

South Austin AARP Chapter 2426

Website: www.southaustinaarp.org

November, 2017

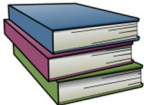
Program
November 15
1:00 pm

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.

November refreshments are to be provided by members whose last names begin A-E. Everyone else is welcome to bring something to share.

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



Programs
Jose Saenz

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

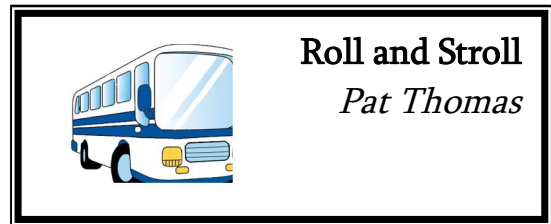
VisionAssist: turns your phone into a portable video magnifier.

2. Android Accessible App

GO to www.aisquared.com

Click on: Products

Click ---Zoom Text Express



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](tel:512-441-1485) or prthomas1@austin.rr.com

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

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

2017 Officers And Committee Chairs

President:	Pete Skalnik 214-704-9562
Vice President:	Elaine Benton 512- 799-2224
Secretary:	Ed Gonzales 512-444-3335
Assistant Secretary:	Marilyn Totten 512-280-8030
Treasurer:	Barbara Fetonte 512-282-1944
Assistant Treasurer:	Caryn Gulas 512-897-8106
Board of Directors (in addition to officers):	
Mary Ragland	512-280-8661
Barbara Kaiser	512-282-0960
Al Prewitt	512 -287-9847

Committee Chairs

Community Svc:	Pat Thomas 512- 441-1485
Greeters:	Marilyn Totten-512-280-8030
Health:	Barbara Kaiser -512-282-0960 Gail Glick 512-547-4153
Hospitality:	Al Prewitt -512-287-9847
Legislative:	Debbie Galloway 512-217-1566
Membership:	Margaret Hughes 512-956-3297
Newsletter Editor And Web Manager:	Diane McGowan-512-892-4416
Newsletter Distribution:	Ray Vaughn 512-292-0982
Program:	Jose Saenz 512-554-1583
Phone Committee Chair	
	Elaine Benton 512- 799-2224
Sunshine:	Doris Thorne 512- 382-9130
Travel	Mario Macaluso 512-432-5255

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