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BEEBE HEALTH CARE TO BE PRESENTED AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Our Speaker for the February 15 Chapter Meeting at Bear Trap Dunes is Corrin Harris, Public Relations Director, from Beebe Health Care who will discuss general health tips for senior citizens. Information on Beebe services and locations will also be reviewed.

Corrin is a graduate from Stevenson University with a B.S., Business Communication degree.

MENU CHOICES:

Grilled Chicken Salad: Chicken breast over spinach, apples, cranberries & raisins with apple vinaigrette on the side. **OR**

Three Cheese Grilled Cheese & Soup: Grilled cheese sandwich served on toasted white bread with a cup of tomato bisque. **OR**

Butternut Squash Ravioli in a sage butter sauce.

Beverages include ice tea, lemonade, coffee, and water.

Dessert will consist of Red velvet Smith Island cake.

Doors open at **10:45 AM** for social hour with lunch at 12 Noon followed by Chapter news and announcements. **Cost \$23.**

Due to covid restrictions, we are limited to a capacity of **104** members.

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412), madod@aol.com** by noon, **Monday, February 8.** To cancel after the deadline, please contact **Allys Macken (914-819-2992), (302-616-2650), cecemac.macken@gmail.com.**

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

REMINDER: If you make a reservation and do not attend, you are responsible for the cost of the luncheon.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A special thanks to Katherine Johnson, a past board member and treasurer of AARP, for her assistance during the difficult changeover from Carolyn Kelly, who passed away, during the last months of her term as Treasurer. Kathy has been an invaluable resource providing guidance and expertise for the new board and incoming treasurer for 2022.

During the month of January, we lost our storage unit due to remodeling and needed to find another place and move all contents to that location. Much time and effort was put into this move. It would not have taken place if it were not for several members of AARP and the Chorus. Thanks for stepping up to make this move an easy and successful one. Those involved include Ida Crist, Dave and Ann Jaegar, Ted, and Donna Spickler Don Bailey, Walt Stepowij, Jen Read, Andy Young. This is a fitting example of a team effort!

Our Chapter meeting for February will take place on Tuesday, February 15 at Bear Trap. Doors open at 10:45 AM. Menu choices are available in this newsletter.

The February Board Meeting takes place on the second Tuesday of each month at 11 AM. Currently, we do not have a confirmed location. Once a location is confirmed, a separate communication will be sent to Board and Committee Members.

Sincerely,

Rose Verona

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership – Dottie Rieck

Our current membership stands at 348. We welcome new members Donna Hitch, Wanda Martellini, and Mindy Sosne.

Dues are \$10 per person if you receive your newsletter by email or \$13 if you receive your newsletter by US mail. If two people in the

household are getting the newsletter by US mail, only one pays the membership fee of \$13 and the other the standard \$10 fee. Please mail your check and membership form, payable to South Coastal DE Chapter 5226, to Dottie Rieck, P O Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.

Legislative/Environmental - Chuck Schonder

I hope you enjoyed the annual South Coastal Legislative Presentation at the January luncheon. The DE Legislature is out of session during February. We will pick up our activities in March, stay tuned.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee thanks everyone who donated to the Coats for Kids and Gifts for Seniors this past year. They were both a great success. Our members are very caring.

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 Scholarship Committee will give two \$1,000 scholarships to Indian River High School students at the end of the 2021-22 school year. In addition, it will give three \$500 scholarships to three students at Delaware Technical and Community College for the Fall 2022 semester. Through the generous donations of members and the funds raised from our Dine and Donate event in November, we have been able to continue giving scholarships even though we have not been able to hold our main fund-raiser, the Artisans Fair, for the past two years.

We have obtained permission from the Indian River School District to hold the Artisans Fair this year on May 28 at Lord Baltimore Elementary School. However, we also need the permission of the national office of AARP to hold such a public event, because of public health concerns due to Covid. We will make a decision on February 18 whether or

not to hold the Artisans Fair. We cannot wait longer than that to reach a decision because of the planning that is required for this event which features top artisans from around the region.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Driver's Safety Classes

Take the AARP Smart Driver course and learn:

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

Classroom and 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.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf

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

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

We practice every Wednesday from 10 AM to noon at the Ocean View Presbyterian Church. We plan to continue at the church this year. To join us, or if you have questions, call our director, Ann Jaeger at (302) 645-8023.

CHAPTER TRIPS 2022

There will not be a Tour Committee sign up table at the January, February or March meeting.

IT IS TAX RETURN TIME

For information about Tax-Aide locations in this area, call the toll-free number, 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit the AARP Web site at www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp.