

South Austin AARP

Chapter 2426

Website: www.southaustinaarp.org

October , 2018

Wednesday

October 17, 2018 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Jessica Lemann, Associate Director for Outreach and Advocacy, and Amanda Fredriksen, Associate State Director of Advocacy, with the AARP State office in Austin will be providing a current status report on a number of topics such as, Community Team activities, state and federal level major legislative initiatives and activities of interest and potential impact tour Chapter members in our community. She and her staff monitor these matters so as better provide a support network for the local level chapter activities across the state.

Refreshments:

Because of large crowds, we have been having a good food spread. Please continue to bring snacks to contribute. We appreciate your help!

Travel

Mario Macaluso



Trip to George Bush Library

October , 2018

Day trip to San Antonio Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Cost \$40.00

Description of activities:

- Bus Ride to San Antonio,
- Shopping at the Mercado Mexicano
- Free admission to San Antonio Museum of Art
- Stop at the River Walk Center (food court, enjoying the lights along the River Walk, shopping, or taking a boat ride on your own provided you do it in ample time before the bus leaves for Austin at 8 p.m. sharp.)

Sign-up at the AARP meeting on October 17, 2018 .

Day of trip: Tuesday, December 11, 2018

- Arrive at SASAC: 12:30 p.m.
- Park away from the main entrance towards the back area (Warning: I was told by West that your car will be removed for illegal parking.)
- Check-in with Rosie Perez
- Bring your name tag
- Be on time

Departure: At 1:00 p.m. from SASAC and leaving San Antonio at 8 p.m. sharp.

Remember a few things

- This trip will fill up fast. Bring your money or check and register right away.
- Trip is reserved first to members who sign up on time. Absent members have a week from October 17, 2018 to mail a check to Rosie Perez. After this period, members lose their privilege of being first.
- Non-members can sign-up, but will be placed on a waiting list.
- You cannot bring a friend who is not a member unless he is needed to fill the motorcoach.

HELP is needed.

Our chapter needs someone to reconstruct our website. Please contact Pete Skalnik, 214-704-9562 or Diane McGowan 512-892-4416, dianemcg70@gmail.com if you are able to help,

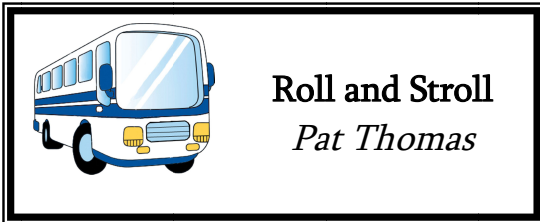


**Gail Glick talks with two visitors to our chapter table at the community health fair.
Chapter Awareness Grant**

Thirty nine vests have been sewn and will be ready for the next Roll and Stroll group to wear. The committee extends a thank you to the ten people who came to cut out the vests. A special thank you to these ladies for sewing the vests:

Dot Clark, Bonita Griesemer, Maria Martinez, Diane McGowan, Vangie Ramos and Mary Ragland.

Visit our table at the meeting to pick up a chapter business card that you can pass on to interested seniors.



Roll and Stroll Group explored the Waller Creek Development on August 28, 2018

October and November Plans

Friday October 12 - Please arrive at Wheatsville at 10:15 with bus departure at 10:30. We are headed for the historic neighborhood of Clarksville in West Austin. We will visit Nau's pharmacy with its historic soda fountain, a garden nursery and eat at a local restaurant. We may be able to view a pumpkin patch on our bus ride into West Austin

History of Clarksville
[\(https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/1995-10-20/529941/\)](https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/1995-10-20/529941/)

A little history is in order. Clarksville is the oldest surviving freedom towns, the original post-Civil War settlements of former slaves, west of the Mississippi. There were at least six communities of emancipated blacks around Austin, of which Clarksville was the second. (The first was Wheatville (no "s") founded by celebrated Austin black leader Rev. Jacob Fontaine.) Charles Clark, who purchased two acres at the 1700 block of West 10th Street on August 11, 1871, subdivided his land among other freedmen, including Reconstruction-era legislators and "buffalo soldiers." The community - originally outside the Austin city limits - grew with the addition of land formerly owned by Governor E.M. Pease, some of which was deeded to his freed slaves. Pease's daughter is said to have purchased, for \$50, the 11th Street land that now holds Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church, one of Austin's oldest black churches, originally pastored by Fontaine.

Saturday October 27 - Austin Book Festival

Held each fall in and around the State Capitol in downtown Austin, the Festival features a variety of literary readings and panels, book signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food trucks, children's activities, and exhibiting vendors from across the state and country. The Texas Book Festival hosts writers from all over the world and is honored to have a national reputation as one of the most prestigious and longest running book festivals in the country. CapMetro is offering the public a special promotion and if we all depart from

the Pleasant Hill Library (walk one block to bus stop) we each receive a free day pass. I'll give you more information as to our schedule by mid October.

November Possibility for a twilight stroll

Presented by the Waller Creek Conservancy, Creek Show, now in its fifth year, spans nine nights and includes six light-based, site-specific art installations on Waller Creek. Everyone is invited to walk along Waller Creek to view the works of art designed to bring attention to the future revitalization and transformation of Waller Creek into a series of urban parks. In addition to the light installations, which are free and open to the public, there will be a number of special events and attractions in the district. The event takes place on Waller Creek between 5th St and 8th St in downtown Austin. If you are not familiar with the area, we suggest you start your experience at the Creek Show Lounge, located at 700 E. 6th St. This show is family friendly but I need to do additional research to determine if it appropriate for a Roll & Stroll.

Thinking and Planning our December stroll. Where would you like to eat? My current thought is a restaurant in the Seaholm area or along West 5th st. OR we could bus into Mueller for one of their restaurants. Just start thinking about it and give me suggestions that might pop into your head. Maybe we should do two separate strolls one during the day and another twilight stroll. I need time to research events during December.

Community Service

The following items will be collected every month

- Empty egg cartons- donated to food pantries in South Austin
- Plastic or fabric shopping bags - donated to food pantries
- Aluminum pull tabs - donated to Ronald McDonald House

November 21, 2018 - canned goods for a food pantry in South Austin.

December 19, 2018 - filled gift bags for seniors delivered by Drive A Senior



Holiday Gift Bags

At this time of the year we are reminded of how blessed we are to have friends, food and shelter. Therefore, we ask you share your abundance with those less fortunate. Please bring a filled gift bags to our **December 19, 2018 meeting**. Drive a Senior will deliver these bags to their clients. Please help brighten the holidays for a senior. Below are suggestions of items to be placed in the bags.

- Pocket calendar
- Oatmeal packets
- Tea bags
- Applesauce packs
- Hot Chocolate packs
- Socks or slipper socks
- Hand or body lotion
- Hand towel
- Kleenex
- Sugar free cough drops
- Small mirror or comb
- Handkerchiefs
- Notepads/pen
- One Liners

Chapter 2426 Treasurer's Report:

Savings	\$25.00
Travel	\$701.71
Regular Checking	\$1310.11
Grant Balance	\$747.66

2018 Officers And Committee Chairs

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Volunteer Hours

Ed Gonzales

August Hours: 875

Year to Date 6189

A VERY GOOD MONTH

The volunteer form is on the last page of the newsletter. Please bring your completed form to

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AARP Upcoming Events

Chapter Events

Friday October 12 – Roll and Stroll Wheatsville
Wednesday October 17 Sign up for December Trip
Saturday October 27 - Austin Book Festival

From the state office

Thursday, October 11, 11am-12:30pm Austin Mayoral Debate KLRU Studios Hear the top candidates looking to be Austin's next 2504 Whitis Ave. mayor discuss issues that matter to you

https://aarp.cvent.com/10112018_ATX_Mayor

Tuesday, October 23, 10am - 2pm Prepare to Care Omni Southpark A workshop for caregivers with local resources available 4140 Governors Row to help to take care of your loved one and yourself

https://aarp.cvent.com/10232018_ATX_Care

Tuesday, October 23, 9:30am – 12:00n Cine de Oro: ¡A volar, joven Mexican American Cultural Center Free movie screening en Español 600 River St. Onsite registration

October Celebrations

Birthdays

Lupe	Ruiz	1	Mary Joyce	Wyatt	19
Barbary	Keith	4	Gilbert	Puga	20
Caroline	Compton	6	Donna	Burrough	24
Claudette	Daywood	8	Chinell	Williams	26
Jacqueline	Gaylord	10	Cathy	Barnes	26
Miles	Abernathy	12	Jane	Upchurch	27
Jim	Tourtelott	13	Helen L.	Murinckack	28
Mary Loy	Tobar	14	Bonnie	Broyles	28
Barbara	Tiedt	16	Texanna	Turner	30
Joanne	O'Neill	17			

Anniversaries

Doris Thorne 14
 Helen and James Murinckack 27

One Liners

- My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo - I had to put my foot down.
- I tell my friends that I run things at my house - the vacuum cleaner, the garbage disposal, etc.
- I like to hold hands - in the movie theater, which usually startles strangers.
- Incontinence hotline - please hold!
- I named my two dogs - Rolex and Timex - they're watch dogs.
- The best thing about the good old days - we weren't good and we weren't old.
- I was raised as only child - which really annoyed my sister.



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	