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Our June 17th luncheon and Chapter meeting at Cripple Creek features a concert with Ann Jaeger and our chapter's chorus, the Singers of Note. Ann will be retiring after 25 years of directing the chorus of 30 members and will be honored at our meeting for her many years of service. We're so glad to be able to thank and give Ann a warm sendoff after she leads the chorus at this luncheon.

Luncheon Menu Choices

Tuna Caprese

6oz Seared Tuna over sliced tomatoes, fresh mozzarella and fresh basil topped with balsamic glaze

French Dip

Shaved beef, sauteed onions, melted Swiss on brioche bun with a side of jus

Chinese Chicken Salad

Mixed greens, mandarin oranges, snap peas, cherry tomatoes, toasted almonds with fried chicken and crispy wontons with a raspberry vinaigrette dressing

Dessert: Lemon Raspberry Sheet Cake.

Coffee, Iced Tea, and Lemonade are included.

Cost is \$26.00. Pay by cash or check only.

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

Make Your Reservation AND Meal Choice with Mary Ann Dougherty by NOON MONDAY, JUNE 9 via email (preferred) at madod@aol.com. (If you can't email you may call her at 302-541-9412.) She will confirm all messages.

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 and meal.

If you did not receive her confirmation, you do not have a reservation!

If you cancel after the deadline (June 9) or do not attend for any reason, you will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon.

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

President's Message

The weather is warm and sunny, and very conducive to relaxing. It must be June! All of us are welcoming the summer break and looking forward to relaxation on a daily basis.

We do have some AARP work to accomplish as of today. We are looking for an individual to step up and help the Board by filling the position of chapter Vice President. Our Nominating Committee (Maureen, Linda, Terry G. and Mable) is searching for you.

Please be willing to share your talents with us and become an integral member of the Board. When all of us do our part to help one another, we will accomplish our goals and satisfy the needs of our organization. Thank you for all your cooperation and assistance and have a wonderful summer.

Terry Baker, President

Scholarship Committee

The winners of South Coastal DE AARP's 2025 scholarships at Indian River High School are Ashly Benavides Lagunas and Sara Labarias Veguillas. Ashly will attend University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA, to pursue a degree in either computer or electrical engineering or finance. Sara will seek a degree in cybersecurity at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. Congratulations to these outstanding students.

Thank you to all who made the 2025 Artisans Fair and Farmers Market a success. Without members who volunteer, we could not hold 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 24 and all those who helped plan this event, especially the Artisans Fair Committee: Exhibitors and Farmers Market, Kathy Johnson and June Melvin; Member Volunteers, Coleen Cardy; Youth Volunteers and Parking, Rich Kapolka; Baked Goods Sale, Pat Kapolka; Artisans Auction, Denise McCallion and Shirley Price; Concessions, Kay Houston; Concessions and Golf Package, Joann McGaughey; Graphics and Show Layout, Jim Hartsig; 50-50 Raffle, Judy Matsko; and publicity, Ida Crist and Sue Bresuciak. A special thank you to Kay Houston, who was the coordinator for the day.

Ida Crist, Co-chair

Ann Jaeger Puts Down Baton

After founding and conducting the Singers of Note, the chapter's chorus since 2000, Ann Jaeger will retire after the June 17 luncheon meeting concert.

The chapter will honor her at the meeting for all her years of service.

She has voluntarily directed the chorus and accompanied piano for nearly 25 years, except for a break during COVID. Ann said, "It has been a wonderful experience, and I have met wonderful people over the years." The group started with 13 members and only sang two-part music in the beginning. Now the chorus consists of 30 members with a balance of soprano, alto, tenor and bass. A charter member, bass Garland Saville, is still singing with the group.

The chorus has practiced for two hours every Wednesday, except during the summer months and January, to prepare for multiple concerts in December and again in the spring. It performed for churches, civic groups, senior living facilities, the public, special occasion and twice a year for our local chapter.

Ann had extensive experience teaching music in schools and serving as a choral director in churches throughout her career before she and her husband Dave moved from New Castle County to Selbyville in 1999. The Jaegers now live at the Moorings in Lewes. We all wish Ann and Dave, who assisted Ann with toting music and equipment over the years, a delightful real retirement! Ann, thank you so much.



Ann Jaeger at the piano.

Join an Interest Group

At the January and February luncheons, attendees completed an interest survey resulting in the formation of the social groups listed below. Thanks to Sheila, Paula, Maureen and Ida, here are some monthly activities just waiting for you to participate!

Membership

Our current membership (as of May 20, 2025) stands at 393 members. Four new members were added this month. Welcome Annie Danzig, Kelly Kennedy, and Debbie & Ronnie Frantz. I hope you will continue to reach out to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join us. Word of mouth works!

The 2025-2026 Membership Renewal form is included with this newsletter, on the [AARP website](#) and copies will be available at the June Luncheon. There are still 29 members who receive the monthly newsletter via the Postal Mail service. The South Coastal Chapter incurs a loss on each newsletter that is distributed with this method. REMEMBER: Postal mail service is provided to those members who have NO CAPABILITIES of electronic communication. A mailed newsletter might not be received for several days after it is posted on the website. This could be a problem when trying to reserve a spot at the luncheon.

We notified 88 members via email that their National AARP Membership information was missing from their Chapter Membership form or has expired. If you have not responded to the request for updated information, please do so ASAP. You can find the expiration date just below your name on your National AARP membership card. You can also get this information by calling 1-888-687-2277, on your AARP app, or via computer at help.aarp.org



Magnetic Name Badge Update

Still available for purchase. The cost is \$15/badge. See Kay Houston (at the membership table) at the Monthly meeting or mail the request along with a check to South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Be sure that the name you request is printed legibly.

A magnetic name badge is TOTALLY OPTIONAL. We will continue to print badges with the plastic sleeve that you hang around your neck at no cost to you.

Kay Houston, Chair

Interest Groups!

Bingo with [Sheila](#):

Join your AARP friends for Bingo on the 2nd Monday of each month at [The Salted Rim](#) in Millville. Dinner starts at 4:30p.m., and Bingo begins at 6:00p.m. (Bingo is free to play and there are prizes to win!) JUNE 9, 2025 is our last one until September! Come join us for a fun night with friends, food and fun!



May's Bingo with Sheila at The Salted Rim.

Bowling with [Paula](#):

If bowling is your game, Paula Pinkett has arranged for \$3.50 per game and \$3.50 for shoes with [Millsboro Bowling Lanes](#). Play time starts at 1p.m. on the last Friday of each month: May 30, June 27, July 25, & August 29.



Bowling with Paula at Millsboro Lanes.

Lunch with [Maureen](#):

Wouldn't you like to meet for lunch with other AARP friends? Just get in touch with Maureen Eisenhart! Luncheons are on the fourth Monday of the month. On June 23, the group will meet at Bethany's newest spot: [Surfin' Betty's Burgers](#)! You can email or call Maureen at irishmom08@gmail.com or 302-988-1196.



May's group turnout at Signature's for Lunch with Maureen enabled folks to be with old friends and meet new ones.

Community Service

The Community Service Committee is sponsoring a collection of school supplies for John M. Clayton Elementary School students grades K-5. As we know, schools are always in need. Some suggestions for items to buy are pencils (sharpened if possible), pencil cap erasers, colored pencils, scissors (blunt tip), dry erase markers, washable markers, wide rule filler paper, composition notebooks, composition books, glue sticks, crayons, facial tissues, zip lock bags (various sizes). We will be collecting them at the June luncheon and delivering to the school in August. Thank you for your continued support.

Kathy Lesperance, Chair



Chapter President Terry Baker presented Kathy Lesperance with AARP's Community Service Award. Kathy's leadership keeps us aware of those in need And provides us the opportunities and encouragement to give to those who are less fortunate.

Legislative/Environmental Committee

I invite you to join the Legislative Committee and arrange for an opportunity to meet with your own legislators in their office in Dover. Please send an email to me at arcadywood@gmail.com if you're interested in becoming a member of the Committee.

Ted Spickler, Chair

Kudos & Compliments...

...to Ida Crist and Kathy Johnson! These two ladies are the Power Duo behind the Artisans Fair. They spend countless hours organizing, promoting, setting up and working this yearly event. It is South Coastal AARP's major fundraiser to support the scholarships that are presented to local students. Yes, many hands support Ida's and Kathy's quest for months prior to the actual event, but their leadership is the driving force that makes it all come together.

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.

For the FASTEST and BEST way to ensure you get a copy of the most recent newsletter, visit the Chapter Website on the 4th Tuesday of each month, August – May at: www.southcoastalaarp.org/newsletters. While you're on the website, check out other pages for information on Chapter Activities, Travel opportunities, and more!

CHAPTER TRIPS 2025

June 3-6. Lancaster 2025

trip closed to new reservations

Overview:

Come along with us, on a journey through Lancaster's neighborhood and the Amish Countryside. A trip filled with nothing but fun!

Our trip will start with a Tribute to Toby Keith at the Dutch Apple Theater and finish off the day with cocktails at a get acquainted party. The second day you will get up close and personal with alpacas at Eastland Alpaca Farm. We will travel to the historic town of Lititz for lunch and browsing. Then on to Kitchen Kettle Village to shop some more and then finish up our day at the newly rebuilt Hershey Farm Restaurant for a Grand Smorgasbord. The next day we start with our Amish Inland Tour, but the day would not be complete without ice cream from Lapp Valley Creamery. We save the best for last with Bird in Hand Dinner Theater Show; The Rise & Fall of Miss Fannie's Biscuits and these shows are hilarious. Our last day we will travel to Lancaster Central Market for shopping and lunch on your own. You want to make sure you bring a cooler for all your great tasting buys.

Price includes: Round trip motor coach transportation, 3 nights hotel accommodations at the Travelers Rest Motel, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, Lapp Valley Ice Cream, 1 cocktail party, admission to all venues per itinerary, baggage handling and gratuities (bus driver, guides, room housekeeping).

Price: \$644.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$839.00 per person based on single occupancy

For Reservations Contact: Maria Harding (302)381-0980 or maria.aarp5226@gmail.com
Jim Harding (302)245-8511 or james.aarp5226@gmail.com

Aug 17, 2025 Escape to Margaritaville at the Candlelight Dinner Theatre Trip closed to new reservations

Overview:

Set your mind to island time and Escape to Margaritaville! Featuring your favorite Jimmy Buffet classics with book by Greg Garcia and Mike O'Malley, Margaritaville tells the story of Tully, a smooth-talking singer/bartender whose laidback, no-strings-attached lifestyle is turned upside down when he falls for Rachel, an environmental scientist visiting the island. This hilarious, heartwarming musical is the party you've been waiting for!

Price includes: Round trip motor coach transportation, show, meal, tax, tip and gratuities.

Price: \$130.00pp

For Reservations Contact: Darlene Herring (302)258-9929 or darherring@yahoo.com

Aug 30-Sept 6. Cleveland and Mackinac Island

trip closed to new reservations

Overview:

Since 1887 the **Grand Hotel** beckons guests to a bygone era of old-world hospitality and charm. Experience the traditions of sitting in a rocking chair on the world's longest porch with views of the Straits of Mackinac. This National Historic Landmark has always embraced its rich history, while keeping with the current times. Upon arrival at the Grand Hotel we will board a **horse-drawn carriage** for a narrated tour of the island. After our tour you will enjoy a **spectacular lunch in the Grand Dining Room**. The **Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame** which takes you through the progression of music. How about a one of a kind train ride adventure on the **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad** through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We will tour Cleveland's highlights and after enjoy **Cleveland's Food Tour of Little Italy** while enjoying the city's Italian culture that has existed for generations. **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland** is overflowing with 50,000 trims and gifts. You will enjoy the sights, sounds and spirit of Christmas completely surrounds you. We will travel to Dearborn to the **Greenfield Village** before starting home.

Price includes: Round trip motor coach transportation, 7 nights hotel accommodations, 7 breakfasts, 5 dinners, lunch at the Grand Hotel, Cleveland Food Tour of Little Italy, entrance to all listed venues, luggage handling, all taxes and meal gratuities.

Price: \$1,949.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$2,798.00 per person based on single occupancy

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Jim Harding (302)245-8511 or james.aarp5226@gmail.com

Oct 4-Oct 11 The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta trip closed to new reservations

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: \$3299.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$4399.00 pp based on single occupancy

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

2026

June 21-July 4 Greenland & Iceland Celebrity Cruise

New

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 Purius 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

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- **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



**South Coastal AARP
Chapter 5226**

**New Member and Renewal Application
2025-2026**

Membership year runs from September 1 through August 31

Renewing members' dues must be received by **November 1, 2025**, to receive the next newsletter. (Please complete the form by typing, printing legibly, or using a mailing label). *Up-To-Date Membership in the National AARP is required to join local chapter.**

CHECK ONE: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member Date: _____

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

Name Preferred on Badge (if needed): _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

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

Your national membership and expiration date are on your membership card and 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 is crucial to our Chapter's success. Please check any opportunities below to which you would like to contribute:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative/Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Artisans Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Auditing | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Tour Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Newsletter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Meeting/Luncheon Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber of Commerce Liaison | | |

Officers/Board of Directors

Would you consider serving as an: ☐ Officer ☐ Board Member ☐ Committee Chair

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

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Please add news@southcoastalaarp.org to your email contact list

Make checks payable to: South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226.

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