Mayor Steve Adler will be visiting with our Chapter. He has been asked to discuss his vision and goals on Austin for his next term. Specifically, he has been asked to address the role of the Senior Citizen community in Austin and how our AARP Chapter can help him advance some of his goals relative to this segment of the community. He will have a question and answer session so have your questions ready for him. Guests are welcome.

Chapter 2426 President Petre Skalnik and Drive a Senior South Austin director Stephanie Braddock with some of the gifts members donated at the December meeting to Drive a Senior

Marilyn Totten, Mary Ragland, Al Prewitt, Barbara Fetonte, Elain Benton, Pet Skalnik, Ed Gonzalez, and Nancy Crowther. The 2019 officers were installed by Mary Ragland at the December meeting.
Sunglasses

Even though it is winter it is still important to wear sunglasses when outside. Ultraviolet (UV) eye protection matters. UV radiation from the sun can damage not only the skin of your eyelid but also the cornea, lens and other parts of the eye. To protect your eyes look for sunglasses that include the following:

- Block 99 to 100 percent of both UVA and UVB rays
- Have lenses that are perfectly matched in color and free of distortions
- Have lenses that are gray for proper color recognition

Also try to find ones that are wraparound or close-fitting with wide lenses that protect your eyes from every angle.

You may spend a little extra money for good ones, but your eyes are worth it.

We are now accepting dues for the 2019 calendar year. All payments made in January will renew your dues for the 2019 year. The application is on the last page of the newsletter.

Health
Gail Glick

Pat Thomas is on vacation during the month of January and will return from California after January 20. An alert will be mailed after that date to announce upcoming Roll & Stroll events.

Chinese New Year 2019 begins on the Tuesday, February 5. Pat will try to plan on a stroll to celebrate the year of the pig and to eat Asian food. No date or restaurant has yet been determined.

The People's Art Gallery at City Hall Fifteenth Annual Exhibition opens February 23 with over 140 Artworks! The presentation will feature a wide array of painting, sculpture, drawing and other media by 113 artists from across the Austin area. The public is invited to an opening reception Friday, February 22, 6 to 9 p.m., to view artworks throughout City Hall, meet the participating artists, and to enjoy light refreshments and live music. Remarks by Austin Mayor Steve Adler and others will begin at 6:30 p.m. The People’s Gallery is designed to showcase the work of regional artists. Each year, the Cultural Arts Division issues a call for artworks to Austin-area artists, galleries, museums, and arts organizations. This year, approximately 1,250 entries were submitted by more than 350 local artists. A diverse panel of three local visual arts professionals served as the jury this year. Each year, the public is invited to vote for their favorite artwork in the exhibition, and a “People’s Choice” is selected from among the top-voted artworks to be purchased and added to the City’s permanent collection. Ballots for the 2019 People’s Choice will be available during the opening reception on February 22, and during normal exhibition hours through October 25, 2019. The People’s Choice award for the 2018 recipient will be presented at the opening reception at 6:30 p.m.

Chapter 2426 Treasurer’s Report
Barbara Fetonte

Savings $25.00
Checking $1596.76
Travel $774.75

Roll and Stroll
Pat Thomas
2018 Officers
And Committee Chairs

Officers
President:                      Pete Skalnik 214-704-9562
Vice President:             Elaine Benton  512- 799-2224
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Assistant Treasurer:    Rosie Perez (512) 440 7050

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Nancy Crowther 512-444-5726
Al Prewitt 512 -287-9847

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Community Svc:           Pat Thomas  512- 441-1485
Greeters:                       Marilyn Totten-512-280-8030
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                               Gail Glick     512-547-4153
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                       Crispin Guzman737-222-8155
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Sunshine:                          Doris Thorne   512 - 382 - 9130
                       Kathryn Stone 512-441-6038
Travel               Mario Macaluso  512-432-5255

January Birthdays

Sue                      Thurston       2
Mitsuko                   Stonkus       5
Lydia                     Flores        6
Toni                      Wallace      7
Teresita                  La Rosa       8
Pam                       Farley      9
Bernice                   Pounds      9
Rose M.                   Gonzales    14
Terry                     Snipes     24
Kay                       Nicholson    25
Marcia                    Musgrove    28
Bonnie                    McDonal    29
William                   Nicholson    31
Kitti                     Greenough   31

Anniversaries
Terry and Pamela Kosobud   1

Chapter 2426 Members on the San Antonio trip on December 11.

Members enjoyed the San Antonio River cruise and the Riverwalk.

Volunteer Hours
Ed Gonzales
DECEMBER VOLUNTEER HOURS  799
Total for 2018 :  8315
The volunteer form is on the last page of the newsletter. Please bring your completed form 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

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Total Volunteer Hours

South Austin Chapter 2426
Membership Renewal 2019

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Name:________________________________________________________

Address:_____________________________________________________

City:_________________________State:_________________________Zip:____________

Phone Number:_____________________________________________

E-Mail Address: Please Print:________________________________

Signature:_________________________________________ Date:__________________

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