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Our February 20th Luncheon meeting at Cripple Creek Country Club will feature Charles Paparella. The Delmarva native is a writer, musician and photographer currently living in Worcester County, MD. Charles is best known for his 25-year long series on WBOC TV, *Travels with Charlie*.

Luncheon Menu Choices

Crab Cake Melt

Jumbo lump crab cake served on an English muffin with garden fresh tomato and melted cheddar cheese. Served with sliced fruit

Oriental Crispy Chicken Salad

Crispy honey sesame chicken, organic mixed greens, sliced almonds, crispy wontons, tomatoes and shredded carrots, sugar snap peas, and mandarin oranges. Served with a side sesame soy vinaigrette

Italian Wrap

Sliced prosciutto and black forest ham, pepperoni, spinach, tomato, red onions, provolone cheese finished with Italian dressing.

Dessert

Kahlua Mousse Cake

Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee included.

Cost is \$23.00. *Cash or checks only.*

Doors open at **11 a.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, February 12th.**

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who cancels after the deadline (Feb. 12) or does not attend for any reason will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon.

No walk-ins are permitted.

Presidents' Corner

Our first Board Meeting on January 9th was informative and successful. Now, we want to thank all Board members, Directors, Nominating Committee members and Committee Chairpersons for their willingness to offer their time and talent to serve our organization and accept their positions of service. We are all getting to know one another, one month at a time.

This new year brings us opportunity, growth, and a better awareness of the needs of one another and our organization. We ask you, our members, to share your ideas and concerns with us, so we can provide informative and positive experiences for everyone.

See you at Cripple Creek. Bring your appetites and ideas.

Terry and Kathy, Co-Presidents

Membership

The current membership stands at 337 paid members. We welcome one new member – Doug Parham.

The current membership year continues through August 2024. The new membership year will begin in September. In the meantime, reach out to your friends and neighbors to encourage them to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Houston by phone at 302-732-6977 or by email at joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com.

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.)*



Kay Houston, Chair

Scholarship Committee

Dine and Donate Feb. 28 at Fins

A Dine and Donate event, which will benefit the scholarship fund, will be Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar on Rt. 1 in Bethany Beach, across from Sea Colony. The event will be from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. with a percentage of the dining and drink proceeds donated by the restaurant to the Scholarship Committee.

There will also be a 50-50 cash raffle. Unlike the Dine and Donate event in the fall, we will not have a basket auction. I hope you will plan to have dinner that night at Fins and support the scholarship effort.

Artisans Fair Planning Starts

Plans are underway for the 2024 Artisans Fair and Farmers Market to be held Saturday, May 25, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View.

This event is the major fund-raiser for our scholarship fund that supports two \$1,500 scholarships for Indian River High School students and three scholarships for adult students 25 years or older at Delaware Technical Community College. Two of the Del Tech scholarships are for nursing students who are eligible for \$1,000 each semester, and one of the scholarships is for a non-nursing student who is eligible for \$500 each semester.

Beginning with the February chapter luncheon, we will be signing up volunteers for the May event. Please stop by our table at any of the luncheon meetings from February through May to volunteer your services in advance of the event or for the day of the event.

If you would like to be on the planning team for the Artisans Fair, please contact Ida Crist at idacrist@aol.com or 302-732-6336.

Ida Crist, Co-Chair

Community Service

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in "Gifts for Seniors." It was a great success! Thanks so much.

Mark your calendars to remember to bring non-perishable food items for the Pyle Center to the next luncheon.

Thanks again for your support.

Kathy Lesperance, Chair

Legislative/Environmental

I sent a group e-mail to all committee members to explain the AARP legislative focus for Delaware going forward. We will have a special, live meeting to discuss our potential role.

If you did not receive the e-mail, please e-mail Ted at arcadywood@gmail.com with your e-mail address and phone number. You can also provide your information to me at the luncheon meeting.

Ted Spickler, Chair

Chorus

The chorus, *Singers of Note*, will resume rehearsals Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Ocean View Presbyterian Church. The chorus practices from 10 a.m. to 12 noon each Wednesday throughout the spring. If you are interested in joining the chorus, call director Ann Jaeger at 302-645-8023.

Ann Jaeger, Chair

AARP Smart Driver™ Course

Refresh your driving skills and perhaps save on your auto insurance! Members can take the course at a discounted rate in a classroom or online. Call 1-800-350-7025 or visit <http://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/> for more information.

Special Interest Groups

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

Book Club, Marie Fletcher, 978-595-6690
yuletidechimes@gmail.com

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

Canasta or Mexican Train*, Anita Ferm,
301-704-3550

** I've reserved the South Coastal Library for Tuesday, Feb 6th, at 1pm to learn/play Canasta and/or Mexican Train. If you plan to attend, please send me an email at anitalferm@verizon.net so I can gather the equipment needed. Thank you!*

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

Tax Return Preparation

The AARP Tax-Aide program offers free tax return assistance and preparation to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to those 50 years and older. Taxpayers do not need to be members of AARP to use this service. In the Bethany Beach area, the service will be offered by appointment at the *Masterson Center, St. Ann Catholic Church, Route 26*, Monday through Wednesday, beginning February 5th. Appointments will be from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. To make an appointment, call 302-858-3575.

When taxpayers arrive for their appointment, they must present photo ID(s), must have proof of Social Security Number (SSN) for every individual to be named on the return, and must bring last year's (2022) Federal and State tax returns. All tax documents for tax year 2023, including income statements and proof of deductions and credits (when applicable), should be removed from their envelopes and made available to the tax preparer. A taxpayer who may be able to itemize deductions must bring a summary of the expenses to be itemized along with supporting documentation. Additional information about required forms and the process for tax return preparation will be provided to the taxpayer when the appointment is made.

Kathy Johnson

New Chapter Website

Stay tuned for a newly designed website for our [South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226](#) coming sometime in the next month or two. The new website will provide you with up-to-the-minute chapter information and activities, as well as an enhanced experience when you visit. You'll find it at the same web address: www.southcoastalaarp.org.

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 new chapter website coming soon to www.southcoastalaarp.org. Send your photos to Nancy Archey at nancy.archey@gmail.com or Frances Hart at fhart46@gmail.com. Have a question about this? Let us know!

Frances Hart, Web Coordinator

TRAVEL

Welcome to the Travel Page. If you have a computer, we provided this link to connect you directly to the [website's travel page](#) where you can find all the information you need.

Maria and Jim Harding

CHAPTER TRIPS 2024

March 6 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Open to Everyone

Overview:

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 nation's largest horticultural event. Enjoy the Reading Terminal's mouth-watering aromas, locally grown, exotic produce, Amish specialties, fresh meats, seafood and poultry, and handmade confections and bake goods straight from the oven.

Price Includes: Entrance to Flower Show, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

Price: \$97.00 per person

For Reservations Contact: Karl or Gail Hettel, Escorts (610) 442-6117

April 21 VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Open to Everyone

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 plus much more.

Price Includes: Dinner at Capo Capo Italian Restaurant after the show, premium seating at the VA International Military Tattoo, Roundtrip Motor Coach Transportation, tip, tax, and gratuities.

Price: \$167.00 per person

For Reservations Contact: Lana Linz, Escort (302) 245-3502

June 2-8 ST. AUGUSTINE, AMELIA ISLAND & JEKYLL ISLAND

Open to Everyone

Overview:

Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the oldest continuously occupied settlement of European and African American origin in the United States. A tram tour of Millionaire's Row on Jekyll Island, with views of historic structures and cottages of America's most wealthy and prominent citizens. While in St. Augustine we will go to Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth, St. George Street, Castillo De San Marcos, Flagler College, Pirate and Treasure Museum and Fernandina Beach. Plus, much more.

Price Includes: 6 nights hotel accommodations, 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners, including dinner at the Columbia Restaurant, dinner w/show at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre, Round Trip Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation, luggage handling in Florida, taxes, and gratuities.

Price: \$1,210.00 per person Double Occupancy

\$1,589.00 per person Single Occupancy

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

August 5-8 CASTLES OF NEW YORK & LAKE GEORGE

Wait List Only

Overview:

We start our tour in the Alexandria Bay area near the Canadian Border. A boat tour of Singer Castle built in 1905 and Boldt Castle on Heart Island. Lake George is a beautiful area, and we will tour the lake then go to the Village of Lake George. Our next stop will be Wing's Castle with its unique architectural marvel on the Hudson River. Millbrook Winery is regarded as one of the top wineries in New York where we will have a wine tasting.

Price Includes: 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 boxed lunch, 3 dinners, admission to all above stated venues i.e., Boldt Castle, Singer Castle, Wing's Castle, St. Lawrence River Cruise, Boat Cruise on Lake George, Millbrook Vineyards and Winery Tour, round trip Motorcoach Transportation, taxes and standard gratuities.

Price: \$ 779.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$1,008.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

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

Sept 24-28 DAKOTA'S BUFFALO ROUND-UP

Wait List Only

Overview:

This Fabulous trip will take you to something new, a Buffalo Round-Up in Custer State Park and afterwards the Arts Festival with over 150 vendors. Visit Mt. Rushmore and see the lighting ceremony, explore the National Historic Landmark of Deadwood, tour of Black Hills and the Badlands. A private Native American Culture presentation of Dahl Art Center and the Norwegian Chapel in the Hills and much more

Price Includes: Round-trip Airfare, Round-trip bus transportation to the Airport, 4 nights hotel accommodation, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners including a Chuckwagon Dinner & Show, escorted guide, entrance to all venues as listed, taxes & gratuities.

Price: \$2,299.00 per person based on Double Occupancy
\$2,799.99 per person based on Single Occupancy

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

Nov 10-15 CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES

Wait List Only

Overview:

Dollywood's Smoky Mt. Christmas is a seasonal event with over six million Christmas Lights, and we will experience the beauty of the park all lit up. A guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountain range, then become a passenger or crew member and experience what it was like on the ship Titanic. We will visit Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland of Christmas Lights Orchestrated and Choreographed to Music. Visit to the Cherokee Indian museum where we will listen to the story of the Cherokee people and set the scene for the Cherokee Heritage Trails.

Price Includes: 5 nights hotel accommodations, 5 breakfasts & 3 dinners, including Dolly Parton's Stampede dinner show, and meal voucher at Dollywood, 2 additional shows; Country Tonight and Charlie Bob Smith Morning Variety Show, Round Trip Deluxe Motor Coach, luggage handling in Pigeon Forge area, Entrance to all listed venues, taxes and gratuities.

Price: \$ 950.00 per person based on Double Occupancy
\$1,289.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

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

DISCLAIMER

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TRIP RULES

- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If the trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee a 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.
- Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips.

What's the Tour Committee Working On?

Air Mobility, John Dickinson Plantation
Naval Base Cruise, Cape Charles & Barrier Islands
Chester River Fall Foliage
Daniel @ Sight & Sound

Cleveland & Mackinaw Island: **2025**
Christmas in Wheeling West Virginia: **2025**
Fall in Hudson River Valley: **2025**