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**Our May 20th luncheon and Chapter meeting at Cripple Creek** features Drew Sunderlin, tennis pro, member of United States Professional Tennis Association and inductee into the Middle States Professional Tennis Association Hall of Fame in 2015 (to name just a few). Fun fact: Among his many other accomplishments, Drew was a professional stringer for and under many winning pros including Pete Sampras and Billie Jean King. Drew will entertain us with fun stories and photos from his 40+ year career.

## Luncheon Menu Choices

### Birdie Salad

A bed of mixed greens with a scoop of house made shrimp salad and fresh honeydew, cantaloupe, pineapple and strawberries.

### Blackened Chicken Caesar Wrap

Lightly blackened grilled chicken breast with romaine lettuce and parmesan cheese in our signature wrap. Served with a side of potato chips.

### Cheeseburger Sliders

Two cheeseburger sliders with cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato and Italian dressing. Served with a side of hand cut fries.

**Dessert: Bailey's Mint Chocolate Chip Cupcake** with Bailey's buttercream frosting and fresh mint.

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, MAY 12<sup>th</sup> via email (preferred) at [madod@aol.com](mailto: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 (May 12) 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

Welcome to the warmth and sunshine month of May! Better weather with more time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

In the meantime, our Nominating Committee will be looking for two new members for our AARP Board. We have two positions to fill for 2026:

- We are searching for a Vice President to work hand-in-hand with the President, assist her with some of the duties, and stand in for her when she may need to be absent. This Vice President could potentially step into the position of President when the current President's term is up.
- The second position open for next year is the Assistant Secretary. Important skills for this position are note-taking and computer skills.

These two positions are very important to the successful work of the Board. Please consider how you may be able to help. It might seem early in the year to present this request to you, as the new term doesn't begin until January 2026, but we do not meet in July and August.

The front page of our monthly newsletter lists the names and phone numbers of current Board members, including the Nominating Committee. Give us a call. (Or we may call you!) Let's talk about how YOU can participate in helping your Chapter.

Bless you for your generosity of time and talent.

***Terry Baker, President***

## Chorus

The Singers of Note, our member chorus, will begin its spring concert season at 11 a.m. Friday, May 30, at Millville United Methodist Church. The public is invited. It will also perform for a group at Ocean View Presbyterian Church on Friday, June 6.

The chorus will sing at 3 p.m. Friday, June 13, at the South Coastal Library, presenting an hour of show tunes, oldies and humorous songs. Invite your friends and come to the library concert as Ann Jaeger, the founder and director of the chorus for 25 years, conducts one of her last concerts.

The chorus will also present a very abbreviated concert at the chapter's luncheon meeting on Tuesday, June 17, after which Ann will retire from conducting the chorus.

## 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.

## Membership

Our current membership (as of April 15, 2025) stands at 389 members. Four new members were added this month. Welcome Mark & Maryanne Johnson, Patti Halsey, and Laurel Rupprecht. Mark & Maryanne received information about our Chapter from a neighbor, so continue to reach out to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join us. Word of mouth really works!

Although the membership year doesn't begin until September 1, the 2025-2026 Membership Renewal form is now available in this newsletter. Forms will be available at the May Luncheon and on our website at [southcoastalaarp.org](https://southcoastalaarp.org). There are still 30 members who receive the newsletter via the postal service, and the South Coastal Chapter incurs a loss every month. **PLEASE REMEMBER:** Postal mail service is provided to those members who have *no capabilities* of electronic communication and may not be received for several days after it is on the website. This could be a problem when trying to reserve a spot at the luncheon.

**Name Badges** are still available for purchase at \$15/badge. See Kay Houston (at the membership table at the Monthly meeting) or mail your request and a check to South Coastal DE AARP Chapter #5226, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. Be sure your name 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***

## Scholarship Committee

The Dine and Donate at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar on March 12 was very successful. With a donation from the restaurant of \$768.55, based on revenues from food and drink, we raised a total of \$1,038.55 to support our scholarship fund.

Our major fund-raising effort of the year will be the Artisans Fair on Saturday, May 24, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Farmers Market will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You might get a phone call from our volunteer coordinator, Coleen Cardy, asking if you can help on the day of the fair. Her phone number is 724-238-3967, and you can call to volunteer even if you do not receive a call. Also, several member volunteers will be calling all our members asking you to either donate an item for our baked sale or make a cash contribution. We appreciate all your help to make the Artisans Fair not only a successful fund-raiser but also a fun day for the community.

***Ida Crist, Co-chair***

## Proposed Amendment to *Standing Rules*

At its meeting on April 8, the Chapter's Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Chapter's Standing Rules. The amendment would allow the Chapter's Officers to serve up to a total of 6 years in office. The current limit is 3 years. This proposed amendment will be presented to the membership for ratification at the May 20 meeting.

### Amendment: Change to Terms of Office for Chapter Officers

#### Current Language in the Standing Rules:

V. Officers

**B.** The officers shall hold office for a term of one year.

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**D.** A Chapter officer may serve only three consecutive terms in the same office except for the Vice President and the Assistant Treasurer, who may serve up to six consecutive terms.

#### Proposed New Language:

V. Officers

**B.** The officers shall hold office for a term of three (3) years.

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**D.** A Chapter officer may serve only two consecutive terms in the same office.

#### Reason for the Change to the *Standing Rules*:

Currently, all Chapter officers (except for the Vice President and Assistant Treasurer) are limited to a maximum period of service of 3 consecutive years. The proposed change would permit experienced officers to serve for up to 6 consecutive years. This would allow the Chapter to take advantage of the experience they gained while in their position and reduce the need for frequent searches for new Chapter officers.

## 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](mailto:arcadywood@gmail.com) if you're interested in becoming a member of the Committee.

**Ted Spickler, Chair**

## Community Service

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to "Home of the Brave" at April's luncheon meeting. As usual we have wonderful members who care. Thanks so much!

Please remember to bring food items to the monthly luncheon meetings for the Food Pantry at the [Pyle Center](#). Thank you for your generosity.

**Kathy Lesperance, Chair**

## Chapter Interest Groups Calendar

At the January and February luncheons, we invited attendees to complete an interest survey with options to participate in various activity groups. The 60+ responses that we received were tallied and folks volunteered to organize several groups so far.

Mark your calendars for the following events and contact either or all: Sheila, Paula, Maureen and Ida.

### 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 4:45p.m., and Bingo begins at 6:00p.m.

(Bingo is free to play and there are prizes to win; many of our team have already been winners!)

Feel free to join one or both activities on:

- May 12
- June 9

### Bowling with [Paula](#):

If you selected Bowling from the survey, 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

### Lunch with [Maureen](#):

For those of you who would like to meet for lunch with some AARP friends, get in touch with Maureen Eisenhart! Luncheons will be held on the fourth Monday of the month – May 19<sup>th</sup> for this month. To find out the wonderful venue that Maureen has in store for us in May, you can email or call Maureen at [irishmom08@gmail.com](mailto:irishmom08@gmail.com) or 302-988-1196.

### Have an interest in the Arts?

Perhaps you'd like to join some of us at the [Rehoboth Cinema Arts Theatre](#) for the following:

- [The Metropolitan Opera: "Le Nozze di Figaro"](#) on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, or
- [Exhibitions on Screen "Michelangelo: Love and Death"](#) on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Contact Ida Crist at [idacrist@aol.com](mailto:idacrist@aol.com) for more info or possible carpooling.

**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](http://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**

### **May 21, Norfolk Naval Base Cruise & Cape Charles**

**trip closed to new reservations**

#### **Overview:**

The two-hour Norfolk naval tour departs daily from Nautilus, home of the Battleship Wisconsin. The captain provides an entertaining and fascinating commentary aboard this Coast Guard inspected vessel. Cruising the smooth waters of the Elizabeth River, tour one of the world's busiest seaports including the world's largest naval base, home of the Atlantic Fleet, made up of destroyers, guided missile cruisers, submarines, aircraft carriers and more. Guests enjoy plenty of comfortable seating, an air-conditioned enclosed deck, an open-air shaded upper deck, snack bar and souvenir shop.

After the cruise we will travel to Cape Charles for lunch on your own and free time.

**Price includes:** Round trip motor coach, boat cruise, tax, tip and gratuities.

**Price:** \$115.00 per person

**For Reservations Contact:** Maria Harding (302)381-0980 or [maria.aarp5226@gmail.com](mailto:maria.aarp5226@gmail.com)

Jim Harding (302)245-8511 or [james.aarp5226@gmail.com](mailto:james.aarp5226@gmail.com)

### **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

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### **Aug 17, 2025 Escape to Margaritaville at the Candlelight Dinner Theatre.**

**New**

#### **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](mailto: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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## **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

### **Disclaimer**

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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



**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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