

South Austin AARP

Chapter 2426

Website: www.southaustinaarp.org

May, 2017

Wednesday

May 17, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

Income Inequality

Sue Castle

The program for our May meeting is on the topic of Income Inequality. Sue Castle will provide a discussion on how income inequality has been changing over the past ten years. Why are we experiencing a wide separation of low income households vs very wealthy households? What has happened to the middle class? We will learn about a new word to most of us. Bitcoin is a type of digital currency. Research provides this description of Bitcoins. Bitcoin is a new currency that was created in 2009. Transactions are made with no middle men – meaning, no banks! There are no transaction fees and no need to give your real name. Bitcoins can be used to buy merchandise anonymously. In addition, international payments are easy and cheap because bitcoins are not tied to any country or subject to regulation. Small businesses may like them because there are no credit card fees. Some people just buy bitcoins as an investment, hoping that they'll go up in value. Currently, the richest 1% hold about 38% of all privately held wealth in the United States while the bottom 90% held 73% of all debt. According to The New York Times, the "richest 1 percent in the United States now own more wealth than the bottom 90 percent". Do you feel like you are in moving from a middle class household into a more limited income stream? Why is this happening?

May refreshments are to be provided by members whose last names begin R-U.

Volunteer Hours

Ed Gonzales

April Volunteer Hours=315

Year to date 1,331

Total for 2016=5,995

Please bring your volunteer forms to the meeting!!

Summer Day-Trip

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

Destination: Schulenberg, Texas

Guided Tour of the "Painted Churches"

For those who have never been to Europe or who have never seen the architectural beauty of old-style Catholic churches, this very inexpensive day-trip should not be missed. For participants who have already seen these jewels, it is a way to refresh their first experience and to develop a deeper artistic appreciation.

We will admire colorful decorations and paintings, and enjoy the architectural beauty of these unique "Painted Churches" in Texas thanks to the expert commentary of a local guide.

Program

Report to the South Austin Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. and check in with Caryn.

Departure promptly at 9 a.m.

Arrival at Chamber of Commerce in Schulenberg to pick up Guide.

First Part of the guided tour

Lunch Buffet-style at Oak Ridge Smokehouse Restaurant

Second part of guided tour

Departure for Austin around 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$56 based on 35-38 people. (It includes: chartered bus, gratuities for bus driver, admission to the churches to support their continuous restoration, guide's fee, buffet-style lunch, treats, water and raffles prizes)

Sign-up date in person at the monthly meeting on May 17, 2017 (First come, First serve)
Bus seats go fast.

- a) Trip is open to members first. Non-members can sign up also, but will be placed on the waiting list.
- b) Members who are absent must mail check quickly to Caryn Gulas so she gets it before May 25. (1504 Canoe Brook Drive, Austin, Tx 78746)
- c) On May 25th those who are on the waiting list will be added automatically and late-members will lose their privilege of being first.
- d) You may not bring someone's check on May 17th. Checks will be accepted only from the member who are present at the meeting.

For information:

Caryn Gulas 512-897-8106 (cell)

Mario Macaluso 512-432-5255 (landline phone)

Community Service
Pat Thomas

AGE of Central Texas is presenting a series of educational programs. On June 20th at 6:00 p.m. AGE is offering a program entitled "Stages of Dementia and Behavioral Changes." Dr. Cherie Simpson will discuss how dementia progresses in the brain and how those changes can affect the behavior in older adults. Space is limited so you must register for this program by calling Gailyn Trammell at [512-600-9275](tel:512-600-9275). If you are an individual caring for a loved one this series of programs will help you better handle the unique challenges of caring for yourself and caring for an ill loved one.

Roll And Stroll - Pat's baaack!

Thank you dear friends for all your kind thoughts and help during a stressful time in my life. I am now living in North Austin in a lovely duplex. The MD said my eye is healing but it will be several months before I regain total vision in my left eye. I am well enough to drive, eat well and laugh gleefully with friends. I am planning two Strolls in May as long as the weather cooperates. Please watch for an email or phone call announcing dates and locations. I should have information available prior to our May 17th meeting but one adventure that Lonny is working on is a bus ride exploring the West Austin Art Studio tour. We may also revisit

the Seaholm area.....you will be surprised as to how it has grown.

Saturday May 20th

We will meet at the Wheatsville Co-op South at **11:00 a.m.** and catch the #803 to explore Dougherty Arts Center (part of the West Austin Studio Tour). After exploring the Dougherty we will catch the #803 headed back South but stop at the Lamar Union plaza to eat at a restaurant named "Delicious" It's a bit expensive but great ambiance. We will walk around the plaza and explore the shops before returning to Wheatsville by 3:30. **This Roll & Stroll adventure will cost \$1.25 for a day pass.**

DOUGHERTY ARTS CENTER previews the work of over 300 WEST artists allowing you to move through the show geographically, discovering your favorite WEST artists along the way. All art is for sale.

Menu for restaurant:

<http://deliciousatx.com/assets/uploads/menus/Delicious-Spring-Menu.pdf>

Call or email Pat Thomas to register or for additional information. [512-441-1485](tel:512-441-1485) or pthomas1@austin.rr.com

May Celebrations

Birthdays

2	Johny	Richardson
4	Audubon	Roberts
5	Helen	Carr
9	Wanda	Hasley
14	Shirley F.	Washington
19	Petr	Skalnik
20	Richard	Furbish
22	Ignacio	Espinoza
28	Maria	Martinez
29	Kim	Nguyen
31	Tom	Bauer

Sunshine Committee
Doris Thorne 512-382-9130
Please call Doris and give her the names of members who are ill, in the hospital or have had a death in the family.

2017 Officers And Committee Chairs

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Treasurer's Report Barbara Fetonte

Savings account balance \$25.00
 Regular account balance \$2491.99
 Travel account balance \$2193.26

2017 Dues may be brought to the May meeting or mailed to:

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 Barbara Fetonte
 8301 Washita Dr
 Austin, TX 78749



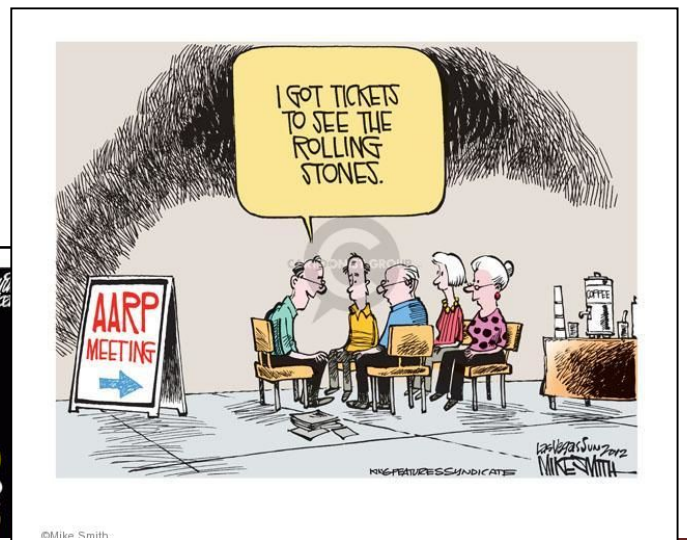
April Meeting Austin Pets Alive



Austin Pets Alive volunteer, Stephanie Chaumont, and speaker, Terry Ross, with dog, Baxter, who is waiting to be adopted.

The speaker at our April 19 meeting, Terry Ross, talked about Austin Pets Alive and the volunteers who help make Austin the largest No Kill city in the United States. Members brought to bring canned wet food for the puppies and kittens.

For more information on how to volunteer, adopt or foster a dog or cat:
www.austinpetsalive.org



**Chapter 2426 members enjoyed the March Trip to Wildseed Farm and
Fredricksburg**



CIVIC AND/OR COMMUNITY SERVICE BY SOUTH AUSTIN AARP CHAPTER 2426 VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE BRING THIS INFORMATION TO THE CHAPTER MEETING

AND TURN IN TO : ED GONZALES

Name _____ **Address** _____ **Phone** _____

Category	Hours	Category	Hours
AARP Annual Day of Service		Fundraising for Community Service	
AARP Driver Safety Program		Health & Wellness	
AARP Tax Aide		Long-term Care/Nursing Home Support	
Hunger		Independent Living/ In Home Care Giving/Home Repairs	
Advocacy/Legislation/Information/Referral Services		Independent Living: Transportation Services	
Education/Scholarships or other		All Other Volunteer Areas	
Subtotal		Subtotal	
			Total Volunteer Hours