Program  
November 15  
1:00 pm  
Austin Airport Ambassador Program

Jennifer McFarlin, a Customer Service Representatives for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, will describe the volunteer opportunities with the Austin Airport Ambassador program. Volunteers provide customer service to airport passengers and visitors regarding the Airport or Austin and surrounding areas. She will show a video showcasing the program. Come to learn about being an ambassador for Austin and the airport.

For more information visit the website http://www.austintexas.gov/department/airport-volunteer-program

Used Book Exchange  
Pat Thomas

Bring your donated books (both hardcover and paperbacks) to our meeting. We will open the exchange table at approximately 2:30 after our November meeting. The remaining books will be donated to SASAC and Recycled Reads (Austin Public Library). For additional information contact Pat Thomas at 512-441-1485. By participating in this book exchange you are providing Recycled Reads with books to sell. The proceeds are used to purchase new books for the Austin Public Library. Current plans are to take a tour of the new Central library in January.

Community Service  
Pat Thomas

Each year we fill Christmas gift bags for the benefit of Drive A Senior clients. You can use your own gift bag or purchase one for $1.00 at the meeting. Suggested items for gift bags: pocket calendar, oatmeal packs, hand or body lotion, hand towel, slipper socks, applesauce packs, Kleenex, sugar free cough drops, tea bags, small mirror or combs, handkerchiefs, notepads/pens, $10.00 gift cards from HEB, or warm throws. Please include a Christmas card with a holiday greeting. If you have questions, contact Pat Thomas, pthomas1@austin.rr.com.

Roll and Stroll participants at the Texas State Library October 20

November refreshments are to be provided by members whose last names begin A-E. Everyone else is welcome to bring something to share.
November 2017 - Airport Ambassador Program
December 2017 - Holiday Potluck/Entertainment

The results of the October survey regarding the membership preference on education/information vs entertainment programs for 2018 was as follows:
23 votes for 8 programs of education/information; 2 programs entertainment
21 votes for 6 programs of education/information; 4 programs entertainment
6 votes for 4 programs of education/information; 6 programs entertainment

The program committee met on October 20, 2017 and decided on the following tentative programs for 2018 Chapter meetings:
January - Healthcare
February - Dell Medical Center presentation
March - Conley-Guerrero Line Dance group
April - Presentation on Balance and exercise
May - TBA
June - City Council Member Ann Kitchen
July - Ice Cream Social
August - Presentation by 360.org
September - AARP State Office Legislative Report
November - Presentation on Mental Health
December - Holiday Entertainment TBA

Health Update
Gail Glick

Our October speaker was Laura Miller, a therapeutic optometrist and glaucoma specialist. She discussed what low vision is and how a low vision evaluation differs from a regular eye exam. She described different low vision aids to help with reading and distance tasks and ways to help heighten contrast and improve lighting to help enhance vision.
Some of the devices available include:
1. Magnifiers
2. Telescopes
3. Electronic reading systems
4. Glare control filters
5. Portable and desktop electronic reading systems

Phone applications are available:
1. iOS APPS FOR APPLE PRODUCTS
   VisionAssist: turns your phone into a portable video magnifier.
2. Android Accessible App
   GO to www.aisquared.com
   Click on: Products
   Click ---Zoom Text Express

Roll and Stroll
Pat Thomas

Saturday November 18
East Austin Art Studio Tour
We will leave from Wheatsville at 10:30. There is no admission charge for this tour.
The East Austin Studio Tour 2017 tour includes 505 artists, with 241 Artist Studios, 66 Galleries, all located in neighborhoods in East Austin. We will visit a compound of galleries located in a two block area referred to as the Pump Project. Please view the following web link for additional information: http://east.bigmedium.org/participants.html This website serves as an overview of artists and their locations. The annual event is very popular and attracts large crowds. Food trucks are available for snacks. We will be at the Pump Project Gallery for about 3 hours before catching a bus towards town. I have not yet determined our transportation path...so watch for an email alert with additional information. We plan to eat at a restaurant along the way and return to Wheatsville at around 5:00. For additional information contact Pat Thomas at 512-441-1485 or pthomas1@austin.rr.com

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS STROLL AND IF YOU HAVE ANY RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS ALONG OUR ROUTE.
November, 2017

Volunteer Hours
Ed Gonzales
October Hours 483
Year to Date 4632
Total for 2016: 5,995 hours

Treasurer’s Report
Barbara Fetonte
Savings $25.00
Checking $2213.14
Travel $2907.46

Members enjoyed a tour of the painted churches on October 24.

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 November 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 242
Barbara Fetonte
8301 Washita Drive
Austin, TX 78749

November Celebrations

Birthdays
Claudia Corum 1
John Conrado 6
Nelli Aguirre 10
Kay Roeber 18
Dorothy Scrimgeour 18
Carol Ahlgren 22
Sue Harkin 24
Dolores Gonzales 26
Elaine Benton 28
Barbara Fetonte 29
Bernard Natho 29

Anniversaries
Joanne Meziere 11
Ed and Harriet Gonzales 18
Lucy Estrada 28

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Barbara Kaiser 512-282-0960
Al Prewitt 512-287-9847
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Please remember to bring your volunteer forms to the meeting.

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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____________

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Total Volunteer Hours

South Austin Chapter 2426
Membership Renewal 2018

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Name:__________________________________________
Address:________________________________________
City:________________________State:______________Zip:______________
Phone Number:______________________________
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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

November, 2017