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Community Service	Kathy Lesperance	302-537-7845
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The December 19th 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 11th.**

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

INCOME

Social Events	\$23,571.00
50/50	\$1,000.00
Membership	\$4,700.00
Fundraising	\$500.00
Newsletter Surcharge	\$135.00
Chorus	\$370.00
Transfer from reserves	\$120.00
Miscellaneous	\$700.00
Total Income 2024	\$31,096.00

EXPENSES

Social Events	(\$23,420.00)
Administration	(\$595.00)
Storage Unit	(\$1,160.00)
Website	(\$1,570.00)
Newsletter-Print	(\$1,035.00)
Newsletter-Postage	(\$297.00)
Insurance	(\$404.00)
Donations	(\$500.00)
Chorus	(\$275.00)
Postage	(\$80.00)
Memberships/dues	(\$340.00)
Committees	
Community Service	(\$270.00)
Membership	(\$525.00)
Program	(\$450.00)
Legislative/Environ.	(\$125.00)
Sunshine	(\$50.00)
Total Expenses 2024	(\$31,096.00)

Board and Chapter Meetings

Our Chapter Meetings are held on the 3rd 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 2nd 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.

SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET 2024

INCOME

Artisans Fair	
Exhibitors (in)	\$5,355.00
Exhibitors (out)	\$1,360.00
Farmers Market	\$595.00
Table Rentals	\$288.00
Bake Sale	\$1,000.00
Bake Sale donations	\$800.00
Artisans Auction	\$1,500.00
50/50	\$350.00
Change for Change*	\$75.00
Golf Package	\$450.00
Non-Artisans Fair	
Fall Fundraiser	\$1,200.00
Spring Fundraiser*	\$700.00
Donations	\$250.00
Interest*	\$360.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,333.00

EXPENSES

Artisans Fair	
Promo items	(\$500.00)
Postage	(\$200.00)
Advertising	(\$348.00)
Table Rental	(\$265.00)
Supplies	(\$200.00)
Signs	(\$200.00)
Hall Rental/Custodian	(\$850.00)
Contributions	(\$750.00)
Musician*	(\$350.00)
Rental Van*	(\$150.00)
Non-Artisans Fair	
Scholarships	(\$8,000.00)
Administration	(\$75.00)
Storage Unit	(\$290.00)
Fall Fundraiser	(\$25.00)
Spring Fundraiser*	(\$25.00)
Postage	(\$50.00)
Other	(\$2,055.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$14,333.00)

* 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. 19th. The first board meeting with the new members will be at 11a.m. Tues., Jan. 9th, 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 15th 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 8th, 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 7th.

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
yulettimechimes@gmail.com [Initial meeting Dec 7th]

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

Canasta or Mexican Train, Anita Ferm, 301-704-3550 anitalferm@verizon.net.
Library reserved for Tues. Jan. 9 & Feb. 6 @ 1p.m.

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.

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

