South Austin AARP
Chapter 2426

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July 2023

Message from the President
Crespin Guzman

CELEBRATION Time come on!
Wednesday
July 19 , 1:30 p.m.

This is what I am expecting for our July gathering in the **SPIRIT of the American Dream all dressed up in Red, White & Blue** and maybe some apple pie with ice cream too! ***Best part is, y'all are invited to make it FUN for Everyone!***

This will be our **Agenda for the Day** so I look forward to a ***larger, well engaged audience eating, singing, playing, dancing and generally enjoying the opportunity to visit and celebrate with each other.***

In the meantime, please stay cool and be safe but make plans to join us and use the ***4th of July holiday as a springboard to our celebration.***

See ya'.

Refreshments will be provided. Members do not need to bring snacks.

There will not be a chapter meeting in August.

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

During the month of June we enjoyed two trips in spite of very hot weather. The history of our Roll and Stroll group indicates that over the past ten years snow, heat, rain have not slowed down this energetic group of seniors. We have explored Austin and watched it grow before our very eyes. We've eaten our way around Austin in many directions. We will again schedule a walking event over the Lamar pedestrian bridge to view the many skyscrapers under construction. Currently we have a new 75 story condo/hotel nearing completion. Any bets on when our first 100 story building will begin construction?

I cannot begin to describe how much we enjoyed our docent tour of the expanded Blanton Museum of Art. We attended the celebration of World Refugee Day at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum. Each year we are reminded of how lucky we are to be living in the United States of America. This year we were entertained by Ukrainian Folk Dancers and performers from Afghanistan. The food we sampled was amazing and plentiful. But most of all we watched as 22 new refugees from 13 different countries obtained their citizenship. We are reminded of how hard refugees work to become citizens. Let us all encourage Congress to work together to improve the immigration process. Part of the opening ceremony was a reminder of the quote on the statue of liberty. Let us engrave it on our hearts.

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" "This country's greatness and true genius lies in its diversity."

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WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR ALERTS ON FUTURE ROLL AND STROLL ADVENTURES. PROBABLY NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST BUT MARIO DOES HAVE SOME WONDERFUL DAY TRIPS SCHEDULED.

To request additional information you may contact Deborah Fennell or Pat Thomas at one of the following numbers:
Deborah Fennell – (512) 915-8414 – TEXT ONLY Pat Thomas 512-574-3490 or text

Travel *Mario Macaluso*

Dear Travelers

Thank you for signing up for the San Antonio Botanical Garden that is set to go on September 5, 2023. This destination will mark our 30th day trip. I am so proud of you for your participation that keeps day trips alive and reasonably economic for every participant. The cost includes admission to the the garden, stop at Mexican Market, lunch on your own at River Center and also time for delightful shopping.

Please check if there are still seats available. If not, get your name on the waiting list.

Note: No parts of your ticket are refundable. If you are not able to go, you may look for a replacement or donate your ticket to anyone.

Chapter 2426 Treasurer's Report *Bill Nicholson*

The Membership Committee and Treasurer share the following…

To keep the Membership Committee records up to date, when you have a change in telephone number, email address, postal mail address or national AARP Membership Number or Thru Date, please provided the changes on the *Membership Renewal or Updating Information* form found on the last page of this newsletter and available at the meeting sign-in table or the Treasurer's table. Send changes for the Membership Roster and the member dues payment ledgers and dues payments to:

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

A continuing request - please bring your AARP membership card to the next meeting so those attending the meeting sign-in table can compare it with the Membership Number and Thru Date on the meeting sign-sheet. The chapter is required by AARP to have on file the current AARP Membership Number and Valid Thru date for each chapter member.

And a reminder - if you are exempt from paying dues because you are 85 years or older and have not submitted a Membership Renewal form for 2023, please do so your information and exempt status can be updated, if necessary, in the Membership Roster and the dues ledgers.

And noteworthy, the membership as of June totals 137 of which 25 are exempt from paying dues. Fifty-nine members attended the June 21 meeting.

Volunteer Hours

Ed Gonzales

Total for June: 301Hours

Total for 2023: 1649 Hours

Please turn in your volunteer hours. The form is at the end of the newsletter and may be emailed or mailed.
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World Refugee Day at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum

2023 Officers And Committee Chairs

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PLEASE EMAIL THIS INFORMATION TO ED GONZALES
Edgonzales7@gmail.com. If you do not have email,
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.

Please check any committee(s) on which you are interested in serving:

____ Program ____ Membership ____ Hospitality ____ Telephone
____ Sunshine ____ Legislative ____ Community Serv ____ Health Care
____ Travel (ad hoc) ____ Public Relations ____ Newsletter