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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING DECEMBER 20, at CRIPPLE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

DECEMBER ENTERTAINMENT: South Coastal AARP's own chorus, "Singers of Note", will entertain us with a performance of their holiday program. There will be favorite holiday songs, some new, and maybe even some sing along songs. Come join us for some holiday spirit and camaraderie.

LUNCHEON MENU CHOICES: Special holiday entrees.

Prime Rib (10oz): Roasted black angus prime rib and sliced to order prepared to medium. Rolls & butter **OR**

Flounder Picatta: Flounder filet lightly egg battered and served with a lemon cream sauce with capers and herbs. Rolls & Butter. **OR**

Chicken Parmesan: Boneless chicken breast topped with provolone Romano cheese and marinara sauce. Served with linguine, rolls and butter.

Beverages include iced tea, lemonade, and water.

Dessert – Red velvet cake with holiday sprinkles and coffee service

Doors open at **11 AM** for social hour with lunch at **12 Noon** followed by Chapter news and announcements. **Cost: **\$30.00****

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412), madod@aol.com by noon, Monday, December 12.**

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.**

South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226 Chapter and Scholarship Committee

Budgets

Approved by the Board of Directors for 2023

CHAPTER

| | <u>2023</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | |
| Social Events | \$22,795.00 |
| 50/50 | \$1,000.00 |
| Dues | \$4,000.00 |
| Fundraising | \$500.00 |
| Newsletter Surcharge | \$270.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$50.00 |
| Trans from Reserves | \$800.00 |
| TOTAL | \$29,415.00 |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | |
| Social Events | \$22,500.00 |
| Committees | \$1,400.00 |
| Administration | \$495.00 |
| Storage Unit | \$355.00 |
| Website | \$1,520.00 |
| Newsletter - Printing | \$1,530.00 |
| Newsletter - Postage | \$421.20 |
| Insurance | \$325.00 |
| Donations | \$500.00 |
| Chorus | \$275.00 |
| Postage | \$80.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$13.80 |
| TOTAL | \$29,415.00 |

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

2023

| <u>INCOME</u> | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Artisans' Fair | \$10,936.00 |
| Misc.-- Donations | \$250.00 |
| Fall Fundraiser | \$1,200.00 |
| TOTAL | \$12,386.00 |

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Scholarships | \$8,000.00 |
| Administration | \$75.00 |
| Storage unit | \$355.00 |
| Artisans' Fair | \$3,565.00 |
| Fall Fundraiser | \$50.00 |
| Postage | \$50.00 |
| Retain in Acct for Future | \$291.00 |
| TOTAL | \$12,386.00 |

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to you and your family. I look forward to our December Chapter Meeting and hope to see you there. Please attend and enjoy the special Holiday Dinner at the Chapter meeting on the **3RD Tuesday (December 20)**. Please place reservations within the time frame allotted.

At the November Chapter Meeting, nominations for the board of directors and nominating committee were presented and voted on by the members present, along with the executive Board officers nominated in October. All candidates voted for were unanimously accepted by the voting members present. **At our December meeting, these candidates will be installed as the 2023-24 Board members.** A special announcement of all candidates is provided in this newsletter. I continue to encourage you to become more involved by volunteering for committees and administrative responsibilities. We have recently been awarded a \$1000 grant from the National Office to increase membership and awareness of our Chapter. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, please contact me. **We have an open position for Assistant Secretary for the**

Executive Board (2023-24). Please let me know if you have an interest in this position.

Remember, the more volunteers we have, the less time per member is needed to accomplish necessary tasks. This is **YOUR** organization, and you can play a valuable role in enhancing our events.

Rose Verona
President, South Coastal DE., Chapter #5226

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2023-24 (to be installed at the December 20 Chapter meeting).

Board Officers

President: Rose Verona
Vice President: Jim Harding
Program Director: Susan Kerwin
Secretary: Jane Bartolomeo
Asst. Secretary: Open
Treasurer: Sheila Bower
Asst. Treasurer: Robert Lesperance

Board of Directors

Joan DeMarco
Jack Beall

Nominating Committee (2-year term):

Larzar Cherry
Sandy Raymond
Lana Linz
AnnLynn Ayers

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership - Dottie Rieck

Our current membership stands at **277** paid members. We welcome the following new members: **Norma Douglas** and **Paula Lowe**.

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 your 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

The State Assembly will begin in January. In the next newsletter we will announce the issues we will be working on for 2023.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the Legislative/Environmental committee. If you are interested contact **Ted Spickler at 302-927-0050.**

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee thanks everyone who donated to the “Dollars for Coats for Kids”.

This month we will be **collecting “Gifts for Seniors”**. Each Christmas, **Meals on Wheels** delivers small gifts on Christmas morning along with a meal for seniors in the area.

If you are attending the luncheon, **please bring a gift. Wrap the gift and mark it “F” or “M”.**

Suggested items: gloves, lap blanket, socks, sweatpants, sweatshirts or gift certificates.

We are back to collecting food items for the Food Pantry at the Pyle Center.

Thanks so much for your generosity.

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 Dine and Donate and Basket Auction fundraising event, sponsored by the Scholarship Committee on Wednesday, Nov. 9, was very successful. We raised \$1288 on auction items and cash donations. Later this month, we will receive a portion of the proceeds that Fins Ale House and Raw Bar realized from the sale of food and drink that evening.

The 12 baskets for which raffle tickets were sold contained home décor, Thanksgiving-related items, clothing and accessories, admission to Delaware Botanic Gardens and Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, pet items, holiday wreaths and much more. Every basket had wine and multiple gift cards to community businesses. A 50-50 cash raffle and direct cash donations helped raise additional money.

Thank you to all our members who donated wine, gift cards and a special thank you to those who attended the event. The money raised from this event supports scholarships that we give each year to two Indian River High Schools seniors and three adults students at Delaware Technical Community College. Two of the Del Tech students are nursing students and one is a non-nursing major, all of whom are 25 years or older. These are students who were not able to go to college directly from high school but are now pursuing higher education to better their lives.

If you were not able to attend that evening, please consider making a cash donation to the Scholarship fund. Checks can be made out to South Coastal DE AARP and mailed to P.O. Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Contact Ida Crist at 302-732-6336

Artisans Fair Resumes After 3-year Hiatus.

The Artisans Fair, an invitation-only arts and crafts show held on the **Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, will resume on May 27, 2023, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View** after three years of being cancelled due to COVID-19 and public health concerns. The Artisans Fair will be from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. and a Farmers Market will be from 9 a.m. to at least 1 p.m.

Applications to exhibit at the show are currently being reviewed. There are openings for inside booths, outside artisan booths, and a Farmers Market. If you or someone you know would like to exhibit at the show, you should apply to be an exhibitor.

- All work must be created by the exhibiting artisan.

- Submit name, address, telephone numbers and email address, a brief description of the work to be offered and at least three digital photos that are representative of the art to aarp.artisansfairlb20s@gmail.com.

Categories of media include fine art, photography, jewelry, glass, metalwork, fiber work, wood and mixed media. Applicants will be considered by a review committee and notified of whether they have been accepted within 30 days of their submissions.

For the Farmers Market, submit name, address, telephone numbers and email, a brief description of products or items that would be offered and the URL address of a website for the business, if applicable, to AARP.Artisans.Fair@gmail.com. Items eligible for the Farmers Market are fresh produce, other food products, pet-related products and objects for outdoor living. The cost of indoor booths is \$105; cost of outdoor booths and Farmers Market slots is \$85 per space. If you have any questions, **contact Donna Spickler at aarp.artisansfairlb20s@gmail.com.**

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES

The AARP Chapter Chorus "Singers of Note", have a full schedule this holiday season. Performances marked with a red asterisk (*) are open to the public.

Dec. 2nd (Friday) 7 p.m. Ocean View Presbyterian Church

*Dec. 9th (Friday) 11:30 a.m. Millville Methodist Church

Dec. 14th (Wednesday) Bear Trap Country Club/ Shore Dems Luncheon

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Chorus performances cont'd

Dec. 20th (Tuesday) 1 p.m. Cripple Creek Country Club/ AARP Chapter Luncheon

***Jan. 8th (Sunday) 1:30 p.m. Prince Georges Chapel, Dagsboro**

Driver's Safety Classes

- Proven safety strategies
- New traffic laws
- Rules of the road.

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.

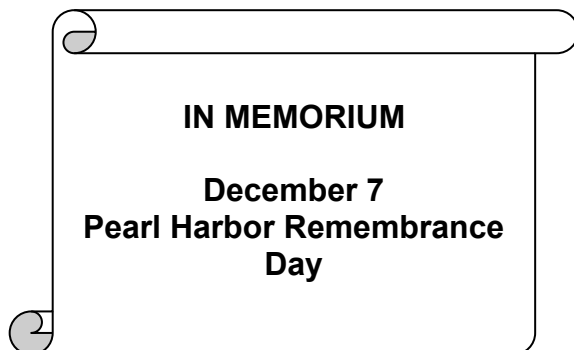
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Sunshine - Joan Wolf

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

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The chorus has a full holiday schedule. See **Chapter Announcements** for the performances schedule and performances that are open to the public. **Contact Ann Jaeger at 302-645-8023**.



CHAPTER TRIPS

2023

April 23

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

7 SEATS AVAILABLE

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 enralls 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

MEMBERS ONLY

May 17

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER - Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club

Overview:

In this roaring 20's Murder Mystery Show performed by Riddlesbrood 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 Picatta 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

MEMBERS ONLY

June 7-9 **QUAINT AMISH GETAWAY**

3 Days 2 nights

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: 2nights 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 MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERED GO TO:

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 #5226 and send 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 and must be made no later than 30 days after registration
- 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. If Cancellation is necessary, we will try to fill the spot with someone from our wait list if available. After that has been exhausted member has the option then and only then to replace the reservation with interested party of their choice.
- 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 without insurance for illnesses -no refunds will be given unless we can replace your reservation as stated above.
- 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

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
*** Website**

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

SAVE THE DATE -- UPCOMING TRIPS

Autumn in the White Mountains, New Hampshire - October 2023

It's a Wonderful Life @ Candlelight Theater - November 19, 2023

Miracle of Christmas @ Sight & Sound – December 5, 2023