



# COASTAL NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends! I cannot believe that it is time to offer you more tidbits from the president again. Notes from Nancy to hand in our copy assures me that it is time. Last month, I was discussing resolutions or not. This month offers Valentine's or President's Day. I decided last month to be positive so Valentine's Day it is.

Valentine's Day is about "love." Not just the fluffy variety of love that Hallmark movies are playing already, but much more. As a child, I remember finding the prettiest Valentine cards to give my classmates and carefully choosing the right card for the right person. At school we made mailboxes for classmates to drop a card for us. That was about caring for people certainly not romance. I got valentine cards for everyone. The sweet lady in the deli, the mailman, the trash collectors, the ladies across the street and so forth. It was a way to bring a little joy and love to someone. I am afraid that Valentine's Day has lost its direction. Maybe it is not Valentine's Day's direction, maybe it is our direction.

What would happen if we added compassion, caring and yes, kindness to our daily calendar? Listen to one another, care or love one another? Flowers, candy and jewelry are lovely, but caring and loving actions can be more powerful. We recently suffered a tragic loss in our family, but simple words, notes, hugs demonstrated how love can be healing. At a time when so many folks are hurting today, I challenge each of us to show love and help others. Let's change direction and support each other and our neighbors. We can make a difference,

*Peace and love,  
Caryn Cleveland-Short*

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For the *FASTEST* and *BEST* way to ensure you see the most recent newsletter, visit the Chapter Website on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at: [www.southcoastalaarp.org/newsletters](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org/newsletters). While you're there, check out the rest of the site for information on Chapter Activities, Travel, and more.

## THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON PROGRAM & NEW LOCATION!

Our February 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon and Chapter meeting at **Hocker's Family Restaurant** will feature author and speaker Kelley M. Moore whose memoir *Inheritance* sheds light on the impact of addiction within a family unit. Moore recounts her daughter's struggle with substance abuse and the profound emotional toll it took on their entire family. She talks about the awareness of substance abuse on a generational path where recovery is possible with hard work, and trust in Love. This is sure to be enlightening for many of us.

### **TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT AND SELECT YOUR MEAL, PLEASE SEE PAGE 4.**

Wear your name badge to the meeting for a sweet treat!

## HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? WE'RE TRYING OUT A NEW LUNCHEON VENUE!

We are pleased to announce that our next two upcoming luncheons will be held at a new location: Hocker's Family Restaurant, located at 30244 Cedar Neck Rd. in Ocean View.

### **Why the Change?**

This new venue offers increased capacity, comfortably accommodating up to 200 people. That's 80 more than we have been able to invite in the past. With this extra space, we anticipate no longer needing a waiting list for members wishing to attend, ensuring everyone who wants to join us can do so.

### **Details to Know**

- Cost: The price will be \$26 per person.
- Parking: The restaurant features a large, accessible parking lot conveniently located in front of the building.

We look forward to seeing more of our members at this spacious and welcoming location!

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### Welcome New Members!

This month, we are pleased to welcome eight new members to our organization: Debby Brigham, James Kasun, Liz Krissoff, Becky Malarkey, Janet McNeill, Patricia Sharpe, and Deborah & Mike Stramella. We encourage everyone to stop by the membership table at the next luncheon to pick up your name badge and say hello. While you are there, you might also consider ordering one of the magnetic name badges for convenience. Please continue reaching out to your friends and neighbors to invite them to join us. Word-of-mouth remains an effective way to grow our membership.

### Current Membership Status

As of January 18, 2026, our membership has decreased significantly and now stands at 420 members. Despite repeated reminders, 60 members were removed from our roster due to non-payment of dues. However, there is no need to worry, as the next renewal date is not until September. We are grateful for our loyal following and always enjoy seeing many of you at our luncheons.

### Accessing the Newsletter

We would like to remind all members to access the latest newsletter via our website at [www.southcoastalaarp.org](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org). The newsletter is posted on the website on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our volunteers work diligently to keep the email distribution lists current, but despite their best efforts, delivery issues can occasionally occur. Checking the website ensures you always have access to the most recent updates.

**Kay Houston, Membership Chair**

## IT'S TAX RETURN TIME!

The AARP Tax-Aide program is again offering free tax return assistance and preparation to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to those 50 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. Tax return preparation will begin February 2, and appointments will be available Monday and Tuesday between 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM. The phone number to call to make an appointment is 302-858-3575. When they call to make an appointment, taxpayers will be given information about the documentation that they will need to bring with them when they come for their appointment.

**Kathy Johnson, Past-President,  
Tax-Aide Counselor**

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee will hold a Dine and Donate at Hocker's Family Restaurant & Crabhouse, 30244 Cedar Neck Road, Ocean View, on Thursday, Mar. 26. Exact hours of the fund-raising event will be in the March newsletter. For the first time, we will hold a basket auction at our Spring Dine and Donate, and will also have a 50-50 cash raffle. Stay tuned for the date!

We are beginning the planning for the Artisans Fair, the main fund-raiser for the scholarship fund. The Artisans Fair will be held Saturday, May 23, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Coleen Cardy, volunteer coordinator, at 724-238-3967 to find out how you can help. Beginning in February, you will be able to sign up to volunteer at the monthly luncheon. Thank you for your participation.

**Ida Crist, Chair  
Scholarship Committee**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Committee will be collecting donations at the February luncheon to help pay towards electric bills for those in need. The Pyle Center at Roxanna vets the applicants. They will give us the information of the family/individual who needs help with their bill, and we will send checks directly to the electric company. There will be containers on the tables for your donations of cash or checks (payable to AARP South Coastal Chapter #5226 and "electric bills" in the memo line.). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We will be sponsoring a dental program at the Phillip Shoal Elementary School in February. Dr. George Bennett of Dental Associates of Delaware in Ocean View will be presenting the program.

**Kathy Lesperance, Chair  
Community Service**

We can help our neighbors in need! Bring non-perishable food items to the luncheon for the Food Pantry at the [Pyle Center](#).



## SUNSHINE

If anyone is in need of a card – get well, surgery or sympathy – please call me, at (302) 245-0059.

**Joan Wolf, Chair**

## TOUR COMMITTEE'S END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

This year, the Tour Committee donated \$1,000 to each of the following organizations: Delaware Hospice, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, and Veterans' Home in Milford, DE.

**Jim Harding, Chair**

## CHAPTER WEBSITE

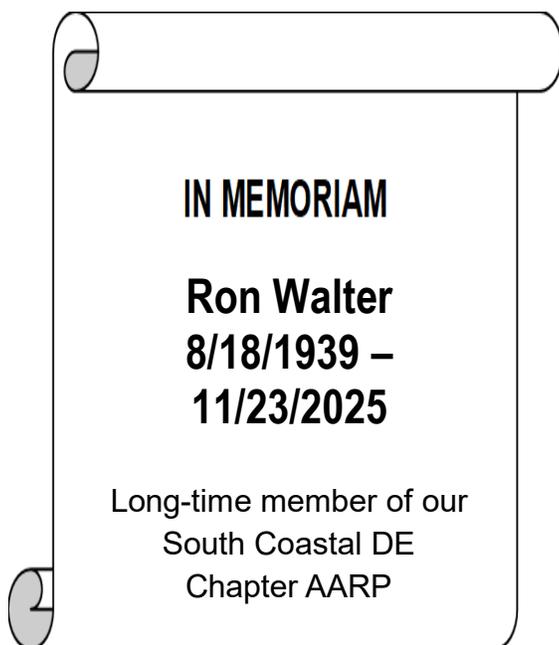
Please visit our Chapter Website at <http://www.southcoastalaarp.org> for up-to-date information on upcoming activities, contact information for Board and Committee Members, news about this year's Artisan Fair, event photos and the latest travel opportunities.

## JOIN A SOUTH COASTAL AARP CLUB!

**BINGO** at the Salted Rim Bar & Grill at 35553 Atlantic Ave. in Millville is held on the second Monday of each month. You can join the group for dinner around 4:30p and/or play Bingo (free, w/prizes) at 6p. Play this month on **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Call Sheila Bower at 602-688-5300.

**BOWLING** with Paula Pinkett (302-228-6284) is at Millsboro Bowling Lanes on the last Friday of the month at 1p. The cost is \$3.50 per game and \$3.50 for shoes. Save these upcoming dates: **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**, March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> and join Paula and other members for some active fun!

**LUNCHEONS** with Maureen Eisenhart are held on the fourth Monday of the month at a variety of great local restaurants. This month's will be held at Fenwick Island Social, 100 Coastal Hwy., Fenwick Island, on **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12Noon**. Please call Maureen at 302-988-1196 *by February 21<sup>st</sup>* to reserve your spot.



[You can click here to see Ron's obituary in the Dec. 5, 2025 Coastal Point](#)

## CHORUS

Rehearsals for the *Singers of Note* will resume on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. at [Ocean View Presbyterian Church](#). The rehearsals, which are two hours long, take place every Wednesday until concerts begin in late May.

The chorus is open to any South Coastal DE AARP member. If you have friends who like to sing, tell them about our choral group. If they are not already a member of national AARP or our local chapter, they can join and sing with us in the spring. For more information, contact Laura Weaver, at [lweaveraarpchorus@gmail.com](mailto:lweaveraarpchorus@gmail.com) or 302-382-4564.

**Laura Weaver, Director**

## THANKS FROM OUR 2025 DONOR RECIPIENTS:

*Kathy Green, for South Coastal Village Volunteers in Bethany Beach wrote:*

"I can't thank you enough for your generous support of SCVV! With your help, we can continue to assist our members to live at home for [as] long as they can.

All of us at SCVV wish you and your members the warmest holiday season."

*Beckett Wheatley, CEO of CHEER Inc. in Georgetown, DE wrote:*

"I'm writing with heartfelt thanks for your generous contribution...in support of CHEER, Inc. and our wide range of senior support programs. Your gift is already making a difference – ensuring that vulnerable seniors in Roxana not only receive nutritious meals, but also the warm human connection that comes with every doorstep deliver.

"Every service we offer – whether it's a meal, a ride, or a moment of companionship – represents kindness and care from people like you.

"CHEER delivers vital services across Sussex County transportation services, and create welcoming community spaces throughout Sussex County...

"...all of us at CHEER – and especially those we serve – thank you. Your support uplifts lives, strengthens community, and truly makes a difference.

Warmest regards..."

## CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

President	Caryn Cleveland-Short	302-490-7427
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Susan Kerwin	2025-2027	302-236-3481
Kathy Lesperance	2025-2027	302-537-7845
Sandy Raymond	2024-2026	301-651-2284

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Maureen Eisenhart	2025-2026	302-988-1196
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### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Community Service	Kathy Lesperance	302-537-7845
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Legislative/Environmental	<i>Vacant</i>	
Membership	Kay Houston	302-732-6977
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50/50	Joan Wolf	302-245-0059
	Cookie Butts	302-245-0886

### Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings of the Chapter's Board of Directors are held the second Tuesday of the month, September through June, at 11:00 a.m. at the Ocean View Community Center on West Avenue in Ocean View.

**All members are welcome to attend.**

## \* LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS \*

**RSVP BY NOON,**

**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> !**

To reserve your spot for the luncheon, send an email with your meal selection to:

[Mary Ann Dougherty at madod@aol.com.](mailto:MaryAnn.Dougherty@madod@aol.com)

**\*FOOD ALLERGIES?\*** Include specific information in your RSVP!

**\*NOT ABLE TO USE EMAIL?\*** Call Mary Ann at 302-541-9412.

Mary Ann will confirm receipt of all messages.

**Cost: \$26.00.** Payable by cash or check only on day of luncheon.

## FEBRUARY MENU at

## Hocker's Family Restaurant

**House made Meatloaf:** Fresh ground beef, veal and pork topped with a tomato-based sauce, served with mashed potatoes, beef gravy and vegetable.

**Fresh Catch Salmon:** 6oz center-cut grilled salmon filet served with basmati rice, vegetable, and topped with a lemon-caper-basil aioli.

**Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad:** Fresh Romaine lettuce, house made croutons, asiago and parmesan cheeses tossed in house-made Caesar dressing topped with lightly-seasoned sliced grilled chicken breast.

**Dessert:** Cinnamon and sugar bread pudding with a brown sugar bourbon glaze.

**Beverages:** Served Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Coffee and Tea

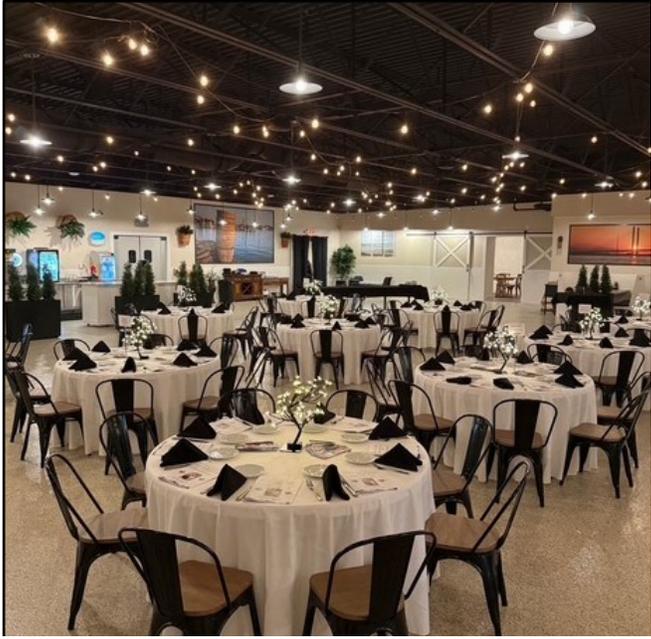
Doors open at 11 a.m., and Lunch is at 12 noon. Chapter news, announcements and program will follow.

**Remember to wear your name badge!**

**We cannot take walk-ins.** If you send Mary Ann an email or leave her a voicemail, you'll receive a confirmation from her for your reservation and meal. If you don't receive a confirmation, you don't have a reservation.

**If you cancel after the deadline, NOON, FEB 9<sup>th</sup>,** or do not attend for any reason, you will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon unless there's a waiting list.

Below: See the dining room for our February and March Luncheon Meetings at Hocker's Family Restaurant, located at 30244 Cedar Neck Rd. in Ocean View:



Above: Jean Siers, Regional Director of the [Society of St. Andrew](#), spoke with us about the ways in which her organization's volunteers help get fresh produce to families experiencing food insecurity, and how we can help. You can scan the QR codes above to learn more about what this organization does and the ways in which volunteers can help.

## CHAPTER TRIPS 2026

### April 16, Some Enchanted Evening

#### Overview:

Some Enchanted Evening is a celebration of songs that have become a part of our lives. We sing them in the shower and we sing them to entertain and amuse. This show places five performers -each of whom could easily be cast in any Rodgers and Hammerstein Show-in a theatrical setting -first "backstage", where the songs are sung as personal interplay and then "on stage" where the songs are "performed" for the audience. Of course, the songs themselves and the five performers are the most important elements. Each singer must bring his own style and personality to the songs and the situations in which they are set.

**Price Includes:** Show, dinner, round trip motor coach, tax, tip and gratuities

**Price:** \$170.00pp

**For Reservations contact:** Denise McCallion (302)367-4157

### May 4-8 Holland Tulip Festival New

#### Overview:

It's Tulip Time, the Holland, Michigan festival that boasts over 5 million tulips, planted & ready to burst forth in bloom in early spring. The City of Holland manages all the tulip plantings in parks, along city streets and in the downtown area. Our tour will take us to the Neli's Dutch Village in Holland, Michigan is a really quaint little village! Walking through the charming streets of this Dutch Village while exploring the windmills, canals, and cozy houses make you feel transported to the Netherlands. We will visit DeKlomp Wooden shoes and Delft Factory: wooden shoes are a very practical footwear for gardening, getting the mail, and general use. See the shoe maker produce wooden shoes from block of poplar wood using authentic Dutch machinery (still used in Europe today). Delftware a Dutch pottery famous around the world; takes almost a full week to produce. We are the only production facility in North America, offering over 400 different hand painted Dutch pottery items. Follow the process of making these fine pottery items; from pouring the liquid clay into molds, to firing the clay at 2,000 degrees. Then talk to the artists as they hand paint Dutch designs and glaze each item for the perfect shine. No stop in Holland is complete without a visit to Windmill Island Gardens. Tour De Zwaan, the only authentic Dutch windmill operating in the United States – still turning and grinding wheat into flour! Other Dutch treasures include a street organ gifted by the City of Amsterdam and a hand-painted antique carousel. Other Dutch features include stately Friesian horses, a water exhibit and Little Netherlands – a maquette of Dutch life in the 1840s when Holland was settled. Many buildings are replicas of those found in the Netherlands including the ones housing a gift shop where you can pick up an authentic Dutch treat! We will finish up our trip with a great variety show in town for a relaxing evening. WHERE TO BUY BULBS WHILE YOU'RE THERE: Keep in mind, bulbs are not available in the spring but they can be ordered at the following locations for fall delivery; Nelis' Dutch Village. Veldheer Tulip Garden. Windmill Island Gardens

**Price includes:** Round Trip Bus transportation from Giant to Holland, Michigan, entrance to all above listed venues, 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners, luggage handling in Michigan, taxes, tip, & meal gratuities.

**Price:** \$884.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$1,283.00 pp based on single occupancy

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

### May 20 The Philadelphia Phillies Baseball Game

**Overview:** Take me out to the ball game! Spend the day at the Philadelphia Phillies ballpark.

**Price includes:** Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, ticket into the game, tax and tip. No alcoholic beverages allowed! You can bring your lunch in a clear bag, no open bottles.

**Price:** \$120.00 per person

**For Reservations contact:** Denise McCallion (302)367-4157 or [denise81550@gmail.com](mailto:denise81550@gmail.com)

## **June 21-July 4 Greenland & Iceland Celebrity Cruise**

### **Overview:**

Embark on a 14-day cruise through the stunning landscape of Greenland and Iceland, starting from Cape Liberty, NJ. Visit the historic ports of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. John's Newfoundland, before tendering into the charming town of Qaqortog, Greenland, and cruising the majestic fjords of Priors Christian Sound. Explore Iceland's natural beauty with stops in Akureyri and Isafjordur, then conclude your journey in the vibrant capital, Reykjavik. Along the way, enjoy breathtaking views, rich cultural experiences, and unforgettable encounters with some of the world's most remote and awe-inspiring destinations.

**Price includes:** Bus transportation from Giant to Cape Liberty Cruise Terminal, 13 Nights in a Concierge Balcony Cabin, Transfer from ship to airport, Return Air Transportation from Reykjavik to Newark Airport, Transfer from Newark Airport to Giant Parking Lot in Millville, DE, Port Charges, Government fees, Ship Gratuities, Classic Beverage Package with Gratuity, Wifi Package

**Price:** \$5,849.00 pp based on double occupancy  
\$9,529.00 pp based on single occupancy

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

## **AUGUST 4-7 New York's Thousand Islands New Overview:**

This trip takes us up to the 1,000 Islands. We will visit the Eisenhower Locks to discover the seaway's history on the St. Lawrence Seaway which separates the United States and Canada. You will learn the history through cutting-edge, hands-on interactive viewing decks. We will watch vessels pass through the U.S. Eisenhower Lock up close from two separate outdoor viewing decks. We will travel on to the Clayton Island Boat Tours for a unique cruise of the 1000 Islands along the St. Lawrence Seaway. The natural beauty of the less inhabited islands with tranquil bays, marshes, and scenic shorelines as we discover birds and wildlife that inhabit the region. While we travel the St. Lawrence Seaway we will enjoy lunch on the seaway. Our next day we will visit the Antique Boat Museum, the premier freshwater boating museum in North America featuring over 320 unique boats plus thousands of related artifacts and the 106-foot houseboat, La Duchesse, built in 1903 for George Boldt. Then on to the St. Lawrence Spirits Distillery for a tasting of their high-quality craft spirits which are distilled with 100% Saint Lawrence River Water. This distillery produces vodka, gin, absinthe, moonshine, whiskey and bourbon. While in Clayton we will spend the afternoon visiting the Thousand Island Museum, a quaint museum that features and eclectic displays of community artifacts and photographs. However, our trip wouldn't be complete without a visit to the Thousand Islands Winery for a tasting of their wines. Each night we will return to the Edgewood Resort on the St. Lawrence River where you will taste fabulous dinners by the resort.

**Price includes:** Round Trip Motor coach transportation, 3 nights hotel accommodations, 3 breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, entrance to all above venues, baggage handling, taxes, and gratuities.

**Price:** \$899.00 pp based on double occupancy  
\$1,228.00 pp based on single occupancy

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

## **October 22-25 Hudson Valley & Sleepy Hollow, New York**

### **Overview:**

Sleepy Hollow is a village in New York State's Hudson Valley. It's known as the setting of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow". The author is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Kykuit. We will enjoy going to the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze display, then on to Sunnyside; the Home of Washington Irving. Spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country, where two master illusionists weave a spellbinding tapestry of intrigue and wonder, inspired by the legends and lore of Sleepy Hollow. Traveling on to Twilight Village for a self-guided visit, here you will discover delightful and mysterious creatures who will tell your fortune, croon creepy tunes, and tell tall-ish tales of legends and lore. You will hear about Jay Gould, the Gilded Age robber baron and railroad magnate. His sharp and often unscrupulous business practices made one of the wealthiest men of the late nineteenth century. The Lyndhurst is a Gothic Revival country house that sits in its own 67-acre park beside the Hudson River in Tarrytown.

A guided and self-guided tour of the U.S. Military Academy Campus, West Point. After we will spend an evening at The Culinary Institute of America for the CIA demonstration, where you'll explore the science of taste. Meet the students, learn about the CIA and enjoy a unique tasting exercise. Dinner will be at the

CIA this evening. This trip wouldn't be complete without a two-hour narrated Hudson River Cruise aboard Pride of the Hudson.

**Price includes:** 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 box lunch, 3 dinners, including the Culinary Institute of America, CIA Experience with Tasting Exercise, Entrance to all above venues, round trip motor coach transportation, luggage handling, taxes & gratuities

**Price:** \$1,399.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$1,759.00 per person based on single occupancy

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

## Chapter Trips 2027

### March 28-April 8, 2027 Caribbean Islands aboard Norwegian Pearl. New Overview:

This Caribbean cruise will embark from Philadelphia, PA for any 11 night - 5 port cruise. Take in the Beautiful Turquoise waters and the laidback Caribbean vibes on Long Bay Beach in Tortola. Greet the green sea turtles and colorful fish as you snorkel the turquoise waters of Turtle Cove, in St. Thomas. For stunning views, take a cable car ride to the peak of Mount Isabel de Torres in Puerto Plata. All of this on the Norwegian Pearl, a mid-size ship with a relaxed atmosphere and elegant decor. The Pearl offers many chic dining options- including the complimentary 24-hour Eatery, O'Sheehan's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, two steakhouses (Cagney's and Moderno Churrascaria) and much more. Looking to turn things up a notch? Head to Bliss Ultra Lounge & Night Club or stop by our dazzling casino, then wind down at the tranquil Mandala Spa.

**Price includes:** Round Trip Transportation to & from Cruise Pier in Philadelphia, Pre-Paid Cabin Gratuities, Beverage Package with Gratuities, 4 Dinners per Person in Specialty Restaurants, w/ Gratuities, Wi-Fi (150 minutes), \$50 Shore Excursion Credit per Port, \$100 Onboard Credit per Cabin, Taxes & Port Fees.

**Price:** \$3,439.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$5,299.00 pp based on single occupancy

**For Reservations contact: Mitch Gordon @ Curran Travel 215-542-9294**

**A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CRUISE**

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The Chapter reserves the right to cancel programs prior to departure, terminate a program early, and to take action as needed on an individual or group basis when, in the Chapter's opinion, the health, safety or well-being of participant(s) requires such action. Travel insurance is available for all extended tours and is strongly recommended. Those who choose not to purchase travel insurance will be asked to sign a waiver. No refunds will be given for extended tours cancelled by the traveler(s) unless substitute travelers can be found. If a trip is cancelled by the Chapter, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.

### TRIP RULES

- **No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If the trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee 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