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Our May 21st Luncheon meeting at Cripple Creek Country Club will feature Billy Reese, a trusted local insurance and financial service agent for State Farm. For more than 20 years, Billy has built a reputation for providing personalized financial solutions tailored to the needs of retirees. Billy and his team at Reese Insurance and Financial Services are committed to helping their neighbors achieve their retirement goals with confidence and peace of mind. Join us to hear Billy's helpful information.

[The Chorus will perform at the June Luncheon.]

Luncheon Menu Choices

Shrimp Salad Croissant

House made shrimp salad, lettuce, tomato, toasted croissant

Southwest Steak Salad

Mixed greens, grilled steak, corn, black beans, avocado, diced tomato, shredded jack cheese, Southwest Ranch dressing

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Grilled chicken breast, arugula, tomato, melted provolone cheese, roasted garlic aioli

Dessert: Black & White Marble 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, May 13th 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 (May 13th) 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

April's rain showers have given way to May's flowers, and we welcome springtime. This spring, there are a number of Chapter activities for our members to consider. The Tour Committee has announced four new tours. The Scholarship Committee's Artisans Fair will be held Saturday, May 25, and we are seeking volunteers for the day of the show and for our bake sale. No Chapter meetings will be held in July and August. Thinking ahead to the fall, when the Chapter holds its annual elections, there will be several openings. We will need a new Program Director and a few new Directors for our Board. We will also have vacancies on the Nominating Committee. If you think you might have an interest in any of these opportunities, please get in touch with one of us. We would be happy to talk with you about these positions. We're looking forward to seeing each of you at one or more Chapter events in the coming months!

Kathy and Terry, Co-Presidents

Membership

Our current membership stands at 354 paid members. We welcome new members Michele Bell and John Short. The membership year continues through August 2024. The new membership year begins in September with new Membership Forms available in August. 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 at 302-732-6977 or joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com.

Name Badge Update

Magnetic Plastic Name Badges are still available for purchase. To date, 78 members have purchased magnetic badges. The current 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 legible.

The price of the badges has gone up and we will need to increase the price of the badges in September. In the meantime, we need to have 8 more people sign up before I can place the order. I hope to reach that goal so that badges can be distributed at the May or June meeting at the latest. 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.



Kay Houston, Chair

Community Service

The Community Service Committee thanks everyone who participated in "Gifts for Seniors." It was a great success!

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

It's Artisans Fair Time

The Artisans Fair is almost here. Saturday, May 25, Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, is the big day. The Fair runs from 9a.m. to 3p.m. at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View. An outdoor Farmers Market is held from 9a.m. to 1p.m. Highlights of this year's fair includes:

- An Artisans Auction raffle, which features items donated by exhibitors.
- Exhibits of jewelry, woodworks, metalworks, textiles, pottery, photography, glass and fine art.
- Fresh produce, food products, garden supplies and plants at the Farmers Market.
- Raffle of a golf package from Bear Trap.
- A 50-50 cash raffle.
- Music from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by the Wave Dragons Band, a duo made up of Machel Drew and Patrice Scully-Murray
- Fabulous baked goods made by our members. Remember to bring your baked items to the Lord Baltimore Cafeteria between 7 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. A volunteer will be there to take your item without your having to leave your car.
- Cucina Veloce Food Truck featuring pasta, salads and much more.

Volunteers are encouraged to park offsite to allow more parking spots at the school for those attending the fair. Parking lots at Precious Paws Animal Hospital and Denise Beam State Farm Office, just east of the school, are designated for volunteer parking. We will also run a van service from Mariners Methodist Church and Miken Builders parking lots beginning at 8:45 a.m. and running until 1:30 p.m.

If you have not volunteered to help, contact Coleen Cardy, volunteer coordinator, at 724-238-3967 or coleen.cardy@yahoo.com.

Ida Crist, Co-chair

Visit our new Facebook page at
[Artisans Fair - South Coastal DE AARP](#)

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

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.

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.



Defensive Driving Courses

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](#).

Chorus

The Singers of Note, our chapter's chorus, will begin its spring concert season with a concert at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 31, at Millville United Methodist Church. The rest of the chorus concert schedule will be published in the June newsletter, which will include the concert scheduled at our monthly luncheon meeting on Tuesday, June 18, at Cripple Creek. This will be the final luncheon meeting of the program year. Don't miss it.

Ann Jaeger, Director

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
idadacrist@aol.com.

Canasta or Mexican Train*, Anita Ferm, 301-704-3550

* If you plan to attend, please send me an email at anitalferm@verizon.net so I can gather the equipment needed. Thank you

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

TRAVEL

Welcome to the Travel Page. We have changed our format to help condense our pages. If you have a computer, we made a link to connect you directly to the [website's travel page](#) where you can find all the information you need.

CHAPTER TRIPS 2024

June 2-8 ST. AUGUSTINE, AMELIA ISLAND, & JEKYLL ISLAND OPEN TO EVERYONE

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 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 & JOHN DICKINSON PLANTATION

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**seats available****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****new****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 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**new****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

new

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

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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