Wednesday
January 18, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Talent & Trivia – A get acquainted party

Some members have volunteered to demonstrate various talents and hobbies. We will play a few get to know you games and fill the room with an abundance of laughter and memories. How did Mr. Hamburger introduce his wife to his friends? Come to the meeting to learn the answer. Prizes will be awarded to the least talented. If you want to help with this program please contact Pat Thomas – pthomas1@austin.rr.com

Hollis Sheppard Memorial
A good representation of Chapter 2426 attended Hollis Sheppard’s memorial service on January 3, 2017. We learned that Hollis was born in Hong Kong on May 31, 1961. She graduated from high school in Hong Kong and received her bachelor’s degree at the University of Texas and her Master’s degree at Purdue University, both in computer science. She was employed by several companies in the silicon valley, then became an IT consultant that was very much in demand. She married Gene Sheppard, and her son, London is now 15 years old. She died on December 24, 2016. To view a collage of pictures of Hollis, go to http://rw.mem.com/display/7229678

January refreshments are to be provided by members whose last names begin A-C.

ANNOUNCING FIRST TRIP OF 2017

AARP FREDERICKSBURG DAY-TRIP
Do not miss this fun trip! Bus fills up quickly!
Destination: Fredericksburg, Texas
Date: March 21, 2017

Departure: 9:00 A. M. from SASAC, 3911 Manchaca Rd., Austin
Return from Fredericksburg at 5:00 p.m.
Itinerary:
Stop at Wild Seed Farm, Fredericksburg
Tourism Office, Shop, Lunch on your own at a restaurant of your choice on Main Street, Self-guided Tour of the National Museum of the Pacific (and maybe more shopping time.)
Sign-up date:
At the January 18th monthly meeting. (Bring check or money)
Cost: $48 per person. (It includes: Bus, Admission to Museum, water and treats, raffle prizes and tips for bus driver). Lunch on your own
This trip is open to members first. Members, who sign up late, lose their priority status, and will be placed on a waiting list along with all non-members.

No checks are accepted before the sign-up date, January 18. See rules for signing up on the next page

Travel
Mario Macaluso

Sunshine Committee
Doris Thorne 512-382-9130
Please call Doris and give her the names of members who are ill, in the hospital or have had a death in the family.

January, 2017
Rules for signing up for Chapter 2426 Trips

1) Sign up for trips will take place at the monthly meeting for members, and also for non-members who will be placed on waiting list.

2) Priority will be given to members who sign up in person at the first sign-up date and to members, who are absent, but mail their checks within a week from the first sign-up. (No checks are accepted before the first sign-up date.)

3) Trip will be open to non-members a week after the sign-up date at which time members forfeit their priority status and their names will be added to the non-member list.

5) The above guidelines will assure fairness to all members and also provide information in sufficient time for trip coordinator to charter a bus, buy tickets, and make reservations.

-community service-

COMMUNITY SERVICE - LET'S SUPPORT OUR NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

The new public library at 710 Cesar Chavez is scheduled to open in summer 2017. This new facility is not just a space for checking out books. It will feature art, music and amazing technology. A variety of online databases are currently available for your use free of charge.

Here are just a few of the databases that you may find helpful:

- Legal Information Reference Center (legal books and forms for consumers)
- ProCitizen - An online course to prepare new Americans for the USCIS Naturalization Text
- Pronunciator - learn 80 languages with interactive multimedia
- Brainfuse - live online tutoring every day from 2 PM - 11 PM provides homework help and test prep for students and adult learners
- Computer Literacy Basics - A series of short videos to help you gain computer skills.

The library will feature a landscaped patio overlooking Shoal Creek and a cafe using recipes from cookbooks available at the library. Your tax dollars support Austin Public Libraries but we can do more. Please begin collecting books that you wish to contribute to the Friends of The Public Library. We will collect donated books, cd’s and DVD’s at our March and April meetings. At our April meeting we will also have a book exchange - bring a book & take a book. Additional information will be available at our next monthly meeting.

Roll and Stroll - New Adventures Await You

Dates have not yet been selected for the following events.

1. Lunch and a movie - a post holiday date to sit and sup.

2. A Winter Walk - Let’s walk off all those Christmas cookies - the first day after January 18th on which the temperature reaches 60 or higher we will explore one of the trails on Lady Bird Lake. Both slow and fast walkers are welcome. Benches are available for sitting. Yes, we will stop for lunch somewhere.

3. A visit to the Capitol to say hello to our State Representatives and chat about issues that concern us. Lunch in the cafeteria.

AARP Texas Presents Legislative Priorities for 2017

When state lawmakers convene next month for the 2017 legislative session, AARP Texas will pursue an agenda that includes strengthening nursing home quality, easing stress for family caregivers, helping millions of Texans save for retirement, and protecting seniors from financial exploitation.

AARP’s non-partisan Texas legislative priorities also include a focus on eliminating surprise medical bills, and advocating for the age 50+ community to ensure that insurance costs are reasonable, coverage is reliable, and utility services are affordable and dependable.

The 85th Texas Legislature starts Jan. 10 and will address a host of major budget and policy considerations that are sure to have significant impact on older Texans. AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a membership of nearly 38 million, including 2.3 million Texans age 50 and older.

AARP Texas Director Bob Jackson and Advocacy Manager Rob Schneider will lead a team of policy experts who know their way around the Capitol. Among them are: Amanda Fredriksen, Tim Morstad, Joe Pat Thomas
Sánchez, and Blake Hutson. In addition, any number of AARP volunteers like Charlene James, the AARP Texas president, will often be present during the 140-day session.

“Texas lawmakers will have enormous opportunities in 2017 to make meaningful and enduring improvements to the lives of older Texans,” said Jackson. “AARP will be a strong voice for consumers and older Texans as we work with legislators and Governor Greg Abbott on a host of issues that matter most to Texans.”

More information can be found at http://states.aarp.org/aarp-texas-presents-legislative-priorities-for-2017/

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**January Celebrations**

**Birthdays**

2  Sue Thurston  
3  Jan Farmer  
3  Phyllis Pearson  
5  Mitsuko Stonkus  
6  Margie Foster  
8  Terisita LaRosa  
11 Janice Duncan  
14 Rose M. Gonzales  
19 Tiwana Yasin  
25  Pat Birnbaum  
25  Kay Nicholson  
31  Bill Nicholson  
29  Bonnie R. McDonald  

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**2016 Officers**

**And Committee Chairs**

**Officers**

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Secretary:  Ed Gonzales  512-444-3335  
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Assistant Treasurer:  Caryn Gulas  512-897-8106  

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Barbara Kaiser  512-282-0960  
Al Prewitt  512-287-9847  

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Health:  Barbara Kaiser –512-282-0960  
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Sunshine:  Doris Thorne  512- 382-9130  
Travel:  Mario Macaluo  512-432-5255  

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Caryn Gulas**

Check book Bal  $1564.46  
Travel Money  $ 344.20  
Chapter Bal  $1220.26  
Savings Acct  $25.00  

2017 Dues are $10. They are due no later than February to stay on the mailing list.  

We will be collecting dues through February 2017. Your dues must be paid so that you will receive the chapter newsletter. You can mail your dues to:  
Barbara Fetonte  
830 Washita Drive  
Austin TX  78749  

**Volunteer Hours**

**Ed Gonzales**

December Volunteer Hours=567  
Year to date 5,995  
Total for 2016=5,995  
Please bring your volunteer forms to the meeting!!
Members enjoyed a trip to San Antonio on December 13 to see the Christmas Lights on the San Antonio River and dinner at Casa Rio.

### 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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