South Austin AARP
Chapter 2426

Website: **southaustinaarp.org**

February 2024

Wednesday
February 21, 1:30 p.m.
Join us for our monthly meeting

Roll and Stroll and Community Service Committee
Pat Thomas and Deborah Fennel

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR ALERTS ON FUTURE ROLL AND STROLL ADVENTURES
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COMMUNITY SERVICE ~ ROLL & STROLL

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I (Pat Thomas) recently offered to help Cres Guzman with some program ideas. One of the main strengths of our chapter has been great monthly programs. Please let Cres know about monthly programs you would like to have presented. Our February program will be presented by Jennifer Connor. She is the Austin Public Library Outreach coordinator working to inform Austin residents about all the services/resources at the library. You will be pleasantly surprised by what is offered at our Central Library as well as programs at all the branch libraries. One of the services offered at our branch library is called Tech Time. It is your opportunity to obtain help with your cell phone questions.

Tech Time-Learn to download books and use digital Library resources. Bring in your tablet, smartphone, Ipad or eReader for help navigating the Virtual Library, downloading eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines and more! Tech Time sessions take place at various Austin Public Library locations throughout town. Drop in anytime during the session. The estimated setup time for each device is about 20 minutes

BOOK SWAP - Time to sort though your bookshelf and bring books you want to exchange to our Feb 21st meeting, During our snack time we will allow a little extra time for you to look at a table full of donated books. Pick out some books for you to take home and read. Remaining unclaimed books will be donated to Recyled Reads which benefits the public library. I'm also donating a large number of music CD's.

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Deborah Fennell and Pat Thomas recently attended a program at the Old Quarry Library branch as part of Black History month. We were entertained and educated by an african woman named Elizabeth Kahura. She presents programs on African culture to children in the school system. We learned a lot about musical instruments, language, clothing and dance. It was a very enjoyable interactive hour. We have asked Ms. Kahura if she could present the same program at our April 17th meeting. I will provide our program committee with additional information.
https://library.austintexas.gov/event/performances/african-drums-elizabeth-kahura-7743732
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Black History Month Celebration @ Central - Live Musical Performance
A performance by local singer, Alesia Lani. 1st Floor Demonstration area
Austin raised soul singer Alesia Lani is one of those rare performers combinding a soulful voice with electric performances. She has the unique ability to write timeless music while seamlessly moving across multiple genres including r&b, soul, funk, rock, and hip-hop.
Saturday, February 24 - 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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ROLL AND STROLL - Hope to see some of you at the Mary Moody Theatre on Feb. 18th.
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Travel

Mario Macaluso

On Feb.11, 2024 I lead a group from AARP Chapter 2426 to Georgetown, Texas, to enjoy a romantic comedy entitled «She loves me. »
We rode on a comfortable Clark Travel Coach. At the theatre we were welcomed by the hostess and then ushers led us to the seats that were reserved for “The Friends of Mario Macaluso.”
The play was lively and entertaining with many fine musical numbers and clever, comic lines.
After the theatre I took the group to eat supper at Tony and Luigi’s You had a good sized group!!
Everyone loved the food and the attentive service.
Favorable traffic and a fine driver brought us back safely to Austin. Participants got treats and enjoyed colorful winnings from a raffle on their way back.

Members enjoyed the trip to Georgetown for fun play and great food.

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Volunteer Hours

Ed Gonzales

Please turn in your volunteer hours. The form is at the end of the newsletter and may be emailed or mailed.

Chapter 2426 Treasurer's Report

Bill Nicholson

DUES PAID, CONTRIBUTIONS OR GIFTS IN 2023

Chapter 2426 is a chartered entity of AARP. Therefore, membership in Chapter 2426 requires membership in AARP. The Chapter operates pursuant to AARP's status under the United States Internal Revenue (IRS) Code as a 501(c)(4) "social welfare" organization meaning the Chapter is exempt from federal income tax provisions. Bottom line…monies paid to Chapter 2426 for any purpose (dues, contributions, or gifts) are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

DUES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Calendar year dues continue to be $10.00. The 2024 dues are payable beginning January 1 through March 31. Your dues can be paid in person with currency or a check before the membership meetings on February 21 and March 20. Or a check for $10 payable to South Austin AARP Chapter 2426 may be mailed to Bill Nicholson, Treasurer, 12512 Gun Metal Dr., Austin, TX 78739.

The same mailing address is used to send changes in your mailing or email addresses, telephone number, or if you have attained 85 years old for dues exempt status. The Member Information Form on the last page of this newsletter can be used to submit changes.

Dues pay for the newsletter, web site, AARP required general liability insurance, State of Texas mailings, and various other expenses including expenses of the board and committees. A biggie…the South Austin Senior Activity Center does not charge the Chapter 2426 for its use.

AND IF YOU PAID YOUR 2024 DUES AT THE DECEMBER 20, 2023, or the JANUARY 17, 2024, MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, you can pickup of the original receipt of payment at the Treasurer's desk during the February 21 and March 20 meetings

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SOUTH AUSTIN AARP CHAPTER 2426 VOLUNTEERS
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mail to: Ed Gonzales, 710 Kinney Avenue, Austin,TX 78704

Note: You do not have to email the form. You may list the category and the hours for that category and the total number of hours.

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	

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Check one: __ New Member Application __ Renewal of Membership __ Update/change Information

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

E-mail Address (Print Clearly) _____

*AARP Member No. _____ Valid Thru (Month & Year) _____ /_____

**(Found on your red membership card)*

Birthday (Month and Day) _____ /_____ Anniversary (Month and Day) _____ /_____

Signature _____ Date _____

Dues are $10.00 paid by cash or check. Dues are waived if you are 85 or older: Yes, I am _____.

Complete and give this form with your payment to the Treasurer (checks payable to South Austin AARP Chapter 2426).

OR mail this form with your payment to:

South Austin AARP Chapter 2426, c/o Bill Nicholson, Treasurer, 12512 Gun Metal Dr., Austin, TX 78739.

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____ Program ____ Membership ____ Hospitality ____ Telephone
____ Sunshine ____ Legislative ____ Community Serv ____ Health Care
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