



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.

Center Stage Theatre

Tuesday February 20, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Gary and Francesca Scarpa will talk about their lives in the theater, how they came to start Center Stage, and their 40 year careers in theater education, direction and production.

Caregivers Road Show for Connecticut Families

Tuesday March 20, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Presentation by Jean Caron, Advocacy Volunteer for Care Giving and Financial Security and Connecticut Executive Council Member. All seniors and caregivers are invited to attend.

Other Upcoming Meetings

April 17, 2018 – Shelton Library May 15, 2018 – Senior Living Options
June 2018 – Installation Luncheon

Refreshments will be served at all meetings.

For more information on these meetings and photos and handouts from past events, visit our Speakers page at www.aarpchapter3240.org/speakers.

Renew Your Chapter Membership for 2018

Now is the time to renew your Shelton AARP membership for 2018. 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 meeting, or mail them to:

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

Connecticut Legislative Update, January 2018

State Senator Kevin Kelly, Co-Chair of the Aging and Insurance & Real Estate Committees, was the featured speaker at our January meeting. He began by saying that the \$40 billion biannual state budget is dominating the activities of the legislature.

The Medicare Savings Program helps more than 100,000 seniors and disabled residents pay for Medicare-related expenses and stay in their home. The Senator noted that the Governor may veto a bill that restores funding for the program. (The veto has since taken place and was overridden by the Assembly). In-home care provides a better health outcome and costs the state less than institutional care. Full time-in-home care costs the state \$5,800 per month vs. \$9,000 for institutional care.

Other questions and comments:

- The Senator opposes reinstating tolls. The special transportation fund, established in 1983, has been raided a number of times and he is concerned that money from tolls may go to non-transportation uses.
- We need to look at core services first. For example, the \$5 million spent on the citizen's election program for campaign materials should go to things like health care instead.
- To get into the home health care program, contact the South Central Agency on Aging in New Haven.
- The Senator anticipates a conversation on recreational marijuana. So far, it hasn't gotten out of committee.

Senator Kelly concluded by asking the audience to contact the Governor and the leadership of the General Assembly.

With their red jackets, Connecticut members of AARP are a very visible presence when they visit the capital. Byron Peterson, our Legislative Chair, noted that we make up 40% of the voting population and we should be "the squeaky wheel".

For meeting photos and handouts, including contact information for legislative leaders, see the Past Meetings section of our Speakers page.

AARP Connecticut

AARP will be holding a number of events in Connecticut throughout the year. For a complete listing, visit www.aarp.org/CT, then scroll down to the Upcoming Events listing on the right hand side. Events include:

AARP TEK – Free hands-on iPad Workshops - 3/13/18, Clinton, CT.

Intro to iPad: 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Intermediate Workshop: 1:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Space is limited. To register, call (866) 740-6947.

AARP provides discounts on many Connecticut institutions, including:

Albertus Magnus College, Beardsley Zoo, The Bushnell, Central Connecticut State University, Chapter 126 Sports & Fitness, Discovery Museum and Planetarium, Downtown Cabaret Theater, Garde Arts Center, International Festival Arts & Ideas, The Klein Memorial Auditorium, Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, Nelson Hall at Elm Park, Palace Theater, Stamford Museum and Nature Center, TheaterWorks.

For information on all Connecticut discounts, visit www.aarp.org/CTdiscounts.