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The October Luncheon Meeting will feature Jennifer Wells & Kaitlyn Steele, cardiac nurses with Beebe Health Care. They will speak of signs and symptoms of strokes; prevention of strokes and immediate care after a stroke. Bebe's relationship with Jefferson Medical School regarding treatment of strokes, will be addressed.

The Luncheon Menu Choices:

- **Chicken Quesadilla** (Grilled chicken Peppers, onions, cheddar jack and a citrus lime aioli
or
- **Shrimp Salad Sandwich:** House made salad with lettuce and tomato on a toasted croissant
or
- **Fall Creek Salad:** Arugula, roasted sweet potatoes, red onions, cranberries, feta cheese, grilled chicken and an apple Dijon Vinaigrette.

**Dessert: Lemon Twist and Coffee Service
Beverage: Ice 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, October 9th.**

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.

BOARD AND CHAPTER MEETINGS

Our Chapter Meetings are held on the 3RD Tuesday of each month. These luncheon/meetings are held at Cripple Creek effective September 2023 through June of 2024. The lunch reservation process is communicated in our monthly newsletter. Remember the June chapter meeting is the last meeting until the Fall.

Any member who is interested is always welcome to attend our Board Meetings. They ALWAYS occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11 AM in the John West Municipal Building on West Ave. in Ocean View. The next Board meeting is September 12th. This will be the first Board meeting of this year.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Membership – Kay Houston

Our current membership stands at **354** paid members. We welcome new members: Marlene Bittinger, Debbie Brzezynski, Charlene Jehle, Jim & June Melvin, Susan Miller, Mary Potter, Cathy Wills, and Jim & Tish Wright.

Dues are **\$15** per person if you want your newsletter sent by email and **\$18** if you want your newsletter sent by US Mail. If there are two members in the same household receiving the newsletter by US Mail, only ONE pays the \$18 fee and the other, the standard fee of \$15. Please **submit a new membership form (attached)** along with your dues for each member.

Please send your check (made out to South Coastal DE Chapter #5226) and your membership form to Kay Houston, P.O. 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.
PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW.

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.

Scholarship Committee - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

The Scholarship Committee will hold a Dine and Donate and a basket Auction on Wednesday, November 15th at Cottage Café on Route 1 in Bethany Beach.

The restaurant will give a percentage of the proceeds from food and drink for all day dining, from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

You can buy raffle tickets for a 50-50 cash drawing and for several baskets made up of donations, from area business or beautiful door wreaths made by Joann McGaughey, a member of the Scholarship Committee. The drawings for the 50-50 and the baskets will be at 8:00 p.m. You do not need to be present to win. We will call you after the drawing and make arrangements for you to pick up the winnings that evening at the restaurant, or we will make other arrangements

All proceeds go to support scholarships for two Indian River High School seniors and three adult students (age 25 and older) and Delaware Technical Community College. We currently donate \$8,000 In scholarships annually.

Come and bring your friends and neighbors for lunch and or dinner ...or both.

AARP Driver Safety Classes

Online courses are available. Sign up today at www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/ or call 1-800-350-7025. Upon completion of a driver safety class, you may be eligible to receive an **auto insurance discount**. Consult your insurance agent for details.

Sunshine - Joan Wolf - If you know of anyone who needs a greeting card, please contact **Joan Wolf at 302-541- 0513**.

Chorus: Ann Jeager

The Chorus will start on Wednesday, September 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Ocean View Presbyterian Church. For Chorus Members coming back, please

Bring your music from last season.

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 "Dollars for Coats for kids" for the months of October and November.

The contributions will be used to buy coats and other items for the John Clayton Elementary School.

Please don't forget to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting on the Third Tuesday of the month

Also check the expiration date.

Thank you for all you do



NAME BADGE UPDATE

34 members ordered the 2" X3" plastic name tags with magnetic backing. These badges will include the new AARP logo and your first name will be 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 September 19th meeting luncheon.

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 at the September luncheon Meeting. 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.

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 enralls 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

2023 – 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.

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

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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