

AARP CHAPTER 710

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February 2008

ELECTIONS ARE COMING! **How interested are you in AARP Chapter 710** **Continuing in Sea Isle City?**

We need a new slate of Chapter 710 Officers for the 2008-2009 season – mandated by AARP by-laws. We've even added a special "Help Wanted" page in this month's newsletter.

Kitty Kelly and her Nominating Committee are actively seeking candidates. Please consider serving your fellow seniors in Sea Isle. It's a rewarding experience. Officers don't have to come from the usual cadre of volunteers.

Formal nominations will be made at our April 10th meeting and elections will be held at the May 8th meeting. Contact Kitty at 263-7236.

Thank you for your concern.

George Marinari

February Travel News

Wed., March 26 ---PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE! Trip to Tropicana Casino. Includes bus transportation, show "42nd Street", and \$10.00 cash back. Cost \$15.00. Depart at 10:45 a.m. Payment in full due now. Helen Dobrowolski – 263-1695 or Grace Felix – 263-6353.

Wed., May 28 ----- Trip to Doolan's, Spring Lake, N.J., for "Stars And Stripes Extravaganza". Includes one hour open bar, full course meal with complimentary wine and soda, and Deluxe Motorcoach from S.I.C. municipal lot. Deposit must be paid now and balance due by April meeting. Helen Dobrowolski – 263-1695 or Grace Felix 263-6353.

HELP WANTED

NEEDED:

A NEW SET OF OFFICERS FOR AARP CHAPTER 710

STARTING:

- September 2008

REASON:

- The current President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are in the last term of their two one-year terms and, according to AARP by-law, cannot be re-elected to the same office.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

PRESIDENT:

- Perform as chief executive officer of the chapter and, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, supervise and control the activities and property of the chapter, and see that all resolutions of the Board are carried out
- Preside at all meetings and appoint chairpersons of all committees except the Nominating Committee

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Be prepared to act as President when the situation requires it
- Arrange for programs/speakers for five general membership meetings during the season

SECRETARY:

- Record the minutes of all meetings and present these minutes at the next meeting
- Perform additional secretarial duties on an as-needed basis, as prescribed by the Board or the President

TREASURER:

- Have charge of all funds and securities of the chapter and keep accounts of receipts and disbursements
- Provide a monthly financial report to the membership and an annual report to the State AARP

If you are interested in having your name placed in nomination, or would like to suggest a nominee, contact Kitty Kelly (263-7236). The Nominating Committee will prepare a candidate slate for formal nominations at our April 1st meeting. Elections will be held at the May 1st meeting.

Subject: They Finally Diagnosed My Condition

They have finally found a diagnosis for my condition. I have recently been diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder...

This is how it goes: I decide to wash the car. I start toward the garage and notice the mail on the table.

Ok, I'm going to wash the car. But first I'm going to go through the mail. I lay the car keys down on the desk, discard the junk mail and I notice the trash can is full.

Ok, I'll just put the bills on my desk and take the trash can out, but since I'm going to be near the mailbox anyway, I'll pay these few bills first.

Now, where is my checkbook? Oops, there's only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk.

Oh, there's the coke I was drinking. I'm going to look for those checks. But first I need to put my coke further away from the computer, or maybe I'll pop it into the fridge to keep it cold for a while.

I head towards the kitchen and my flowers catch my eye, they need some water. I set the coke on the counter and uh oh! There are my glasses. I was looking for them all morning! I'd better put them away first.

I fill a container with water and head for the flower pots - Aaaaaagh! Someone left the TV remote in the kitchen. We will never think to look in the kitchen tonight when we want to watch television so I'd better put it back in the family room where it belongs.

I splash some water into the pots and onto the floor, I throw the remote onto a soft cushion on the sofa and I head back down the hall trying to figure out what it was I was going to do?

End of Day: The car isn't washed, the bills are unpaid, the coke is sitting on the kitchen counter, the flowers are half watered, the checkbook still only has one check in it and I can't seem to find my car keys!

When I try to figure out how come nothing got done today, I'm baffled because I KNOW I WAS BUSY ALL DAY LONG!

I realize this is a serious condition and I'll get help, BUT FIRST I think I'll check my e-mail...



CITY NEWS YOU CAN USE...BY IRENE JAMESON

February 14, 2008



Public invited to crowning of Polar Bear Queen '08

On Friday night at 7:00 p.m.. under the big tent at LaCosta, the new Polar Bear Queen for '08 will be crowned following a contest. The contestants raising the most money will be judged by a panel. Crowning the queen will be 13-time queen, Irene Jameson, escorted by her court. Come cheer on your favorite. It's a first - don't miss it!.

10,000 viewers expected for the Polar Bear Plunge

Prior to the plunge, a **Costume Contest** will be held under the big tent at LaCosta beginning at noon. It's a good spot to stay warm until the plunge at 2:00 p.m. Some extra attractions include a parade led by an Eagles band, Eagles Cheerleaders, celebrity polar bear Doug Kammerer, best known for his Channel 10 Backyard BBQ features, music and giveaways by radio station SOJO, and more. Dress warmly and don't be late. Polar bears do not stay in the frigid ocean very long!

Think spring... it's time for Daffodils Days

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring its annual Daffodils Days. Order fresh cut flowers for \$10 to be delivered to you by March 12 or a Gift of Hope for \$20 to be delivered to a local health care facility. Call Jack Birkmeyer (263-1442) or Bill Hinshillwood (263-1772). Order must be placed by today or at the latest tomorrow. Put sunshine in your life. Order daffodils.

Like to have a 5% discount on car insurance?

Think you're a good driver? Take AARP's **55 Alive Course** and earn 5% discount on your driver insurance. If you have taken the course before, remember that you need to take it again after three years to qualify for the discount. The course will be held at the Council Room, 2nd floor of the Public Safety Bldg., April 14 & 15 from 9:30 - 12:30. Must attend both days. It's \$10. Call Bill Hinshillwood, 263-1772.

Living alone? Be safe.

The police department sponsors the **Citizen Call Check Program** for people living alone. You must check in every day by 11:00 a.m. If you don't want to call in, but want to give important information about your health and family contacts, that's also available. Call 263-4311 and ask the dispatcher for Susan Blaker.

Mark your calendar!

- February 17 - City Holiday, trash picked up a day late, city offices closed.
- February 24 - 1st Annual Table Tennis Tournament, Community Lodge, Noon, Info:263-0050
- February 26 - Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Public Safety Bldg., 2nd floor
- March 11 - Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Public Safety Bldg., 2nd floor

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!



BUFFET LUNCH AND BINGO (B&B)

We had 70 gambling gourmets at our January B&B, catered deliciously and abundantly by Fai's restaurant. This was a wonderful turnout and a fine time! At our table some folks who hadn't previously met were surprised to be able to reminisce about mutual high school acquaintances way back in 19XX. You never know.

Our next B&B is scheduled for next Thursday, February 21. Please sign up today with Sondra Ricci. If anyone can't sign up today, you have until Monday February 18 – no later – to call Joy Sumski (624-2080), who has generously volunteered to run the February B&B.

Remember that these events are not just for Chapter 710 members. Any senior living in Sea Isle City is welcome. So bring your neighbors.

NOTE: There will be no B&B in March because of conflict with the early Easter season.

The next B&B after February is scheduled for April 17.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Monthly Donations

Please bring your donations to our monthly meetings.

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.
 - Beacon Animal Rescue: Cell Phones and Depleted Printer and Toner Cartridges
 - Schools: Campbell Labels (complete) & General Mills "Box Tops for Education."
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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – MARY ROBINSON, KATHLEEN PAPP

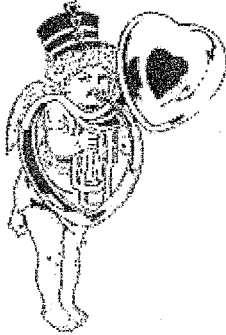
Please contact Mary (263-3841) or Kathleen (545-0177) regarding get-well or sympathy cards to be sent to our members or their families. Mary and Kathleen can't know everyone in the chapter, so they need your help in identifying those who would appreciate receiving cards.

THE WEARIN' OF THE GREEN

Don't forget to wear your green and other Irish paraphernalia to our St. Patrick's Luncheon on March 13. The prizes this year will be free tickets to the June luncheon.

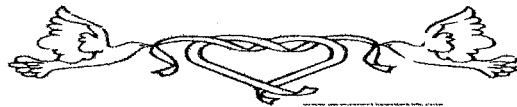
FEBRUARY 2008

BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Robert Mooney
- 7 Marilyn Bellucci
- 9 Joseph Bellucci
Joe Ribinson
- 11 Bill Gill
- 12 Mary Lorrilliere
Carol Krzyanowski
- 14 Eileen Menchel
- 18 Elizabeth MacCauley
Betty Disher
Rita Land
- 22 Jean Larkin
- 23 Albert Cole
William Wilson
- 25 John Vallinis
- 26 Barbara MacGregor
Ronald Lehman

ANNIVERSARIES



Dan & Terry Costantini	2/03/1951	57 Years
Al & Pat Strauss	2/11/1951	57 Years
Hobe & Shirley Young	2/06/1954	54 Years
Bill & Pat Quinn	2/07/1959	49 Years
William & Judith Desmmond	2/14/1987	21 Years

Corrections: Joan Barron 263-5313 or joanbarron1947@yahoo.com