



### Meeting Dates and Times

**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



It was great to see everyone again and sip some “tea” with you in

February. We have some lovely events planned for March.



### Lobby Day

March 7 is Lobby Day in Annapolis. Participants wear our red shirts and other AARP items and go to our elected representatives to deliver some gifts from the state AARP and if possible, speak with our delegates. If you would like to come with us, please contact Mary Hoferek at [mary.hoferek@gmail.com](mailto:mary.hoferek@gmail.com).



### National Parks Presentation

On March 12, Nancy and Tom Palker have graciously agreed to present their national park presentation at 5 PM at BGC. Dinner will be from Mission BBQ at 6 PM; please contact Claudette Lease at [claudette1944@hotmail.com](mailto:claudette1944@hotmail.com) to confirm your dinner reservation.



### Chat and Chew

On March 19 we will have our Chat and Chew at Quincy's at 1 PM. The address is 616 Quince Orchard Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. To reserve a spot, please contact Nancy Dols at [nancydols17@gmail.com](mailto:nancydols17@gmail.com).



### Trip to France

Trip to France in **2025**. We are tentatively planning a trip to France in April of **2025**. The cost is estimated to be \$5,100. We will leave from Paris and cruise to Normandy where we plan to visit the American Cemetery. Please contact Nancy Dols if you are considering this trip at [nancydols17@gmail.com](mailto:nancydols17@gmail.com).



### Grant from AARP

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



### Service Projects

We are tentatively planning the service projects below. If you can lead one or two efforts, please let Mary Hoferek know:

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.



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[AARP Chapter #5358 Gaithersburg 2016](#)



### This Month's Birthdays

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

- Marsia Young – Mar 1
- Evelyn Pizzonia – Mar 21
- David Engel – Mar 30



### 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) 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.



### Certificates of Appreciation

We were delighted to give certificates of appreciation to our members who have helped during 2023. Certificates were presented to:

**Annette Thompson** – for her mentorship, leadership over many years and continued dedication to our chapter

**Allen Beach** – for leading the games

**Betty Tobiason** – for caring for each member and sending our cards

**BT** – for editing and producing the monthly newsletter

**Lori Jupin** – for her leadership of the School Supply Team

**Robert Jupin** – for explaining and helping with our reincorporation effort

**Marisa Young** – for her leadership of our food drive, nursing home support and toy drive

**Gail Gomila** – for leading the Book Drive

**Nancy Dols** – for arranging the Chat and Chews

**Claudette Lease** – for handling our dinners and serving as our photographer



(Picture of Annette and Mary)

**Fay Sutherland** – for helping everywhere there is a need.

**Marcus Jupin** – for helping load so many of our heavy materials

**Charlyn Simpson** – for her support, encouragement and cooperation

**Evelyn Pizzonia** – for handling the 50/50

**Sandra Miller** – helping our members, especially our new members

**Susan Baldrige** – for arranging our presentations.

**IMPORTANT.** If you would like to continue receiving our newsletter and emails, please be sure to complete a membership form and pay your dues of \$10 for the year. We are going to reduce the email list soon.