South Austin AARP
Chapter 2426
Website:  www.southaustinaarp.org
September, 2018

Wednesday
September 19, 2018  1:00 p.m.
Update on Medicare 2019
Randy Hsi, Health Markets
This presentation will take a brief look at what Medicare covers and changes that will happen in 2019. It will be educational in nature and presented by a licensed insurance agent certified in Medicare but no reference will be given to insurance carriers or specific plans.

Refresments:
September refreshments will be provided by members whose last names beginning with O-Z. If you wish to help with refreshments, please feel free to bring something. We have been having large crowds, and everyone’s participation is appreciated.
Al Prewitt, Hospitality Chairman

The Importance of Reporting Volunteer Hours
Ed Gonzales
Each year, the president of each AARP Chapter must submit an Annual Chapter Census and Activity Report to the national AARP offices in Washington, D. C. An important section in this submittal is for CHAPTER SPONSORED COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY for the year. Featured within that section is a quantification of not only the number of members participating, but also which of the designated projects and activities they had volunteered for as well as total number of hours of participation. Therefore, it is important to indicate to the National AARP office that our chapter maintains an active and robust Community Service Outreach Program, which in turn clearly demonstrates that our chapter truly embodies the vision and mission of AARP, which is “To Serve, Not to Be Served.”

Chapter Awareness Grant
Chapter 2426 has been awarded a chapter awareness grant from the national office. The goal of this project is to increase membership and to focus on South Austin community awareness of Chapter 2426 meetings and activities. We will use the following activities to increase awareness:

- Participation in two Senior Fairs in Austin (approximately 4 chapter members per event)
- Day trips to local and regional site (approximately 35-40 chapter members per event)
- Roll and Stroll which is a program begun by our chapter that familiarizes the participants with using the Austin bus system by visiting Austin museums, libraries, restaurants and other sites in Austin. (approximately 15-20 chapter members per event)
- Display a welcoming banner in front of South Austin Activity Center where meetings are held with Chapter name and meeting times

Members who participate in these events will wear vests that show our chapter number with the AARP chapter logo. These vests will not be given to members but handed out at each activity. Members have been asked to help cut out the vests and to sew the vests. We will distribute cards describing our activities and meeting times to interested seniors. For people interested in joining there will be a brochure that contains a membership application

The $1000 grant will be used to purchase material to make the vests, embroider the chapter logo on the vests, pay for entry into senior fairs, printed cards for distribution, and the banner to be placed in front of SASAC. The members of the committee are Gail Glick, Barbara Kaiser, Diane McGowan, and Diane Wright.
Roll and Stroll
Pat Thomas

Hulu Hut Trip August 11

KLRU Tour August 24

Activities for September and October

Friday September 28th - Part two of our planned exploration of historic Waller Creek. We will meet at Wheatsville at 11:00 for departure at 11:15. From downtown we will transfer to bus route #10. We will be eating lunch at the Brick Oven Italian Restaurant. We will listen to a speaker who will describe the progress in transforming Waterloo Park into new impressive park space. We hope to be able to view the giant tunnel constructed to direct flood water underground. Best to read the following design plans:

Projected opening Fall 2019. The Moody Amphitheater will be the centerpiece of the transformation of Waterloo Park, an 11-acre park that will include one-and-a-half miles of trails, heritage trees and wetland gardens, elevated promenades, and play spaces located at the northern end of the new Waller Creek Park. Designed by world-renowned architects Thomas Phifer & Partners, the Moody Amphitheater will become a new architectural icon for the city, featuring a unique steel and translucent stage-house structure that fits seamlessly in the park and provides a dramatic public gateway to Waterloo Park. With its Great Lawn, the Moody Amphitheater will accommodate 5,000 attendees for concerts, and educational, cultural, and performing arts events, showcasing the full range of Austin’s creative community. As the largest park within the Waller Creek district, Waterloo Park and the Moody Amphitheater will create a new public space that reflects the spirit of Austin and will serve as the central gathering space for the Red River Cultural District, the emerging Innovation Zone, the Central Health Brackenridge redevelopment, and the Dell Medical School. [https://www.wallercreek.org/vision/](https://www.wallercreek.org/vision/)

Friday September 21st - Tentative plans to try for an additional trip to explore another section of Waller Creek near the impressive Dell Medical Hospital complex. Maybe lunch at historic Scholz Beer Garden (one of Austin's oldest buildings) Good German beer. It depends on the weather and my energy level.

Friday October 12th - We will try to complete our planned trip to the Clarksville neighborhood.

Saturday October 27th - The Texas Book Festival arrives in Austin. Spread throughout the grounds of the State Capitol and along Austin's Congress Avenue, the 2018 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place on October 27 and 28, 2018. Remember last year, we got a little lost but it was fun. Music tents, cooking tents, and more tents full of books.
This Community Service Project concludes in September. Thank you for the clothing items collected for Central Presbyterian Church. We will again accept clothing donations at our September 19th meeting. One car load of items has been delivered. The staff at CPC was impressed with the generosity of our members. They look forward to seeing us at another noon concert during the holiday season.

### 2018 Officers
**And Committee Chairs**

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### Chapter 2426 Treasurer’s Report:

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### National Voter Registration Day
**September 25th, 2018**

Early voting approaches and the National League of Women Voters is preparing their nonpartisan League Voters Guide which will be available at VOTE411.org. Leagues are organizing to get out the vote.

You can help Get Out the Vote:
- by talking about voting
- talk about Get OutThe Vote with your friends and family
- help your friends make a plan to vote
- talk about Get Out The Vote on social media.

You can register to vote at our chapter meeting. You are eligible to vote early by mail if you are a registered voter who is 65 years of age or older or sick or disabled. To vote by mail, you must first apply for a ballot. You must request an application from the Travis County Clerk’s office An application can be downloaded by going to the website: http://traviscountyclerk.org/eclerk/Content.do?code=E.8 or you may google “Travis county voting by mail”.

The application must be received no later than the close of business 11 days before election day.

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**AARP Upcoming Events**

**Chapter Events**
- September 8    10:00 am  Roll and Stroll  Waller Creek
- September 11   7:45 am      Bus trip to Bush Library.
- September 19    1:00 pm    AARP meeting.
- Friday September 28   Part 2 Exploring Waller Creek
- Call toll-free (877) 926-8300 or use the links provided to register! To find out about AARP events in Austin visit: https://local.aarp.org/austin-tx/aarp-events/
- **55+ Job Fair**
  - AARP and Austin Up are hosting a job fair for job seekers age 55 and older
  - https://bit.ly/2NYOJgJ  (online registration only)
  - Wednesday, September 12, 10am – 2pm
  - Dell Jewish Community Center
  - 7300 Hart Ln.

**Hispanic Heritage Cooking**
- Demonstration
- Tuesday, September 18, 10am – 12:30pm
- Central Market Cooking School
- 4001 N Lamar Blvd.
- AARP Texas is hosting a cooking demonstration in honor of Hispanic Heritage month - Menu TBD
- https://aarp.cvent.com/09182018_ATX_Cook

**Cine de Oro  TBD** Free movie screening en Español
- Onsite registration Tuesday, September 25, 9:30am – 12:00
**Travel**

*Mario Macaluso*

Trip to G.H. Bush Library and Museum in College Station - Enrollment closed -
Date of trip: September 11, 2018
Check-in: 7:45 am at SASAC
Departure: 8:15 am
Arriving back in Austin about 6:45 pm
A) check-in with Rosie
B) bring name tags
C) park away from main entrance
Looking forward to seeing your smiley faces.
Mario Macaluso  

mmdm1967@aol.com

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**September Celebrations**

**Birthdays**

Carol Ford 2
Esther B. Martinez 6
Wayne Painter 11
Mario Macaluso 13
Caryn Gulas 16
Irene Seaman 17
Irma Rubio 17
Marilyn Totten 18
Gloria Ayala 18
Bobbie Bolden 19
Connie Dunn 19
Gail Glick 20
Lilac Bauer 23

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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

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