

Meeting Dates and Times

**August OFF**

**Sep 3 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC**

**Sep 10 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC**

**Oct 1 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC**

**Oct 8 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC**

**Nov 5 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC**

**Nov 12 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC**

**Dec 3 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC**

**Dec 10 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC**

**\*See Chat and Chew section for date/details**.

**Special Note**

We hope you are staying safe during these hot summer months. Please note that we will have no general meetings during August. Our next general meeting will be on September 10 at 5 PM at BGC when Mary Hoferek will talk about Antarctica.

**Board Member Volunteers**

A person shopping at a store

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President – Robert Stone  
Vice President/Legislative – Mary Hoferek  
Secretary/Newsletter – Barbara Thomas  
Programs – Susan Baldridge  
Treasurer – Janet Prouty  
Assist. Treasurer – Mariann Carmody  
Membership – Sandra Miller  
Food & Bev. Mgr. & Pictures – Claudette Lease  
50/50 Raffle – Evelyn Pizzonia  
Chat & Chew – Nancy Dois  
B’Day & Get Well Cards – Betty Tobiassen  
Service Projects - TBD

We need some help on the Board. We need a service project lead. The Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 2 PM for about an hour at BGC. The service project lead will contact recipients to find out what they need and organize the effort. If you can help, please contact Robert Stone at [stoner9599@verizon.net](mailto:stoner9599@verizon.net) and Mary Hoferek at [mary.hoferek@gmail.com](mailto:mary.hoferek@gmail.com).

**Chat and Chew**

Our chat and chew will be at 1 PM on Sept. 17 at a Chinese Restaurant in Germantown. More information about location in the September newsletter. Please make a reservation by contacting Nancy Dols at [nancydols17@gmail.com](mailto:nancydols17@gmail.com). You can also sign up at the September 10th general meeting.

**School Supply Service Projects**

Every year we donate items like pencils, crayons, etc to one or two local Title 1 schools. This year we helped Brown Station Elementary and Gaithersburg Elementary. Thanks to a grant from our state AARP, we allocated $300 for each school. Mary Hoferek delivered with Susan Wilson to Brown Station while Claudette Lease delivered to Gaithersburg Elementary. Both schools are Title 1 schools which means they have a high level of low-income students. It’s great that we can support our schools in their important work. Both

Let the shopping begin!

schools were so appreciative for the new supplies! Thank you to shoppers Nancy Dols, Laura Loomis, Claudette Lease, Pat Panzer and Mary Hoferek. Thank you also to Janet Prouty and Helene Block for their donations. Thank you to Susan Wilson who helped deliver the supplies.

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Look at all those goodies!

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A couple of women standing in a room

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Deliveries made with joy!

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A person holding a box

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Deliveries graciously appreciated!

** July 9, 2024 Presentation**

A great presentation on the weather by meteorologists Chad Merrill was enjoyed by everyone. He was very responsive to our many questions and some of our members said, “they learned some things new about the weather.” Everyone received a free Farmer’s Almanac that wanted one.

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**AARP Membership**

There are three ways you can join AARP: national, state, and our chapter.

**National**

If you join the national AARP for $16 a year, you receive a card you can use for discounts, etc.

**State**

If you join the state AARP, there is no charge, but you will be invited to volunteer at their events.

**Local**

We meet once a month for a presentation, once a month for chat and chew, and are committed to serving our community. We ask our chapter members to join the national. Our chapter dues are $10 per person. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Hoferek at [mary.hoferek@gmail.com](mailto:mary.hoferek@gmail.com).

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[AARP Chapter #5358 Gaithersburg](https://www.facebook.com/groups/154323637923385/)

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This Month’s Birthdays

**Let’s celebrate & wish the following a happy birthday!**

Claudia Herbert – Aug 3

Betty Tobiassen – Aug 6

Kathleen Bell – Aug 14

Martha Levin – Aug 26

Nancy Dois – Aug 27

Margery Prentice – Aug 31

**A Message from your Vice President, Mary Hoferek:**

Our state AARP sponsored my application to participate in the ***Leadership Montgomery Encore Program***. I am honored to have been accepted into the program. I expect to learn a lot about how our county functions. I may need help fulfilling the work of vice president of our chapter and ask for your help and grace as I work through this year.

Congratulations Mary!



Have a great summer. Stay safe. We’ll see you in September.