



Meeting Dates and Times

Oct 1 at 2-3:30PM – BOARD Meeting at BGC
Oct 8 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC
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.**

stoner9599@verizon.net or Mary Hoferek at mary.hoferek@gmail.com.



**Volunteers Needed for
Entertainment Programs**

We need a volunteer to help us plan speakers, entertainment, and programs for 2025. If you can help, please contact Robert Stone at stoner9599@verizon.net and Mary Hoferek at mary.hoferek@gmail.com.



Bringing the FUN Back!

On October 8 at 5 PM, Susan Baldrige will lead us in a ‘Trivia’ game. There may be prizes for our fabulous winners!

After the game, we will have spaghetti dinner from Ledo’s. Please contact Claudette Lease at claudette1944@hotmail.com, if you would like to have the meal with us. No reservations can be taken after October 5. The cost is \$15 for the spaghetti dinner.



Toy Donations Project

At our November meeting, we will collect toys to donate to the Cares Hub. If you would like to participate, please bring an unwrapped toy to our general meeting on November 12.



Free Covid Tests

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



Chat and Chew

On Oct. 15 – chat and chew will be at 1 PM at Laredo Grill at 347 Muddy Branch Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Please contact Nancy Dols at nancydols17@gmail.com so she can make sure you have a seat with the group as part of her reservations.



Vote!

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



This Month’s Birthdays

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



Future Service Projects and More

We are currently revising our service project plans. We hope to have a new plan in place soon. If you can help, feel free to contact Robert Stone at

Jayasheela Bethepu	Oct 7
Judy Harris	Oct 15
James Carrington	Oct 18



Congratulations!



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[AARP Chapter #5358 Gaithersburg](#)

Congratulations to our Vice President, Mary Hoferek, who is being awarded an **Andrus Award**. The announcement reads:

“Each year AARP Maryland presents a subset of awards at our Annual Andrus Awards luncheon under several different categories. The recipients of these awards are handpicked by our staff to thank our top volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication over the course of the year.

This year, [Mary Hoferek] swept the “Chapter Leader” category. Everyone agreed [her] commitment to getting the Gaithersburg Chapter back on its feet, engaged in the community, and reconnected with AARP Maryland was truly way above and beyond.”

Mary would like to dedicate this award to the memory of Gail Gomila, thanks our chapter Board for their hard work and support, and thanks Charlyn Simpson for her wonderful cooperation.



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 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/1rnxiUA0T8IRFFZm-1SFUKBxvCWMaSaT0vOUPL7tICh4/edit>