



Meeting Dates and Times

Dec 3 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC
Dec 10 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC
Dec 17 at 1PM – Chat and Chew at La Mexicana
Jan 7 at 11AM – BOARD Meeting at Il Porto
Feb 4 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC
Feb 11 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC
Mar 4 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC
Mar 11 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC



Our Special General Meeting, December 10, 5-7PM

Come and enjoy wonderful, professional music by the Friday Morning Music Club. At 6 PM, we will enjoy a special dinner from Heavenly Ham. The cost is \$15. Make your reservation with Claudette Lease (claudette1944@hotmail.com) by December 7.

No January General Meeting

We will not have a general meeting or newsletter in January. Stay safe and warm. We will meet again in February.

Renew Your Membership

It's that time of year. We will send you a membership form. Please complete and send it to Robert or bring it to our meeting. We will also have forms at the Dec. 10 meeting. The cost is \$10.

Help Wanted

Are you our next service project lead? The service project lead contacts recipients to find out what they need and organize the effort. If you can help, please contact Robert Stone (stoner9599@verizon.net) and Mary Hoferek (mary.hoferek@gmail.com).

Chat and Chew

On Tuesday, December 17 at 1 PM, join Chat and Chew at La Mexicana, 16143 Shady Grove Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy Dols (nancydols17@gmail.com). You can also sign up at the December 10th general meeting.



Happy Birthday to

- ✧ Kelly Reed – Dec. 2
- ✧ Darryl Claggett – Dec. 12
- ✧ Linda Kibunja – Dec. 15
- ✧ Patricia Marchetti – Dec. 18
- ✧ Jeanne Gillis – Dec. 25
- ✧ Annie Crenshaw – Dec. 27
- ✧ Jacqueline Lancaster – Dec. 29
- ✧ Robert Stone – Dec. 29



Board Member Volunteers

President – Robert Stone
Vice President/Legislative – Mary Hoferek
Secretary – Barbara Thomas
Newsletter – Susan Wilson
Programs – Susan Baldrige
Treasurer – Janet Prouty
Assist. Treasurer – Mariann Carmody
Membership – Sandra Miller
Food & Beverage Manager & Pictures – Claudette Lease
50/50 Raffle – Evelyn Pizzonia
Chat & Chew – Nancy Dols
Birthday & Think of You Cards – Betty Tobiassen
Service Projects – TBD





Gifts for Seniors

For our last service project of the year, we are collecting gifts for seniors in Gaithersburg who may not receive a present this year. The drive starts on Tuesday, Dec. 3 and goes through Dec. 10. Please bring items to the BGC during that time.

Needed items include:

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| * Gloves, hats, and scarves | * Notepads | * Calendars |
| * Socks | * Playing cards | * Mugs |
| * Umbrella | * Puzzle books | * Water bottles |
| * Hand sanitizer | * Holiday treats and candy | * Mini tool sets |
| * Toiletries | * Tea bags | * Gift cards |
| * Small lap blankets | * Hot cocoa packages | |
| * Coloring books and pencils | * Small picture frames | |

Toys, Toys, Toys!

We are a small, but mighty chapter! Once again, our members stepped up to make our service project a success. Our president, Robert Stone, delivered our donation to the Gaithersburg CaresHub. Thanks to your generosity, kids will have a happier holiday season.



It Takes Villages to Help Age in Place

Our thanks to Fran Randolph for her informative presentation on the Village communities. Villages are local, volunteer-led, grassroots organizations that aim to support community members who choose to age-in-place. Rely on the neighbor-helping-neighbor model. See <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/ADS/Villages/villagesindex.html> to learn more.

