

South Austin AARP Chapter 2426

Website: www.southaustinaarp.org

March 2019

Wednesday
March 20 1:00 p.m.
The Texas Civil Rights Project



Ms. Beth Stevens the Legal Director, Voting Rights Program, will be talking about The Texas Civil Rights Project and its overall major objectives associated with Immigration and its related issues. She will address Voting Rights in Texas in light of recent activities at the Capital.



The Roll & Stroll group went to a concert at Central Presbyterian Church on Feb 14. AARP members enjoyed the concert performed by One Ounce Opera Company featuring love songs for Valentine day.

Refreshments: Please bring snacks or finger foods. Thanks to our members who faithfully provide refreshments each month.

Health *Barbara Kaiser*



Commander Mike Benevides and Captain Darren Noak of the Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services spoke at our February meeting.

Health Committee Update

1. The "Vial of Life" packets will be available at the next meeting. There are some wallet EMS cards for anyone not at the February meeting.
Note: You can link to the National Vial of Life Project website where you can print the kit contents including the decals (in red) if you have a color printer: <http://www.vialoflife.com/print-free-vial-kits/>

The Texas DNR PDF document that is the only form not available on the Vial of Life Project website is available on the home page of the chapter web page: www.southaustinaarp.org

2. As part of our new mission of overall health to our members, we will start sending monthly updates about events in the community related to health care.
3. For your information - there will be a Medicare 101 presentation at Wel Med on Tuesday, March 19 from 11:30am to 12:30 pm.
4. We thanked the EMS team for the wonderful job they did at our February meeting. Lisa Supulveda, the Community Services Program Manager, said their team had a good time at our meeting.

**Getting to know Chapter 2426
Members**



**Travel
*Mario Macaluso***

The day-trip to Waco on April 9, 2019 is on. Three seats are still available.

Contact Rosie Perez by email: rosie9708@gmail.com

The trip includes:

1. Heritage Craft Village in Waco, Texas (Self-guided tour)
2. Lunch on your own at Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant
3. Shopping at Spice Village
4. MYSTERY STOP before returning home.

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Departure at 8:00 A.M. from SASAC

Leaving Waco at 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45 (It includes charter bus, driver gratuities, treats, raffle prizes and a Mystery Stop)

Make check to AARP Chapter 2426

Mario Macaluso,

Trip Coordinator

Let's Get to Know: Ed Gonzales

I was born and grew up in San Antonio, Texas

I went to school for 12 years at St Gerard's, a small Catholic Elementary and High School taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. I survived that with my knuckles and sanity intact and went on to graduate from The University of Texas-Austin with a B.S. in Medical Technology and from the University of Texas School of Public Health-Houston with a M.S in Environmental Science.

My Family: I met my wife Harriet Russell at UT and in 1967 the old padre at St Austin's Church pronounced us man and wife. I've been in love with the same woman for 52 years, have lived in the same South Austin home for 47 years and driven the same Toyota for 18 years, so to say I'm resistant to change would be an understatement. We have three sons 48, 46 and 40. We've gotten the oldest (with our only grandson), the middle son (with our only granddaughter) and my youngest son all married off and working at good jobs, which is fantastic in itself, considering what a wild bunch they were. Unfortunately, they live in Cedar Park, Oak Hill and one in Orlando, Florida, so getting everyone together at one time is difficult at best.

My Career paths were concurrent. By day, I was an Air Pollution Program Director and Hazardous-Material specialist for the Texas Air Control Board (now the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality), but several evenings and on alternating weekends, I used my previous expertise as a MedTech to conduct diagnostic medical testing at the UT Student Health

**Volunteer Hours
*Ed Gonzales***

**February volunteer hours: 291
(Kind of light this month!!)**

Year to date: 1093

Total for 2018 : 8315

Please print the form on the last page, fill it in and bring it to the March meeting.

Chapter 2426 Charitable Contributions
Empty egg cartons are being collected for local food pantries. **Aluminum pull tabs** are being collected for the Ronald McDonald

Center Laboratory. I retired early at 55 having spent 30 years in State of Texas service. Having two state jobs prepared me well for double-dipping as I happily get my both my Employees Retirement System and Social Security checks every month.

Hobbies: My main hobby was saltwater fishing. However Hurricane Harvey put the whammy on our family's little place down on the coast in Rockport and I haven't been back since.

A few years ago I became interested in doing Genealogical research and was pleased to discover that my maternal side ancestors arrived in San Antonio in 1731 as one of the original first families which came from the Canary Islands, Spain. When people ask me how long my folks have been in Texas, I tell them since it was called Tejas. Now I content myself with doing Genealogy searches on line trying to discover the links and origins of all the nuts in our Family Tree.

I joined AARP in 1994, but didn't join our Chapter 2426 until 2004. I have served a couple of terms as Vice-President, Secretary, a number of years as Hospitality Chairman, and since 2004 I have pestered the members to submit their volunteer hours each month for submittal to the National AARP, showing the numbers of participants, volunteer hours and types of projects as proof that our chapter maintains an active and robust Community Service Outreach Program.

Chapter 2426 Treasurer's Report
Barbara Fetonte

Regular Checking \$2304.39
Travel \$2019.75
Savings \$ 25.00

2019 AARP Chapter Dues

Yearly dues for the chapter are due now through March 31, 2019. Chapter dues are only \$10.00. With your dues we are fortunate to be able to donate to the Central Texas Food Bank, Family Elder Care, Drive a Senior, AARP Foundation, etc. Your dues also allow the Chapter to produce the monthly newsletter. If you are not sure if your dues are up to date, please email Barbara Fetonte at bfetonte@gmail.com or call her at 512-497-1432. We currently have 229 members. If you are over 85 years old, you are exempt from paying the Chapter dues.

We would like to welcome our new members who joined in February.

Bernadette (Bernie) Berrigan, Margaret Cortinez, Angie Flores, Tomas Garza, Kathy Lamb Grimmett, Darlene Lee, Tommie Lee, Patricia Martin, Janie Smidovec, Idella Wilson, Norma Wood

**2018 Officers
And Committee Chairs**

Officers

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:	Rosie Perez	512-440-7050
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	Nancy Crowther	512-444-5726
	Al Prewitt	512 -287-9847

Committee Chairs

Community Service:	Pat Thomas	512- 441-1485
Greeters:	Marilyn Totten	512-280-8030
Health:	Barbara Kaiser	512-282-0960
	Gail Glick	214-808-6622
Hospitality:	Connie Flores	512- 444-8636
Legislative:	Debbie Galloway	512-217-1566
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Newsletter Editor And Web Manager:		
	Diane McGowan	512-892-4416
Program:	Jose Saenz	512-554-1583
	Crispin Guzman	737-222-8155
Phone Committee Chair		
	Elaine Benton	512- 799-2224
Sunshine:	Doris Thorne	512- 382-9130
	Kathryn Stone	512-441-6038
Travel	Mario Macaluso	512-432-5255

March Birthdays

Margaret	Levering	1
Pamela	Kosobud	4
Jose	Saenz	21
Bernadette	Berrigan	22
Ann	Coudert	24
Nancy	Crowther	25
Sally E.	Vaughn	27
Martha G	Smith	29

Anniversaries

Bill and Kay Nicholson	5
James and Nelli Sanchez	5
Ketty Wadia	11
Danny and Barbara Fetonte	22

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 2019

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address (Print Clearly) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues are \$10.00 by cash or check Dues are waived if over 85 years old. Check if you over 85 _____

Complete and bring this renewal with your payment to the next meeting (checks should be made payable to South Austin AARP Chapter 2426)

OR mail this renewal with your payment 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Srv | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel (ad hoc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | |