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**2019/2020 Officers**

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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.**

**October 15, 2019 – Shelton Historical Society**

Presented by Tracy Tate

Learn about the early history of Huntington.

**November 19, 2019 – Shelton Fire Marshal**

Presented by Kevin Lantowsky

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

*Refreshments will be served at all meetings.*

**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 Luncheon, Door Prizes, and More!

**For more information, visit our Speakers page at [www.aarpchapter3240.org/speakers](http://www.aarpchapter3240.org/speakers)**

**2020 Meetings – Tuesdays Starting at 1:30 p.m.**

1/21/2020 – State Legislators

2/18/2020 – Medicine Shoppe

3/17/2020 – Suffragettes in the Valley

4/21/2020 – Cardiology, Griffin Hospital

5/19/2020 – Topic TBD

June 2020 – Installation Luncheon

**Renew Your Chapter Membership for 2020**

Dues are \$5.00, cash, or check payable to AARP Shelton Chapter 3240. Pay dues at chapter events or mail to: Vincent Ribeiro, 505 Roosevelt Drive, Apt. 4, Derby, CT 06418-1045.

## ***Stop Rx Greed – September 17, 2019***

John Erlinghauser from CT state AARP discussed AARP's Stop Rx Greed campaign. AARP is calling on the President, Congress and state governments to address the fact that the US pays the highest prescription costs in the world.

The median senior income is about \$26,000. The average annual cost of brand name prescriptions is \$7,000 and for more chronic conditions the cost can be up to \$80,000.

Drug companies have a 20 year monopoly on patents for new drugs and can charge as much as they want. They then coerce generic drug companies to delay coming out with generic drugs. AARP wants this "pay to delay" practice to be banned.

AARP wants to allow the Federal government negotiate for lower drug prices for Medicare. The Veteran's Administration, which can negotiate prices, pays 80% less than Medicare.

The pharmaceutical lobby is the second most powerful lobby in Washington, with the drug companies making contributions to politicians. AARP, which has 40 million members, also lobbies but does not make contributions or endorsements.

The state AARP came close to having a bill pass in CT to allow importing drugs from Canada. This is not a long-term solution, but the more states that allow drugs to be imported, the greater the pressure to lower drug costs.

The Medicare Assistance Program is available to help pay for prescriptions and Medicare premiums paid by Social Security. AARP has fought putting asset tests on this help.

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](http://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](mailto:aarpprograms@aarp.org)

After Hours at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, Thursday 10/10/19, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

1875 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06610, Phone: 877-926-8300

Join AARP CT for a free happy hour at the Carousel at Beardsley Zoo. While you enjoy your complimentary drinks and appetizers, learn about AARP's work to lower prescription drug prices. 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](http://www.aarp.org/CTdiscounts).