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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.

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

November 19, 2019 – Shelton Fire Marshal

Presented by Kevin Lantowsky

Hear information on fire prevention, including types of smoke and carbon monoxide detection.

January 21, 2020 - Connecticut Legislative Update

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.

2/18/2020 – Medicine Shoppe

3/17/2020 – Suffragettes in the Valley

4/21/2020 – Cardiology, Griffin Hospital

5/19/2020 – Topic TBD

Refreshments will be served at all meetings

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

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 12:30 pm – Holiday Luncheon

Family, Friends and Non-Members Welcome - \$25.00 per Person

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

Buffet Lunch, Door Prizes, and More!

Renew Your Chapter Membership Now

You can cross one thing off your to do list by paying your 2020 Shelton AARP dues now.

Dues are \$5.00 and can be paid by cash or check (payable to: AARP Shelton Chapter 3240).

You must also have a current national AARP membership. Please provide your member number and expiration date when renewing. 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.

The History of Shelton – October 15, 2019

The program was presented by Tracy Tate, Director of the Shelton Historical Society. The Shelton History Center, located at 70 Ripton Road, has six structures: the Brownson House, the Wilson Barn, a one-room school, a carriage barn, a corncrib, and an outhouse.

By 1680, English settlers from Stratford moved into the Long Hill section of Shelton. In 1717, when they had 50 families, they formed a separate parish called Ripton. In 1789, Ripton Parish separated from Stratford and became the Town of Huntington, named for Samuel Huntington, governor and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

By 1870, a dam was constructed across the Housatonic River and a number of factories were built. The downtown area was named for industrialist Edward Shelton, and in 1882 the Borough of Shelton was established. In 1915 the Town of Huntington voted to incorporate with the Borough of Shelton, becoming the city of Shelton. Shelton was recognized by the state in 1919.

The Historical Society has a collection of materials from 300 years of Shelton history. Items such as photos, signs, and scrapbook entries illustrate the interesting personalities and events at various times in Shelton history

Ms. Tate gave attendees an interactive experience by distributing copies of some of these materials. For example, we saw a 73 year old woman taking her first plane ride in 1929. We also learned that it was Mrs. Brownson who was the driving force behind their success, buying and selling various commodities, from honey and maple syrup to seeds and vegetables. Their property was sold to the Brownson County Club to keep houses from being built on the land.

For photos 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>. For more information or questions call 1-866-740-6947 or email: aarpprograms@aarp.org

AARP CAREversations: A Family Caregiving Event, Sunday 11/10/2019, 12:00 pm

The Original Vazzy's, 513 Broadbridge Rd, Bridgeport, CT 06610, Phone: 866-740-6947
Facilitated conversation about family caregiving, light refreshments will be served.

Registration is required.

AARP CT Day @ Mystic Aquarium, Tuesday 11/12/19, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

55 Coogan Blvd, Mystic, CT 06355, Phone: 877-926-8300

AARP members get free admission for two and AARP standard offer of \$4.00 off admission for additional guests. Registration is required.

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, Goodwin College, International Festival Arts & Ideas, The Klein Memorial Auditorium, Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, Palace Theater, Stamford Museum and Nature Center, TheaterWorks.

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