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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer break is here — a welcome chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family, friends, travel, and sunshine. I think many of us are looking forward to a little slower pace this summer, and I know I am.

As we take this time to reset, I'd like to ask each of us to think about one positive goal we would like our AARP chapter to accomplish next year. Our chapter is filled with talented, caring people, and together we have so much potential to make a difference.

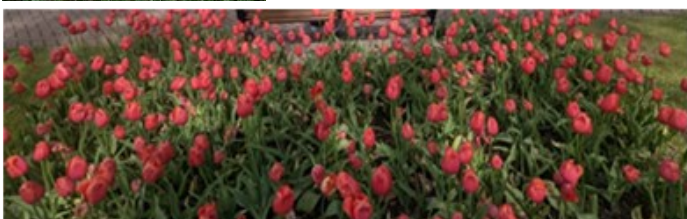
What connects us is far greater than what separates us, and that shared spirit can help us support others as they enter new stages of life and work to improve the lives of retirees in our community.

As new members join us, we have a wonderful opportunity to make them feel welcomed, valued, and included — not just as members, but as important parts of our chapter family.

Summer gives us this opportunity to step back, reflect, and return with fresh ideas and renewed energy for an even brighter future together.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer.

*Peace and love,
Caryn Cleveland-Short*



THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON PROGRAM

The June 16th luncheon and Chapter meeting at Hocker's Family Restaurant will feature *The Singers of Note*, the chapter's chorus. They will perform under director Laura Weaver. You won't want to miss the lovely sounds of seasonal music and song! See the article below for their Spring Concerts schedule.

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT AND SELECT YOUR MEAL, PLEASE SEE PAGE 4.

Wear your name badge to the meeting for a sweet treat!

CHORUS

Spring Chorus Concerts Scheduled

The Singers of Note, under the direction of Laura Weaver, will present several concerts this spring. The chorus rehearses Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Ocean View Presbyterian Church. Barb Clair is the accompanist for the chorus. To access the church, turn north on West Ave. from Route 26 and take the first left.

The performance schedule is:

- Sunday, May 31, Prince George's Chapel, Dagsboro at 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 2, South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach at 3 p.m.
- Friday, June 5, Ocean View Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 10, Selbyville Public Library at 2 p.m.
- Friday, June 12, Millville United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 16, at the monthly meeting of South Coastal DE AARP at Hocker's Family Restaurant on Cedar Neck Road, Ocean View.

New members are welcome.

For more information, contact Laura Weaver at lweaveraarpchorus@gmail.com or contact Laura by phone at 302-382-4564.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

This month we welcome three new members: Kathy & Tom Wood and Carol Connor. Stop by the membership table at the next luncheon to pick up your name badge and to say Hello While there, consider ordering one of the magnetic name badges. Continue to reach out to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join us. Word of mouth really works!

As of May 12, 2026 the membership stands at 448.

I am glad that we have a steadfast following and am always happy to see many of you at our luncheons.

I cannot emphasize enough for members to access the latest newsletter via the website

www.southcoastalaarp.org. Remember that the newsletter is posted on the website on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Our volunteers work hard to keep the email distributions up-to-date, but the delivery system sometimes fails despite their best effort.

Membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Renewing members' dues must be received by November 1, 2026 to receive the next newsletter. Up-to-date membership in the National AARP is required to join the local chapter.

The 2026-2027 Membership Renewal forms will be available at the June luncheon meeting. The forms will also be included in this newsletter and will be posted on the website starting in June. The Renewals must be completed by ALL members and are due no later than November 1, 2026. If you have any questions as to your membership status, don't hesitate to call me at (302) 732-6977.

Kay Houston, Chair

For the *FASTEST* and *BEST* way to ensure you see the most recent newsletter, visit the Chapter Website on the 4th Tuesday of each month at: www.southcoastalaarp.org/newsletters. While you're there, check out the rest of the site for information on Chapter Activities, Travel opportunities, and more!

Charlie Papperella will entertain folks at Holts Landing State Park on Tuesday, June 16th at 6pm. You may recall Charlie's entertaining programs at several past AARP luncheon meetings. Check out the [events schedule at Holt's landing](#) for more information. This event is free with park entrance fee.

LEGISLATIVE

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, at 2 p.m. to discuss the committee's mission, goals, and potential activities moving forward. Attendance was lower than expected due, in part, to a scheduling conflict with the chapter's trip to Holland, Michigan.

Mary Louise Embrey, Executive Council member of AARP-DE, attended the meeting and provided a brief history of the committee, including its past leadership and activities. She emphasized that the committee will look to Bonnie Wu, Advocacy Director for Delaware AARP, for guidance moving forward. Any committee work—including public statements, positions, or volunteer advocacy efforts—must align with AARP policies and direction. While strictly nonpartisan, both state and local AARP organizations do take positions on legislation and proposals that impact AARP members.

Committee Chair John Short distributed copies of the committee's official mission statement, along with the national AARP publication *AARP Policy Fundamentals*. According to the guide, AARP policies and position statements focus on four primary areas:

1. Better health
2. Financial resilience
3. Livable communities
4. Consumer and individual rights and protections

Mary Louise also shared materials outlining volunteer training for interacting with legislators and elected officials. She noted that local members often join the state AARP group for Lobby Day at the Delaware General Assembly. Unfortunately, due to the short notice, the committee was not able to participate in this year's Lobby Day on May 14.

With the legislative session concluding soon and the committee traditionally not meeting during the summer months, the next meeting is planned for September 2026. The committee hopes to connect with Bonnie Wu before that meeting. Members will be contacted in August to help select a meeting date and time.

Anyone interested in joining the Legislative Committee is welcome to participate.

John Short, Legislative Chair

Photos on page 1 were taken in Holland, MI during our chapter's visit for Tulip Week. A wonderful time was had by all. Visit the Travel section (pages 5-7) for more trip opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The recipients of the 2026 South Coastal DE AARP scholarships from Indian River High School are Dylan Grise of Selbyville and Joshua Loose of Frankford. The award of a \$1,500 scholarship to each was announced at the IRHS awards ceremony on May 20.

Dylan, the son of David Grise and Melissa Grise, will attend Wilmington University. His professional goal is to become a doctor of physical therapy.

Joshua, the son of Kristen and Joshua Loose, will attend the University of Delaware. His professional goal is to become a mechanical engineer.

Congratulations to Dylan and Joshua.

Ida Crist, Scholarship Chair

Thank You

to everyone who volunteered, baked or made a monetary donation to make the 2026 Artisans Fair a huge success.

– Scholarship Committee –

Nancy Archey, Sue Bresuciak, Coleen Cardy, Ida Crist, Vickie Drury, Jim Hartsig, Kay Houston, Kathy Johnson, Pat Kapolka, Rich Kapolka, Chris Kreutziger Judy Matsko, Denise McCallion, Joann McGaughey, June Melvin, Eva Nemeth, Shirley Price.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Committee will sponsor a school supply collection for John M. Clayton Elementary School. Schools are always in need of basic classroom supplies.

Suggested donations include pencils (sharpened if possible), pencil cap erasers, colored pencils, blunt-tip scissors, dry erase markers, washable markers, wide-ruled filler paper, composition notebooks, glue sticks, crayons, facial tissues, and Ziplock bags in assorted sizes.

Donations will be collected at the June luncheon. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Kathy Lesperance, Chair

SUNSHINE

If anyone needs a card – get well, surgery or sympathy, – please call me, at (302) 245-0059.

Joan Wolf, Chair



CHAPTER WEBSITE

Please visit our Chapter Website at <http://www.southcoastalaarp.org> for up-to-date information on upcoming activities, contact information for Board and Committee Members, news about this year's Artisan Fair, event photos and the latest travel opportunities.

Frances Hart, Web Coordinator

JOIN A SOUTH COASTAL AARP CLUB!

NEW!

Coming in Sept 2026: MAHJONG CLUB!

Any level player from “never played” to “pros” will be welcome. Look for day, time and location; details will be in the September newsletter. Sign up will start at the Sept luncheon or you can call me to sign up any time after September 1. Contact Sheila Bower at 602-688-5300 or email sheilabwr@gmail.com.

BINGO at the [Salted Rim Bar & Grill](#) at 35553 Atlantic Ave. in Millville is held on the second Monday of each month. You can join the group for dinner around 4:30 pm and/or play Bingo (free, w/prizes) at 6:00 pm. Next date **June 8th**.

Questions? Call Sheila Bower at 602-688-5300.

BOWLING with Paula Pinkett (302-228-6284) is at [Millsboro Bowling Lanes](#) on the last Friday of the month at 1:00 pm. Please arrive by 12:45 pm. The cost is \$3.50 per game and \$3.50 for shoes. Save these upcoming dates:

May 29th and **June 26th** to join Paula and other members for some active fun!

LUNCHEONS with Maureen Eisenhart are held on the fourth Monday of the month at a variety of great local restaurants. The lunch club will take it's summer break and meet again starting in September with details in the September newsletter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is seeking two new committee members for the term beginning in 2027. If you have an interest in joining this committee, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members to learn more:

Maureen Eisenhart at 302-988-1196,
Terry Griswold at 443-752-4513, or
Sandra McGrath at 703-919-7059

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Vacant	2025-2026	

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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.

The Chapter is an IRS-designated §501(c)(4) nonprofit social welfare organization. Donations to the Chapter are not tax-deductible.

* LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS *

RSVP by Noon, Monday, June 8

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Email your meal choice to:
southcoastalrsvp@gmail.com

If you cannot use email, this month call Kay Houston: 302-732-6977

Kay will confirm all JUNE reservations.

Cost: \$26

Cash or check only, payable at the luncheon.

Add to your contact list:

southcoastalrsvp@gmail.com

JUNE 16TH MENU CHOICES

at Hocker's Family Restaurant

Meatball sub with Provolone cheese served with chips.

Grilled Salmon on a bed of rice with lemon caper butter. Side serving of asparagus.

House salad served with chicken salad with Balsamic and Ranch dressings on the table.

Dessert: Blueberry Bread Pudding

Beverages: Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Coffee and Tea

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM

Lunch is at 12 noon.

Chapter news, announcements and program follow.

Remember to wear your name badge!

We cannot take walk-ins. When you send an email to southcoastalrsvp@gmail.com you'll receive a confirmation for your reservation and meal. If you didn't receive a confirmation, you don't have a reservation.

If you cancel after the deadline, NOON June 8th, or do not attend for any reason, you will be billed for the full cost of the luncheon unless there's a waiting list.

CHAPTER TRIPS 2026

June 21-July 4 Greenland & Iceland Celebrity Cruise - FULL

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 Prius 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

AUGUST 4-7 New York's Thousand Islands - FULL

Overview:

This trip takes us up to the 1,000 Islands. We will visit the Eisenhower Locks to discover the seaway's history on the St. Lawrence Seaway which separates the United States and Canada. You will learn the history through cutting-edge, hands-on interactive viewing decks. We will watch vessels pass through the U.S. Eisenhower Lock up close from two separate outdoor viewing decks. We will travel on to the Clayton Island Boat Tours for a unique cruise of the 1000 Islands along the St. Lawrence Seaway. The natural beauty of the less inhabited islands with tranquil bays, marshes, and scenic shorelines as we discover birds and wildlife that inhabit the region. While we travel the St. Lawrence Seaway we will enjoy lunch on the seaway. Our next day we will visit the Antique Boat Museum, the premier freshwater boating museum in North America featuring over 320 unique boats plus thousands of related artifacts and the 106-foot houseboat, La Duchesse, built in 1903 for George Boldt. Then on to the St. Lawrence Spirits Distillery for a tasting of their high-quality craft spirits which are distilled with 100% Saint Lawrence River Water. This distillery produces vodka, gin, absinthe, moonshine, whiskey and bourbon. While in Clayton we will spend the afternoon visiting the Thousand Island Museum, a quaint museum that features an eclectic display of community artifacts and photographs. However, our trip wouldn't be complete without a visit to the Thousand Islands Winery for a tasting of their wines. Each night we will return to the Edgewood Resort on the St. Lawrence River where you will taste fabulous dinners by the resort.

Price includes: Round Trip Motor coach transportation, 3 nights hotel accommodations, 3 breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, entrance to all above venues, baggage handling, taxes, and gratuities.

Price: \$899.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$1,228.00 pp based on single occupancy

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

September 9, 2026 Chester Packet River Cruise

Overview:

River Packet, a 65-foot classic yacht, offers charter cruises on the scenic Chester River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. This 1920-style tour boat, based in historic Chestertown *What is a Packet Boat?* In the 18th & 19th centuries, Packet Boats were used to transport mail, passengers, and freight up and down smaller rivers across Europe and North America. They were generally sail or steam powered vessels that could maneuver into narrower and shallower waters. The River Packet is not necessarily representative of the packet boat style, but it's a pretty cool tribute! Built by Scarano Boat Builders of Albany, N.Y., the 65-foot **River Packet** began her career as *Seneca Chief* on Seneca Lake in upstate New York. Later she was moved to the Florida Keys and eventually South Carolina where she was used for river tours in Charleston area. Now located in Chestertown, the **River Packet** has been completely refurbished by local craftsmen. Lunch and water will be provided while you are cruising on the river. The boat has a cash bar aboard. **Price includes:** Roundtrip motorcoach, cruise, lunch, tip, tax and gratuities.

Price \$112.00 per person

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

October 22-25 Hudson Valley & Sleepy Hollow, New York - FULL

Overview:

Sleepy Hollow is a village in New York State's Hudson Valley. It's known as the setting of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow". The author is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Kykuit. We will enjoy going to the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze display, then on to Sunnyside; the Home of Washington Irving. Spirits of Sleepy Hollow Country, where two master illusionists weave a spellbinding tapestry of intrigue and wonder, inspired by the legends and lore of Sleepy Hollow. Traveling on to Twilight Village for a self-guided visit, here you will discover delightful and mysterious creatures who will tell your fortune, croon creepy tunes, and tell tallish tales of legends and lore. You will hear about Jay Gould, the Gilded Age robber baron and railroad magnate. His sharp and often unscrupulous business practices made one of the wealthiest men of the late nineteenth century. The Lyndhurst is a Gothic Revival country house that sits in its own 67-acre park beside the Hudson River in Tarrytown. A guided and self-guided tour of the U.S. Military Academy Campus, West Point. After we will spend an evening at The Culinary Institute of America for the CIA demonstration, where you'll explore the science of taste. Meet the students, learn about the CIA and enjoy a unique tasting exercise. Dinner will be at the CIA this evening. This trip wouldn't be complete without a two-hour narrated Hudson River Cruise aboard Pride of the Hudson.

Price includes: 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 box lunch, 3 dinners, including the Culinary Institute of America, CIA Experience with Tasting Exercise, Entrance to all above venues, round trip motor coach transportation, luggage handling, taxes & gratuities

Price: \$1,399.00 per person based on double occupancy
\$1,759.00 per person based on single occupancy

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

December 18, 2026 The Christmas Rush - FULL

Overview:

Attention shoppers-and Showgoers! On the day before Christmas, the biggest department store in a small American Town has announced a Last-Minute Madness Sale. Will the harried staff be able to handle the onslaught? Will the Santa in the lobby raise enough to save the town's soup kitchen? And will the recently widowed Alice and her daughter find what they are so desperately seeking? This brand-new show from Blue Gate Musicals is big on laughs, full of heart and has a score that sounds like it stepped right off the Broadway Stage. Give yourself a gift and make sure to see The Christmas Rush! All she needed was 3 more hours, 2 more gifts and 1 small miracle!

Price Includes: round trip motor coach, show 2 Bird in Hand Theatre, grand buffet @ Hershey Farm Restaurant, tax, gratuity, and tip.

Price: \$155.00 per person

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

Chapter Trips 2027

March 28-April 8, 2027 Caribbean Islands Aboard Norwegian Pearl.

Overview:

This Caribbean cruise will embark from Philadelphia, PA for any 11 night - 5 port cruise. Take in the Beautiful Turquoise waters and the laidback Caribbean vibes on Long Bay Beach in Tortola. Greet the green sea turtles and colorful fish as you snorkel the turquoise waters of Turtle Cove, in St. Thomas. For stunning views, take a cable car ride to the peak of Mount Isabel de Torres in Puerto Plata. All of this on the Norwegian Pearl, a mid-size ship with a relaxed atmosphere and elegant decor. The Pearl offers many chic dining options - including the complimentary 24-hour Eatery, O'Sheehan's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, two steakhouses (Cagney's and Moderno Churrascaria) and much more. Looking to turn things up a notch? Head to Bliss Ultra Lounge & Night Club or stop by our dazzling casino, then wind down at the tranquil Mandala Spa.

Price includes: Round Trip Transportation to & from Cruise Pier in Philadelphia, Pre-Paid Cabin Gratuities, Beverage Package with Gratuities, 4 Dinners per Person in Specialty Restaurants, w/ Gratuities, Wi-Fi (150 minutes), \$50 Shore Excursion Credit per Port, \$100 Onboard Credit per Cabin, Taxes & Port Fees.

Price: \$3,439.00 pp based on double occupancy
\$5,299.00 pp based on single occupancy

For Reservations contact: Mitch Gordon @ Curran Travel 215-542-9294

A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CRUISE

September 13-September 17, 2027 Newport & Block Island - FULL

Overview:

Newport is a city set on Aquidneck Island in the New England state of Rhode Island. Its yacht-filled harbor hosted the America's Cup, a renowned annual sailing regatta, for many years. Newport is also known for the Gilded Age mansions lining Bellevue Avenue, some of which are now museums. The most famous is The Breakers, an 1895 mansion patterned after a Renaissance palace. Block Island is just south of mainland Rhode Island. Its 1800s red-brick Southeast Lighthouse sits atop the dramatic clay cliffs of Mohegan Bluffs, with a rocky beach below. Sandy beaches include popular Crescent Beach, on the east coast. The island's northern tip features North Lighthouse, built in 1867, and Sachem Pond, home to gulls and swallows. Migratory songbirds visit the Block Island National Wildlife Refuge. While in Rhode Island we will visit Blithewold Mansion and Gardens, tour Newport, visit the Breaker's Mansion, tour the Marble House Mansion, Cruise around Newport Harbor & Narragansett Bay on a Champagne Schooner, a tour and tasting at a Newport Vineyards. Plus, much, much more. Take the Ferry to Block Island, have lunch at the Grand Hotel on Block Island, tour Block Island and visit the Famous Cliff Walk.

Price includes: 4 nights lodging, 4 full breakfast, 1 Grand Hotel Luncheon, 1 Afternoon Tea, 4 Dinners, Entrance to all above Venues, round trip motor coach transportation, luggage handling, taxes & gratuities

Price: \$1,799.00 pp based on double occupancy

\$1,689.00 pp based on triple occupancy

\$2,195.00pp based on single occupancy

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

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The Chapter reserves the right to cancel programs prior to departure, terminate a program early, and to take action as needed on an individual or group basis when, in the Chapter's opinion, the health, safety or well-being of participant(s) requires such action. Travel insurance is available for all extended tours and is strongly recommended. Those who choose not to purchase travel insurance will be asked to sign a waiver. No refunds will be given for extended tours cancelled by the traveler(s) unless substitute travelers can be found. If a trip is cancelled by the Chapter, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants

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

South Coastal AARP Chapter 5226 New Member and Renewal Application

2026 – 2027

Membership year runs from September 1 through August 31

Renewing members' dues must be received by **November 1, 2026**, to receive the next newsletter. (Please complete the form by typing, printing legibly, or using a mailing label). **Up-To-Date 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 (if needed): _____

Address (Street or P.O. Box): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ 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. **DO NOT SELECT US MAIL UNLESS YOU 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 constantcontact.com to your contact list to ensure you receive emails from us.

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

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 which you may serve. Please check any or all in which you would be **willing to work**.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Artist | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Artisan Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs (planning) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tours (planning) | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Auditing | <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 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:

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