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### EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Community Service	Kathy Lesperance	302-537-7845
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Membership	Kay Houston	302-732-6977
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**THE SEPTEMBER 19 LUNCHEON/MEETING** at Cripple Creek Country Club will feature Dr. Jane Groenbaum, a member of the Sussex Preservation Coalition working to maintain wooded public areas by planting trees and greenery and keeping natural areas protected.

### LUNCHEON MENU CHOICES

**Asian Salmon Bowl:** Served over lemon ginger rice with sugar snap peas, carrots, bell peppers, sweet soy teriyaki and sesame seeds.

**OR**

**Eagle Turkey Sandwich:** Thinly sliced turkey breast with arugula, bacon, roasted peppers, Chipotle mayo and smoked gouda cheese. Served on an Artisan roll.

**OR**

**Chicken Caesar Wrap:** Grilled chicken, chopped romaine, diced tomatoes, parmesan and Romano cheese and Caesar.

**Dessert:** Cookies, Brownies & Coffee Service.

**Beverage** – Ice tea, lemonade, water and coffee service.

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](mailto:madod@aol.com)** by noon, **Monday, September 11.**

**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 **3<sup>RD</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12. This will be the first Board meeting of this year.

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## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### Membership – Kay Houston

Our current membership stands at **342** paid members. We welcome new members: Linda and Marshall Gevinson, Christine Ledford and Mary Thorne.

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** 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](mailto:Joinaarpsc5226@gmail.com).

### Legislative/Environmental – Ted Spickler

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

### Community Service - Kathy Lesperance

We are collecting **non-perishable** food items for the Pyle Center Food Pantry. Please check the expiration date on your items and bring them to the monthly Chapter Luncheon/Meeting.

## Blood Bank:

To schedule an appointment call **1-888-825-6638** or schedule online at [www.delmarvablood.org](http://www.delmarvablood.org). Check for donation locations in Sussex County on the website.

## Scholarship - Ida Crist & Shirley Price

The Artisans Fair in May was a huge financial success and a wonderful event for the community. After all expenses were paid, we made \$9,775. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, by volunteering, baking or giving cash. Resuming after a three-year hiatus, the Artisans Fair not only helps to support our scholarship fund but provides an opportunity for talented artisans to sell their creations and a fun activity for the community.

A huge congratulations to the Artisans Fair Committee who served as coordinators for various areas; Kathy Johnson, exhibitors and farmers market; Dianne DeForest, artisan auction; Pat Kapolka baked goods sale and cash donations; Rich Kapolka, parking; Kay Houston and Joan McGaughey, food truck; Coleen Candy, chapter member volunteers; Sandy Raymond, external volunteers; Judy Matsko, 50-50 raffle; Shirley Price, golf package; Jim Hartsig, graphics and show layout; and Ida Crist, publicity and committee chair.

This year the Scholarship Committee will give a total of \$3,000 to two Indian River High School students and \$5,000 to three adult students over two semesters at Delaware Technical Community College. Look for information in upcoming newsletters about our fall fund-raisers at an area restaurant.

## AARP Driver Safety Classes

Take the AARP Smart Driver course and learn:

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

Classroom and online courses are available. Sign up today at [www.aarp.org/drive](http://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 **302-541-0513**.

## NAME BADGE UPDATE



34 members have ordered the 2" X 3" 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 19 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 responses 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.

## Chorus – Ann Jaeger

The Chorus will start on Wednesday, September 27 at 10 AM at O. V. Presbyterian Church. For chorus members coming back, please bring your music from the last season.

## CHAPTER TRIPS

**2023**

Oct 1-5

**AUTUMN IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS**  
**5 days 4 Nights**

**WAIT LIST ONLY**

**Overview:**

The White Mountains of New Hampshire are absolutely beautiful this time of year. We have packed this trip in order for you to view beautiful colors of the mountains from all different viewpoints. \*A Scenic Railroad Dinner along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee where you will travel through the village of Weirs Beach and along Paugus Bay towards Lakeport, NH. You'll enjoy breathtaking views of New Hampshire's largest lake. \*We will ride up the White Mountains on the first mountain-climbing cog railway in the world. This cog train will climb through three climate zones to arrive on the top of the White Mountains. \*Travel to the top of Cannon Mountain on an aerial tramway whisking you above timberline to the 4,100 foot summit with outstanding views of the White Mountains and into Maine, Vermont and Canada. \*Enjoy a picturesque boat cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee located in the beautiful lake region at the foothills of the White Mountains. \*Visit Franconia Notch State Park with dramatic views, as we travel through the Notches we will see covered bridges, scenic waterfall, mountain streams and the beautiful Mt. Washington Hotel. \*Tour the Castle in the Clouds Mansion, a mountaintop estate, built 1913/1914. This estate is a unique example of Arts and Crafts architecture in New England. \*A performance at the M&D Playhouse at the historic Eastern Slope Inn Playhouse. \*Explore Wolfeboro and Weirs Beach nestled on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee.

**Price Includes:** 4 nights hotel accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners to include Fall Foliage Dinner Train. Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation, taxes, gratuities and admission to all venues per itinerary, and guides.

**Price: \$1,229.00** per person based on **Double Occupancy**  
**\$1,499.00** per person based on **Single Occupancy**

Travel Protection Insurance **\$119.00** per person Double Occupancy **\$145.00** per person Single Occupancy

**For Reservations Contact Jim Harding, Escort (302)245-8511 Or Maria Harding, Escort (302)381-0980**

Nov 8

**THE FIRST NOEL**  
**Presented by the American Music Theatre**

**WAIT LIST ONLY**

**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](mailto:james.aarp5226@gmail.com)**

Dec 5

**THE MIRCLE OF CHRISTMAS**  
**Presented by Sight & Sound Theatre**

**WAIT LIST ONLY**

**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**

**June 2-8**

### **ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA**

#### **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 or 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**

#### **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 Tonite 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](http://www.southcoastalaarp.org)

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#### **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**

<b>March 2024</b>	<b>Philadelphia Flower Show</b>
<b>April 2024</b>	<b>International Tattoo</b>
<b>May 2024</b>	<b>Air Mobility, John Dickinson Plantation</b>
<b>August 2024</b>	<b>Castles of New York</b>
<b>September 2024</b>	<b>Naval Base Cruise, Cape Charles &amp; Barrier Islands</b>
<b>October 2024</b>	<b>Chester River Fall Foliage</b>
<b>December 2024</b>	<b>Daniel @ Sight &amp; Sound</b>

**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 the local chapter.

**CHECK ONE:**  New Member  Renewing Member  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

Name Preferred on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P. O. Box

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 critical to its success. Listed below are many of the opportunities in which you may serve. Please check any or 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 an 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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