

South Austin AARP

Chapter 2426

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Wednesday

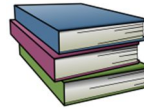
October 18, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

Program

Our October speaker is Laura Miller of Northwest Hills Eye Care. She will be discussing what low vision is and how a low vision evaluation differs from a regular eye exam. She will also look at different low vision aids to help with reading and distance tasks. She will discuss ways to help heighten contrast and improve lighting to help enhance vision. We will have the business meeting and break and then the program will begin at 2:00 pm.

Dr. Miller is a therapeutic optometrist and glaucoma specialist who specializes in providing low vision services to those who are visually impaired and legally blind. She enjoys working with patients of all ages in her private practice located in North Austin.

She has been involved with many committees with the Texas Optometric Association and Central Texas Optometric Society. She was awarded the Young Optometrist of the Year from the Texas Optometric Association. She is also the consulting optometrist for the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Austin State Supported Living Center. She travels to other cities in Texas to provide low vision services. Dr. Miller has spoken on numerous low vision issues including cortical visual impairment, visual field disorders and managing the low vision patient. She has also lectured on LASIK, dry eye, glaucoma and retinal disorders.



Used Book Exchange

Pat Thomas

Bring you used books (both hard cover and paperbacks) to our October 18 meeting. We will keep them until our November meeting and an Exchange Table will be set up to exchange books after our November 15 meeting. Any books not exchanged will be donated to Recycled Reads, the Austin Public Library resale store.

2018 Membership Renewal

New Policy

To renew your Chapter 2426 membership for 2018 all members must complete a membership renewal form. You may renew your membership at the October meeting. Please bring your \$10 dues and the renewal form (on the last page of the newsletter) to the meeting or mail to South Austin AARP Chapter 2426 Barbara Fetonte 8301 Washita Drive, Austin, TX 78749

Hands-on Tech

Interactive Generations Mixer

Thursday, November 2, 2017

4-7 p.m.

b8ta, 11701 Domain Blvd., Ste. 174

(in the Domain Northside)

Save the Date: AustinUP's Hands-on Tech Mixer
The b8ta store, located in the Domain Northside, is new to Austin and designed for discovering and trying the [latest tech products](#). AustinUP has chosen this innovative venue to host their first in a series of free events to spark and support

October refreshments are to be provided by members whose last names begin T-Z. Everyone else is welcome to bring something to share.

intergenerational connection. We encourage you to bring someone younger (or older) to share the experience.

This FREE event will include refreshments and door prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are available! (Contact Teresa at [512-963-3191 orteresa@austinup.org](mailto:orteresa@austinup.org).)

Travel

Mario Macaluso

The Painted Churches Trip is going as scheduled on October 24, The departure is at 9 a.m. sharp. The Norwegian Christmas in Clifton Trip on December 2 is sold out. There is a waiting list. Rosie Perez will be the new assistant starting in January 2018. I thank Caryn Gulas for her work and expertise which made our day-trips always organized, well run, and successful.

Roll and Stroll

Pat Thomas

[512 441-1485](tel:5124411485)

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Ride With Us to New Adventures

Thursday October 12th Conspirare's Big Sing - St. Martin's Lutheran Church at 5:30 pm

Twilight stroll departing Wheatsville at 2:30 pm Conspirare is a Grammy-winning and internationally recognized choir with a reputation for "expanding the boundaries of choral performance" (Wall Street Journal). Conspirare, which translates from Latin as "to breathe together," is led by Artistic Director Craig Hella Johnson. The free program is not a choral concert nor a religious service, but can best be described as a group singing lesson where we are invited to sing together with songs of healing, comfort and renewal. We will sing together as a way of remembering our powerful connections with one another and expressing these common bonds in song.

Song sheets will be provided. Guitarist David Rosenblad and pianist Austin Haller, along with

choir members, will provide musical support and encouragement to the audience.

This is a popular event in a beautiful church. In order to have a place to sit we must arrive by 5:00 p.m. We will eat at an undetermined location prior to the event.

Friday October 20th Meet at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Wheatsville to travel downtown on #803 and transfer to bus #2 or #4 headed to the Texas State Cemetery for a guided tour of this historic area. We must have 10 individuals to qualify for a guided tour. Texas history is the focus of the cemetery tours. The beautiful cemetery consists of 18 acres and was established prior to 1851. We will eat after the tour at an undetermined location.

Friday December 8th meet at 3:00 p.m. Meet at Wheatsville to travel downtown on #803 to view Christmas decorations on 2nd street, the Capitol Christmas tree and a visit to the Old Bakery Emporium for shopping and a special art reception that begins at 5:00. We should return home at around 8:00 p.m. Early dinner at an undetermined location

Please be reminded that October can be a very rainy month so we may have to reschedule on short notice. There are numerous events in Austin during November and December. I will coordinate several of these activities with Lonny Stern/Cap Metro but the dates for the East Austin Studio Tour and the Blue Genie Holiday Bazaar are not yet determined.



Members enjoyed a bus trip to the Mediterranean Festival on September 29



Delores Macaluso “visited” with LBJ during the Roll and Stroll Visit to the LBJ library.



Roll and Stroll
Visit to the LBJ
library

2017 Officers And Committee Chairs

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October Celebrations

Birthdays

Lupe	Ruiz	1
Claudette	Daywood	8
Miles	Abernathy	12
Mary Loy	Tobar	14
Gilbert	Puga	20
George	Dankworth	23
Florence	Macaulay	23
Danni	Dankworth	25
Chinell	Williams	26
Helen L.	Murinchack	28
Cathy	Barnes	26
Betty	Alexander	30

Anniversaries

James and Helen Murinchack 27

Volunteer Hours

Ed Gonzales

August Hours: **954**

Year to Date **4169**

Total for 2016: 5,995 hours

Please remember to bring your volunteer forms to the meeting.

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			

**South Austin Chapter 2426
Membership Renewal 2018**

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: Please Print: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

AARP National Membership Number _____

Dues are \$10.00 per individual..

Complete and bring this application with payment to the next meeting (checks should be made payable to: South Austin AARP Chapter 2426) OR this application and payment can be mailed to :

South Austin AARP Chapter 2426 Barbara Fetonte 8301 Washita Drive, Austin, TX 78749

Please check any committee(s) on which you are interested in serving .

_____ Program _____ Membership _____ Hospitality/Welcoming _____ Telephone

_____ Sunshine _____ Nominating _____ Legislative _____ Community Service

_____ Health Care _____ Public Relations _____ Travel _____ Ad Hoc