

September, 2009

**AARP CHAPTER #710**  
**P.O. BOX 22**  
**SEA ISLE CITY, NJ 08243**

**MEETING PLACE:** Sea Isle City Community Lodge, 300 JFK Blvd., Sea Isle City, NJ 08243

**MEETING TIMES:** Board of Directors – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month, 10 A.M.  
Full Membership – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 1 P.M., Except July and August  
Special Places and Times as Designated

**OFFICERS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Mary Ellen Stefenack, 130 80<sup>th</sup> St, SIC – 263-2317  
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**SECRETARY:** Eleanor Moore, 42 74<sup>th</sup> St. West, SIC – 263-9643  
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Terry Barry, 6708 Pleasure Ave, SIC – 263-3971  
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Grace Felix, 6013 Central Ave, SIC – 263-6353  
Dr. Irene Jameson, 1500 Landis Ave, SIC – 263-2968  
Kitty Kelly, 121 93<sup>rd</sup> St, SIC – 263-7236  
George Marinari, 222 55<sup>th</sup> St, SIC – 263-3831  
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Mary Robinson, 9108 Pleasure Ave, SIC – 263-3841  
Anne Speas, 5700 Landis Ave, SIC – 263-1296  
Bob Thibault, 8101 Pleasure Ave, SIC – 263-3256

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Joan Barron, 8501 Sounds Ave #4, SIC – 263-5313  
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**PROGRAMS:** Joy Sumski, 73 N. Ravenwood Drive, CMCH 08210 – 624-2080

**A.A.R.P. Chapter 710 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - November 12, 2009**



At a nursing home in Florida, a group of senior citizens were sitting around talking about their aches and pains.

"My arms are so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"I know what you mean. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee," replied another.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a third.

"My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," another contributed.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man.

Then there was a short moment of silence. Then one old woman said cheerfully, "Thank God we can still all drive!"

*If we all took just a moment to give thanks for what  
we have we would find how blessed we really are.*

*Happy Turkey Day !*

*Mary Ellen*



**11/19/09 - B & B**

**12/02/09 - 12/04/09 - Lancaster Trip - Call Joy at 624-2080**

**12/10/09 - Christmas Luncheon - Deauville Inn, 12:00 - \$15 members, \$18 guests - Choice of Broiled Salmon, Roast Pork or Chicken Parmesan - Get your tickets at Nov. meeting - DON'T FORGET! Bring non-perishable food items for Mayor's Drive**

**12/16/09 - Trip to AC Casino- Show, Buffet and \$5 back - Cost \$33 - Show is Miracle on 34th St. Call Joy at 624-2080**



## **CITY NEWS YOU CAN USE – by George and Bob**

**November 2009**

### **Revitalization Plan for the Beach-To-Bay corridor takes shape**

#### **What happens to The Lodge?**

At a public workshop on October 13, the engineering firm hired by the city presented their recommendations for revitalizing the environs of JFK Boulevard to make the area more enticing to visitors. The whole project is expected to cost nearly 13.5 million dollars. The recommended concepts are not finalized, but unless the public reacts, they will be.

Of particular interest to us, *the Community Lodge will remain for our use* – with improved restrooms. There are options for extending the building, but these options are not expected to be implemented. Many other changes are in the works, including moving the lighthouse (which will include a tourist information center) to the corner of JFK and Central Ave. Stay aware of future public meetings.

#### **How about a terrapin statue for the Beach-To-Bay corridor?**

A committee has been formed to advocate the inclusion of a diamond terrapin statue in the Beach-To-Bay project. Members are Irene Jameson and Bob Thibault, along with SIC councilpersons Mary Tighe and John Divney. The committee believes that such a statue would provide a unique environmental symbol as well as a memorable tourist attraction. Stay tuned.

#### **Donations grow in memory of Marie Stafford**

According to Mike Stafford, contributions to the SIC Historical Society in honor of Marie have now exceeded \$2700. The funds will be used to provide a beautiful new bridal display in Marie's beloved Bridal Room when the museum moves to its new location in the future SIC library complex at 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue.

#### **Wherefore art thou, Library?**

Last heard, Cape May County was in the process of preparing plans and specifications for the new SIC library, with a bid package expected to be published before the end of the year. Ground-breaking may take place as early as February.

#### **Funland looks to the future**

In its first season of operation, Gillian's Funland reported revenue of about \$384,500, with ten percent going to Sea Isle City. For 2010, plans include possible expansion to the west and a repositioning of some of the rides.

#### **Water and Sewer – still a hot topic**

An October 24 City Council workshop covered two related topics: reduction of city-wide costs (the main presentation topic) and the equitable distribution of rates. The former is being addressed by emphasis on reduced usage and repair/upgrade of facilities. The approach to equitable distribution of costs among businesses, rentals, and year-round residents is not there yet. Attend the meetings to find out more and to have your voice heard.

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## **CITY NEWS YOU CAN USE** (continued)

### **Free trees update – it's moving along**

At an October 29 meeting held by the State of New Jersey – Department of Forestry, it was stated that Sea Isle City is getting 100-200 free trees to be planted between 43<sup>rd</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Streets. In fact this is happening NOW! The trees will be taken care of for a year. If all goes well, they will return to plant more until the whole city blooms.

### **For information, tune in to Channel 2**

Sea Isle City, Avalon, and Stone Harbor now share Comcast Channel 2 to bring information – meetings, events, weather, emergency info, and more - to the public. Try it. You may have to persevere through Stone Harbor or Avalon items for a few minutes, but it should be worth it.

### **For emergency information, sign up for “Reverse 911”**

The Sea Isle City Police Department has set up an Emergency Notification System, commonly referred to as “Reverse 911.” This system can inform residents of important events and emergency situations by placing phone calls to thousands of people within minutes. You can sign up to receive these calls either via the city website “[www.seaislecitynj.us](http://www.seaislecitynj.us)” or by calling the City Clerk’s Office at 263-4461 ext. 200.

### **Sea Isle City *does* have a plan for emergencies**

This was stated at the October 13 City Council meeting. It was also stated that the essence of the plan should be presented to the council and to the public.

On a related topic, Police Chief Thomas D’Intino confirmed at the Council meeting on October 27 that two-way traffic is allowed on Pleasure Ave during flood emergencies; this is his call as SIC head of Emergency Management. Chief D’Intino is working out a scheme to inform the public when two-way traffic is in effect. Until then, use your judgement and your flashers.

### **Upcoming City Events**

Saturday 11/14: Operation Medicine Cabinet. 10:00 a.m. to noon, SIC Police Station. Safely dispose of unused, expired, or unwanted prescription medications. This is a statewide effort on that day. For more info call 263-4311 ext. 2310, or visit the website [www.operationmedicinecabinetnj.com](http://www.operationmedicinecabinetnj.com).

Saturday 11/14: SICTA Board Meeting (all members welcome). 10:00 a.m. Council Meeting room.

Friday 11/20: SIC Family Feud. 6:30 p.m. at the Community Lodge, JFK and Park Rd. Pre-registration required; call 263-0050.

Tuesday 11/24: City Council Meeting. 10:00 a.m. Cullinane Public Safety Bldg.

Saturday 11/28: Dedication of T.I. Memorial Park. 10:00 a.m. at 94<sup>th</sup> St and Landis Ave. Memorial pavers are still available for purchase.

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### **Upcoming City Events (continued)**

Saturday 12/5: **SIC Historical Museum Open House.** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 4208 Landis Ave.

Saturday 12/5: **SIC Tree Lighting Ceremony.** 6 p.m. at JFK and Landis. 263-4161 ext.245 for info

Tuesday 12/8: **City Council Meeting.** 7:00 p.m. Cullinane Public Safety Bldg.

Thursday 12/10: **SIC House Lighting Contest.** Judging starts at 5:30 p.m. Applications may be picked up at City Hall.

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### **BUFFET LUNCH AND BINGO**

Our last B&B until January will be held at noon on Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>, next week. Sign up at today's meeting, or call Helen Dobrowolski at 263-1695 by Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> and get your money to her prior to the lunch. The lunch caterer will be Mrs. Brizzle's.

Remember that these fantastically festive events are open not only to Chapter 710 members, but to all seniors who live in Sea Isle City, so bring your neighbors.

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### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**(Joan and Bob Thibault)**

#### **Race for the Cure**

The annual Charlotte Moretti Race for the Cure on October 10 was a great success. More than \$4500 was raised for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, with 100 runners and walkers taking part. Thanks to all who participated. See you in the spring for our Heart Run/Fun Walk.

#### **Annual Mayor's Holiday Drive**

Once again, the holiday season is going to be tough for many this year, but especially for those who are forced to rely on the generosity of others.

Every year the Mayor's Drive collects food and other gifts donated by us at our Christmas Luncheon and distributes them during the holiday season to the needy in our area. So please be thoughtful and bring at least one item of non-perishable food to our luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Irene Jameson tells us that any gift appropriate for a teenager will also be very much appreciated. Thank you.

#### **Monthly Donations**

The following is our current list:

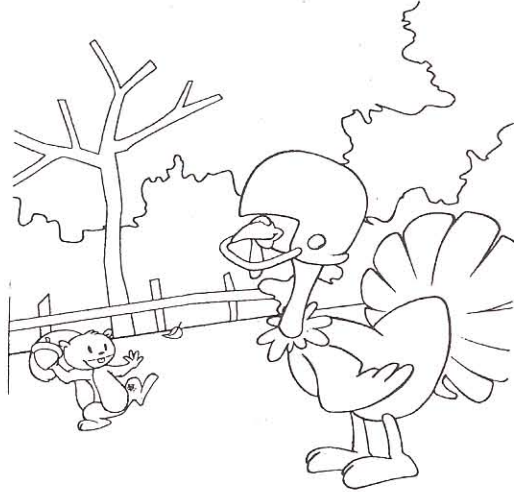
- A.C. Rescue Mission: Men's Clothing and Unused Travel Size Toiletries
- C.A.R.A. (Coalition Against Rape and Abuse): Regular Size (unused) Toiletries
- Animal Shelters: Blankets, Towels, Quilts, Comforters, Sheets, Cat and Dog Food/Treats/Toys.
- Schools: Campbell Labels (complete) & General Mills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

Please note: These appear, in all sizes, on many different products.  
Please look for them, clip them, and bring them in



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2009

- 1 Terry Constantini  
John Mc Garr  
Frank Podlaski  
Norman Waterbury
- 2 Anthony Skubish
- 3 Horace Lorrilliere
- 5 Francis Kelly  
James Logan  
Shirley Young
- 8 Marie Tighe
- 10 Terry Barry
- 14 Judith Desmond  
Martin Kellich  
Clarence McNutt  
Michelina Valinis
- 16 Richard Amos  
Sis Borden
- 22 Pat Quinn
- 23 Louise Clemente  
Richard Unger
- 28 Gerald Davis  
Helen Visco
- 30 Grace Rysinger



## ANNIVERSARY

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| 11/21/1953 | Janet & William Gibbins  | 56 Years |
| 11/24/1964 | Bob & Joan Thibault      | 45 Years |
| 11/26/1983 | Norman & Judie Waterbury | 26 Years |



Corrections ? Notify Joan Barron 263-5313

Send \$5 check (AARP 710) for dues to 8501 Sounds Ave #4 SIC 08243

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please notify Mary Robinson 263-3841 or Anne Speas 263-1296 concerning a get well or sympathy card for any of our members.