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OUR JUNE 21 PROGRAM WILL FEATURE OUR OWN TALENTED AARP CHORUS!

Our Chapter #5226 Chorus will be presenting their program of songs at Bear Trap Dunes on June 21. The chorus will sing both sacred and secular music including spirituals, songs from Broadway shows and patriotic numbers.

Come out and enjoy a nice lunch and a relaxing time listening to the chorus. They get bigger and better each year. The Chorus is under the direction of Ann Jaeger.

MENU CHOICES:

Salmon/Caesar Salad - Romaine, parmesan, and house made croutons with Caesar dressing. **OR**

Tuna Melt - Tuna salad, melted cheddar, and tomato served with chips and a pickle. **OR**

Spinach & mushroom quiche - and a side salad with ginger soy dressing.

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

Dessert will consist of a fruit tartlet.

Doors open at **11 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, June 13.** 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 Thank You to Andrea Gowetski, for her many years of service as an AARP Member, serving on and off the Board as needed. In addition, Andrea, as the Newsletter Editor, has been instrumental for all the many editions, she has put together for all our members to ensure we have the news and updates, along with activities and information on Chapter Meetings. Our newsletter has been the connecting thread for all our many members throughout the years. There is a lot of time and effort put into publishing a monthly newsletter. Andrea has done an EXCELLENT job, so we all have needed information for our Chapter. Andrea you will be missed as our Editor in Chief for the South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226. As of the June newsletter, Andrea will no longer be our Editor. In the spirit of leadership, Andrea has been training one of our members to take over the Newsletter Editor responsibilities, ensuring that the Chapter has continuity for our monthly newsletter publication. Thanks again Andrea, for your many years of dedicated service as our Newsletter Editor and other AARP positions over the years!

We are still looking for member volunteers to conduct an audit for our Chapter and Scholarship areas. A special thanks to Kathy Johnson for completing the tour committee audit. Please let me know if you would be able to complete this task.

Jim Harding plans to continue as Chairperson of the Tour Committee for our next season. Please stop by the Tour Table at our June Chapter Meeting. The tour committee has some exciting tour options.

Any member who is interested, is always welcome to attend our Board Meetings. They occur on the second Tuesday of the Month at 11 AM in the John West Municipal Building. **Our last meeting until Fall will be held on JUNE 14.**

We will be reviewing options for a location for our Chapter Meetings which begin in September 2022. I wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy summer and look forward to our September meeting.

Rose Verona
President, South Coastal De Chapter #5226

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership - Dottie Rieck

Our current membership is **359**. We welcome new member Robert Wilgus, Jr.

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 -

We are actively seeking Chuck's replacement as Committee Chairperson. Please notify Rose Verona, President, at 630-297-2562, if you are willing to chair the Committee. There are several active Committee members willing to help acclimate a new Chairperson.

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

The Committee hopes to continue our charitable donations in September.

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

South Coastal DE AARP awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Alexis Pszczola and Matthew Engel, seniors at Indian River High School on Wednesday, May 18, at the high school's award ceremonies.

Alexis is an officer in the school's National Honors Society and Student Council and a member of the Leo Club, a service organization, and HOSA, a club for future health professionals. She was captain of the track and field team and manager of the wrestling team and played field hockey and girls lacrosse. She plans to pursue a course of study in medical diagnostics, followed by post-graduation studies to become a physician assistant.

Matthew is president of the National Honors Society and treasurer of both Student Council and Student Government. He was team captain of the school's tennis team and team captain of a unified basketball program that enables players with intellectual disabilities to participate in sports. He also played basketball and soccer. He plans to earn a degree in accounting as a first step toward becoming a certified public accountant.

The scholarships are awarded based on academics, extracurricular activities both in and outside school and an essay that addresses the students' short-term and long-term goals.

The Scholarship Committee raised \$1,565 for the scholarship fund by selling raffle tickets in the past two years, most of those in the past nine months. Rose Verona, our chapter president, won the quilt at the membership meeting on Tuesday, May 12, at Bear Trap Dunes. Frances Hart, who along with Anne Rogerson and Ida Crist made the quilt, pulled the winning ticket. Thanks to all who helped sell tickets, to Hocker's grocery stores that allowed us to sell tickets and to all members who bought tickets.

An annual solicitation for donations to the scholarship fund will be sent to members in an email later this month. Checks should be made out to South Coastal DE AARP with Scholarship in the memo line and mailed to:

Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 225
Ocean View, DE 19970

The monies support scholarships for two Indian River High School students and three Delaware Technical Community College students, who include two nursing majors and one non-nursing major.

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

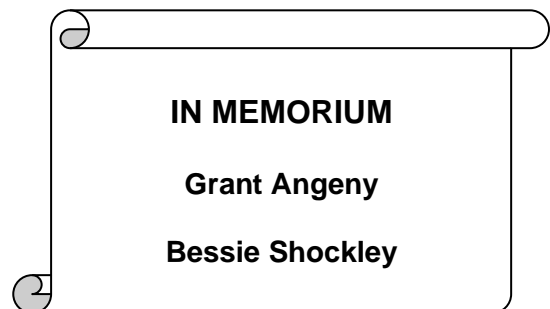
If you know of anyone who needs a card, please contact **Joan Wolf** at **541-0513**.

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The Singers of Note, our 40-member chorus under the direction of Ann Jaeger, will be performing at the members' meeting on Tuesday, June 21, at Bear Trap.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As of September our newsletter editor position will be filled by Donna Spickler.



CHAPTER TRIPS

2022

**Sept 18-
Sept 23**

RAILS & SAILS MAINE

6 Days/5 Nights

Overview:

Enjoy this wonderful trip north to Maine, with a possibility of sighting the start of color blush on the trees. Our trip will start at Foxwood Casino Resort where you can take in a show, shop, or visit the casinos. Spend time shopping and browsing in Freeport, the home of L.L. Bean. As we continue on we will visit Kennebunkport we will see the George Bush estate at Walker's Point and hear the history of this and other shipbuilding towns plus the legend of the Wedding Cake House, Ogunquit and Perkins Cove, Boothbay Harbor and a narrated boat cruise and a ride on a coal-fired narrow gauge steam train. Experience an authentic lobster harvesting on a lobster boat tour, a downeast lobster bake with entertainment. Then we will enjoy an ice cream social with a life size chocolate Moose. Our last stop in Maine will be the Nubble Light in Cape Neddick; this 41 foot conical tower sits on the summit of Cape Neddick Bubble. On our way home we will tour the city of Boston; our tour along the Freedom Trail, The Old North Church, Boston Common, the USS Constitution.

Price includes: Five night hotel accommodations with baggage handling, 5 breakfasts, 3 wonderful dinners including: 1 Downeast Lobsterbake with Entertainment, 1 Welcome Reception, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides.

Price: \$1249.00 per person based on **Double Occupancy**
Trip Protection Insurance \$119.00 pp

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DAVID AT SIGHT & SOUND

Overview:

Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become *a man after God's own heart*. With original music inspired by the Psalms, "DAVID" is a state-of-the-art theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets and live animals in this brand-new stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Price Includes: Show, Dinner at Hershey Farm Inn, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes and gratuities,

Price: \$145.00 per person

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

OCTOBER 2023 - BALLOON FESTIVAL ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

DECEMBER 5, 2023 - CHRISTMAS SHOW SIGHT & SOUND