

South Austin AARP

Chapter 2426

Website: www.southaustinaarp.org

June 2019

Wednesday
Age-Friendly Austin
June 19 1:00 p.m.



The speaker will be Tabitha Taylor, Age-Friendly Action Plan Program Coordinator for the City of Austin.

Seniors and pre-seniors are the fastest growing demographic in Austin according to the city demographer. Austin must better prepare for the growing population of seniors. The city took a crucial first step in declaring itself an Age Friendly City, adopting the Age Friendly Action Plan, and amending Imagine Austin to include consideration of the needs of Austin's aging population. The Commission on Seniors recommended for the 2019 City budget a Project Coordinator focusing on senior issues to ensure success in meeting the needs of seniors. The Program Coordinator will be housed within Austin Public Health and will oversee, promote and encourage implementation of the Age-friendly Austin Action Plan (AFAP) in order to create a supportive, welcoming and vibrant environment for older adults. This position works collaboratively with the City of Austin departments, Imagine Austin team, Commission on Seniors, and the broader Austin community.

Goal and strategies includes:

- Identifying gaps in city services to seniors, breaking down silos across city departments (an example would be better coordination

of necessary transportation for seniors, through PARD, AARC and within social services funding).

- Support the Strategic Direction and Age-friendly Action Plan's metrics in tracking project activities, timelines, and deliverables and identifying areas for improvement.
- Work closely with Equity Office to address needs of seniors.
- Represent Age-friendly Austin at community events, neighborhood gatherings, and other community engagement forums.
- Coordinate age-friendly activities, such as trainings and events, with internal and external partners, including City Departments, Commission on Seniors, AustinUP, community-based service providers, and other community and neighborhood-based organizations.
- Provide staff support to meetings, workgroups, and related events.
- Lead development of age-friendly media including reports, training materials, presentations, brochures, event flyers, newsletters, and articles

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

AARP is sponsoring a My Wishes Advanced Care Planning Session on Saturday, June 29 at Circle C Community Center, 7817 La Crosse Avenue from 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Admission is free, but you must register to attend at: <https://aarp.cvent.com/MyWishes-629>. Lunch will be provided.

Please join our AARP Health Committee members at the Well Med Mini Resource Fair on Wednesday, June 12 from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Bring a friend. Learn more about AARP and other select organizations that meet the needs of seniors.

Address: 706 W. Ben White

On the north side of Ben White
And west of 1st. Street



PLANNED NEW SUMMER ADVENTURES

JUNE 15TH SATURDAY - World Refugee Day

Visit the Bullock Museum for a free celebration of World Refugee Day. Commemorate the United Nations' World Refugee Day with a naturalization ceremony, free samples of world cuisine, live music, and activities for families of all ages. Master of Ceremonies will be Greg Ciotti, representing KOOP Radio. We will depart from Wheatsville at 10:30. We will not stop at a separate location for lunch as food is available at the museum. We hope to return to Wheatsville at approximately 3:00. This project is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

What are the requirements for becoming a naturalized citizen? (a brief explanation)

An applicant for US citizenship must meet the following requirements:

- Must be admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident (LPR), commonly referred to as one who possesses green card status.
- Continuous residence in the US for at least five years immediately preceding the applicant's filing for naturalization. Continuous residence is not the same thing as physically present here.
- The ability to read, write and speak ordinary English unless they are physically unable to do so due to a disability such as being blind or deaf, or suffer from a developmental disability or mental impairment. Those over 50 years old on the date of filing who have lived here for a

total of at least 20 years after admission as a permanent resident and those who are over 55 and have been legal permanent residents for at least 15 years are also exempt from this requirement.

- A basic understanding of the fundamentals of US history and government. There is an oral test that covers fundamentals of US history and government and it is required for naturalization.
- Good moral character and an affinity for the principles of the US Constitution. Good moral character is reflected in the applicant's behavior before applying for US citizenship. Good moral character is demonstrated by paying taxes and having a clean criminal record, for example, and is an important part of qualifying for naturalization.

For additional information - https://immigration-law.freeadvice.com/immigration-law/citizenship/us_citizen_filing_length.htm

JUNE 27th Thursday - Lunch in the beautiful Las Palomas restaurant. Not a Tex/Mex but a beautiful popular restaurant located in Westlake. We will be riding bus #30 which winds around Westlake but only makes one stop. We will eat lunch and continue on bus #30 into downtown Austin for a visit to the Austin History Center before catching our beloved bus #803 back to our starting point. Additional information coming soon.

FRIDAY - July 19, 2019

The Bullock Texas State History Museum COOL SUMMER NIGHTS PROGRAM 6:00pm - 9:00pm

We will meet at 4:00 and use the new Westgate Transit Center. We will return to starting location at approximately 8:00. Forget about standing outside in the heat of the summer! Come inside to the Bullock Museum for a free evening celebrating culture, community and Texas history.

Program Details

This special program highlights the many ways in which the American experience has been impacted by inventions, technologies and cultural movements in conjunction with the exhibition WW1 America.

Cool Summer Nights will give you the freedom to engage and explore the Museum at your own pace and on your own terms.

Enjoy a special evening including:

Activated exhibits with living history participants; Cash bar with specialty themed cocktail made with Tito's Handmade Vodka; Food for purchase in our Story of

Texas Café (vegetarian options available); Complimentary sparkling water samples from Waterloo Sparkling Water; Complimentary coffee and cold brew samples by Addison Coffee Roasters; Souvenirs for purchase in the Museum gift shop

Photo booth by MYEVENTSTHEBOMB; Records spun by DJ from Breakaway Records; Improv performances and activities with ColdTowne Theater; Specially curated archival footage on view in our Texas Spirit Theater by Texas Archive of the Moving Image] Community chalk art project on the plaza; Complimentary parking in the Museum's garage' Experience abstract projection art and audio using; WW1-era footage (circa 1917) with Sean Miller; Learn a few early twentieth century dance moves with Whitney McFall; Using a small WW1 era printing press, learn about setting type by hand and printing by letterpress with Austin Book Arts Center; Manipulate time by writing light messages in the air with Austin Film Society's Vintage typewriters from Austin Typewriter, Ink.

FRIDAY JULY 26TH LBJ LIBRARY - THE MOTOWN EXHIBIT . (don't miss this trip)

Where were you in 1965? Do you remember how to sing "Stop In The Name of Love" ??

<http://austin.culturemap.com/news/entertainment/05-14-19-motown-exhibit-the-lbj-presidential-library-austin-diana-ross-supremes-michael-jackson/#slide=0>

We have an exciting summer of fun planned. For additional information contact Pat Thomas at 512-441-1485 or Rollandstroll@austin.rr.com Roll and Stroll was created to teach seniors how to use public transportation for fun and convenience. Don't stay home, explore Austin.

Health

Barbara Kaiser

1. The Health Committee had their monthly meeting Friday, May 24 at Panera's on William Cannon . We had a collaborative meeting with the Chairman and other members of the Program Committee. We benefitted from their fresh ideas and we were able to incorporate them in our planning for the upcoming senior health fair.
2. Transportation: we invited Pat Liston from Drive A Senior-CTX to speak at the June

Chapter Board Meeting. She explained the recent changes taking places when DAS South Austin and DAS Southwest combined. They have already started to expand Into Dripping Springs and are working toward lowering the eligible age from 65 to 60. They appreciate our chapter sending Christmas bags for their needy clients and hope to continue that relationship with Chapter 2426.

3. The Health Committee is going to handle our chapter table at the Health Fair at Well Med on June 12.
4. Randy Hsi will be the new Chairman of the Health Committee starting July 1 and Barbara K. and Gail G. will stay on as members.

Travel

Mario Macaluso

Toyota Motor Plant, San Antonio, Texas

Our 20th day-trip brings us to San Antonio, Texas For those who are signed up for the trip on Tuesday, June 25, 2019:

Check-in with Rosie at 8:30am

Departure at 9:00am

Leaving San Antonio at 4:30 pm

You must have valid ID and wear long pants, (no skirts or shorts), shirts must have sleeves, (short sleeves acceptable), closed toe shoes (no sandals or heels), no phones, no cameras, no bags.

We will leave your belongings securely on coach during the tour of the factory.

At SASACS cars must be parked away from main entrance area which is set aside for citizens who attend the Center during the day.

Chapter 2700 trip

Chapter 2700 is offering a tour to Tuscany March 14-23, 2020. The 10-day tour will include 8 nights in Tuscany and round trip on economy flights. During the eight days in Tuscany you will tour Lucca, travel to Florence to admire the David by Michelangelo,

go to San Gimignano with its many towers, explore Siena, and discover the famous CINQUE TERRE towns. You will also take the bullet train from Florence to Venice, enjoy a guided tour and have free time to eat and shop.

The cost is not available at this time. From a similar trip taken this year it will be about \$4000. Many of you have already put your name on the sign up sheet and need not contact us again at this time. Since more than 50 people have signed on the list, we need to hear from you soon for this wonderful trip. As with all the trips, all 50+ will not go on the trip. For sign up, questions or concerns, contact Dixie Saxon

512/944/6011 dixiedot42@gmail.com.

Chapter 2426 Treasurer's Report

Barbara Fetonte

Savings \$25.00

Checking \$2506.66

Travel \$1762.72

Please welcome new members

Josie Garcia, Rosanne Hatfield, Cynthia Kelley, Linda Kemp, Elaine Loyd, Bobbie Mackey, Coleen Thompson, Morris Thompson, Denise Vanderport, Joanie Branton, Joe Branton, and Michael Dodson
This brings our total Chapter 2426 membership to 217.

2018 Officers And Committee Chairs

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Chapter 2426 Charitable Contributions

Please save your **HEB large plastic bags** and bring them to AARP meetings to be recycled at the Food Pantry. **Aluminum pull tabs** are being collected for the Ronald McDonald

Volunteer Hours

Ed Gonzales

May volunteer hours: 293

Year to date: 2316

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

June Birthdays

Eleanor Joyce	Carr	2
Danny	Fetonte	3
Apollonia	King	4
Bruce	Uszal	7
Deborah	Fennell	10
Joanne	Meziere	21
James	Eckel	23
Anne	Hinojosa	26

Anniversaries

Crespin and Maria Guzman	1
Letha Bradley	1
Dolores and Mario Macaluso	3
Betty Fickel	12
Ray and Sally Vaughn	23
Margaret Cortinez	25

Chapter 2426 Members enjoyed the Roll and Stroll to Mueller in May.



**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	