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Our June 18th Luncheon meeting at Cripple Creek Country Club will feature *The Singers of Note*, part of our South Coastal AARP Chapter since 2000. Led by director Ann Jaeger, the Chorus will entertain us with many of our favorites. Their 35+ members have performed in Sussex and Kent Counties in Delaware, and Worcester County in Maryland. New members are welcome. They are as delighted to join us again as we are to have them!

Luncheon Menu Choices Tuna Melt

House-made tuna salad, sliced tomato, melted Swiss cheese on English muffin, served with a cup of fresh fruit

Berry Salad with Grilled Chicken

Mixed greens, grilled chicken, feta cheese, strawberries, blueberries, red onion, cucumbers, cilantro ginger vinaigrette

Roast Beef Sandwich

Sliced roast beef, melted provolone cheese, horsey mayo, brioche bun and hand-cut fries

Dessert: Red Velvet Cake

Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee included.

Cost is \$23.00. Cash or checks only.

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

To Make Lunch Reservations:

Call or email Mary Ann Dougherty by noon Monday, June 10th at 302-541-9412 or madod@aol.com.

IMPORTANT: We cannot take walk-ins. If you send Mary Ann an email or leave her a voicemail, you will receive confirmation from her for your reservation. If you did not receive her confirmation, you do not have a reservation!

Anyone who cancels after the deadline (June 10th) or does not attend for any reason will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon.

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

Presidents' Corner

June welcomes the warm weather with an increase of vacationers coming to our area for relaxation, the beach and lots of sunshine. Our AARP Board is looking for members interested in joining us on the Board. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to our board as a Director or through membership on the Nominating Committee. We will be glad to speak with you at the June luncheon. Bring your appetite and enjoy our *Singers of Note*. See you soon.

Terry and Kathy, Co-Presidents

Membership

Our current membership stands at 357 paid members. We welcome new members – Caryn Cleveland-Short, Rick Legeer, and Diane Lynch. The current membership year continues through August 2024. The new membership year will begin in September with the new 2024-2025 Membership Forms available in this newsletter as well as on the AARP website. You can bring the completed form with you to the June luncheon, mail it to the address on the form, or wait until the September meeting. Dues remain at \$15 for email delivery of the newsletter or \$18 if you receive the newsletter via US Postal Service.

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

are still available for purchase. To date, 78 members have purchased magnetic badges. The cost is \$10/badge. See Kay Houston (at the membership table) at the monthly meeting or mail your request along with a check to Kay at: South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Be sure that the name you request is printed legibly. The cost of the badges has gone up, and we will be increasing the prices of the badges to \$15 in September. In the meantime, we need to have six (6) more people sign up before I can place the order. I hope to reach that goal so badges can be distributed at the June meeting. Magnetic badges are TOTALLY OPTIONAL. We will continue to print badges with the plastic sleeve that you wear around your neck at no cost to you.

Kay Houston, Chair

Community Service

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the Pyle Center to the next luncheon. Thanks again for your support.

Kathy Lesperance, Chair

Scholarship Committee

Thank you to all who made the 2024 Artisans Fair and Farmers Market a success. Without members who volunteer, we could not pull off this large community event. The money raised from the event supports college scholarships for Indian River High School graduating seniors and adult students 25 years and older at Delaware Technical Community College.

Thank you to all those who volunteered on May 25 and all those who helped plan this event, especially the Artisans Fair Committee:

Exhibitors, Kathy Johnson and June Melvin; Farmers Market, Shirley Price; Member Volunteers, Coleen Cardy; Outside Volunteers, Sandy Raymond; Baked Goods Sale, Pat Kapolka; Parking, Rich Kapolka; Artisans Auction, Denise McCallion; Concessions, Kay Houston and Joann McGaughey; Graphics and Show Layout, Jim Hartsig; 50-50 and Golf Raffles, Judy Matsko; and publicity, Ida Crist and Sue Bresuciak.

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The winners of the 2024 scholarships at Indian River High School are Riley Hurd and Xin Dy Chen. Riley will attend Grove City College in western Pennsylvania and hopes to go into Christian ministry. Xin Dy plans to attend Purdue University in Indiana to study chemical engineering. Congratulations to these accomplished young women.

Ida Crist, Co-chair



Riley Hurd (left) and Xin Dy Chen (right) each received a \$1,500 scholarship from our chapter. Ida Crist, chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented the awards May 15 at IRHS.

Fight Fraud: SHRED! Bethany Beach

AARP DE is offering a free shredding event to help you securely destroy your old bank statements, credit card bills, Medicare documents and more. Your documents will be placed in a shredding bin and disposed of at our on-site shred truck, so no one can get hold of your personal information.

When: Saturday, Jun 15, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Where: South Coastal Library

43 Kent Ave, Bethany Beach

Registration is required: [Click here to register.](#)

Only those registered will be admitted.

There is a three-box maximum.

Ensure AARP Emails Get to your Inbox!

Every month one or two members do not get the email blast that contains the newsletter link. Take the following step so your email server recognizes our email blasts, and they don't go to your junk or spam folder. Just add news@southcoastalaarp.org to your email address book. If you don't know how, call Frances (703-801-7216) and she'll help you.

Frances Hart, Website Coordinator

Sunshine

If anyone is in need of a card – get well, surgery or sympathy – please call me at (302) 541-0513.

Joan Wolf, Chair

Save Money on Car Insurance

If you complete an approved Defensive Driving Course, you may receive 10% off a portion of your auto insurance for three years. If you take a refresher Defensive Driving Course within 180 days of the end of the three-year period, you may receive a 15% discount. More information can be found at [Driving Courses - Division of Motor Vehicles \(de.gov\)](#). To learn about the defensive driving courses offered by AARP, call 1-800-350-7025 or visit [AARP Driver Safety: Online and Classroom Courses](#).

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 am at the John West Municipal Building on West Avenue in Ocean View.

All members are welcome to attend.

Chorus Performances

The *Singers of Note*, our chapter's chorus, will present an abbreviated spring music program at the luncheon meeting Tuesday, June 18, at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club.

To hear the full 13-number program, you can attend concerts at Millville United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Friday, May 31, or at Ocean View Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 9. The public is invited to both concerts.

Other performances will be on Thursday, June 6, at the Lodge on King's Highway in Lewes and on Wednesday, June 12, at the Millsboro Senior Center.

The chorus will resume rehearsals in late September.

Ann Jaeger, Director

Website News

Our web site is undergoing some upgrades and redesign to make it more helpful and less expensive to maintain. On any specific trip page, you will see one or two "crumbs" at the very bottom that suggest other trips you may be interested in. This is automated for each trip and is meant to give you more exposure to available trips. Watch for other changes coming in the future at <https://www.southcoastalaarp.org/>.

Frances Hart, Web Coordinator

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
anitalferm@verizon.net

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

Watch for your next issue of AARP's Coastal News in late August for September.
Have a happy and safe summer!

– For Vote by the Chapter Members at the Chapter Meeting on 6/18/2024 –

Proposed Amendments to the Chapter’s Standing Rules

The Board of Directors is proposing four amendments to the Chapter's Standing Rules. These amendments were approved by the Board at the Board meeting on May 14, 2024. The proposed amendments will be brought before the Chapter Membership for a vote at the Chapter meeting on June 18, 2024. If you have any questions or comments concerning the proposed amendments before the meeting, please contact one of the Chapter's co-Presidents, Terry or Kathy. Their contact information is on the first page of this newsletter.

1. New section to be added to the Chapter’s Standing Rules:

Membership Required for Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members

Membership in the South Coastal Delaware AARP Chapter #5226 is required for all Board Members (officers and directors), Committee Chairs, and committee members. Membership in the Chapter must be renewed no later than three (3) months following the start date of the membership year on September 1. If membership is not renewed within three (3) months following September 1, the member’s name will be placed on the “Inactive List”, and he or she will no longer be eligible to be a Board Member, Committee Chair, or committee member.

2. To be added to current section VI, Board of Directors, as new paragraph “L”:

L. Any member of the Board who shall be absent from three consecutive meetings without adequate excuse acceptable to the Board shall be deemed to have resigned from the Board.
(This language is copied verbatim from the current AARP Chapter Bylaws.)

3. To be added to current section VIII. Standing and Other Committees, as new paragraph “L”:

L. Committee chairs are expected to attend monthly Board meetings. If a committee chair is not able to attend a meeting, he/she should designate another member of the committee to represent him/her and to present the committee’s report, or, alternatively, he/she should submit a written report for presentation to the Board at the meeting.

4. To amend current section VI, Board of Directors, paragraph “C”:

Current language:

C. Elected members of the Board may serve no more than one term as directors.

Proposed amendment:

C. Elected members of the Board may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms as directors.



South Coastal AARP Needs YOU!

Please consider volunteering for one of these Chapter positions coming open in 2025:

- **Co-President (1 needed):** Shares responsibility for the Chapter's direction and oversight. Working with the other Co-President, leads the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors as well as the monthly membership meetings that follow the luncheon. Helps to prepare reports and other submissions to the national AARP office.
- **Program Chair:** Identifies speakers of interest for the monthly luncheons. Sue Kerwin, the current Program Chair, will provide advice and assistance to get the new Program Chair started.
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Works closely with the Chair of the Tour Committee to manage the revenues and expenses related to the various trips sponsored by the Chapter. Must have experience using Excel or other spreadsheet software.
- **Directors (2 needed):** Serves on the Board of Directors to help set policies and establish guidelines for the conduct of Chapter activities.
- **Nominating Committee Members (up to 3 needed):** Identifies Board and Nominating Committee positions becoming vacant and works with the Chapter membership to recruit interested members to serve in these positions.

We would like to identify candidates interested in these positions by October at the latest so that they can be voted on at the November 2024 meeting of the membership and be sworn into office by January 2025.

These vacant positions all represent outstanding opportunities for you to become one of the leaders of your Chapter and to chart our future direction. Any questions about what may be required to perform in one of these positions? Please ask your Co-Presidents, Terry or Kathy.

South Coastal AARP Chapter 5226 New Member and Renewal Application

2024 – 2025

Membership year runs from September 1 through August 31

Renewing members' dues must be received by **November 1, 2024**, in order to receive the next newsletter. (Please complete the form by typing or printing legibly). **Membership in National AARP is required to join local chapter.**

CHECK ONE: New member Renewing Member Date: _____

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) _____

Name Preferred on Badge: _____

Address: _____

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Our standard (and preferred) method for distribution of the Chapter Newsletter is via email. The newsletter CAN be sent through U.S. Mail, however, there is an upcharge of \$3 for this service. The Chapter does take a loss for each newsletter sent through the Post Office. **This method of receiving the newsletter is reserved for those members who have no capabilities of electronic communication.** If there are two members in the same household, only **ONE** will receive the newsletter by US Mail and only one pays the \$18 fee with the other the standard fee \$15.

Membership renewal is **\$15** using email _____ and **\$18** using U.S. mail _____.

Please add news@southcoastalaarp.org to your contact list

(Required) National AARP Membership No. _____ Expiration: _____

Your national membership and expiration date are on your membership card and on the mailing label of **AARP THE MAGAZINE**. Membership in National AARP does not make you a member of your local chapter.

Current/Previous Occupation:

Service to Your Chapter

Your involvement in our chapter is crucial to its success. Listed below are many of the opportunities in which you may serve. Please check any or all that may appeal to you.

Chapter Newsletter Community Service programs Legislative Membership

Program Public Relations Scholarship Artisan Fair Tours (planning)

Chamber of Commerce Liaison Chapter Meeting/Luncheon Assistant

Chorus Finance/Auditing

Officers/Board of Directors

Would you consider serving as an: Officer Board Member Committee chair?

Please share with us any experience or skills that you have that would be of value to our Chapter programs.

Please return your application with your annual \$15 (Email) or \$18 (U.S. Mail) membership fee per person (checks only), payable to South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226 to:

Kay Houston * South Coastal AARP Ch#5226 PO Box 225 * Ocean View, DE 19970
Phone: (302) 732-6977 * Email: joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com

TRAVEL

CHAPTER TRIPS 2024

June 2-8 ST. AUGUSTINE, AMELIA ISLAND, & JEKYLL ISLAND Call or email for availability

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 to Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth, St. George Street, Castillo De San Marcos, 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 based on Double Occupancy
\$1,589.00 per person based on 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 Call or email for availability

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 of 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 Motor coach 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 11 AIR MOBILITY COMMAND MUSEUM, 911 CEREMONY and JOHN DICKINSON PLANTATION Call or email for availability

Overview:

Air Mobility Command Museum - During WWII the 4146 Base Unit was involved in a secret rocket development at what was then known as Dover Army Airfield. The building complex where these military secret operations took place was Hangar 1301. **John Dickinson Plantation** is the site of the early childhood home of John Dickinson who is known as the Penman of the Revolution. **911 Memorial**- This memorial, incorporates two pieces of steel from the World Trade Center Tower One, a rock from the United Airlines Flight 93 crash site and a block from the damaged portion of the Pentagon. A ceremony commemorates the courage of all our fellow humans that lost their lives on this day.

Price Includes: Round Trip Motor coach, entrance to all above venues, lunch at Vincenzo's Italian Restaurant, tax and gratuities.

Price: \$56.00pp

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

Sept 24-28 DAKOTA'S BUFFALO ROUND-UP**Call or email for availability****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 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 accommodations, 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

Oct 30 CHESAPEAKE BAY RIVER CRUISE**Call or email for availability****Overview:**

Join our live Interpreter for an enjoyable 3-hour cruise from Annapolis' historic harbor, up the scenic Severn River, then into the Chesapeake Bay, under the Bay Bridge, to Thomas Point Lighthouse. A box lunch will be provided to enjoy while cruising. After your cruise enjoy walking around Annapolis or shop or maybe do a little people watching while enjoying a cocktail.

Price Includes: Round trip Motor coach, cruise, lunch, tax and gratuities.

Price: \$136.00pp

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

Nov 10-15 CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES**Call or email for availability****Overview:**

Dollywood's Smoky Mt. Christmas is a seasonal event with over 6 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

Dec 4. Daniel @ Sight & Sound**Call or email for availability****Overview:**

Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith? From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, Daniel is a spectacular theatrical experience. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life.

Price includes: round trip motor coach, entrance to Sight & Sound, dinner @ Hershey Farm Restaurant

Price: \$172.00pp

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

CHAPTER TRIPS 2025

Oct 4-Oct 11 The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Call or email for availability

Overview:

What a Fabulous Trip of the Southwest. Our trip will take us to Downtown Phoenix, AZ and Old Town Scottsdale where you will be immersed in the robust culture of the Southwest, we will travel on to Sedona, AZ & Red Rock Country. The landscape is truly unlike anything you could ever imagine. You will enjoy a Scenic Train Ride and visit the Grand Canyon. While on the train this unforgettable ride you will hear folklore and tales from authentic characters and musicians who bring the Old West to life. We will travel on to Albuquerque, NM . We will hear interactive overview of the History of Hot Air Balloons and enjoy the International Balloon Museum. We will experience the breathtaking ascension of the balloons at sunrise in a special reserved area with seating and buffet breakfast. After we will Travel on to White Sands National Park in Las Cruces where you will be in awe of this hidden gem. We will have a guide everyday on this trip to provide tons of history and fun stories.

Price Includes: Round-trip airfare, 7 nights hotel accommodations, 7 breakfast, 2 dinners, guide service everyday, visit and tour Phoenix, Scottsdale and Sedona. Native American jewelry shopping, see the Red Rocks, Grand Canyon Train Experience, Admission to the International Balloon Museum, Admission to the Balloon Fiesta including exclusive entrance to A VIP Viewing Area that includes outdoor seating and buffet breakfast. Visit Las Cruces, tour White Sands National Park, Standard taxes, meal gratuities, baggage handling, motor coach transportation to and from the airport with 40+ passengers, and motor coach transportation while on trip west.

Price: \$3,299.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$4,399.00 pp based on single occupancy

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

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 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