



Shelton CT, Chapter3240
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2017/2018 Officers

President: Phyllis Kupec
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Monthly Meetings

The Shelton Chapter meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month except during July and August. Meetings are held at the Shelton Senior Center located at 81 Wheeler St., Shelton, CT.
If the Shelton school system is closed or delayed due to weather conditions, the member meeting will be cancelled.
In the event that the Shelton School system is not in session, listen to WICC radio 600 or WTNH TV channel 8. Meeting times and cancellations are also listed on the Shelton Senior Center Info Line at 203-924-2355.

**Connecticut Legislative Update
Tuesday January 16, 2018, 1:30 p.m.**

State Representatives Jason Perillo and Ben McGorty and State Senator Kevin Kelly will speak on happenings at the state level. Come prepared with your questions and comments.

Refreshments will be served.

Other 2018 Meetings

February 20, 2018 – Center Stage
March 20, 2018 – Lyme Disease
April 17, 2018 – Shelton Library
May 15, 2018 – Senior Living Options
June 2018 – Installation Luncheon

For more information on upcoming or past meetings and events,
visit our Speakers page at www.aarpchapter3240.org/speakers

Renew Your Chapter Membership Now

You can cross one thing off your to do list by paying your 2018 Shelton AARP dues now. Dues are \$5.00 and can be paid by cash or check (payable to: AARP Shelton Chapter 3240).

You can bring your dues to the next chapter event, or mail them to:

Vincent Ribeiro, 505 Roosevelt Drive, Apt. 4, Derby, CT 06418-1045.

Reminder: If you have not yet paid your 2017 dues, please do so now to avoid being removed from our membership list.

Watch Out for Holiday Scams

The Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection has identified the following scams to watch out for during the holiday season.

- **Phishy Emails:** Common this year are bogus "shipping notification" emails claiming to be from UPS or FedEx. Don't click on links inside these unless you recognize merchandise that you have ordered. Watch for emails from retailers you haven't used, and be careful with "click here" coupons in emails.
- **Parcel-Waiting:** The consumer gets a bogus postcard at their door saying an unsuccessful attempt was made to deliver a package, and asking the consumer to call a particular number for more details. The consumer may be connected to a premium line or overseas service charging exorbitant rates, or may reach a fake "delivery representative" who asks for personal information that could be used for identity theft or burglary attempt. If you get a delivery notice always verify that you are calling a legitimate local or toll-free number for the delivery company. Don't give out personal details over the phone to anyone you don't know, and don't ever give specific information about times when no one is home.
- **Phony fundraising:** Be wary of fake charities that could reach you via email, regular mail, or social media. Check them out at www.guidestar.org before you donate.
- **Credit crush:** Check your credit card and banking accounts weekly at holiday time. Watch for small, unexplained charges that could indicate that a thief is "testing" your account availability. Be alert to any new data breaches that may occur.
- **Trippy travel scams:** Watch for fake online travel deals and don't click on links you get in unsolicited email travel offers.
- **"Official" Robocall Scams:** Consumers receive a fake phone call claiming to represent their financial institution, saying that their account has been compromised and asking for personal information including passwords. Don't provide any information over the phone. Hang up and dial your financial institution directly to verify if there is any problem.
- **Just-in-time "free" money:** Unexpected prize checks for contests you never entered are bogus and will include a request for you to deposit the check and forward part of the cash somewhere else. If you do this, within a couple of weeks your "prize" check will bounce and the money you sent from your own account is gone forever.
- **Bogus tickets:** If you buy tickets from an unknown seller's site, or one listed on a free online auction or classified ad website, you can't be sure it's fully legit until you try to redeem the ticket at the gate. It's wisest to buy from a reputable ticket reseller, or better yet, from the venue itself.
- **Deceptive advertising:** Be careful, especially when shopping for in-demand items. Read all terms carefully. When online, be alert - outrageous sale offers, phony contests and bogus gift cards are just a few of the ways scammers try to steal personal information. Year-round, if a bargain seems too good to be true, it's probably not true!

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For upcoming Connecticut events, visit www.aarp.org/CT, then scroll down to the Upcoming Events listing on the right hand side. For information on Connecticut discounts, visit www.aarp.org/CTdiscounts.