AARP CHAPTER 710

P.O. BOX 22 SEA ISLE CITY, NJ 08243

April 2007

Hello Membership,

I must say, I was impressed with the turnout and enthusiasm of our membership at the St Patrick's Day Luncheon. The food was delicious and the Irish outfits were terrific.

Mark your calendar to "Meet the Council Candidates": 14 April = Community Lodge 1:30PM 28 April = Townsend's Inlet Civic Center (85th St) 1:30PM. If you have any questions this is the time/place to ask them.

George Marinari, President

TRAVEL

April 25, Wed, 9AM = Trip to Franklin Institute, Phila to see King Tut exhibit. Includes buffet dinner. Cost is \$62. ONE ticket left, making list in case of cancellation. Full payment due now. See Joy Sumski 624-2080.

May 4-7, Fri-Mon= Trip to Washington, DC. Includes 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, sightseeing and admissions. \$525.00. Accepting sign-ups. Full payment due. See Helen Dobrowski 263-1695 or Grace Felix 263-6353. Departure= 8:30AM.

DRIVER SAFETY TRAINING, 55 ALIVE

April 16 – 17, Starting **9:30**. Cost \$10.00 Public Safety Bldg. (Police HQTRS) Commissioner's Room 2nd floor. Call Bill Hinshillwood 263-1772

<u>Calendar</u> May		
	10 Meeting- Lodge- 1PM	
April	Ballroom Dancing lessons	
19 Buffet and Bingo – Lodge Noon		
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****Secretary needed for AARP. Give back to your community!
No Pay, just the fun of knowing what's happening. Call Joan 263-5313



CITY NEWS YOU CAN USE...BY IRENE JAMESON APRIL 12, 2007

Help clean up the beaches, April 28

The Environmental Commission is looking for a few good men...and women, too, for its Annual Beach Cleanup on Saturday, April 28. Report to JFK & Pleasure Avenue at 10:00 a.m. to sign up and get supplies. It's hard work, we know, but you will be rewarded with a complimentary lunch at Ocean Drive Restaurant/Bar at noon. See you at the beach!!

Important school meetings slated

The fate of Sea Isle City Public School is in your hands. Come out for workshops on April 16 and 23 to discuss the feasibility study prepared by consultants from the Educational Information and Resource Center (ERIC), which offers four choices and the cost per pupil under each. The study also includes proficiency assessments of students and the need of \$2.2 million for repairs to the school during the next five years. The school board will make the final decision but is seeking community input. Voting on School Board Election & Budget, April 17, 4 - 9 p.m at the Community Lodge.

Don't miss the Doo Dah Parade in Ocean City

If you love basset hounds, you will love the Doo Dah Parade in Ocean City, noon, on **April 21**. There will be 500 basset hounds, a host of celebrity look-a-likes, marching bands, and a few "wackos," like Sea Isle City's Polar Bear Queen in her final appearance in the parade.

Meet the three candidates for mayor, April 19

The three candidates for mayor have been invited to attend a forum sponsored by the Women's Civic Club on Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the SIC Public School Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend to hear the views of the candidates on their vision for the future of the city.

Meet the 20 council candidates, April 14 & 28

It's going to be a busy month with candidate fundraisers and two meetings sponsored by SICTA at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 (Community Lodge), and April 28 (TICC). There will be independent moderators, and the format will focus on three topics at each session: business development, parking and streets, communications, April 14; salary and benefit compensations, financial management, and open topics, April 28. The audience will have the opportunity to submit written questions. Later, the candidates will be available informally to respond to individual questions and concerns, according to Dr. Thomas Henry, SICTA president.

Upcoming Events of Interest

April 24 & May 15 - Regular commissioners' meeting, 10 a.m., Public Safety Bldg, 2nd floor

May 8 - Municipal Election for mayor and five council members, TICC and Lodge

May 18 - Turtle Party sponsored by Beachcombers, 6-10 p.m., \$15, Community Lodge

May 19 - Annual SIC Garden Club Flower Sale, Municipal Marina Bldg., 10 - 2 p.m.

SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL BEACH CLEANUP!!

BUFFET LUNCH AND BINGO

Thanks as always to all who pitched in and helped at the March B&B. Remember that these events are open not only to Chapter 710 members, but to <u>all</u> seniors who live in Sea Isle City – so bring your neighbors.

The April B&B will be held on 4/19 at the Community Lodge starting at noon. Please sign up at today's meeting. If you can't sign up today but would like to join in, you have until Monday 4/16 to call Bob at 263-3256.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

AARP Annual Day of Service

Every year at our May meeting (5/10 this year) Chapter 710 participates in the Day of Service by bringing in non-perishable food items to be donated to the Holy Redeemer Food Bank. If everyone contributes, we'll have a great success as in prior years. T-shirts (as long as they last) will be given to those who bring in two or more items, and the Chapter will also make a cash donation to the food bank. Thanks in advance.

Volunteer of the Year

A reminder that nominations for the Chapter 710 "Volunteer of the Year" for 2006 are due today, April 12, in writing to Joan or Bob Thibault.

Monthly Donations

The following may be brought to our monthly meetings or donated at any time:

- A.C. Rescue Mission: Travel Size Toiletries (unused) and Men's Clothing
- Animal Shelters: Blankets, Towels, Quilts, Comforters, Sheets, Cat and Dog Food/Treats/Toys (Joan now cuts up and sews the comforters into smaller sections for more animals to enjoy.)
- Beacon Animal Rescue: Cell Phones (This is a NEW entry.)
- C.A.R.A. (Coalition Against Rape and Abuse): Regular Size (unused)
 Toiletries
- Cape May County Zoo: Depleted Printer and Toner Cartridges
- Schools: Campbell Labels (complete) & General Mills "Box Tops for Education."





If you'd like anything picked up, call Joan or Bob at 263-3256.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - MARY ROBINSON, KATHLEEN PAPP

Please contact Mary (263-3841) or Kathleen (545-0177) regarding get-well or sympathy cards to be sent to our members.

APRIL NEWSLETTER

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 16 Thomas Owings
- 18 Janet Gibbins Marian Tucker
- 20 John Ratzke Catherine Kelly
- 21 Edna Galan
- 22 Helen Dobrowolski Michael McHale
- 23 William Desmond
- 24 Agnes Keenan
- 28 Charles McDevitt
- 29 Barbara Jedlika
- 30 Maryann Helfrich



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Chris Gabriel
 Carole Mercuro
- 2 Nancy Birkmeyer
- 3 George Marinari Dolores Garvey
- 8 Laura Rowe
- 9 Ruth Blessing



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/15/1950	John & Jennie Hadfield	57 YEARS
4/28/1951	Leon & Nancy Vogelsong	56 YEARS
4/04/1959	Thomas & Elizabeth Dougherty	48 years
4/30/1961	Bud & Pat Smith	46 years
4/24/1965	Richard & Betty Thornton	42 years
4/28/1973	Dave & Edna McGrew	34 years
4/28/2001	William & Mary Conners	6 years

Next Meeting: May 10, 2007: 1p.m. @ The Lodge

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