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2018/2019 Officers

President: Walter Roog

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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.

Meeting times and cancellations are listed on the Shelton Senior Center Info Line at 203-924-2355. Senior Center closings are also announced on WICC radio 600 AM and WTNH TV channel 8.

2019 Meetings – Tuesdays Starting at 1:30 p.m.

May 21, 2019 – Connecticut Probate Court

Presented by Shelton Probate Judge Fred J. Anthony

Learn about the types of cases the Connecticut Probate Courts are responsible for, such as decedent estates, appointment of conservators when someone is incapable of making their own decisions, and cases involving children, who are often neglected or abused.

Refreshments will be served at all meetings.

For more information, visit our Speakers page at www.aarpchapter3240.org/speakers

Wednesday June 12, 2019 – Installation Luncheon

Family, Friends and Non-Members Welcome

Brownson Country Club, 15 Soundview Avenue, Shelton, 203-929-0555

12:30 p.m. Cheese & Crackers 1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch

Tickets will be available at the May membership meeting

Or call Charles Vollaro at 203-929-0379

\$25.00 Per Person - cash, or check payable to AARP Chapter 3240

Elections for the 2019 – 2020 Chapter Board

Elections for chapter officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and 3-Year Directors will take place at the May meeting and the new Board will be sworn in at the June Installation Luncheon.

Frances Kellogg and the Environmental Movement - April 2019

The speaker was Patricia E. Sweeney, Ph.D., Reference Librarian at the Derby Neck Library and Docent Researcher at the Osborne Homestead Museum.

Born in Derby in 1876, Frances Osborne Kellogg lived her entire life in the house which is now the Osborne Homestead Museum. At age 31, she took over her father's business, expanding it and adding other business ventures to her portfolio. She was self-made and self-educated.

Frances was very involved in breeding award-winning Holstein-Friesian cattle, the largest dairy breed by size, improving their milk production and conformation. One of the bulls, Ivanhoe, stood 6'2" tall at the withers (shoulders), had 100,000 descendants, and was even buried with his own headstone. Frances was the CT president and the first national Vice President of the Holstein-Friesian Association and the 1934 cover girl of Holstein World Magazine. She was one of the directors of the Big E and was active with the CT pavilion.

In 1919, at age 43, Frances married Waldo Kellogg, a New York architect who had come to work on her home. Waldo became the manager of Frances's dairy farm, while Frances was the owner and chief decision maker. They were married for 8½ years until his death at age 49.

Frances was vice president of the CT Forest and Park Association which to this day advocates for forests, parks and open spaces. She was instrumental in saving what is now Rocky Neck State Park from developers and helped with the purchase of Gillette Castle by the state of CT.

Frances's interests and activities were wide-ranging. For example, in the 1940's, she raised and sold Cairn terriers, due to the popularity of Toto from the Wizard of Oz.

She left her home and the 400-acre Osbornedale State Park to the state of CT. Her \$1 million donation to the Derby Neck Library funds it to this day. She gave endowments to Wesleyan, Cornell and Yale. The first cloned cow in the US was born at the UConn Agricultural School in the barn which was built with her \$1 million donation.

Osborne Homestead Museum is free. It is open May 4 – October 27 and for the Christmas season. Visit <https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2691&q=322552> for more information. For more on the Derby Neck Library, go to <https://derbynecklibrary.org>.

For photos and handouts from the meeting, see the Past Meetings section of our Speakers page.

AARP Connecticut

AARP holds a number of events in Connecticut throughout the year. For a complete listing, and to register, visit the Connecticut AARP home page at www.aarp.org/CT and click on Events in the body of the page, or go directly to <https://states.aarp.org/events-ct>.

AARP CT's Fourth Fridays Free at the Beardsley Zoo starts May 24, 2019 and runs through September. AARP Members and their guest will receive 1 free admission and may buy up to 3 additional admissions at 15% off. Go to the event listing on the website to register.

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