AARP CHAPTER 710 P.O. Box 22 SEA ISLE CITY, NJ 08243

April 10, 2008

Dear Member,

On behalf of everyone, I want to thank Grace and Helen for another great trip. The Tropicana Casino show "42nd Street" was excellent and everyone had fun. I even heard that a few members won some "big bucks." How great is that? We are looking forward to two more trips. See the information below and sign up for more "fun by bus with us." Meanwhile, mark your calendar for our popular June Luncheon to be held on Thursday, June 12, at noon. Details to follow.

After some hard work and many phone calls, Kitty Kelly and her nominating committee are ready to present a list of candidates for officers of our chapter. Of course, nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Our board of directors appreciate the work done by the nominating committee and the willingness of our members to accept the leadership of our chapter.



Alert! Alert! Alert!

City Administrator George Savastano will be the main speaker at our Thursday, May 8, meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Lodge. Mr. Savastano is scheduling a series of meetings with community organizations to discuss the city's "Blueprint for the Future," which he describes as a "work in progress." It is a 17 point action plan. At a press conference to introduce the "Blueprint," Savastano said, "Good government must be open to change and respond to the community." This is a step in that direction. Be there to add your voice.

Travel News

Wednesday, May 28 - Trip to Dollan's Spring Lake, NJ, to see "Stars& Stripes Extravaganza." Full course meal, wine & soda, one hour open bar. Depart 9:30 a.m. Payment in full due today. Waiting list wanted. See Helen Dobrowolski, 263-1695, or Grace Felix, 263-6353.

Thursday, July 17 - Trip to Surflight Theatre, Beach Haven, NJ, to see "Chicago." Full luncheon at Bayberry Inn. Trip cost:\$62. See Joy Sumski or call 624-2080.

Congratulations to Boy Scout Troop 76 on their 65th anniversary!!

CITY NEWS YOU CAN USE...BY IRENE JAMESON APRIL 10, 2008

Must be spring - Annual Beach Cleanup, April 26

Throw on some old clothes and sneakers and head for the beach to volunteer for the annual Beach Cleanup, sponsored by the SIC Environmental Commission, Saturday, April 26. Sign-up at Kennedy Blvd. in front of the promenade at 10:00 a.m. and get supplies and a survey form to list types of trash found on the beach(es). You may choose your favorite beach(es) to clean up. Bring your family and neighbors. It's not all work and no pay. There's a delicious lunch sponsored by Ocean Drive Restaurant/Bar at noon. Info: call 263-6000 and ask for Vicky.

Need some art work to add charm to your home?

The SIC Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Art Auction on Friday, April 18, at the Yacht Club of Sea Isle City. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, 7 p.m.(view art), 8 p.m. (auction). Tickets are \$12 if purchased early and \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from chamber board members or by calling their message center, 263-9090.

Yogafit is a big hit

The Yogafit classes on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Lodge are a big hit with all ages. It's \$10 a class. Call Terri O'Connor, 602-3398, for more info.

Free phone information

Hot news from Terry Costantini, one of our AARP members. If you are using a cell phone and don't have a telephone directory with you and need a phone number, call 1-800-FREE 411 for free telephone directory assistance. It works on your regular phone, too. Thanks, Terry!! Don't forget to re-register for the New Jersey telemarketer Do Not Call List. Call 1-888-382-1222 or visit www.donotcall.gov. You need to call using the phone(s) you want to re-register.

Mark your calendar...Dates of Interest

- April 14 Planning board hearing on proposal to subdivide dredge disposal site, 7:00 p.m.
- April 15 School Board Election, 4-9 p.m., regular polling places
- April 22 Council meeting, 10:00 a.m., SIC Public Safety Bldg., 2nd floor
- May 10 Town Meeting, 10:00 a.m., meet your city officials, SIC Public School
- May 18 Annual Charlotte's Turtle Party, Lobster Loft, details to come

Boy Scout Troop 76 celebrating its 65th year

Guess our local Boy Scouts are eligible to join AARP. Troop 76 just turned 65 and is sending out invitations to a big celebration party on Saturday, April 12th. Jim English, former Troop 76 Scout leader and member of the Baysea District (Cape May County, N.J.), is chairman of the event. Troop 76 is the oldest continuously registered and active Scouting unit in the Baysea District. The troop has produced 54 Eagle Scouts in Sea Isle City!! Quite an accomplishment for a community with less than 3000 year-round residents. Congratulations, Troop 76!!

It rained daffodils in Sea Isle

Jack Birkmeyer and Bill Hinshillwood want to thank everyone for making Daffodils Days a success. The drive raised almost \$1000 in Sea Isle for the American Cancer Society. Special thanks to AARP Chapter 710, Messiah Lutheran Church, 1st Bank of Sea Isle City, and Farina & Boeshe Realtors for their generous donations.

SEE YOU AT THE BEACH CLEANUP!!

BUFFET LUNCH AND BINGO (B&B)

Our second-to-last B&B of the season is scheduled for next Thursday, April 17. Please sign up today with Sondra Ricci. If anyone can't sign up today, you have until Monday April 14 – no later – to call Bob Thibault at 263-3256. The necessary reason for the deadline is that we have to let the caterer know in advance how many <u>paid</u> participants we will have. That's also why we ask for the money in advance. It's only five bucks for a great lunch, followed by our usual high octane bingo! Remember that these events are not just for Chapter 710 members. Any senior living in Sea Isle City is welcome. So bring your neighbors.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer of the Year

It's time to submit nominations for the Chapter 710 "Volunteer of the Year" for 2007. The award will be presented at the June luncheon along with a check for the recipient's favorite charity. If you'd like to nominate someone, please submit his or her name along with your reasons and a brief summary of his or her activities to Joan or Bob Thibault in writing by our May 8 meeting.

Annual Day of Service

Every year our chapter participates in the *National AARP Annual Day of Service* by collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the local Holy Redeemer Food Bank. The event will take place this year at our next general meeting on <u>May 8</u>. If everyone brings in just one item, it will be a terrific success. You are, of course, encouraged to bring in as many as you can spare. Please donate.

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."

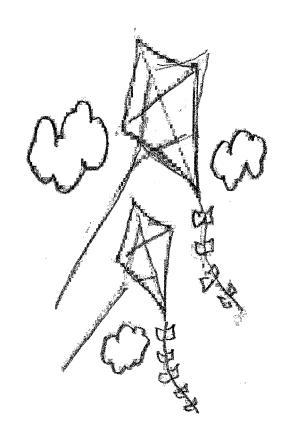
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - MARY ROBINSON, KATHLEEN PAPP

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.

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

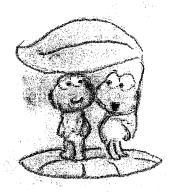
BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Betty Podlaski
- 11 Ed Robinson John Orlowski
- 12 Ann Land
- 13 Joe Matyszczak
- 14 Rosemarie Essig
- 16 Thomas Owings
- 18 Janet Gibbins Marian Tucker
- 20 John Ratzke Kitty Kelly
- 21 Edna Galan
- 22 Michael McHale Helen Dobrowolski
- 23 William Desmond Janice Gheysens
- 24 Agnes Keenan
- 29 Barbara Jedlicka
- 30 Mary Ann Helfrich



ANNIVERSARIES

4/15/1950	58 Years	John & Jennie Hadfield
4/28/1951	57 Years	Leo & Nancy Vogelsong
4/04/1959	49 Years	Thomas & Elizabeth Dougherty
4/30/1961	47 Years	Bud & Pat Smith
4/28/2001	7 Years	William & Mary Conners



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