



Save the Date!

**Feb. 4 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC**  
**Feb. 11 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC**  
**Feb. 18 at 1PM – Chat and Chew at Outta the Way Cafe**  
**Mar. 4 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC**  
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### Our General Meeting, February 11, 5-7PM



Our next General Meeting is Tuesday, February 11 at 5 PM at BGC. Bob Levey, who retired from the Washington Post, will talk about his experiences. He will bring copies of his book *Larry Felder, Candidate*, for purchase and signing.

Dinner after will be pizza and salad. The cost is \$15. Please RSVP to Claudette Lease (claudette1944@hotmail.com) by Feb. 8.

### Renew Your Membership

It's time to renew your membership. The cost is still \$10. If you need a form, contact Sandra Miller (sg\_miller@yahoo.com) or fill one out in person at our meetings.

### 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.

Does "being in the room where it happens" appeal to you? Our chapter needs a secretary to record and store meeting notes.

If you can help, please contact Robert Stone (stoner9599@verizon.net).

### Chat & Chew

Our next Chat & Chew will be February 18 at 1 PM at **Outta the Way Café**, 17503 Redland Rd, Derwood, MD 20855. Please let Nancy Dols

(nancydols17@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend. You can also sign up at the February 11 general meeting.



### Happy Birthday to

- \* Bob Marshall – Jan. 4
- \* Dorothy Brown – Jan. 18
- \* Janet Prouty – Jan. 19
- \* Barbara Beal – Jan. 22
- \* Barbara Thomas – Feb. 4
- \* Susan Wilson – Feb. 9
- \* Gary Loomis – Feb. 16



### Board Member Volunteers

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Chat & Chew – Nancy Dols  
Birthday & Think of You Cards – Betty Tobiassen  
Service Projects – TBD

**Be careful!!! It's slippery out there!!!!**



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## Service Projects

Our chapter delivers on AARP's motto, *To Serve, Not to be Served*. In 2025, we are planning these service projects:

- \* Food drive in June
- \* School supplies in July
- \* Toys in November
- \* Gifts for seniors in December

## Seasons Greetings for Seniors

Last December, we created holiday gift bags for 35 Gaithersburg seniors. Through your generosity, recipients who would not have received a gift can enjoy tasty treats, socks, toiletries, gloves and hats, puzzles and games, gift cards, and so much more.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to help these seniors have a happier holiday season. And especially, thanks BT and Denny who put the bags together.



## Spring Programs and Presentations

We are tentatively planning these programs:

- \* March 11 – A veterinarian to talk about caring for pets
- \* April 8 – Lisa Henderson who is a member for the Gaithersburg City Council
- \* May 13 – A nutritionist to talk about nutrition for seniors

The programs are subject to change so be sure to check future newsletters and our chapter website ([www.aarp5358.org](http://www.aarp5358.org)).

## Checking In

Want someone to call you and be sure you are OK? The Maryland Department of Aging is ready to help you and other seniors through the #SeniorCallCheck!

Briefly, a representative from the Maryland Department of Aging calls daily at a time the senior designates. If the senior doesn't answer, the representative calls the senior's alternate contact person. If neither the senior nor the alternate answer, the representative will call the local non-emergency service. In addition, seniors can reach out to Senior Call Check (1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560)). To learn more, see [www.aging.maryland.gov/pages/senior-call-check.aspx](http://www.aging.maryland.gov/pages/senior-call-check.aspx).

You can sign up in the way that best suits you. Each is available from [www.aging.maryland.gov/pages/senior-call-check.aspx](http://www.aging.maryland.gov/pages/senior-call-check.aspx).

- \* Register online.
- \* Download the Maryland Senior Call Check Paper Application to print and complete and return by mail.
- \* Call toll-free (866)-502-0560 and ask to have a hard copy application mailed to you.



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