AARP CHAPTER 710

APRIL 8, 2010

One for the Ladies

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweat-shirt.

Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room

Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room he shouted to me,

"WHAT SETTING DO I USE ON THE WASHING MACHINE?"

"It depends," I replied.

"What does it say on your shirt?"
He yelled back, "UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA!"
And they say blondes are dumb.

Hope everyone had a happy and blessed Easter!

Love, Mary Ellen







TRAVEL

The trip to Hunterdon Hills May 26 is filled. We are accepting people for the waiting list. Call Joy at 624-2080.

DRIVER EDUCATION CLASSES

(save on your auto insurance)

Monday and Tuesday, April 19th and 20th. Starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Council room at the Cullinane Safety Building. Call Bill Hinshillwood at 263-1772.

<u>City News You Can Use</u> – by George and Bob April 2010

2010 Budget is progressing; it's not done yet

The Administration's proposed municipal budget was formally "introduced" (handed over) to Council on 3/29. The budget, as it stands would involve about an 11% tax increase. But Council can still make cuts. There will probably be one more Budget Workshop before the formal Public Hearing at the 4/27 Council Meeting. Interested parties (all of us) should attend these meetings!

Flood insurance discount is finally headed our way!

After a meeting with FEMA on 3/27, this looks good. The Administration predicts it will happen this year with a starting discount of 5%, which can increase over time. The 5% discount will result in a total saving to the community of about \$170,000. There are currently 49 communities eligible for the CRS (Community Rating System) discount. According to the Mayor, "We want to be Number 50."

A new ordinance is in the works regarding house vents

Related to flood prevention, the Administration is preparing an ordinance to allow inspection of SIC houses to ascertain whether we have an adequate number of vents (5 per unit on a side-byside). The subject of "bonus rooms" is also under evaluation.

Learn about all Sea Isle City projects

At the April 10 Council Meeting (this Saturday), the City will give a PowerPoint presentation on all its ongoing projects including beach fill. This will be another worthwhile meeting to attend.

City will host "Community Day at the Lodge"

On Saturday May 1, various SIC organizations (police, ambulance corps, etc) will set up tables at the Lodge to provide information to the public. If a group is interested, call the Mayor's office.

Look for new parking meters

The City has awarded a contract for the furnishing and installation of Pay by Space, multi-space parking meters for the downtown area. These meters will be similar to those in operation in downtown Cape May. They will replace (and modernize) the myriad of single-space meters which currently line our streets.

Short notes from the April 29 Council Meeting:

- The elevator is now operating in the Cullinane Public Safety Building.
 The new Public Works Building at 40th and Central is now open.

- Bids for the new Sea Isle City library building are in process.
 Paving of Landis Ave from JFK to 54th Street should be completed by mid-May.
- Bids will be accepted in April for resurfacing 91st, 61st, and 42nd Streets.
- PW is cleaning the SIC inflow/infiltration system (probably no rehab before summer season).
- Access to all Marina facilities should be opened for the summer season.
- The new Visitors Center location is not yet decided (adjacent to the Lodge a strong possibility).
- The SIC Beautification Committee is targeting the North End for its next project.
- The SIC fluoridation project is on schedule for March 2011.
- The Polar Bear Run/Walk for Autism netted \$32,800, with more than 1100 participants.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 4/10: City Council Meeting. 10:00 a.m. Cullinane Public Safety Bldg.

Sunday 4/18: Ground Breaking for St. Joseph's New Church

<u>Saturday 4/24</u>: **US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Class**. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Community Lodge. Class costs \$40. Earn your NJ State Boating Safety Certificate. Call 263-0050 for information or to register.

<u>Saturday 4/24</u>: **25th Anniversary SIC Beach Clean-Up**. 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Sponsored by the Sea Isle City Environmental Commission. Groups welcome. Sign up at JFK and the Promenade.

Tuesday 4/27: City Council Meeting. 10:00 a.m. Cullinane Public Safety Bldg.

<u>Thursday 5/6</u>: **Annual Senior Jamboree**. 10 a.m. at the Avalon Community Center, 30th and the beach. This is the event at which our chapter was honored as CM County "Organization of the Year" in 2009. The 2010 theme is "Carnival."

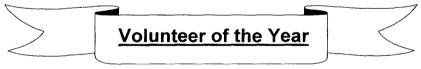
Tuesday 5/11: City Council Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Cullinane Public Safety Bldg.

BUFFET LUNCH AND BINGO

Our next B&B will be held <u>one week from today</u> at noon on Thursday <u>April 15</u> at the Lodge. Sign up at today's meeting, or call Helen Dobrowolski at 263-1695 by Monday April 12 and get your money to them prior to the B&B. Bring your neighbors. It's still only five bucks!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

(Joan and Bob Thibault, Grace Felix, Helen Dobrowolski)



It's time to select the Chapter 710 "Volunteer of the Year" for 2009. If you'd like to nominate someone, recommend the name (or names) along with your reasons to Joan or Bob Thibault by our May 13 meeting, or call them at 263-3256. The award will be presented at our June luncheon along with a check for the recipient's favorite charity. Remember that all accomplishments, both within Chapter 710 and outside in the community, are fair game.

AARP Day of Service

Once again this year, our chapter will participate in the AARP national "Day of Service" at our May 13 meeting. If everyone brings in at least one item of <u>non-perishable food</u>, we will be able to donate several food cartons to the <u>Holy</u> Redeemer Food Bank. Thanks in advance.

Monthly Donations

Our current list:

DEMINDER

- A.C. Rescue Mission: Men's Clothing and Unused Travel Size Toiletries
- C.A.R.A. (Coalition Against Rape and Abuse): Regular Size (unused) Toiletries
- Animal Shelters: Blankets, Towels, Quilts, Sheets, etc., Cat and Dog Food/Treats/Toys.
- Schools: Campbell "Labels for Education" and General Mills "Box Tops for Education."

APRIL 2010 CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Betty Podlaski
- 8 Sunny Smith
- 11 Ed Robinson
- 13 Joe Matyszczak
- 16 Thomas Owings
- 18 Janet Gibbins Marian Tucker
- 20 Kitty Kelly
- 21 Edna Galan
- 22 Helen Dobrowolski Michael McHale
- 23 Janice Gheysens
- 29 Barbara Jedlicka
- 30 Mary Ann Helfrich



ANNIVERSARIES

4/30/1961 49 Years Bud & Pat Smith