

Eighth FAN Club Meeting of the 2023-2024 Season

Wednesday April 3rd, 2024

The eighth meeting of the season was held on Wednesday April 3rd, 2024.

Margaret opened the meeting at 7 pm with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. We had a new member tonight who preferred to remain nameless. We still say welcome and hope you enjoyed your first meeting with us. April birthdays were identified, and we applauded the celebrants. We were quite surprised to see so many people born in April.

Margaret told us a speaker from Ocean First, Jennifer Bottomly would be with us tonight talking mostly about all the different kinds of fraud and identity theft in today's world. & Jennifer just so happens to be related to Kathy & John Bottomly of our community.

Margaret reminded us about the Big Bucks' Both Bill Schultz and his wife were on board tonight for the drawing. Donna Lemanowicz picked tonight's lucky winner of \$250 which went to Joe Bakewell. Joe was not with us tonight, but his wife Terri Bakewell was on board to accept the monies. You do not have to be there when the number is drawn to win. You can purchase the number ahead of time and pay Bill Schultz before the night of the drawing.

Margaret reminded us about the Tricky Tray. Sharon Blohm and Jean McDowell are chairing this event with Margaret Rom and a date has been chosen, it is Saturday June 8th at 11am. The ticket sale will be on Monday May 20th from 10 to 11am.

Reminder the next or closet Ocean County Document Shredding date is Saturday May 11th at 117 Wells Mills Road in Waretown. Paper only. 4 file boxes the max allowed. No black bags. Open to all residents and taxpayers. Time 9am to 12pm or until the truck fills.

NOTE: The Alpacas are being moved to the May 1st meeting. The alpacas will arrive at 6pm. The Karaoke Night is being moved to Saturday June 22nd at 7pm and will be opened to the entire community. The June season end party will have Chinese

cuisine and it will take place on a Saturday June 15th at 7pm the night complete with entertainment. The price of this event has not been decided yet. Monies will be collected at the May meeting.

The next Bingo days were announced, the date of the next community open meeting was announced which is also our annual meeting, Kim Mannelo announced a ping pong and pizza party at the clubhouse – flyer is on the bulletin board. Also, the reminder of the Wine & Cheese party this month. Please check for exact dates and times in our monthly newsletter.

Jennifer from Ocean First took the floor complete with a slide presentation as she talked about various types of fraud and identity theft. A topic which has become of great concern to many of us. The scammers are very sly and can draw us in before we know what is happening. Some of the ways they try to trap us is through the computer, internet, email, telephone (both cell and land lines). Never use online banking on somebody else's network. Identity theft can be as simple as us putting bills in our mailbox for postal service pickup. Those bills have checks in the envelope complete with our routing numbers and checking account numbers. These hackers are shrewd and crafting. They are polished and sweet talking. We need to be always aware when it comes to our personal information. **SENIORS BEWARE!**

We broke for dessert and coffee. The lucky winner of the Food Bank donations netted \$23. The 50/50 pull gave 4 people \$23 apiece.

And on a small note – it takes people to come to the meetings monthly and buying 50/50 tickets to help pay for activities and entertainment that would interest you and make you want to come to the monthly meetings. These meetings are for us, and we all should contribute to what interests us and what we need to be aware of.

Margaret Rom president
Brenda Terhune treasurer & secretary