

AARP CHAPTER 710
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March 2008

Hello Membership,

As mandated by AARP by-laws, the term of office for local Chapter Board members is only two years. Therefore, all our officers need to be replaced. Our formal nominations will be made at our April 10th meeting. Elections will be at our May 8th meeting.

We desperately need volunteers to accept positions on the AARP Board. Last month's newsletter explained the responsibilities of each office

*If there are no volunteers, this may be the **END** of our Chapter. That means No Trips, No Luncheons, No Programs.*

Please take time to reflex on Your personal commitment to Your community. Off-island members are encouraged to step up also, since we allowed you to be part of the SIC AARP Chapter.

Can you add a few hours into your month? If you have any questions about what your responsibilities would be, please ask a Board member, Kitty Kelly (263-7236) or me 9263-3831.

George Marinari, President

TRAVEL:

Change of Time

→ → *** Wed March 26 - Casino trip leaves at 11:45 *** ← ←

Wed, May 28-Motor coach to Doolan's, Spring Lake, NJ for "Stars and Stripes Extravaganza." Enjoy a full course meal, wine, and soda. Deposit due today, balance by April meeting.
Helen 263-1695 or Grace 263-6353.



CITY NEWS YOU CAN USE...BY IRENE JAMESON MARCH 13, 2008



St. Patrick's Day Parade dedicated in honor of Joe O'Connor

If you wonder where everyone is on Saturday, March 15, just follow the sound of the Irish Pipe Brigade Marching Band. The band assembles at Kelly Street (93rd) and steps out at 3:30 p.m. Their first stop is Mary Metzler's house, 75th and Landis, where they will serenade Mary and a host of her Irish friends. Next stop is Kix/McNutley's, 63rd and Landis, where the parade ends. The band will perform indoors during the Desiderio family's annual party for the community. This year the parade is dedicated in memory of Joseph O'Connor, a member of the city's volunteer fire department, who died after a courageous battle with cancer. Hoist one for Joe!!

Italian-American Club to host annual scholarship fundraiser

On Thursday, April 24, the Italian-American Club (IAC) will host its annual fundraiser dinner at the Lobster Loft to raise money for the Paul Terruso Scholarship Program. The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are \$50 per person. Students who are graduating in the spring and continuing their education are eligible. To get dinner tickets or applications for the scholarships, call Bill Zeuner, president of IAC, 425-1350.

Mayor and council presented a "Blueprint for the Future"

At a press conference held on Tuesday, March 11, at 1:00 p.m., Mayor Desiderio and the council presented an initiative for the city's future. The plan is a shared vision of what the community wants to be - and what it wants from its government, according to a press release. Look for the city's "Blueprint for the Future" in local newspapers.

Mark your calendar...Dates of Interest

March 21 - City holiday (Good Friday), offices closed

March 25 - Council meeting, 10:00 a.m., Public Safety Bldg., 2nd Floor

March 30 - Ocean Drive Marathon & SIC 5K race, 9:45 a.m., Kennedy & Promenade

April 8 - Council meeting, 10:00 a.m., Public Safety Bldg.

Future of the public school in your hands

The Sea Isle City Taxpayers Association (SICTA) is sponsoring a Candidate School Board Forum at the Community Lodge on Saturday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m. It's your chance to meet the eight candidates and get your questions answered. Just ten days later, voters will go to the polls to decide the future of the city's public school. **Note: Polls open only from 4 - 9 p.m.**

Public school looking for senior citizens who like to read

If you would like to spend a little time weekly reading a book to pre-schoolers or discussing a novel chapter by chapter with 5th and 6th graders, then the SIC Public School wants you! Call the school, 263-8461 (Ext. 7), to volunteer. It will fill your days with joy and let the young children know that you care. Call today! These children are our nation's future.

GO GREEN AT THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE!!



BUFFET LUNCH AND BINGO (B&B)

Lunch by Valerie, 70 attendees, Mr. Mayor as bingo caller: February's B&B couldn't help but be a success. Thanks to Joy Sumski who orchestrated the affair and to everyone who pitched in to help her.

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 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."

C.A.R.A.

This month, we'd like to highlight C.A.R.A. and the valuable function they serve in the community. C.A.R.A. is an organization which provides immediate assistance to victims of rape. They provide counseling, housing, food and, if necessary, clothing for abused women and their children. In many instances women leave home with their children and only the clothes they are wearing – C.A.R.A. comes to their rescue.

For more information, check out their website: www.cara-cmc.org

This organization is truly deserving of our support.

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.

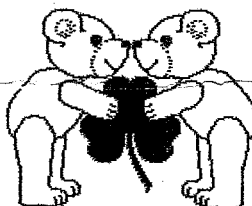
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BIRTHDAYS

05 Helen Haffert
06 Paul Rowe
08 Frances Custer
10 Mario Conte
11 Doris Cooney
Joe Oberholzer
12 Lennea McGarr
14 Lyn Shirk
Irene Bukowski
16 Pat Haffert
19 Helen Armstrong
21 Georgianna Marinari
25 Ralph Griggs
Nancy Vogelsong
27 Jack Steinberg
28 Mary Ellen Stefenack
Doris Kooper
29 Jennie Hadfield
Dody McIlvenny
30 Jack Gibson
31 Marie Zwolinski



ANNIVERSARIES



3/09/1947	Bill & Florence Hinshillwood	61 Years
3/09/1961	John & Margie Orlowski	47 Years
3/30/1974	Joe & Pat Oberholzer	34 Years
3/18/1991	Jack & Eleanor Moore	17 Years

Corrections call Joan Barron 263-5313