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Community Service	Kathy Lesperance	302-537-7845
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The November 21st meeting at Cripple Creek Country Club, will feature Sally Cole, Program Manager of the University of Delaware (Olli), a Lifelong Learning Program covering various programs from art lessons to courses in history. The speaker will be Ralph Begleiter, a retired World Affairs Correspondent, who will share information about their programs. All of their volunteer speakers and teachers are experts in their field.

The Luncheon Menu Choices:

1. Hot Turkey Plate

Sliced Roasted Turkey with Stuffing, mashed Potatoes, mixed vegetables and cranberry.

Served with a toasted roll

OR

2. Chicken Caesar Wrap

Grilled Chicken, chopped romaine, diced tomatoes, parmesan and Romano cheese and Caesar dressing.

OR

3. Cobb Salad

Romaine lettuce topped with grilled chicken. Blue cheese, crumbles, avocado bacon, tomato, corn, black beans, and house-made creamy Italian dressing

Dessert: Pumpkin Pie

Beverage: Iced tea, lemonade, water, and coffee.

Doors open at **11 AM** with lunch at **12 noon** followed by Chapter news and announcements. **Cost \$ 23.00 (new price)**. Cash or checks only.

Members may make their lunch reservations by calling or emailing **Mary Ann Dougherty, (302-541-9412)**, madod@aol.com by noon, **Monday, November 13th. Please wear your name badge to the meeting..**

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who cancels after the deadline or does not show up for any reason will be billed the full amount per the cost of lunch.

No walk-ins are permitted.

ANNUAL MEETING - Nov. 21

The ANNUAL meeting of the South Coastal DE AARP chapter will be Tuesday, Nov. 21, at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club. Besides reports from various committees, the membership will be asked to approve the following slate of officers, board members and nominating committee members for 2024, and in some cases, beyond 2024, as stated below.

OFFICERS

*Co-Presidents: Terry Baker and Kathy Johnson
Vice President: Jim Harding
Program Director: Sue Kerwin
Secretary: Jane Bartolomeo
*Assistant Secretary: Paula Pinkett
Treasurer: Sheila Bower
Assistant Treasurer: Bob Lesperance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jack Beall	2023-2025
Ida Crist	2022-2024
Joan DeMarco	2023-2025
*Sandy Raymond	2024-2026
Dottie Rieck	2022-2024

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Annlynn Ayres	2023-2024
*Coleen Cardy	2024-2025
Larzar Cherry	2023-2024
Zelda Cherry	2022-2023; 2024-2025
*Terry Griswold	2024-2025

*Indicates new to the position for 2024. The annual meeting will be held immediately after lunch which starts at 12 noon and the guest speaker.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Membership: Kay Houston

Our current membership stands at **366** paid members. We welcome new members: Lin Crawford, Mary Jane Goodwin, Grace Jenkins, Barbara Lembo, Judy Mays, Caroline Morrow, Margaret & Dick Oliver, Rita Hollada, Bruce & Maureen Golmic, and Marlene Hare.

Dues are **\$15** per person if your newsletter is sent by email and **\$18** if you want your newsletter sent by US Mail. The Chapter does take a loss for each newsletter sent through the Post Office. This method of receiving the newsletter should be reserved for those members who 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 of \$15. Please submit a new membership form along with your dues for each member. Make sure that you add News@southcoastalaarp.org to your contact list to help prevent the newsletter from going to your spam/junk folder.

2023-2024 DUES are to be paid by November 1.

Please mail them NOW. New forms must be completed for each member and are available in the newsletter or on our website: southcoastalaarp.org

Please send your check (made out to South Coastal DE Chapter #5226) and your membership form to Kay Houston, PO Box 225, Ocean View, DE 19970. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Houston by phone at 302-732-6977 or by email at joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com.

Legislative/Environmental: Ted Spickler

If you are interested in joining the Legislative/Environmental committee, contact **Ted Spickler at 302-927-0050.**

Blood Bank: To schedule an appointment, call 1-888-825-6638 or schedule online at www.delmarvablood.org. Check for donation locations in Sussex County on the website.

Dine and Donate Nov. 15 at Cottage Café

Don't miss the fall dine and donate Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Cottage Café on Route 1 in Bethany Beach to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Unlike previous dine and donates that were only open for dinner, Cottage Café will recognize proceeds from dining all day on which to base their contributions to South Coastal DE AARP's Scholarship Committee.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. At the event, you may purchase raffle tickets for gift baskets made up of donations from local businesses and decorative wreaths made by Joann McGaughey, a member of the Scholarship Committee. We will also have a 50-50 cash drawing.

The winners will be chosen beginning at 8 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

All proceeds go to support scholarships for two Indian River High School seniors and three adult students (age 25 and older) at Delaware Technical Community College. We currently donate \$8,000 in scholarships annually. Come join us for an evening of fun...all for a good cause.



Name Badge Update: Kay Houston

Thirty-four members initially ordered the 2"x3" plastic name tags with magnetic backing. These badges include the new AARP logo and your first name is displayed slightly larger than your last name. The cost is \$10. Those who ordered these name tags will be able to pick them up at the next meeting.

If you are interested in purchasing the magnetic plastic name tag, please give your name and \$10 (check preferred) to Kay Houston at the Membership Table. Once I have enough to place the order, I will do so. They will be distributed at the subsequent meeting. 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.

Survey Results Reflect Members' Interests

Results from last spring's survey of members show that there is interest in several activities. We are happy to announce that several members volunteered to try to organize various groups. If you are interested in any of these activities, call or email the organizer.

WALKING CLUB

More members had interest in this than any other activity.

Organizer: Marge Mariotti—609-505-3183 eastgoingwest@outlook.com

BOOK CLUB

Organizer: Marie Fletcher—978-595-6690 yulettimechimes@gmail.com

CANASTA or MICHIGAN RUMMY

Organizer: Anita Ferm—301-70-3550 anitaferm@verizon.net

PICKLEBALL

Organizer: Susan Bresuciak—443-243-5994 sbresuciak@gmail.com

POKER, TEXAS HOLD 'EM or EUCHRE

Organizer: Ed Bresuciak—443-504-3568 Breslite@verizon.net

Web Coordinator: Frances Hart

I am looking for a backup Web Coordinator. I'm willing to train anyone to update e-mail addresses in our mail server & I have written procedures for coordinating between our Board Members and our web master. The position is not likely to take more than 5 hours a month. Call me at 703-801-7216.

Community Service: Kathy Lesperance

The Community Service Committee will be collecting donations for "Dollars for Coats for Kids" at the November meeting. This money will be used to buy coats and other clothing items for John Clayton Elementary School students.

In December, we will collect "Gifts for Seniors". These gifts will be distributed at Christmas for those receiving Meals on Wheels.

Please don't forget to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting for the Pyle Center Food Bank. Please check the expiration date.

We appreciate all that members do to support this effort.

TRIPS TO MUSEUMS, STUDIOS or HISTORICAL SITES

Organizer: Sandy Raymond—302-539-3941 sandyraymond15@gmail.com

BRIDGE or HAND & FOOT

Organizer: Ida Crist 302-732-6336 idacrist@aol.com

SCRABBLE

Organizer: Ida Crist 302-732-6336 idacrist@aol.com

If you expressed interest in any of these areas, your name and contact information has been provided to the organizers. However, do not hesitate to contact them directly to help them organize these groups or simply participate.

There was a great deal of interest in lunch groups or dinner groups, but no one volunteered to organize these. Likewise, there was interest in several other athletic activities, board games and trips to art movie theater in Lewes/Rehoboth, but no volunteers to help organize. If you have interest in any of these areas and would like to help organize, contact Ida Crist at 302-732-6336 and she will provide you with the people who have an interest in those areas.

CHAPTER TRIPS 2023

Nov 8

THE FIRST NOEL

WAIT LIST ONLY

Presented by the American Music Theatre

Overview:

“The First Noel” featuring incredible singers, astonishing dancers, wondrous costumes, breathtaking sets, and all the endearment of a perfect fireside family moment! Bask in the beauty of the season, and cherish the stories of spirit and love as we bring all your favorite sights and sounds to the stage. This year’s all-new holiday show features your favorite seasonal and sacred Christmas songs – songs brought to life by marvelous vocal talent from across the country, accompanied by our masterful AMT Orchestra. Beautiful snows capes, child-like joy, cherished stories, the spirit of love, and all your favorite things about the holiday season are cast onstage in this glorious celebration of timeless holiday classics.

Price includes: The Kitchen Kettle Village for lunch on your own and some Christmas Shopping, dinner in a classic converted train dining car of The Casey Jones. A wonderful show at the American Music Theatre, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

Price: \$144.00 per person

For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511 or email

james.aarp5226@gmail.com

Dec 5

THE MIRCLE OF CHRISTMAS

WAIT LIST ONLY

Presented by Sight & Sound Theatre

Overview:

This holiday season; travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three Wisemen—along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah! Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Price Includes: The Kitchen Kettle Village for lunch on your own and some Christmas Shopping, dinner at Hershey Farm restaurant and a magnificent show at Sight and Sound Theatre, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities
Price: 150.00 per person

For Reservations Contact: Mable Ruddo, Escort (302)541-8549

2024

March 6

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

NEW

Overview:

The show features large-scale gardens, elaborate landscapes, and over-the-top floral creations. Dazzling floral color, creativity and garden beauty presented at the largest horticultural event. The world's most talented community of floral and garden artists, the show will connect you to the beauty and power flowers have to transform, inspire, delight and connect us to one another.

The Reading Terminal's mouth-watering aromas and locally grown and exotic produce and Amish specialties, fresh meats, seafood and poultry. Handmade confections and baked goods straight from the oven. Everything you need to create a memorable meal, from cookbooks, to table linens, to kitchenware, to fresh cut flowers, and more. The widest variety of restaurants under one roof.

Price Includes: Entrance to Flower Show, round trip motor coach transportation, tax, tip and gratuities

Price: \$97.00 per person

For Reservations Contact: Karl or Gail Hettel, Escorts (610)-442-6117

April 21

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

NEW

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: Dinner at Capo Capo Italian Restaurant after the show featuring; salad, Braised Short Ribs, Grilled Salmon or Double Crab cakes. Premium Seating in section 207 at the VA International Military Tattoo, Roundtrip Motor Coach Transportation, tips, tax and gratuities.

Price: \$167.00 per person

For Reservations Contact: Lana Linz, Escort (302)245-3502

June 2-8

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

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. Forty-two years before the English colonized Jamestown and fifty-five years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, the Spanish established at St. Augustine the nation's first enduring settlement.

Our trip will start out with a stop to **Jekyll Island, Georgia** where we will have lunch on our own at one of the many restaurants on the island. Follow by a **Tram Tour of Jekyll Island's Millionaire's Row** with views of historic structures and cottages that were once home to some of America's most wealthy and prominent citizens. (J.P. Morgan, Joseph Pulitzer, William K. Vanderbilt and Marshal Field)

A guided **tour of St. Augustine** will help us understand St. Augustine. After the tour we will travel to **St. George Street** for lunch on your own and time to shop. As we travel to **Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth**, we will learn of the legend of the healing waters that magically maintain your youthful appearance. We will **Tour Castillo De San Marcos** a 17th century Spanish stone fortress with views of the St. Augustine Inlet. **Flagler College** rich in history tour which highlights the former Hotel Ponce de Leon. **St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum** will transport you back in time over 300 years to Port Royal. A visit to **Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island** we will have lunch on your own and time for shopping.

We will visit **Whetstone Chocolates** for a delectable chocolate tasting. A delicious dinner and performance at the **Alhambra Dinner Theatre** plus the **Columbia Restaurant** which serves Spanish-Cuban cuisine using family recipes and tradition for over 117 years.

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 Motorcoach Transportation, and luggage handling in Florida, all Taxes and meal 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
Jim Harding, Escort 302-245-8511

Travel Protections Insurance can be purchased through Aon Affinity 1-800-388-1470
Tour Operator Location # 386097

August 5-8

CASTLES OF NEW YORK & LAKE GEORGE

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Overview:

Our tour will start in the Alexandria Bay area near the Canadian border. We will take a boat tour of two castles; **Singer Castle** built in 1905 and **Boldt Castle** on Heart Island. We will enjoy a box lunch on Heart Island before we cruise back to our hotel.

We will head on to pristine **Lake George**, New York where we will take a boat ride around Lake George. After the boat ride you will have some time to meander around the Village of Lake George.

We will continue on to **Wing's Castle**, Millbrook, New York. **Wings Castle** a unique architectural marvel located east of the Hudson River. From her we will travel on the **Millbrook Vineyards & Winery** for a tour and sampling. **Millbrook Winery** is regarded as one of the top wineries in New York.

Price includes:

3 nights lodging, 3 breakfast, 1 boxed lunch, 3 dinners, admission to all above stated venues ie; Boldt Castle, Singer Castle, Wing's Castle, St. Lawrence River Cruise, Boat Cruise on Lake George, Millbrook Vineyards and Winery Tour, round trip Motorcoach 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
Jim Harding, Escort 302-245-8511

Travel Protections Insurance can be purchased through Aon Affinity 1-800-388-1470
Tour Operator Location # 386097

Nov 10-15

CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES

WAIT LIST ONLY

Overview:

Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas event is a favorite for Dolly Parton, who enjoys bringing families together for a magical holiday celebration each year. It's no easy feat hanging up over **6 million Christmas lights** while simultaneously preparing for other seasonal events and offering park-goers an uninterrupted experience.

Guided Tour of the Great Smoky Mountains – The Great Smoky Mountains are a mountain range rising along the Tennessee–North Carolina border in the southeastern United States. They are a subrange of the Appalachian Mountains, and form part of the Blue Ridge Physiographic Province. We will meet our guide for a tour of the majestic Smoky Mountains America's most visited National Park.

Enjoy Touring & Tasting at Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine Distillery.

Become an actual passenger or crew member and experience what it was like on the ship. Walk the hallways, parlors, cabins and Grand Staircase of the Titanic while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts.

Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland is a wonderland of Christmas Lights Orchestrated and Choreographed to Music? Christmas Experience is for you. Looking for modern props, special effects, and a storyline for all ages. This experience is for you.

We will visit the Museum of the Cherokee Indian; this museum tells the story of the Cherokee people and sets the scene for the Cherokee Heritage Trails. The Cherokee community presents its own perspective on its history and culture through impressive exhibits taking you from 11,000 years ago to the present.

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 Meal 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
Jim Harding, Escort 302-245-8511

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 and mail 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, unless noted differently
- 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 payment schedule.
- 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 Policy: Refund by Replacement only

- No refunds for payments will be given unless a replacement. If a trip is cancelled by the Tour Committee, full refunds will be provided to all paid participants

Please Note

We offer four possible ways to notify you of our upcoming trips.

****Blind Broadcast emails sent out to all members supplying their emails **Newsletter ***
Website**General Meeting****

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

UPCOMING TRIPS

May 2024 Air Mobility, John Dickinson Plantation
September 2024 Naval Base Cruise, Cape Charles & Barrier Islands
October 2024 Chester River Fall Foliage
December 2024 Daniel @ Sight & Sound

23 – 2024

SOUTH COASTAL AARP CHAPTER 5226 NEW MEMBER AND RENEWAL FORM

Renewing members' dues must be received by **November 1, 2023**, in order to receive the next newsletter. (Please complete the form by typing or printing legibly). **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: _____

Address: _____

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone: _____ 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. This method of receiving the newsletter should be reserved for those members who have **no capabilities** of electronic communication. If there are 2 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 of \$15.

Membership renewal is **\$15** using email and **\$18** using U.S. mail .

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

Your national membership and expiration date are on your membership card and also 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 in which you may serve. Please check any or all that may appeal to you.

- Chapter Newsletter Community Service programs Legislative Membership Program
- Public Relations Scholarship Artisan Fair Tours (planning)
- Chamber of Commerce Liaison Chapter Meeting/Luncheon Assistant Chorus
- Finance/Auditing

Officers/Board of Directors

Would you consider serving as an: Officer Board Member Committee chair?

Please share with us any experience or skills that 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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