.m., May 23
8. Assist with takedown of tables and storage of chairs starting at 2:30 p.m., May 23
9. Be a runner to take lunches to exhibitors or watch over exhibitors' booths so they can take a bathroom break.
10. Do whatever is needed the day of the show

Attend and do a little shopping, whether for yourself or for others.

Contact volunteer coordinator Coleen Cardy (coleen.cardy@yahoo.com or 724-238-3967).

### Five Highlights of the Artisans Fair

1. Artisans Auction—buy raffle tickets to win items donated by the exhibitors.
2. Marvelous baked goods sale
3. Raffle for Golf Package from Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club
4. 50-50 Cash Raffle
5. Music by Muzicopia, a local multi-instrumental band from 9:30 to 11:30

Please join us for the Scholarship Committee's largest fund-raiser of the year that enables us to give away \$9,000 in scholarships annually. And have some fun.

*Ida Crist, Chair Artisans Fair*



## JOIN A SOUTH COASTAL AARP CLUB!

**BINGO** at the [Salted Rim Bar & Grill](#) at 35553 Atlantic Ave. in Millville is held on the second Monday of each month. You can join the group for dinner around 4:30 pm and/or play Bingo (free, w/prizes) at 6:00 pm. Next date **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Call Sheila Bower at 602-688-5300.

**BOWLING** with Paula Pinkett (302-228-6284) is at [Millsboro Bowling Lanes](#) on the last Friday of the month at 1:00 pm. Please arrive by 12:45 pm. The cost is \$3.50 per game and \$3.50 for shoes. Save these upcoming dates: **April 24<sup>th</sup>**, **May 29<sup>th</sup>** and **June 26<sup>th</sup>** to join Paula and other members for some active fun!

**LUNCHEONS** with Maureen Eisenhart are held on the fourth Monday of the month at a variety of great local restaurants. The lunch group will meet next on **April 27<sup>th</sup>** at [The Station](#), 1406 Coastal Hwy., Fenwick Island.

**RSVP by April 24<sup>th</sup>** to Maureen at 302-988-1196.



Bowl with Paula and play Bingo with Sheila –  
Having fun with your Chapter friends!  
*See Club Info at Left*

## CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

President	Caryn Cleveland-Short	302-490-7427
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Asst. Treasurer	Coleen Cardy	724-238-3967
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### DIRECTORS

Ida Crist	2025-2027	302-732-6336
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Susan Kerwin	2025-2027	302-236-3481
Kathy Lesperance	2025-2027	302-537-7845
Sandy Raymond	2024-2026	301-651-2284

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Maureen Eisenhart	2025-2026	302-988-1196
Linda Burns Filer	2025-2026	302-354-5656
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Sandra McGrath	2026-2027	703-919-7059
Mable Ruddo	2025-2026	302-541-8549

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Scholarship	Ida Crist	302-732-6336
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Web Coordinator	Frances Hart	703-801-7216
Asst. Web Coordinator	Nancy Archey	703-919-8254
50/50	Joan Wolf	302-245-0059
	Cookie Butts	302-245-0886

### 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 a.m. at the Ocean View Community Center on West Avenue in Ocean View.

**All members are welcome to attend.**

## \* LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS \*

**RSVP BY: Noon, Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

To reserve your spot for the luncheon, **SEND AN EMAIL** with your meal selection to: **Mary Ann Dougherty** at **madod@aol.com**

**\*ONLY\* IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO USE EMAIL:** you may call Mary Ann at 302-541-9412.

Mary Ann will confirm receipt of all messages.

**Cost: \$26.00.** Payable by cash or check only on the day of the luncheon.

## APRIL MENU

at Hocker's Family Restaurant

**2 Pulled Pork Sliders served with chips and coleslaw**

**Shrimp Alfredo with garlic bread**

**Wedge Salad with bacon, blue cheese crumble, tomatoes, and grilled chicken.**

**Dessert:**

Blueberry Peach Cobbler

**Beverages:** Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Coffee and Tea

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM**

Lunch is at 12 noon.

Chapter news, announcements and program will follow lunch.

**Remember to wear your name badge!**

We cannot take walk-ins. When you send Mary Ann an email at [madod@aol.com](mailto:madod@aol.com), you'll receive a confirmation from her for your reservation and meal. If you didn't receive a confirmation, you don't have a reservation.

If you cancel after the deadline, **NOON April 13<sup>th</sup>**, or do not attend for any reason, you will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon unless there's a waiting list.

## CHAPTER TRIPS 2026

### April 16, Some Enchanted Evening

#### Overview:

Some Enchanted Evening is a celebration of songs that have become a part of our lives. We sing them in the shower and we sing them to entertain and amuse. This show places five performers -each of whom could easily be cast in any Rodgers and Hammerstein Show-in a theatrical setting -first "backstage", where the songs are sung as personal interplay and then "on stage" where the songs are "performed" for the audience. Of course, the songs themselves and the five performers are the most important elements. Each singer must bring his own style and personality to the songs and the situations in which they are set.

**Price Includes:** Show, dinner, round trip motor coach, tax, tip and gratuities

**Price:** \$170.00pp

**For Reservations contact:** Denise McCallion (302)367-4157

### May 4-8 Holland Tulip Festival

#### Overview:

It's Tulip Time, the Holland, Michigan festival that boasts over 5 million tulips, planted & ready to burst forth in bloom in early spring. The City of Holland manages all the tulip plantings in parks, along city streets and in the downtown area. Our tour will take us to the Neli's Dutch Village in Holland; Michigan is a really quaint little village! Walking through the charming streets of this Dutch Village while exploring the windmills, canals, and cozy houses make you feel transported to the Netherlands. We will visit DeKlomp Wooden shoes and Delft Factory: wooden shoes are a very practical footwear for gardening, getting the mail, and general use. See the shoe maker produce wooden shoes from block of poplar wood using authentic Dutch machinery (still used in Europe today). Delftware a Dutch pottery famous around the world; takes almost a full week to produce. We are the only production facility in North America, offering over 400 different hand painted Dutch pottery items. Follow the process of making these fine pottery items; from pouring the liquid clay into molds, to firing the clay at 2,000 degrees. Then talk to the artists as they hand paint Dutch designs and glaze each item for the perfect shine. No stop in Holland is complete without a visit to Windmill Island Gardens. Tour De Zwaan, the only authentic Dutch windmill operating in the United States – still turning and grinding wheat into flour! Other Dutch treasures include a street organ gifted by the City of Amsterdam and a hand-painted antique carousel. Other Dutch features include stately Friesian horses, a water exhibit and Little Netherlands – a maquette of Dutch life in the 1840s when Holland was settled. Many buildings are replicas of those found in the Netherlands including the ones housing a gift shop where you can pick up an authentic Dutch treat! We will finish up our trip with a great variety show in town for a relaxing evening. WHERE TO BUY BULBS WHILE YOU'RE THERE: Keep in mind, bulbs are not available in the spring but they can be ordered at the following locations for fall delivery; Nelis' Dutch Village. Veldheer Tulip Garden. Windmill Island Gardens

**Price includes:** Round Trip Bus transportation from Giant to Holland, Michigan, entrance to all above listed venues, 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners, luggage handling in Michigan, taxes, tip, & meal gratuities.

**Price:** \$884.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$1,283.00 pp based on single occupancy

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

### June 3, 2026 Peddler's Village

#### Overview:

Peddler's Village is a storybook village with charming colonial-style buildings, award-winning gardens, and distinctive shopping, dining, and lodging. For more than [60 years](#), visitors have followed the winding brick pathways to experience exceptional dining and explore the best of Bucks County shopping. Spend the day on your own enjoying shopping, dining, and wandering around the beautiful village, lunch is on your own.

**Price includes:** Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, tax and tip.

**Price:** \$82.00 per person

**For Reservations contact:** Karl or Gail Hettel (610)442-6117 or [hark582@aol.com](mailto:hark582@aol.com)

### June 21-July 4 Greenland & Iceland Celebrity Cruise

#### Overview:

Embark on a 14-day cruise through the stunning landscape of Greenland and Iceland, starting from Cape Liberty, NJ. Visit the historic ports of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. John's Newfoundland, before tendering into the

charming town of Qaqortog, Greenland, and cruising the majestic fjords of Prius Christian Sound. Explore Iceland's natural beauty with stops in Akureyri and Isafjordur, then conclude your journey in the vibrant capital, Reykjavik. Along the way, enjoy breathtaking views, rich cultural experiences, and unforgettable encounters with some of the world's most remote and awe-inspiring destinations.

**Price includes:** Bus transportation from Giant to Cape Liberty Cruise Terminal, 13 Nights in a Concierge Balcony Cabin, Transfer from ship to airport, Return Air Transportation from Reykjavik to Newark Airport, Transfer from Newark Airport to Giant Parking Lot in Millville, DE, Port Charges, Government fees, Ship Gratuities, Classic Beverage Package with Gratuity, Wifi Package

**Price:** \$5,849.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$9,529.00 pp based on single occupancy

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

## **AUGUST 4-7 New York's Thousand Islands**

### **Overview:**

This trip takes us up to the 1,000 Islands. We will visit the Eisenhower Locks to discover the seaway's history on the St. Lawrence Seaway which separates the United States and Canada. You will learn the history through cutting-edge, hands-on interactive viewing decks. We will watch vessels pass through the U.S. Eisenhower Lock up close from two separate outdoor viewing decks. We will travel on to the Clayton Island Boat Tours for a unique cruise of the 1000 Islands along the St. Lawrence Seaway. The natural beauty of the less inhabited islands with tranquil bays, marshes, and scenic shorelines as we discover birds and wildlife that inhabit the region. While we travel the St. Lawrence Seaway we will enjoy lunch on the seaway. Our next day we will visit the Antique Boat Museum, the premier freshwater boating museum in North America featuring over 320 unique boats plus thousands of related artifacts and the 106-foot houseboat, La Duchesse, built in 1903 for George Boldt. Then on to the St. Lawrence Spirits Distillery for a tasting of their high-quality craft spirits which are distilled with 100% Saint Lawrence River Water. This distillery produces vodka, gin, absinthe, moonshine, whiskey and bourbon. While in Clayton we will spend the afternoon visiting the Thousand Island Museum, a quaint museum that features and eclectic displays of community artifacts and photographs. However, our trip wouldn't be complete without a visit to the Thousand Islands Winery for a tasting of their wines. Each night we will return to the Edgewood Resort on the St. Lawrence River where you will taste fabulous dinners by the resort.

**Price includes:** Round Trip Motor coach transportation, 3 nights hotel accommodations, 3 breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, entrance to all above venues, baggage handling, taxes, and gratuities.

**Price:** \$899.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$1,228.00 pp based on single occupancy

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

## **October 22-25 Hudson Valley & Sleepy Hollow, New York**

### **Overview:**

Sleepy Hollow is a village in New York State's Hudson Valley. It's known as the setting of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow". The author is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Kykuit. We will enjoy going to the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze display, then on to Sunnyside; the Home of Washington Irving. Spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country, where two master illusionists weave a spellbinding tapestry of intrigue and wonder, inspired by the legends and lore of Sleepy Hollow. Traveling on to Twilight Village for a self-guided visit, here you will discover delightful and mysterious creatures who will tell your fortune, croon creepy tunes, and tell tallish tales of legends and lore. You will hear about Jay Gould, the Gilded Age robber baron and railroad magnate. His sharp and often unscrupulous business practices made one of the wealthiest men of the late nineteenth century. The Lyndhurst is a Gothic Revival country house that sits in its own 67-acre park beside the Hudson River in Tarrytown. A guided and self-guided tour of the U.S. Military Academy Campus, West Point. After we will spend an evening at The Culinary Institute of America for the CIA demonstration, where you'll explore the science of taste. Meet the students, learn about the CIA and enjoy a unique tasting exercise. Dinner will be at the CIA this evening. This trip wouldn't be complete without a two-hour narrated Hudson River Cruise aboard Pride of the Hudson.

**Price includes:** 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 box lunch, 3 dinners, including the Culinary Institute of America, CIA Experience with Tasting Exercise, Entrance to all above venues, round trip motor coach transportation, luggage handling, taxes & gratuities

**Price:** \$1,399.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$1,759.00 per person based on single occupancy

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

## **December 18, 2026 The Christmas Rush**

### **Overview:**

Attention shoppers-and Showgoers! On the day before Christmas, the biggest department store in a small American Town has announced a Last-Minute Madness Sale. Will the harried staff be able to handle the onslaught? Will the Santa in the lobby raise enough to save the town's soup kitchen? And will the recently widowed Alice and her daughter find what they are so desperately seeking? This brand-new show from Blue Gate Musicals is big on laughs, full of heart and has a score that sounds like it stepped right off the Broadway Stage. Give yourself a gift and make sure to see The Christmas Rush! All she needed was 3 more hours, 2 more gifts and 1 small miracle!

**Price Includes:** round trip motor coach, show 2 Bird in Hand Theatre, grand buffet @ Hershey Farm Restaurant, tax, gratuity, and tip.

Price: \$155.00 per person

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

## **Chapter Trips 2027**

### **March 28-April 8, 2027 Caribbean Islands Aboard Norwegian Pearl.**

#### **Overview:**

This Caribbean cruise will embark from Philadelphia, PA for any 11 night - 5 port cruise. Take in the Beautiful Turquoise waters and the laidback Caribbean vibes on Long Bay Beach in Tortola. Greet the green sea turtles and colorful fish as you snorkel the turquoise waters of Turtle Cove, in St. Thomas. For stunning views, take a cable car ride to the peak of Mount Isabel de Torres in Puerto Plata. All of this on the Norwegian Pearl, a mid-size ship with a relaxed atmosphere and elegant decor. The Pearl offers many chic dining options- including the complimentary 24-hour Eatery, O'Sheehan's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, two steakhouses (Cagney's and Moderno Churrascaria) and much more. Looking to turn things up a notch? Head to Bliss Ultra Lounge & Night Club or stop by our dazzling casino, then wind down at the tranquil Mandala Spa.

**Price includes:** Round Trip Transportation to & from Cruise Pier in Philadelphia, Pre-Paid Cabin

Gratuities, Beverage Package with Gratuities, 4 Dinners per Person in Specialty Restaurants, w/ Gratuities, Wi-Fi (150 minutes), \$50 Shore Excursion Credit per Port, \$100 Onboard Credit per Cabin, Taxes & Port Fees.

**Price:** \$3,439.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$5,299.00 pp based on single occupancy

**For Reservations contact: Mitch Gordon @ Curran Travel 215-542-9294**

**A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CRUISE**

### **September 13-September 17, 2027 Newport & Block Island**

#### **Overview:**

Newport is a city set on Aquidneck Island in the New England state of Rhode Island. Its yacht-filled harbor hosted the America's Cup, a renowned annual sailing regatta, for many years. Newport is also known for the Gilded Age mansions lining Bellevue Avenue, some of which are now museums. The most famous is The Breakers, an 1895 mansion patterned after a Renaissance palace. Block Island is just south of mainland Rhode Island. Its 1800s red-brick Southeast Lighthouse sits atop the dramatic clay cliffs of Mohegan Bluffs, with a rocky beach below. Sandy beaches include popular Crescent Beach, on the east coast. The island's northern tip features North Lighthouse, built in 1867, and Sachem Pond, home to gulls and swallows. Migratory songbirds visit the Block Island National Wildlife Refuge. While in Rhode Island we will visit Blithewold Mansion and Gardens, tour Newport, visit the Breaker's Mansion, tour the Marble House Mansion, Cruise around Newport Harbor & Narragansett Bay on a Champagne Schooner, a tour and tasting at a Newport Vineyards. Plus, much, much more. Take the Ferry to Block Island, have lunch at the Grand Hotel on Block Island, tour Block Island and visit the Famous Cliff Walk.

**Price includes:** 4 nights lodging, 4 full breakfast, 1 Grand Hotel Luncheon, 1 Afternoon Tea, 4 Dinners, Entrance to all above Venues, round trip motor coach transportation, luggage handling, taxes & gratuities

**Price: \$1,799.00 pp based on double occupancy**

**\$1,689.00 pp based on triple occupancy**

**\$2, 195.00pp based on single occupancy**

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

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The Chapter reserves the right to cancel programs prior to departure, terminate a program early, and to take action as needed on an individual or group basis when, in the Chapter's opinion, the health, safety or well-being of participant(s) requires such action. Travel insurance is available for all extended tours and is strongly recommended. Those who choose not to purchase travel insurance will be asked to sign a waiver. No refunds will be given for extended tours cancelled by the traveler(s) unless substitute travelers can be found. If a trip is cancelled by the Chapter, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.

### **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
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