



Save the Date!

Dec. 2, 2-3:30PM – Board Meeting at BGC
Dec. 9, 5 p.m. – Holiday Sing Along at BGC
Dec. 16 1-3:00PM – IHOP, Germantown

December 9: General Meeting, 5-7PM

Warm up those voices! Let’s sing in the holidays. We will be led by Jim and Karen.

At 6 PM, dinner will feature a special ham dinner with fixings. The cost is \$15. Please contact Claudette Lease (claudette1944@hotmail.com) by December 6.

Help Wanted

Are you our next Program Chair? Please contact Robert Stone (stoner9599@verizon.net) if you can help.

Renew Your Membership

Please renew! The dues are \$10 for 2026. You can pay at the meetings, send a check to: AARP Chapter #5358, 26 Ranworth Ct., Germantown, MD 20874, or contact Sandra Miller (sg_miller@yahoo.com) for the form.

December Flower Power

Please help us make small artificial flower arrangements for area assisted living facility residents. All materials will be provided. The dates are Tuesday, Dec 2 from 3:00-6:00 and Saturday, Dec 6 from 9:00-11:00. Contact Annette Thompson (301-938-0893) for information.

November Toy and Gift Drive

You showed up and showed out! Our toy and gift drive filled the table and are sure to fill lots of hearts. Donations will be distributed by the Gaithersburg CaresHub which serves over 800 people every week.



Chat & Chew

On Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 1 PM, join Chat and Chew at IHOP, 20009 Century Blvd, Germantown, MD 20874. Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy Dols (nancydols17@gmail.com).



Happy Birthday to

- * Kelly Reed Dec. 2
- * Monica Czaplinski Dec. 11
- * Cindy Stone Dec. 11
- * Darryl Claggett Dec. 12
- * Marsha Kleiman Dec. 14
- * Jennifer Finn Dec. 16
- * Patricia Marchetti Dec. 18
- * Jeanne Gillis Dec. 25
- * Jacqueline Lancaster Dec. 29
- * Robert Stone Dec. 29



Board Member Volunteers

- President – Robert Stone
- Vice President – Mary Hoferek
- Secretary – Debra Kaiser
- Treasurer – Janet Prouty
- Asst. Treasurer – Mariann Carmody
- Web Master – Barbara Thomas
- Newsletter – Susan Wilson
- Programs – TBD
- Membership – Sandra Miller
- Legislative Chair – Mary Hoferek
- Health Chair – Cindy Stone
- Dinners & Pictures – Claudette Lease
- 50/50 Raffle – Evelyn Pizzonia
- Chat & Chew – Nancy Dols
- Birthday & Think of You Cards – Betty Tobiassen
- Service Projects – Angela Jordan



There will no general meeting in January. Our Board will meet on January 13 to plan 2026. If you have suggestions, please contact Robert Stone at stoner9599@verizon.net.

Getting Old Ain't for Sissies

On November 18, Bill Gatesman gave a very informative presentation on legal aspects of aging. The laws on trusts, wills, powers, inheritance, and paying for golden years have changed in the last few years.

We Make a Difference

Your donations to the food drive make our community stronger and kinder. As Community of Hope representative Sharon Meakes tells us:

“Dear Partners,

“As we move into this season of gratitude, I wanted to send a special note just for you, as our partners, collaborators, and the people who help carry this work in ways seen and unseen.

“I started my role in January, and one of the greatest blessings of this year has been getting to work alongside each of you. You’ve become an important part of my village, offering guidance, compassion, and steady support through both the joyful moments and the hard ones.

“Since July, together we’ve supported 18,228 households. “That number represents families who found food, connection, and stability because of the way you show up.”

Chapter 5358 in Annapolis

Robert Stone and Mary Hoferek attended the Chapters Summit on November 18 in Annapolis to meet the officers for other chapters around the state.

Barbara Thomas and Mary Hoferek represented our chapter at the advocacy lunch on November 20 in Annapolis.



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