

# **Coastal News**

South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 of AARP, Inc. P.O. Box 225. Ocean View. DE 19970

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#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Annlynn Ayres	2023-2024	410-242-0236
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### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Community Service	Kathy Lesperance	302-537-7845
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The December 19<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting at Cripple Creek Country Club will feature *The Singers of Note*, part of our South Coastal AARP Chapter since 2000. Led by director Ann Jaeger, the Chorus will entertain us with seasonal favorites. Their 35+ members have performed in Sussex and Kent Counties in Delaware, and Worcester County in Maryland. New members are welcome. They are as delighted to join us again as we are to have them!

### **Luncheon Menu Choices:**

## Prime Rib (10oz)

Roasted black angus prime rib sliced to order, prepared medium.

#### Flounder Piccata

Flounder filet lightly egg-battered and served with a lemon cream sauce with capers and herbs.

#### Chicken Marsala

Grilled chicken breast served with mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce.

#### Served with

Rolls & butter, green beans almandine, and rosemary & thyme red potatoes

## **Dessert**

Red velvet cake with holiday sprinkles Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee included.

Cost is \$33.00. Cash or checks only.

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

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing Mary Ann Dougherty at (302) 541-9412 or madod@aol.com by noon, Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Anyone who cancels after the deadline or does not show up for any reason will be billed the full amount of the cost of the luncheon.

No walk-ins are permitted.

# **Budgets**

The Board of Directors and Executive Officers approved the South Coastal DE AARP Chapter 2024 budgets for the Chapter and the Scholarship Committee at its Nov. 14th monthly meeting.

## **CHAPTER BUDGET 2024**

#### **SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET 2024**

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INCOME		INCOME	
Social Events	\$23,571.00	Artisans Fair	
50/50	\$1,000.00	Exhibitors (in)	\$5,355.00
Membership	\$4,700.00	Exhibitors (out)	\$1,360.00
Fundraising	\$500.00	Farmers Market	\$595.00
Newsletter Surcharge	\$135.00	Table Rentals	\$288.00
Chorus	\$370.00	Bake Sale	\$1,000.00
Transfer from reserves	\$120.00	Bake Sale donations	\$800.00
Miscellaneous	\$700.00	Artisans Auction	\$1,500.00
Total Income 2024	\$31,096.00	50/50	\$350.00
		Change for Change*	\$75.00
EXPENSES		Golf Package	\$450.00
Social Events	(\$23,420.00)	Non-Artisans Fair	
Administration	(\$595.00)	Fall Fundraiser	\$1,200.00
Storage Unit	(\$1,160.00)	Spring Fundraiser*	\$700.00
Website	(\$1,570.00)	Donations	\$250.00
Newsletter-Print	(\$1,035.00)	Interest*	\$360.00
Newsletter-Postage	(\$297.00)	Miscellaneous	\$50.00
Insurance	(\$404.00)	TOTAL INCOME	\$14,333.00
Donations	(\$500.00)		
Chorus	(\$275.00)	EXPENSES	
Postage	(\$80.00)	Artisans Fair	
Memberships/dues	(\$340.00)	Promo items	(\$500.00)
Committees		Postage	(\$200.00)
Community Service	(\$270.00)	Advertising	(\$348.00)
Membership	(\$525.00)	Table Rental	(\$265.00)
Program	(\$450.00)	Supplies	(\$200.00)
Legislative/Environ.	(\$125.00)	Signs	(\$200.00)
Sunshine	(\$50.00)	Hall Rental/Custodian	(\$850.00)
Total Expenses 2024	(\$31,096.00)	Contributions	(\$750.00)
		Musician*	(\$350.00)
		Rental Van*	(\$150.00)
<b>Board and Chapter Meetings</b>		Non-Artisans Fair	
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Our Chapter Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. These luncheon meetings are held at Cripple Creek effective September through June. The lunch reservation process is communicated in our monthly newsletter.

Our Board Meetings always occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11a.m. in the John West Municipal Building on West Ave. in Ocean View. All interested members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The next Board meeting is on Dec. 12th.

(\$75.00)

(\$290.00)

(\$25.00)

(\$25.00)

Other (\$2,055.00)**TOTAL EXPENSES** (\$14,333.00)

Administration

Fall Fundraiser

Spring Fundraiser\*

Storage Unit

**Postage** (\$50.00)

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates new item

# Membership

Our current membership stands at 390 paid members. We welcome new members Al & Pat D'Annunzio, Barbara Rosetti. Tish Speights, Carolyn Lees, Diane Lafferty, Cathy Roche, Donna Atkinson, Eva Nemeth, Marilee Bindas, Alicia Hutzelman, Christy Kitchen, Kathryn & Vince Corbino, Elise Lindsey, Michael Loftus, Don & Louise Egan, Fred Kren, Linda Magolda, Anna Huntemann, Alicia Burton, Kathy Prior, Trish Mahon, Darlene Herring, Grace Grimes and Diane Schmidt. Annual dues are \$15 per person for newsletter sent by email, and \$18 for newsletter sent by US Mail (reserved for members who have no computer access). If two members are in the same household, only ONE will receive the newsletter by US Mail and pay the \$18 fee, with the other paying the standard fee of \$15. Please submit a new membership form for each member along with a check for the dues made out to: South Coastal DE Chapter #5226, to Kay Houston, P.O. Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Houston by phone at 302-732-6977 or by email at Joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com.

**Kay Houston** 

Please pay your Dues now!
They were due by November 1st.
Do not risk having your name purged from our
Master Roster.

## **Magnetic Plastic Name Badges**

Sturdy magnetic name badges like the one shown below are available for purchase at \$10/badge. See Kay Houston at the Membership table at the monthly meeting or you can mail your request to Kay at: South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please be sure that the name you request is legible. Once I have enough names to place the order, I will do so and distribute them at a subsequent meeting. (This is TOTALLY OPTIONAL. We will continue to print badges with the plastic sleeve that you hang around your neck at no cost to you.)



## **New Officers Elected**

The membership elected new executive officers, a new member to the board of directors and two nominating committee members at the annual meeting on Nov. 21st.

Kathy Johnson and Terry Baker were elected as co-presidents. Paula Pinkett was elected assistant secretary, and Sandy Raymond was elected to the board of directors. New to the nominating committee are Coleen Cardy and Terry Griswold. Many thanks to outgoing board president Rose Verona, who led the chapter so ably after the COVID shutdown. Also, thanks to John Macken, who has served on the board of directors for the past three years, and to Sandy Raymond and Lana Linz, who have served on the nominating committee.

The new officers, incoming board member and the nominating committee members will be installed at the chapter's monthly meeting on Wed., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. The first board meeting with the new members will be at 11a.m. Tues., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, at the John West Municipal Bldg. in Ocean View. Executive board officers and directors are voting members of the board.

# **Scholarships**

We had a very successful dine-and-donate and basket auction on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Cottage Café. We raised \$1,646 from the baskets, 50-50 cash raffle and donations. In addition, Cottage Café will give us a percentage of the proceeds from dining for the day. Thank you to all who attended, made donations and participated in the basket and 50-50 raffle. This amount is more than enough to pay for one Indian River High School scholarship of \$1,500. We give two annually to IRHS students.

At Delaware Technical Community College, the recipients of our \$1,000 nursing scholarships for the spring are Tina Collins of Millsboro, who is pursuing an Associate Degree in Nursing, and Briahna Knuckles of Georgetown, who is seeking a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. A \$500 scholarship also went to Samantha Grube of Millsboro, who is majoring in Human Services.

Ida Crist, Co-Chair

# **Community Service**

The Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the "\$ for Coats for Kids" for the John Clayton Elementary School. Our members are very generous.

Just a reminder that the December luncheon will include "Gifts for Seniors." Some suggestions are gift cards (Walmart, food stores, etc.), hats, gloves, lap throws and warm socks. When you wrap the gift, please make sure that you mark the outside with an "F" or "M" if your gift is specifically appropriate for a female or male recipient. Remember the Food Pantry at the Pyle Center! They especially need food items at this time of year.

Thanks again for all you do.

**Kathy Lesperance** 

## **Chorus**

Our chorus, *The Singers of Note*, which is performing at our December meeting, will also give two concerts for the public and two for private meetings.

You can bring friends and family to hear the chorus sing a variety of Christmas and seasonal carols and songs at *Millville United Methodist Church* at 11a.m. Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, and at *Prince George's Chapel* in Dagsboro as part of the Friends of Prince George's Olde Christmas Service, at 2p.m. on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

The private performances will be for the Ocean View Presbyterian Church, where the chorus rehearses, and at the Shore Democrats monthly meeting.

The chorus does not rehearse in January but will resume practice on the first Wednesday of February at 10a.m. at Ocean View Presbyterian Church.

If you are interested in joining the chorus, contact Ann Jaeger.

Ann Jaeger

# Legislative/Environmental

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

# Calling for Photos of Chapter Luncheons & Events!

Are you taking photos at our chapter luncheons and events, or would you like to? We'd love to include them on our chapter website at www.southcoastalaarp.org/. Please include info about the event or folks, if known, and how you would like your name to appear in the credits. You can send your photos to Frances Hart at: Fihart46@gmail.com.

**Frances Hart, Web Coordinator** 

# Special Interest Groups

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

**Book Club,** Marie Fletcher, 978-595-6690 <u>yuletimechimes@gmail.com</u> [Initial meeting Dec 7<sup>th</sup>]

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

Canasta or Mexican Train, Anita Ferm, 301-704-3550 <a href="mailto:anitalferm@verizon.net">anitalferm@verizon.net</a>. Library reserved for Tues. Jan. 9 & Feb. 6 @ 1p.m.

*Pickleball,* Susan Bresuciak, 443-243-5994 <a href="mailto:sbresuciak@gmail.com">sbresuciak@gmail.com</a>.

**Poker, Texas Hold 'Em or Euchre,** Ed Bresuciak, 443-504-3568, <u>breslite@verizon.net.</u>

*Trips to Museums, Studios or Historical Sites,* Sandy Raymond, 302-539-3941 <a href="mailto:sandyraymond15@gmail.com">sandyraymond15@gmail.com</a>.

*Walking Club*, Marge Mariotti, 609-505-3183 <a href="mailto:eastgoingwest@outlook.com">eastgoingwest@outlook.com</a>.

## **Newsletter News!**

As of this month, it's my pleasure to edit the newsletter. The Chapter and I thank Andrea Gowetski and Jane Bartolomeo for stepping in since March and for helping me learn the ropes. Thanks to all who graciously and promptly answer my questions and submit copy. It takes a village.

**Nancy Archey** 

## **Travel**

Welcome to the new Travel page! We have made some adjustments to link you directly to the website's Travel page where you can find all the information you need while saving on printing and mailing costs of copies that still go out via US Mail.

# **2023 Trips**

### Dec 5 The Miracle of Christmas

presented by Sight & Sound Theatre

Wait List Only

## **2024 Trips**

# Mar 6 Philadelphia Flower Show

## Open to Everyone

The show features large-scale gardens, elaborate landscapes, and over-the-top floral creations. Dazzling floral color, creativity and garden beauty are presented at the largest horticultural event. With the world's most talented community of floral and garden artists, the show will connect you to the beauty and power flowers have to transform, inspire, delight and connect us to one another.

# Apr 21 Virginia International Tattoo Open to Everyone

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, showstopping 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.

# Jun 2-8 St. Augustine, Florida Open to Everyone

Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the oldest continuously occupied settlement of European and African American origin in the United States. Forty-two years before the English colonized Jamestown and fifty-five years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, the Spanish established at St. Augustine the nation's first enduring settlement. Visit the Travel page for more information on the many activities and places we'll visit.

# Aug 5-8 Castles Of New York & Lake George Wait List Only

Our tour will start in the Alexandria Bay area near the Canadian border. We will take a boat tour of two castles; **Singer Castle** built in 1905 and **Boldt Castle** on Heart Island and enjoy a box lunch on Heart Island before we cruise back to our hotel. We will head on to pristine **Lake George**, New York where we will take a boat ride around Lake George. and have some time to meander around the Village of Lake George.

# Sept 24-28 Dakota's Buffalo Round-Up

# Overview: Open to Everyone

The Buffalo Round-Up in South Dakota! We will also incorporate Mount Rushmore, the Black Hills, the Badlands and much more. Visit the Travel page for the many other activities and places we'll visit.

# Nov 10-15 Christmas in The Smokies Wait List Only

Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas, bringing families together for a magical holiday celebration each year, a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains, Touring & Tasting at Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine Distillery and a Tour of the Titanic Museum are just some of the highlights of this trip.

For information and details on the above trips, please visit the South Coastal AARP website's Travel page at: www.southcoastalaarp.org/travel/

#### **UPCOMING TRIPS 2024**

September 2024 Air Mobility, John Dickinson

**Plantation** 

October 2024 Chester River Fall Foliage
December 2024 Daniel @ Sight & Sound

Information on upcoming trips will be posted on the website and available as handouts at monthly meetings as soon as the trips are finalized.

Maria and Jim Harding