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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING – NOVEMBER 15 at CRIPPLE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

NOVEMBER SPEAKER: Christina Deidesheriner from Beebe Health Care will be our speaker for November. She will tell us about services Beebe Health Care has to offer seniors in our area. She will also talk about things we can do as we age to be our best selves.

LUNCHEON MENU CHOICES:

HOT TURKEY PLATE – Sliced Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cranberry, with a roll. **OR**

CHICKEN CEASAR WRAP – Grilled Chicken, chopped romaine, diced tomato, Parmesan/Romano cheese with Caesar dressing. **OR**

COBB SALAD – Romaine, topped with grilled chicken, blue cheese, avocado, bacon, tomato, corn, black beans, and creamy Italian dressing.

Beverages include iced tea, lemonade, coffee, and water.

Dessert – Pumpkin Pie

Doors open at **11 AM** for social hour with lunch at **12 Noon** followed by Chapter news and announcements. **Cost \$21.00**

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412), madod@aol.com by noon, Monday, November 7.**

Please wear your name badge to the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who cancels after the deadline or does not show for any reason will

be billed the full amount of the cost of the luncheon. **No walk-ins are permitted.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy November to all. If you haven't had the opportunity, please attend our November Chapter meeting and lunch at Cripple Creek. I look forward to seeing you at our Chapter Meetings which are held on the **3rd Tuesday of each month.**

During our November Chapter Meeting, the slate of candidates running for our 2023-24 Board will be announced by the Nominating Committee, along with any nominations from the floor.

Effective immediately, our assistant secretary will take charge of the secretary's duties for the remainder of 2022. Our current secretary is unable to complete those duties during this period. An Interim Treasurer Sheila Bower has been appointed to complete the duties of our treasurer who resigned in August. Kathy Johnson is training this interim and ensuring that treasurer duties are being completed during this period.

Ted Spickler has been appointed as Chairperson of the Legislative/Environmental Committee, effective immediately. **Welcome to both Sheila and Ted.**

AARP(National) has revoked and replaced all previously granted trademark licenses for the Chapters. The current Logo shall be replaced with the AARP Badge. Details will be forthcoming.

As President, I applied to National AARP for a Chapter Awareness Grant. I am pleased to announce that **Chapter #5226 has been approved for \$1000, the largest award,** to increase awareness of and recruit new members for our Chapter. The details are listed under **ANNOUNCEMENTS** in this newsletter. I continue to encourage you to become more involved by volunteering for committees and administrative responsibilities. The more volunteers we have, the less time per member

is needed to accomplish necessary tasks. This is **YOUR** organization, and you can play a valuable role in enhancing our events.

Rose Verona

President, South Coastal DE., Chapter #5226

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Membership - Dottie Rieck

Our chapter's membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Our current membership stands at **374** members. We welcome the following new members: **Michael & Veronica Cavanaugh, Kenneth & Suzanne Lamont, Skip & Karen Lucas, Patsy McClosky, Barbara Mize, Marlowe & Paula Pinkett, and Genny Semmens.**

It is time to renew your membership in our chapter. Dues are **\$10** per person if you want your newsletter sent by email and **\$13** if you want your newsletter sent by US Mail. If there are two members in the household receiving the newsletter by US Mail, only one pays the **\$13** fee and the other the standard **\$10** fee. We ask that all renewing members **submit a new membership form** along with their dues. If a member joined or renewed during May-August 2022, the membership extends through Aug. 31, 2023.

Please send your check (made out to South Coastal DE Chapter #5226) and your membership form to Dottie Rieck, PO Box 286, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

****Deadline for renewals is November 1, 2022. Unpaid members will not receive the December newsletter.****

If you have any questions, please contact **Dottie Rieck by phone at 302-539-2654 or by email at Rieck5226@aol.com.**

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

Legislative/Environmental – Ted Spickler

Since we have a **general election on November 8**, and the winners don't begin their legislative tasks until January, the committee is in a waiting mode. If you need information about voting, try these websites: **Early voting runs from October 28 to November 6 from 11 AM to 7PM at Millville Community Center, 32517 Dukes Drive, Millville, DE.**

www.elections.delaware.Gov

www.aarp.org/devotes

If unsure of where you vote, call 302-577-3464

AARP is a non-partisan organization, so we do not push any candidate. **WE DO URGE YOU TO VOTE.**

We are always looking for volunteers to join the Legislative/Environmental committee. If you are interested contact **Ted Spickler at 302-927-0050.**

Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

We are asking members for **donations to Dollars for Coats for Kids.** Coats and accessories are purchased for students at John M. Clayton School. **You may donate at the NOVEMBER chapter meeting.**

We will again be **collecting cans for the Food Bank** which you can **bring to the November luncheon.**

Blood Bank: To schedule an appointment call **1-888-825-6638** or schedule on line at **www.delmarvablood.org.** Check for locations in Sussex County on the web site.

Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

Dine & Donate, Basket Auction

The Scholarship Committee will hold a fund-raising event on Wednesday, **Nov. 9, at Fins Raw Bar and Ale House in Bethany Beach**

across Route 1 from Sea Colony's high-rises. The event, which will help fund scholarships for two Indian River High School students and three adult students at Delaware Technical Community College, will be from 4 to 8:30 p.m. The restaurant donates a percentage of the evenings proceeds for food and drink.

In addition, there will be a basket raffle auction and a 50-50 cash raffle. It is not too late for members to donate bottles of wine or gift cards for the baskets. Simply call **Ida Crist at 302-732-6336 by Monday, Oct. 31**, and someone from the Scholarship Committee will pick up your donations. Thanks to all of those members who have contributed so far.

A **volunteer coordinator** is needed for the **Artisans Fair to be held Saturday, May 27, at Lord Baltimore Elementary School.** If you want more information about the position, contact Ida Crist at phone number listed above.

NOMINATING – Sandra McGrath

Nomination 2023 Executive Board Officers

President	Rose Verona
Vice President	Jim Harding
Program Chair	Susan Kerwin
Secretary	Jane Bartolomeo
Treasurer	Sheila Bower
Asst. Treasurer	Robert Lesperance

The slate of officers will be voted upon at the November Chapter Meeting & Luncheon.

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, November 9 – 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. Fins Restaurant in South Bethany, Dine & Donate and Basket Auction plus 50/50. Come out with friends, enjoy good food and drink and win some stuff!

WE WON! The National AARP offered a grant opportunity to Chapters around the

country and our Chapter #5226 won the largest grant awarded, \$1000.00. The money is to be used to increase awareness of and attract new members to our chapter. Anyone wanting to join our president in making plans to accomplish the details of the grant in 2023 should contact President Rose Verona at 630-297-2562.

Driver's Safety Classes

- Proven safety strategies
- New traffic laws
- Rules of the road.

Online courses are available. Sign up today at www.aarp.org/drive or call 1-877-846-3299.

Upon your completion you may be eligible to receive an **auto insurance discount**. Consult your agent for details.

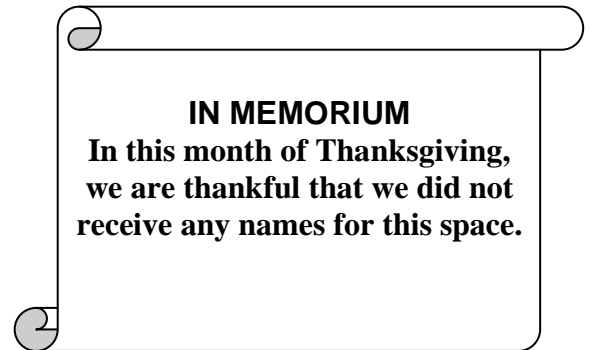
Sunshine - Joan Wolf

If you know of anyone who needs a greeting card, please contact **Joan Wolf** at **541-0513**.

Chorus - Ann Jaeger

The chorus rehearsals are held every Wednesday at **Ocean View Presbyterian Church**, Center Avenue from **10:00 a.m. 'til noon**. If you are interested in joining the chorus, call **Ann Jaeger** at **302-645-8023**.

The Chorus has holiday performances scheduled for December and January. They will be singing at the December 20, Chapter Meeting and Luncheon.



SEE CHAPTER TRIPS OFFERED ON THE NEXT PAGE

CHAPTER TRIPS

2022

Oct 25

DAVID AT SIGHT & SOUND

2 SEATS AVAILABLE

Overview:

Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God's own heart. With original music inspired by the Psalms, "DAVID" is a state-of-the-art theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets and live animals in this brand-new stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Price Includes: Show, Dinner at Hershey Farm Inn, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes and gratuities,

Price: \$145.00 per person

2023

April 23

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

7 SEATS AVAILABLE

Overview:

The largest spectacle of music and might in the United States, the Virginia International Tattoo offers an astounding display of inspirational military music, majestic massed pipes and drums, show stopping drill team maneuvers, colorful and elegant dancers, and much more. Each year's Tattoo is different, with new performers from across the globe, new themes of honor and patriotism, and new sights and sounds to amaze you.

A tattoo is meant to celebrate pride and patriotism, culture, and history through the unifying power of music that entralls spectators and those heroes serving in the armed services.

Price Includes: Premium seating at the VA International Military Tattoo, Dinner at The Island House Restaurant on the water after the show featuring broiled Island House crab cakes, chicken marsala, carved top round of beef au jus, roasted red potatoes, steamed green beans, sweet potato biscuits, cheesecake, coffee, tea and soda, round trip motor coach transportation, tips, tax and gratuities.

Price: \$165.00 per person

MEMBERS ONLY

May 17

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER - Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club

Overview:

In this roaring 20's Murder Mystery Show performed by Riddlesbrood Touring Theatre's crime pays off big time! With shady characters, suspense, tommy guns and cheesy puns. The year is 1926, and two bumbling gangs are duke' in it out for control of the bootleg business. But be careful! The jokes and action can be a blast...so if there is a lot of gun play...don't forget to duck. But if prohibition has got you down, and your hankering for some illegal hooch, just stop by...tell them "Sharkie" sent ya!

Dinner Selection Choice of one: Chicken Parmesan, Flounder Picatta or Prime Rib, Salad, dessert, rolls/butter, coffee, tea, lemonade or soft drinks Cash bar available

Price Includes: Dinner and show

Price \$60.00 per person

MEMBERS ONLY

June 7-9

QUAINT AMISH GETAWAY

3 Days 2 nights

Overview:

This wonderful trip will give you a little bit of everything. We start this trip off with a relaxing train ride through Lancaster County's famous Amish Country. After our train excursion we will head over to Hershey Farm Inn for a wonderful buffet lunch before heading to Sight & Sound to see Moses. The new production of Moses, set adrift as a baby, he is an unlikely hero-until God calls him to lead. This is one of the Bible's most epic stories. To finish off the night we will head to Shady Maple for a tremendous dinner buffet. We will see a new production of "Dear Soldier Boy" dinner show at Bird in Hand Stage. A 2-hour guided Amish Farmland Tour with stops along the way. We will visit Lapp Valley Dairy Farm, where they make their own ice cream, and raise the cows. It is the best ice cream for which everyone will have a chance to sit on the front porch and enjoy a dish or cone of ice cream. You will have time to browse and shop the stores in Kitchen Kettle Village and you will have time at the Amish Farmers Market in Bird in Hand. You can bring coolers for your shopping. A wine and cheese social under a beautiful gazebo allows for some down time and socializing.

Price includes: 2nights hotel accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners to include Shady Maple & Bird in Hand. 1 wine & cheese social, Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides

Price: **\$485.00 per person** based on Double Occupancy

\$610.00 per person based on Single Occupancy

Trip Protection Insurance can be purchased through Square Mouth Insurance (800)240-0369

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE OFFERED GO TO:

www.southcoastalaarp.org

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 Reservations

To make a reservation for any trip contact the trip coordinator listed on the flyer. Make checks payable to: South Coastal AARP #5226 and send to South Coastal AARP Tour Committee, PO Box 662, Ocean View, DE 19970. Please submit a check for each trip you sign up for. Note on the check what trip the check is to be applied to. If you are paying for more than 1 person please make note on the check. We can no longer accept one check for multiple trips.

Trip Rules

Day Trips

- Payment is preferred at time of registration and must be made no later than 30 days after registration
- Reservations made within 30 days of scheduled trip must be paid at time of registration
- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants.
- To cancel a trip 48 hours or less before departure, contact the trip coordinator listed on the flyer
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on buses during chapter-sponsored trips
- Price subject to change: If the price of diesel fuel increases by more than 20% between the date of the contract with Bus Company and the date of the charter, the Tour Committee may charge a fuel surcharge to participants.

Overnight Trips

- **Seating will be assigned when initial payment is received**
- All overnight trips use a voucher system for the payment fee with a payment schedule.

If Cancellation is necessary, we will try to fill the spot with someone from our wait list if available. After that has been exhausted member has the option then and only then to replace the reservation with interested party of their choice.

- Travel Protection Insurance is offered for all overnight trips. If cancellation is necessary due to illness member will submit claim to the insurance carrier for their reimbursement/ refund.

- Cancellation without insurance for illnesses -no refunds will be given unless we can replace your reservation as stated above.
- No refunds for payments can be given unless a substitution can be made. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants

Please Note

- We offer three possible ways to notify you of our upcoming trips.
****Blind Broadcast emails sent out to all members supplying their emails **Newsletter
*** Website**

- Once notices are sent, you have the option to book the trip being offered.

**SAVE THE DATE
UPCOMING TRIPS**

Autumn in the White Mountains, New Hampshire - October 2023

It's a Wonderful Life @ Candlelight Theater - November 19, 2023

Miracle of Christmas @ Sight & Sound – December 5, 2023