



**Meeting Dates and Times**

**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**  
**Jan 7 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC**  
**NO GEN MEETING in JANUARY 2025**  
**\*See Chat and Chew section for date/details.**



**Chat and Chew**

On November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM Chat and Chew will be at Gentleman Jim’s (18257 Flower Hill Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20879). Please contact Nancy Dols ([nancydols17@gmail.com](mailto:nancydols17@gmail.com)) to let her know how many she should make the reservation for.



**Toys and More!**

One day only! Please bring unwrapped toys to BGC on November 12. We will bring them to our Gaithersburg CaresHub for the children in our community who might not get a gift this year!

November 12<sup>th</sup> speaker at 5 PM will be Pazit Aviv who will talk about the “Village concept.” This concept is designed to help people age in their homes. There are several Villages already in our Montgomery County area. Come hear more about this movement to take advantage of services and be part of the growing villages in your area.



Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> dinner at 6 PM will be our “special turkey dinner.” The cost is \$15. Reservations must be made by Nov. 9. Please contact Claudette Lease ([claudette1944@hotmail.com](mailto:claudette1944@hotmail.com)).

On Dec. 10, we will have special music by the talented Friday Morning Music Club and a special ham dinner. Mark your calendars!



**Vote!**

Please vote. Whatever your choice, it is important for seniors to make their voices heard. So, VOTE!



**Chapter Summit**

In October, President Robert Stone and Vice President Mary Hoferek attended a state AARP called meeting for chapters to come together to discuss issues, challenges, and how we can help each other. In addition to ours, Frederick, Baltimore, Ocean Pines, and Prince Georges were represented. Two outcomes our chapter may pursue are to establish a generic email address and a website. More information on these initiatives later.



**December Service Projects**

From Dec. 3 to 10, our chapter is partnering with the city to gather gift bags for seniors in Gaithersburg who may not have family nearby and/or will be spending the holidays alone. Please bring items to the center no later than Dec. 10. The list of items needed is below:

Gloves, hat, scarf	socks	hand sanitizer
small lap blanket	Coloring book and pencils notepads	holiday treats and candy
teabags	small picture frame	calendar
mug	water bottle	crossword puzzles
Hot Choc packages	playing cards	mini tool set
umbrella	toiletries	Gift card



### Volunteers Needed for Programs

We need volunteers to help us plan speakers, entertainment, and programs for 2025. 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).



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**We wish you and your families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!**



### Free Covid Tests

Free covid tests are being made available. To order yours, go to: <https://covidtests.gov/>



### This Month's Birthdays

Let's celebrate & wish the following a happy birthday!

Mary Hoferek	Nov 1
James Trotta	Nov 4
Jenny Fang	Nov 9
Linda Dart	Nov 13
Claudette Lease	Nov 18
Beth Kosiak	Nov 22



### What would you like in 2025?

We would love to hear from you about what you would like to do in 2025 with AARP. We meet in January to plan the year out. We have a short survey where you can share your ideas. Please click on this link and fill out our short 3 question survey. Let's make 2025 our best year ever!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rnxiUAOT8IRFFZm-1SFUKBxvCWMaSaT0vOUPL7tlCh4/edit>

