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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING JANUARY 17, at CRIPPLE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

SPEAKER: Our speaker this month is John Watson a 20-year veteran with the Millville Volunteer Fire Co. He is a certified scuba diver; teaches CPR and AED classes He has increased the staff at Millville VFC from 8 to 14.

Mr. Watson will be speaking with us about general home safety including smoke alarms, ambulance services, and importance of our medicine lists. This will be a very important talk which will give us all information to stay safe in our homes.

LUNCHEON MENU CHOICES:

Chef Salad: Mixed salad greens with turkey, ham, bacon, diced egg and cheddar cheese. Served with House Dressing. **OR**

Tuscan Chicken Sandwich: Grilled chicken topped sauteed spinach, roasted red pepper, melted provolone cheese and pesto mayonnaise. Served on an artisan roll. **OR**

Teriyaki Salmon Bowl: Tender salmon glazed with house made teriyaki sauce in a bowl packed with rice, edamame, golden beets, broccoli, and sesame.

Beverages include iced tea, lemonade, and water.

Dessert – Marble Cake and coffee service

Doors open at **11 AM** for social hour with lunch at **12 Noon** followed by Chapter news and announcements. **Cost: **\$20.00** Cash or checks only.**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty,**

(302-541-9412), madod@aol.com by noon, Monday, January 9.

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who cancels after the deadline or does not show for any reason will be billed the full amount of the cost of the luncheon. **No walk-ins are permitted.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin the 2023 year, I would like to welcome our newly elected board members. This year should be an exciting and eventful time for all of us. We have a special committee dedicated to increasing our membership and awareness of AARP Chapter #5226, to the local community. Take some time and look for our AARP articles in the Coastal Point. The plan is for a monthly release to highlight our activities, chapter meeting and speakers.

I look forward to our January Chapter Meeting and hope to see you there. Please attend the Chapter meeting on the **3RD Tuesday of January (1/17/23)** Please place reservations within the time frame allotted.

The new year offers opportunities for you as members to help the board to increase our activities and include the types of events that would give you more reasons to become more active. Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any ideas or suggestions that you believe would help to grow our local chapter. I continue to encourage you to become more involved by volunteering for committees.

As we begin the 2023 year, we have an open position for Assistant Secretary for the Executive Board for the 2023-24 time period. Please let me know if you have an interest in this position. Remember, the more volunteers we have, the less time per member is needed to accomplish necessary tasks. This is **YOUR** organization, and you can play a valuable role in enhancing our events.

**Rose Verona
President, South Coastal DE., Chapter
#5226**

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership - Dottie Rieck

Our current paid membership stands at **284** paid members. We welcome the following new members: **Ann Marie King, Elizabeth Landi, and Connie Zabor.** Dues are **\$10** per person if you want your newsletter sent by email and **\$13** if you want your newsletter sent by US Mail. If there are two members in the household **receiving the newsletter by US Mail, only one pays the \$13 fee** and the other the standard \$10 fee. **Please submit a new membership form along with their dues.**

Please send your check (**made out to South Coastal DE Chapter #5226**) and your **membership form to Dottie Rieck, PO Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.**

If you have any questions, please contact **Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.**

Legislative/Environmental – Ted Spickler

In 2023 AARP Delaware will work on state issues like, housing, retirement savings, traffic & pedestrian safety, and transportation.

AARP will work with community partners to address the housing shortage in DE and ensure that solutions include housing that is age friendly, accessible and affordable.

After helping to pass the **Delaware EARNS** legislation, we will work to implement the **Auto-IRA program which will up and running by January 2025.**

We will work to also work to support legislation to address Delaware's high rate of pedestrian and traffic fatalities.

We also engage in advocacy at the Federal level on issues which may include protecting Social Security and Medicare.

Our committee will be participating in **Lobby Day**. The date will be announced in a future newsletter.

Our First State Advocacy Team meets regularly in Dover to discuss issues and plan strategies. We are always **looking for volunteers to meet with legislators, send emails, and letters to the editor, and attend committee hearings**. We are always looking for volunteers to join the Legislative/Environmental committee. If you are interested contact **Ted Spickler at 302-927-0050**.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee thanks everyone who participated in the **"Gifts for Seniors" event**. The response was wonderful. A big thanks to everyone for their generosity in the various fundraisers this year.

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

Our November Dine and Donate at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar raised \$1,938 for the Scholarship Fund. This includes proceeds from the basket auction, 50-50 cash raffle, cash donations and the contribution from the restaurant which donated a percentage of the proceeds from food and drink sales. Thanks to all those who attended and all those who donated money and items and to those who volunteered.

***** Starting at the January meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at Cripple Creek, we will have a signup sheet for volunteers to help**

with the Artisans Fair to be held Saturday, May 27, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School. The show hours will be 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and will include a Farmers Market from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. We need volunteers in the following areas: setup, take down, publicity assistant in advance of the fair, parking attendants, greeters, runners, assistants for Artisans Auction, and assistants for making phone calls for the baked goods sale. **Stop by the Scholarship table at the member meeting to sign up**. It takes a village of volunteers to sponsor the Artisans Fair, the main fund-raiser of the year for the scholarship fund. Members on the committee are Ida Crist, chair and publicity coordinator and the following coordinators: Donna Spickler, exhibitors; Pat Kapolka, baked goods; Jim Hartsig, graphic artist; Coleen Cardy and Sandy Raymond, volunteers; Kay Houston and Joann McGaughey, food truck and concessions; Dianne DeForest, Artisans Auction; Ted Spickler, parking; and Judy Masko, 50-50 cash raffle.

If you are interested in either the Scholarship Committee or the Artisans Fair, contact: **Ida Crist at 302-732-6336**

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES

Board and Chapter Meetings Our Chapter Meetings are held on the 3RD Tuesday of each month. All these meetings/ Lunches are held at Cripple Creek effective September 2022 through June of 2023. The lunch reservation process is communicated in our monthly newsletter. Any member who is interested, is always welcome to attend our Board Meetings. They ALWAYS occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11am in the John West Municipal Building on West Ave. in Ocean View. **The next Board meeting is Jan, 10, 2023.**

Chorus to Perform in January:

As part of the Olde Christmas service at Prince George's Chapel in Dagsboro, the South Coastal AARP Chorus, the Singers of

Note, will perform at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, January 8.

Featured will be carols of the season, including some not heard at the December concert at Cripple Creek. **Mike Reed and Eric Neumann, members of the chorus, will also sing solos.** Prince George's Chapel, which dates back to 1755, was restored by the State of Delaware in 1967 and reopened as a museum. The Town of Dagsboro and the Friends of Prince George's Chapel have a lease agreement with the state. The Friends operate and administer the chapel. **A \$5 donation is suggested for the service.** Come hear music of the season in a beautiful architectural and acoustical setting.

Driver's Safety Classes

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

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.

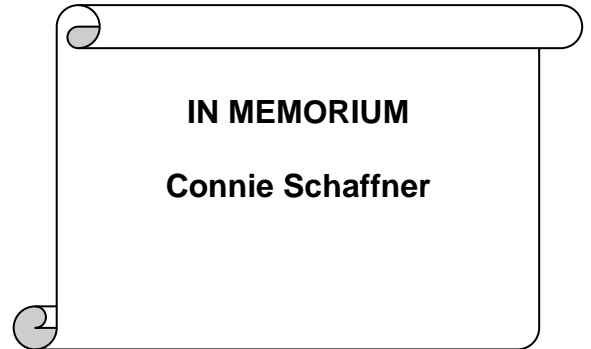
Sunshine - Joan Wolf

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

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The singers of note will be performing at Prince Georges Chapel, Dagsboro, DE on **Sunday, January 8 at 1:30 p.m. (see announcements).**

The chorus will begin rehearsals for the Spring concerts in February at Ocean View Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in joining the chorus, please **Contact Ann Jaeger at 302-645-8023**.



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April 23

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

waiting list only

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, 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.

A tattoo is meant to celebrate pride and patriotism, culture, and history through the unifying power of music that entralls spectators and those heroes serving in the armed services.

Price Includes: Premium seating at the VA International Military Tattoo, Dinner at The Island House Restaurant on the water after the show featuring broiled Island House crab cakes, chicken marsala, carved top round of beef au jus, roasted red potatoes, steamed green beans, sweet potato biscuits, cheesecake, coffee, tea and soda, round trip motor coach transportation, tips, tax and gratuities.

Price: \$165.00 per person MEMBERS ONLY

For Reservations Contact Joan DeMarco, Escort @ (410)250-0963

May 17

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER-Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club

Overview:

In this roaring 20's Murder Mystery Show performed by Riddlesbrood Touring Theatre's crime pays off big time! With shady characters, suspense, tommy guns and cheesy puns. The year is 1926, and two bumbling gangs are duke' in it out for control of the bootleg business. But be careful! The jokes and action can be a blast...so if there is a lot of gun play...don't forget to duck. But if prohibition has got you down, and your hankering for some illegal hooch, just stop by...tell them "Sharkie" sent ya!

Dinner Selection Choice of one: Chicken Parmesan, Flounder Picatta or Prime Rib

Salad, dessert, rolls/butter, coffee, tea, lemonade or soft drinks Cash bar available

Price includes: Dinner and show

Price \$60.00 per person MEMBERS ONLY

For Reservations Contact Jim Harding (302)245-8511 or Lucille Kurtz (302)537-4389

June 7-9

QUAINT AMISH GETAWAY

seats still available

3 Days 2 nights

Overview:

This wonderful trip will give you a little bit of everything. We start this trip off with a relaxing train ride through Lancaster County's famous Amish Country. After our train excursion we will head over to Hershey Farm Inn for a wonderful buffet lunch before heading to Sight & Sound to see Moses. The new production of Moses, set adrift as a baby, he is an unlikely hero-until God calls him to lead. This is one of the Bible's most epic stories. To finish off the night we will head to Shady Maple for a tremendous dinner buffet. We will see a new production of "Dear Soldier Boy" dinner show at Bird in Hand Stage. A 2 hour guided Amish Farmland Tour with stops along the way. We will visit Lapp Valley Dairy Farm, where they make their own ice cream, and raise the cows. It is the best ice cream for which everyone will have a chance to sit on the front porch and enjoy a dish or cone of ice cream. You will have time to browse and shop the stores in Kitchen Kettle Village and you will have time at the Amish Farmers Market in Bird in Hand. You can bring coolers for your shopping. A wine and cheese social under a beautiful gazebo allows for some down time and socializing.

Price includes: 2 nights hotel accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners to include Shady Maple & Bird in Hand. 1 wine & cheese social, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides

Price: \$485.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$610.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

Trip Protection Insurance can be purchased through Square Mouth Insurance (800)240-0369

For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511

Or Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980

Oct 1-5

AUTUMN IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

5 days 4 Nights

Overview:

The White Mountains of New Hampshire are absolutely beautiful this time of year. We have packed this trip in order for you to view beautiful colors of the mountains from all different viewpoints. *A Scenic Railroad Dinner along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee where you will travel through the village of Weirs Beach and along Paugus Bay towards Lakeport, NH. You'll enjoy breathtaking views of New Hampshire's largest lake. *We will ride up the White Mountains on the first mountain-climbing cog railway in the world. This cog train will climb through three climate zones to arrive on the

top of the White Mountains. *Travel to the top of Cannon Mountain on an aerial tramway whisking you above timberline to the 4,100 foot summit with outstanding views of the White Mountains and into Maine, Vermont and Canada. *Enjoy a picturesque boat cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee located in the beautiful lake region at the foothills of the White Mountains. *Visit Franconia Notch State Park with dramatic views, as we travel through the Notches we will see covered bridges, scenic waterfall, mountain streams and the beautiful Mt. Washington Hotel. *Tour the Castle in the Clouds Mansion, a mountaintop estate, built 1913/1914. This estate is a unique example of Arts and Crafts architecture in New England. *A performance at the M&D Playhouse at the historic Eastern Slope Inn Playhouse. *Explore Wolfeboro and Weirs Beach nestled on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Price Includes: 4 nights hotel accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners to include Fall Foliage Dinner Train. Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides.

Price: \$1,229.00 per person based on Double Occupancy

\$1,499.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

Travel Protection Insurance \$119.00 per person Double Occupancy \$145.00 per person Single Occupancy

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

Nov 8 **THE FIRST NOEL Presented by the American Music Theatre**

Overview:

“The First Noel” featuring incredible singers, astonishing dancers, wondrous costumes, breathtaking sets, and all the endearment of a perfect fireside family moment! Bask in the beauty of the season, and cherish the stories of spirit and love as we bring all your favorite sights and sounds to the stage. This year’s all-new holiday show features your favorite seasonal and sacred Christmas songs – songs brought to life by marvelous vocal talent from across the country, accompanied by our masterful AMT Orchestra. Beautiful snows capes, child-like joy, cherished stories, the spirit of love, and all your favorite things about the holiday season are cast onstage in this glorious celebration of timeless holiday classics.

Price includes: The Kitchen Kettle Village for lunch on your own and some Christmas Shopping, dinner in a classic converted train dining car of The Casey Jones. A wonderful show at the American Music Theatre, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

Price: \$144.00 per person

For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511 or email james.aarp5226@gmail.com

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERED GO TO:

www.southcoastalaarp.org

Disclaimer

These tours are a project of and are offered to the South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 of AARP. The chapter and any agent it may use in arranging these or any other tours are not responsible in whole or in part to the tour member for any loss, damage, or injury, whether financial or otherwise to persons or property, however caused during or in connection with these or any other tours. These tours are activities conducted by South Coastal DE AARP #5226 and are in no way offered, sponsored, or conducted by AARP, which has no responsibility in connection with such tours.

Trip Reservations

To make a reservation for any trip contact the trip coordinator listed on the flyer. Make checks payable to: South Coastal AARP #5226 and send to South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, PO Box 662, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please submit a check for each trip you sign up for. Note on the check what trip the check is to be applied to. If you are paying for more than 1 person please make note on the check. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.

Trip Rules

Day Trips

- Payment is preferred at time of registration and must be made no later than 30 days after registration
- Reservations made within 30 days of scheduled trip must be paid at time of registration
- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure, contact the trip coordinator listed on the flyer
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on buses during chapter-sponsored trips
- Price subject to change: If the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% between the date of the contract with Bus Company and the date of the charter, the Tour Committee may charge a fuel surcharge to participants.

Overnight Trips

- **Seating will be assigned when initial payment is received**
- All overnight trips use a voucher system for the payment fee with a payment schedule. If Cancellation is necessary, we will try to fill the spot with someone from our wait list if available. After that has been exhausted member has the option then and only then to replace the reservation with interested party of their choice.
- Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips. If cancellation is necessary due to illness member will submit claim to the insurance carrier for their reimbursement/ refund.
- Cancellation without insurance for illnesses -no refunds will be given unless we can replace your reservation as stated above.
- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants

Please Note

- We offer three possible ways to notify you of our upcoming trips.
****Blind Broadcast emails sent out to all members supplying their emails **Newsletter
*** Website**

- Once notices are sent, you have the option to book the trip being offered.

SAVE THE DATE -- UPCOMING TRIPS

Miracle of Christmas @ Sight & Sound – December 5, 2023