



## North Austin Chapter 2700

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*The founding principles of AARP are: To promote independence, dignity and purpose for older persons, to enhance the quality of life for older persons, and to encourage older people "To serve, not to be served."*



**Dorothy Pocaigue, our new President, was traveling and was not available to submit a letter to introduce herself. We are looking forward to working with her in 2020!**

### Groundbreaking Bill to Lower Prescription Prices Passes House

<https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/info-2019/house-passes-drug-price-bill.html>

A landmark bill that for the first time would cap out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for Medicare enrollees and direct the federal government to negotiate the price of many high-cost, lifesaving medications passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday.

"This bipartisan legislation is a bold step toward lowering prescription drug prices and out-of-pocket costs for millions of older Americans," says Nancy LeaMond, AARP executive vice president and chief engagement and advocacy officer, who urged the Senate to act on its legislation. "The president and Congress will need to work together to get this done. Americans are desperate for relief from high prescription drug prices."

The 230-192 vote on the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act was largely along party lines with all Democrats voting yes and all but two Republicans voting no. The measure now goes to the U.S. Senate, where lawmakers are considering their own bipartisan bill to rein in the high cost of prescription drugs, a bill which has White House support.

Call your senator and request support for this bill: Texas Senators John Cornyn at 202-224-2934 or 512-469-6034; and Ted Cruz, 202-224-5922 or 512-916-5834.

### MEETINGS

**Please bring a donation for the food pantry!**

**DATES:**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 (Board Meeting 10:00)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

**LOCATION:**

WESTOVER HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST  
8332 MESA DRIVE  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78759

**PROGRAM:**

1:00 pm

**SOCIAL & BUSINESS:**

1:30 pm

### PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 21, 2020

**Tracee Henneke with Mobile Loaves and Fishes will tell us about the Community First! Village.**

**Community First! Village is a 51-acre master planned community that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for men and women coming out of chronic homelessness. A development of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, this transformative residential program exists to love and serve our neighbors who have been living on the streets, while also empowering the surrounding community into a lifestyle of service with the homeless. Phase I of the Village covers 27 acres and houses to more than 200 formerly homeless men and women. In the fall of 2018, Mobile Loaves & Fishes took an expanded an additional 24 acres – bringing the entire property to 51 acres and more than 500 homes.**

**To All AARP Chapter 2700 Members: The "Salvation Army Women's and Children's Center" project continues until our grand finale in February. Your generosity has been "Out Of This World"!!! Please make it a New Year's resolution to DECLUTTER & DONATE!**

**Check out the latest flyer emailed January 8th.**

The Community Service Committee

## 2020 OFFICERS

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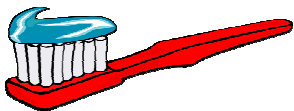
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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Prima Strecker, Professor in the Dental Hygiene Department, Austin Community College



Strecker will focus on the importance of good oral hygiene and demonstrate how to properly brush and

floss to keep bacteria under control. Without proper oral hygiene, bacteria can reach levels that might lead to oral infections, such as tooth decay and gum disease. Certain medications taken by older people can also reduce saliva flow, which washes away food and neutralizes acids produced by bacteria in the mouth, helping to protect you from microbes that can lead to disease.

## AARP CHAPTER #2700 TRAVEL 2020

### Travel Committee:

**Dixie Saxon, Shirley Paz and Nelli Aguirre**  
 Join us for Fun, Friendship and Adventures

March 14 – 23, 2020

**Italy ... The Wonders of Tuscany**  
 Approximately \$4,000 *double*  
*(Wait List Only)*

April 19 – 26, 2020

**Savannah, Ga / Charleston, SC**  
 \$1,049.00 *double*  
*(Short Wait List)*

June 19 – 29, 2020

**Mackinac Island & Northern Michigan**  
 \$1,025 *double*  
*(Wait List Only)*

September 13 – 20, 2020

### **Alaska – Cruise**

Inside Cabin \$2,309 *double*  
 Balcony \$2989 *double*

November 9 -14, 2020

### **Branson Show Trip**

Approx. \$599,00 *double*  
 6 Days, 5 Nights  
*(Short Wait List)*

**Questions or concerns, please call:  
 Dixie Saxon at 512-944-6011**

Visit our AARP North Austin Chapter 2700 Website to see pictures of our wonderful trips!

Photos for the website: <https://photos.google.com/>.  
 Share the link with us and we can post that to our website.



**RENEW TODAY**

The AARP Chapter 2700 Newsletter is printed by:  
 Republic Print & Mail 8905 McCann Drive

**CHAPTER 2700 COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Chinell Williams (Chair)

Members: Laura Campos, Jerrilyn Zoch, Doris Moore, Marie Acosta, Isabel M-Orta, Helena Hedrick, Linda Kemp, Connie Flores

**Pack a Purse for a Homeless Woman Project**

We are accepting gently used purses for our February 2020 Pack a Purse for a Homeless Woman Project. Purses will be filled with hygiene items, toiletries, beauty items, etc.

**Fresh Start Donation Drive**

The AARP Chapter 2700 urges all members to please help out by donating from the Wish List for the Salvation’s Army Women’s and Children’s Shelter “Success Closet”. When a family exits the shelter they are in dire need of everyday items to start a new life. Please have the project flyer handy when you are out and about town as a reminder that anywhere you go there will be that certain item you can add to your cart as a donation to someone in need. Mentioning it to your relatives, friends, or even just going in your closet where there will be that treasure you are looking for.



Major Lewis Reckline, Austin Area Commander of the Salvation Army, was presented \$520 for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive by Chinell Williams.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Judy Devore (Chair)

We have 327 members with 102 of those being new this year. If you are not getting the newsletter or notices from the travel committee by email or by snail mail, it may be because your information is not correct on our list, or you have not paid your dues for the year. Please call Judy Devore @ 512-420-9494!

To download the newsletter, you need the free Adobe Reader!

Aline Murphy reported that our members volunteered a total of 251 hours in June and 210.5 in July.

**CARING COMMITTEE**



If you or another chapter member are sick, has had some type of surgery and is recovering, hospitalized, or has lost a loved one, and you would like to list it in the newsletter, please contact Naomi and Joan at:

Naomi Hodge (ahodge55@sbcglobal.net or 512-745-7760), & Joan Ewen



There will be our customary drawings at the meeting for prizes (*you have to be present to win!*)

Please bring a donation to the food bank and something for the potluck dinner!

**I'm Helping Birds!**

- Make Windows Safe
- Keep Cats Indoors
- Less Lawn, Plant Natives
- Avoid Pesticides
- Drink Shade-Grown Coffee
- Use Less Plastic
- Watch Birds, Share What You See

Find out more: [bit.ly/7-simple-actions](http://bit.ly/7-simple-actions)

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Wood Thrush by John Petrucci/Macaulay Library 56732651; Graphic by Sarah Seroussi.

**NORTH AUSTIN AARP CHAPTER 2700  
2020 MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM**

**Membership in Chapter 2700 requires current membership in National AARP  
Annual Membership is based on calendar year January - December.**

**National AARP Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **New Membership** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal Membership (Dues: \$10.00 Per Individual)**

**Complete form and include a check made out to AARP Chapter 2700. Mail to the address below or  
bring the application to the next membership meeting.**

***(NOTE: Dues need to be paid by Feb. 29, 2020 to continue to receive the newsletter.)***

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