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### THE JUNE LUNCHEON/MEETING WILL FEATURE OUR AARP CHORAL GROUP

Join your friends at Cripple Creek Country Club on June 20 to celebrate a busy and successful year for AARP Chapter #5226

Entertainment will be provided by our own AARP coral group led by Ann Jaeger. They will be singing many of our old favorites.

### LUNCHEON MENUE CHOICES

**Chicken Stir Fry** - Served over rice. **OR**

**French Dip Sandwich** - Tender roast beef with sautéed onions, melted Swiss cheese and au jus for dipping. Served on a wheat Kaiser roll with a side of hand cut fries. **OR**

**Shrimp Salad Plate** - House made shrimp salad on a bed of lettuce with sliced fresh fruit and a toasted dinner roll.

**Beverage** – Ice tea, lemonade, water.

**Dessert** – Tangerine Cream Cake and coffee service.

Doors open at **11 AM** with lunch at **12 noon** followed by Chapter news and announcements.

**Cost \$21.** 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, June 12.**

**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

This is my last message to you as President of this organization. As of the June 20 Chapter meeting, I will be stepping down as President. It has been my privilege to serve as your President. This is a great organization and I know you will continue on to do great things.

A special thanks to the Board for all they have accomplished over the last two (2) years. In addition, many of the members have stepped up for various tasks and, "I Thank You" for volunteering. This organization only works because of your involvement.

Please know that this organization cannot exist without a President and the nominating committee will be reaching out to you to fill that position along with any other open positions on the Board.

In order to prosper and move forward, the organization also requires your participation in events and volunteering for required tasks.

At our June meeting we will be voting on a membership increase, as our expenses have increased over the last six years which was the last time dues were increased.

I look forward to our June Chapter Meeting and hope to see you there. Please attend the Chapter meeting on the **3<sup>RD</sup>Tuesday of June, (6/20/23)**. Please place reservations within the time limit given (details provided in the newsletter).

Please be reminded that we have AN OPEN POSITION for the NEWSLETTER EDITOR. This position has been temporarily filled since the passing of Donna Spickler. This position MUST BE FILLED, as the newsletter is our ONLY SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION to the members for all AARP functions. This position can be OCCUPIED by MORE THAN ONE PERSON.

As we enter into June 2023 the open position for **Assistant Secretary** of the Executive Board will be filled by Jane Bartolomeo who is the current Secretary. She has agreed to temporary fill both positions.

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.

## BOARD AND CHAPTER MEETINGS

Our **Chapter Meetings** are held on the **3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday of each month**. These luncheon/meetings are held at Cripple Creek effective September 2022 through June of 2023. The lunch reservation process is communicated in our monthly newsletter. Remember the June chapter meeting is the last meeting until the Fall.

Any member who is interested is always welcome to attend our Board Meetings. They **ALWAYS** occur on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11 AM in the John West Municipal Building on West Ave. in Ocean View**. The next Board meeting is June 13, 2023. This will be the last Board meeting until the Fall.

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## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### Membership – Dottie Rieck

Our current membership stands at **331** paid members. We welcome new members: Robert & Francine Bramble, Linda Burns, Denise McCallion, Jaqueline McCullen, Curtis & Valerie Mercer, George & Joanne Moran, Susan Shuck, and Karen Yochim.

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 fee. Please **submit a new membership form** along with your 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

If you are interested in joining the Legislative/Environmental committee, contact **Ted Spickler at 302-927-0050**.

### Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

We are collecting **non-perishable** food items for the Pyle Center Food Pantry. Please check the

expiration date on your items and bring them to the monthly Chapter Luncheon/Meeting.

**Blood Bank:** To schedule an appointment call 1-888-825-6638 or schedule online at [www.delmarvablood.org](http://www.delmarvablood.org). Check for donation locations in Sussex County on the website.

### Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

South Coastal DE AARP awarded two \$1,500 scholarships to Vickie Chan and Carley Topper, seniors at Indian River High School, on Wednesday, May 17, at the high school's award ceremonies.

Vickie was president of the Business Professional of America in her senior year and vice president of the Leo Club, an affiliate of Lions Clubs that emphasizes leadership, experience and opportunity. She was also a board member of the Youth Philanthropy Board as well as a tutor and mentor for Fluenspeak. She was an AP scholar and a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship program. She plans to study biology and chemistry in college with an eye toward a career in pharmaceutical engineering,

Carley was president of the National Honor Society and captain of the girls' varsity soccer team. She is a member of the Leo Club, senior leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and vice president of student council. She is a Delaware Secretary of Education scholar and was the Delaware winner of the Future Health Professionals Club competition. She participated in several community activities including Night to Shine and fund-raisers for the treatment of leukemia and cancer. She plans to attend North Carolina State University with a double major in animal science, with a veterinary bioscience concentration, and psychology. Her career goal is to become a veterinarian.

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 winners and their parents will be invited to the June members meeting and luncheon.

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Thank you to all who donated time, baked goods and money to the Artisans Fair on May 27. The proceeds from this event raises money for our scholarship fund. You helped make it a huge success.

### AARP Driver Safety Classes

Online courses are available. Sign up today at [www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/](http://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/) or call 1-800-350-7025. Upon completion of a driver safety class, you may be eligible to receive an **auto insurance discount**. Consult your insurance agent for details.

### Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of anyone who needs a greeting card, please contact **Joan Wolf** at **302-541-0513**.

### Chorus – Ann Jaeger

A concert will be held at 11 AM. Friday, June 2, at Millville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, next to the church. One of the highlights will be "We Sing for the Children" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, which features Marge Mariotti performing in American Sign Language.

### NAME BADGE UPDATE



We will be ordering 2"x3" plastic name tags with magnetic backing. These badges will include the new logo and your first name will be displayed slightly larger than your last name. The cost is \$10.

**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.

If interested in purchasing the magnetic plastic name tag, please give your name and \$10 (checks preferred) to Kay Houston (at the membership table) at the May or June meeting. They will be distributed at the September meeting.

# **CHAPTER TRIPS**

**2023**

June 7-9

**QUAINT AMISH GETAWAY**  
**3 Days 2 nights**

**WAIT LIST ONLY**

**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 two 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**

**WAIT LIST ONLY**

**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**

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Nov 8

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

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**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](mailto:james.aarp5226@gmail.com)**

Dec 5

**THE MIRCLE OF CHRISTMAS**  
Presented by Sight & Sound Theatre

WAIT LIST ONLY

**Overview:**

This holiday season; travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three Wisemen—along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah! Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

**Price Includes:** The Kitchen Kettle Village for lunch on your own and some Christmas Shopping, dinner at Hershey Farm restaurant and a magnificent show at Sight and Sound Theatre, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

**Price: 150.00** per person

**For Reservations Contact: Mable Ruddo, Escort (302)541-8549**

## 2024

June 2-8

**ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA**

**Overview:**

Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the oldest continuously occupied settlement of European and African-American origin in the United States. Forty-two years before the English colonized Jamestown and fifty-five years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, the Spanish established at St. Augustine the nation's first enduring settlement.

Our trip will start out with a stop to **Jekyll Island, Georgia** where we will have lunch on our own at one of the many restaurants on the island. Follow by a **Tram Tour of Jekyll Island's Millionaire's Row** with views of historic structures and cottages that were once home to some of America's most wealthy and prominent citizens. (J.P. Morgan, Joseph Pulitzer, William K. Vanderbilt and Marshal Field)

A guided **tour of St. Augustine** will help us understand St. Augustine. After the tour we will travel to **St. George Street** for lunch on your own and time to shop. As we travel to **Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth** we will learn of the legend of the healing waters that magically maintain your youthful appearance. We will **Tour Castillo De San Marcos** a 17<sup>th</sup> century Spanish stone fortress with views of the St. Augustine Inlet. **Flagler College** rich in history tour which highlights the former Hotel Ponce de Leon. **St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum** will transport you back in time over 300 years to Port Royal. A visit to **Fernandina Beach** on **Amelia Island** we will have lunch on your own and time for shopping.

We will visit **Whetstone Chocolates** for a delectable chocolate tasting. A delicious dinner and performance at the **Alhambra Dinner Theatre** plus the **Columbia Restaurant** which serves Spanish-Cuban cuisine using family recipes and tradition for over 117 years.

**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 Motorcoach Transportation, and luggage handling in Florida, all Taxes and meal gratuities

**Price: \$1,210.00 per person** based on Double Occupancy  
**\$1,589.00 per person** based on Single Occupancy

**For Reservations Contact: Maria Harding, Escort 302-381-0980**  
**Jim Harding, Escort 302-245-8511**

**Travel Protections Insurance can be purchased through Aon Affinity 1-800-388-1470**  
**Tour Operator Location # 386097**

**Nov 10-15 CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES**

**Overview:**

Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas event is a favorite for Dolly Parton, who enjoys bringing families together for a magical holiday celebration each year. It's no easy feat hanging up over **6 million Christmas lights** while simultaneously preparing for other seasonal events and offering park-goers an uninterrupted experience.

Guided Tour of the Great Smoky Mountains – The Great Smoky Mountains are a mountain range rising along the Tennessee–North Carolina border in the southeastern United States. They are a subrange of the Appalachian Mountains, and form part of the Blue Ridge Physiographic Province. We will meet our guide for a tour of the majestic Smoky Mountains America's most visited National Park.

Enjoy Touring & Tasting at Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine Distillery.

Become an actual passenger or crew member and experience what it was like on the ship. Walk the hallways, parlors, cabins and Grand Staircase of the Titanic while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts.

Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland is a wonderland of Christmas Lights Orchestrated and Choreographed to Music? Christmas Experience is for you. Looking for modern props, special effects, and a storyline for all ages. This experience is for you.

We will visit the Museum of the Cherokee Indian; this museum tells the story of the Cherokee people and sets the scene for the Cherokee Heritage Trails. The Cherokee community presents its own perspective on its history and culture through impressive exhibits taking you from 11,000 years ago to the present.

**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 Tonite 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 Meal 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**  
**Jim Harding, Escort 302-245-8511**

**FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERED GO TO:**

[www.southcoastalaarp.org](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org)

**Disclaimer**

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### **Trip Reservations:**

To make a reservation for any trip contact the trip coordinator listed on the flyer. Make checks payable to: South Coastal AARP and mail 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, unless noted differently
- 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 payment schedule.
- 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 Policy: Refund by Replacement only
- No refunds for payments will be given unless a replacement. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants

### **Please Note**

We offer four possible ways to notify you of our upcoming trips.

**\*\*Blind Broadcast emails sent out to all members supplying their emails \*\*Newsletter \*\*\* Website\*\*General Meeting\*\***

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

### **UPCOMING TRIPS**

March 2024	Philadelphia Flower Show
April 2024	International Tattoo
May 2024	Air Mobility, John Dickinson Plantation
August 2024	Castles of New York
September 2024	Naval Base Cruise, Cape Charles & Barrier Islands
October 2024	Chester River Fall Foliage
December 2024	Daniel @ Sight & Sound