



Meeting Dates and Times

**Feb 6 at 2-3:30PM - BOARD Meeting at BGC**  
**Feb 13 at 4-5:30PM – Afternoon Tea Party at BGC – No general meeting on this date!**  
**Feb 20 at 1 PM – Chat and Chew**  
**Mar 5 at 2-3:30PM - BOARD Meeting at BGC**  
**Mar 12 at 4-5:30PM – General Meeting at BGC**  
**Apr 2 at 2-3:30PM - BOARD Meeting at BGC**  
**Apr 9 at 4-5:30PM – General Meeting at BGC**  
**May 7 at 2-3:30PM - BOARD Meeting at BGC**  
**May 14 at 4-5:30PM – General Meeting at BGC**  
**\*See Chat and Chew section for more details.**



President’s Message



I hope everyone stayed safe and warm during the snowstorms. We missed seeing you in January when we had to cancel our meeting.



**Valentine’s Tea**

Come one. Come all to our Valentine’s Tea on **Feb. 13 at 4 PM** at the Benjamin Gaither Center. The cost is \$15. To make a reservation, please contact Claudette Lease at [claudette1944@hotmail.com](mailto:claudette1944@hotmail.com). Reservations must be made by **Feb. 8**. Please note the early time for the tea. There will be no general meeting.



**New Board members**

We have some new Board members. Please welcome Robert Stone as our new President. Mary Hoferek will be the Vice President. Janet Prouty will stay as Treasurer. Marianne Carmody is the Assistant Treasurer. Susan Baldrige is the Secretary.



**Reaching out**

The state AARP is holding outreach sessions at the Gaithersburg Library. Last month, 35 people stopped by for information and several intend to join our chapter. The next session is **Feb. 8** from 1 PM until 3 PM. Can you help staff the table? If so, please contact Linda Kibunja at [lkibunja@verizon.net](mailto:lkibunja@verizon.net)



**Janet Prouty** (current Gaithersburg Chapter member), **Claudia Lease** (current Gaithersburg Chapter member), **David Engel** (MC Commission on Aging and joined local chapter), **Claudia Herbert** (friend and joined local chapter), and



**Chat and chew**

Our next chat and chew lunch will be at Moe’s Southwest Grill at 1 PM on **Feb. 20**. If you would like to attend, please contact Nancy Dols at [nancydols17@gmail.com](mailto:nancydols17@gmail.com). The address is: 19222 Montgomery Village Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20886.



### January presentation March 12th

Since we cancelled our January meeting, Nancy and Tom Palker have graciously agreed to present their national park presentation on **March 12**. Dinner will be from Mission BBQ.



### Lobby Day

The state AARP is planning their annual lobby day in Annapolis on **March 7**. If you would like to participate, please reserve the date.



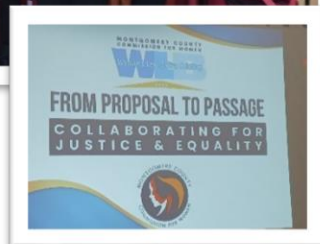
### France trip?

We are considering a trip to France which would include the American Cemetery at Normandy. The trip would be either this fall or the spring of 2025. Please let Nancy Dols know if you are interested. Her email is: [nancydols17@gmail.com](mailto:nancydols17@gmail.com).



### WLDC 2024

On January 28, the state AARP was well represented at the Women's Leadership Development Conference at the Universities at Shady Grove. It was the first in-person session since the pandemic.



### Grant from AARP

The state AARP granted us \$1,000 for our chapter service projects. We are working out the logistics for transferring the money.



### Volunteering

Our chapter service projects for the year will be:

1. End of June – Food for the Gaithersburg Cares Hub
2. August - School supplies
3. October – gifts for those in Assisted living
4. December – Food for the Gaithersburg Cares Hub

We need volunteers to lead these efforts. If you can help, please let us know.



### This Month's Birthdays

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

- Gary Loomis – Feb 16
- A. Barbara Suhrie – Feb 29



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### Membership Form and Dues

**Gentle reminder.** If you have not paid dues, please see **Sandra Miller** to do so. Also, please send Sandra Miller ([sg\\_miller@yahoo.com](mailto:sg_miller@yahoo.com)) any updates regarding your personal contact information such as telephone numbers, emails, and home addresses. We want to make sure you are getting all the communications as they happen.