

Quarterly Chapter Newsletter

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Welcome to the First AARP New Jersey Chapter Newsletter!

Dear Chapter Presidents,

I'm thrilled to share the very first edition of our quarterly AARP New Jersey Chapter Newsletter!

If we haven't met yet — hello! My name is Fabiana, and I'm an Analyst at AARP New Jersey, serving as your Chapter liaison to the state office. Through this newsletter, I'll be highlighting Chapter successes, sharing updates from the state office, and spotlighting the work happening in your communities.

Here's how the newsletter will work:

- You'll receive a new issue on a quarterly basis every March, June, September, and December.
- About a month before each release, I'll reach out with a call for content. Photos are highly encouraged!
- Feel free to share this newsletter with your members, whether by summarizing key points at your next meeting, emailing it out, or printing copies for distribution.
- Questions or ideas? Email me! I'd love to hear from you so that you can get the most out of this communication.

With appreciation,
Fabiana
AARP New Jersey

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**In this
newsletter
you can expect
content from:**

Belleville 2057

**East Brunswick
4855**

Edison 3446

Elizabeth 5439

**Livingston
3663**

**Mid-Atlantic
County 4191**

**Moorestown
2143**

Newark 5398

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS



ANNUAL HEALTH SUMMIT

The Edison Chapter hosted an annual health program, partnering with Walgreens to provide flu and COVID-19 shots, as well as insights on seasonal virus trends. The Edison First Aid Squad also led a demonstration on how to perform techniques when choking and alone. Meeting highlights also include an Elvis tribute performance, Holiday Luncheon, and sessions on Real ID, senior fraud, and Veterans Day advocacy.

HAVE YOU TRIED THIS APPROACH?

The Elizabeth Chapter hosts two fraud prevention tables each year. While sharing valuable information on how to avoid scams, they also use these events as an opportunity to recruit new members. There's no better place to grow your Chapter than right in your own community!

Has your Chapter tried this approach? If not, consider trying at your next public event!



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The East Brunswick Chapter is proud to continue their annual awards program. The Community Service Award went to Tesia Yachimovicz, a student leader deeply involved in service, academics, and civic engagement. The Anne Stevens Memorial Award went to Shukreeah S. DeLaCruz, a nursing student and single mother whose experience caring for her son inspired her to become a nurse.



REWARDING SCHOLARS

The Belleville Chapter recently awarded a \$500 scholarship to a Belleville High School graduate! They are also actively planning a program on Fraud and Scams to be presented by the Belleville Police Department.

Does your Chapter give scholarships? Have you considered partnering with local police? If not, this is your sign to try!

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HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Newark Chapter honored Black History Month with a presentation by Eva Blount Davis, daughter of Gladys Eva Debman Blount, an East Orange hairdresser who joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and later served in the historic all-Black Six Triple Eight Battalion during WWII. Eva shared her mother's story, including cherished memories of serving in Europe.

The event featured themed touches like Café de l'AARP, a Parisian-style spread, and traditional African American cuisine. The celebration ended with a toast to the resilience and contributions of the Six Triple Eight.



NEED A GUEST SPEAKER?

The Mid-Atlantic County Chapter strives to host a guest speaker every month. Popular topics have included saving on energy bills, with representatives from South Jersey Gas and Atlantic City Electric, as well as Medicare and Medicaid, presented by Dr. Marguerite K. Hall of RoMaR Consultants. Most recently, the Chapter welcomed Dean DiPietro, a current FBI agent, who led a session on scams targeting older adults.

Are you on the hunt for new speakers? Are you interested in having one of these speakers at your own Chapter event? Then reach out to Dudley Prince, Vice President of Chapter 4191 at dgprince@comcast.net for details.

SINGING FOR A CAUSE

The Livingston Chapter is proud to support a heartwarming outreach program called The Livingtones—a group of senior volunteers who perform for fellow seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Their performances are always free and interactive, and they're welcomed with open arms wherever they go. After the music ends, they take the time to speak with residents, many of whom haven't had visitors in quite some time, offering meaningful conversation and companionship.

Has your Chapter ever explored the power of music? You might have a few stars in your midst, ready to rock and roll for the community!





News You Can Use From AARP NJ

Recap of Lobby Day 2025

Thank you to all of the AARP NJ Chapters that helped make **Lobby Day 2025** such a success! Pictured above are members of the Moorestown Chapter.

The theme of the day was **“I want to stay in NJ and keep the lights on!”** highlighting the concerns of 50+ New Jerseyans who are urging lawmakers to tackle the rising costs of property taxes and utility bills. Thanks to your commitment, over 100 AARP NJ volunteers were able to meet with legislators, lobby in the halls, and attend key meetings at the State House in Trenton to make sure that the voices of 50+ New Jerseyans are heard.

AARP Andrus Award

The deadline to **nominate a 50+ volunteer who works hard in their community for the 2025 Andrus Award for Community Service** is just around the corner! AARP's most prestigious volunteer award recognizes one individual or couple that's sharing their experience, talent and skills in ways that significantly enrich the lives of others. Do you know someone deserving of recognition? Nominate them today! For the English nomination form, [CLICK HERE](#). For the Spanish nomination form [CLICK HERE](#). **The nomination deadline is August 15.**

Thank you for reading!



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