



SHEPHERD PARK NEWS

Real Possibilities

CHAPTER 2667

From the Desk of the President



Melton P. Baxter
President

Hopefully, summer brought you many exciting experiences, and you are charged up and ready to move on with the remainder of the year.

During the year, our chapter has experienced great fellowship, fun, learning, and members have participated in several AARP events and many community affairs.

We were pleased to have at our May 18, 2016 meeting as our special guest, Brandon Todd, Councilmember, Ward 4. He gave us updated information on several projects related to seniors in Ward 4.

A special thanks to those of you who supported the Chapter's Crab Feast Cruise along the Choptank River, Suicide Bridge, Maryland, on June 22, 2016. Forty-three members and friends participated in this enjoyable and

marvelous summer activity.

We hope you will join us for our last two outings of the year — "Sister Act" at Toby's Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, and the annual Holiday Luncheon at Martin's Crosswinds, Greenbelt, Maryland, on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. We want to fill the 54-passenger bus for both occasions. You are invited to bring family and friends. All are welcome!

Remember we are on the web at:

WWW.SHEPHERDPARK2667.WEEBLY.COM.

You are encouraged to visit our web page and take advantage of the current and valuable information provided about our chapter and AARP in general. Thanks to past president, Donna Graham, for keeping the website up-to-date.

Let us be mindful of our AARP motto: "To serve and not be served."

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"If you want to stand out, don't be different; be outstanding. And in the process, accept challenges and be committed, so that you may feel the thrill of victory."

The Telephone Tree by Mary Wicks



- Rosa Lee underwent major surgery in July and remained in the hospital for over one month. She is recuperating at home.
- After celebrating her 100th birthday, Vivian Coard was admitted into Sibley Hospital, where she underwent observation and treatment for several days. She is much improved now, and we continue to keep her in our prayers. (Continued on back cover)

Membership Notes

by Jacquelyn Simmons, Chairman

I hope you have all had a very pleasant summer.

I encourage members to solicit new members to our chapter. I have personally talked with individuals over the past few months and plan to send out a few letters to some of my friends. Those of

you who are active members, certainly, you can tell your friends what we do and why they should get involved with AARP Chapter 2667. I have not set a goal but would like to increase our membership in 2017 by at least 10. We have to remember that we have lots of names on our rolls but many of them are not

“active” members so we need to look at getting members in the “active” category. I will be creating a flyer to place in the local Safeway, Giant and at Peoples Congregational Church. If you have some other suggestions for where we could place flyers, please let me know. I really appreciate your support.

Program-Education

by Jacquelyn Simmons, Chairman

Plans for the balance of 2016:

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| September 21 | Idriys Abdullah, Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking |
| October 19 | Derek Staten, Police Department |
| November 16 | Speaker not confirmed – looking at Diabetes, Lung Cancer or Alzheimer’s Disease |

Please know that your suggestions for speakers and issues are always welcome.

Community Service

by Charla Glass, Chairman



On Thursday August 25th, toiletries were delivered to Community Family Life Services located at 305 E Street N.W. They provide services to the homeless people of Washington, D.C. Pictured are Barbara Friend, Charla Glass and her eight-year-old grandson Cadon Glass.

Trips and Outings

by Ronald Dupart & Mary Wicks

As we approach the twilight of the 2016 term, this committee continues its effort to implement appealing and self-sustaining trips and outings that garner the support of the members.

Forty-three members and guests participated in the crab feast cruise on June 22, 2016 along the Choptank River in Hurlock, MD. We netted a profit of about \$224.00. On the way back, we toured a Maryland winery. A grand time was had by all.

Reservations are now being accepted for the musical comedy hit show "Sister Act" at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, Maryland on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. The total ticket price of \$75.00 includes round-trip bus transportation from People's Congregational Church, a sumptuous buffet lunch and the 12:30 p.m. performance of "Sister Act." The bus will leave People's Church promptly at 9:15 a.m. and return at approximately 4:15 p.m. The bus will only accommodate 54 persons maximum.

A deposit of \$40.00 per ticket will be accepted.

Final payment is due by October 3, 2016. Our goal is to fill the bus and have a great time! You are encouraged to invite family and friends. Our last trip to Toby's for the show "Memphis" was hugely popular and we aim to replicate that success. A reservation flyer is enclosed.

We will close out the year 2016 with a bang at our annual holiday luncheon at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland. In keeping with this year's theme, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," members and guests will be treated to all the festivity, color and warmth that we've traditionally come to associate with this season of giving. And you can also expect some pleasant surprises before the occasion is done. Round-trip bus transportation will be provided from People's Congregational Church. The cost for the bus and the luncheon, with all the trimmings, is only \$65.00 per person. So, be sure to put that date on your calendar and reserve early! A reservation flyer is enclosed.

One final request: make a "wish" list of trips and outings you'd like to see in 2017 and share!

In Memoriam

by Melton Baxter

Julia E. Roberts passed on August 22, 2016 at Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham, Maryland. Service was held on Saturday, August 29, 2016 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC, at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Rogers leaves behind to cherish her memory Burnita E. Malloy, daughter, and a son, Gregory K. Johnson.



William Page, 80, died on June 8, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Elsie R. Page, and children Susan B. Addison and Marcus B. Page. Service was held on June 16, 2016 at Canaan Baptist Church, Washington, DC. A private interment was scheduled for a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Calvin J. Powell, husband of Shirley Powell, passed on August 7, 2016. Funeral was held on August 19, 2016 at Zion Baptist Church, Washington, DC. Expressions of condolence may be sent to:

6724 13th Place, NW
Washington, DC 20012.

Legislative Report

AARP CO Summit on Pueblo's Working Communities and Social Security, Pueblo, CO 8/23/2016

On Tuesday, August 23, 2016, AARP held a Summit on Pueblo's Working Communities and Social Security. Social Security needs to be updated for the 21st century so we can keep the promise for future generations. If our nation's leaders don't act, future retirees could lose up to \$10,000 a year. Doing nothing is not an option.

While Social Security is a critical part of financial security for most Coloradans, it's especially important for the Centennial State's fast-growing population. One in seven Colorado seniors rely on Social Security for nearly ALL of their family income, and the program keeps more than 40

percent of retirees out of poverty.

That's why AARP Colorado hosted a policy discussion about working class Pueblo families and Social Security. Experts from the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, the Heritage Foundation and AARP discussed some of the challenges facing Social Security.

Balanced information was offered about Social Security proposals that are on the table – the pros and cons – without the political jargon and spin. The summit was live streamed. It could be watched on AARP Advocate's Facebook page ■

Viva Vivian!

Golden Member, Vivian Coard, became 100 years young on August 3rd. In celebration of this very special day, Melton Baxter, Jacqui Simmons, Mary Johnson (former neighbor of Vivian) and Mary Wicks, visited Vivian in her home on August 2nd and presented her with red roses from the Chapter. Light refreshments, cake and ice cream were served. Letters of congratulations from President Obama and Mayor Bowser had been requested to recognize Vivian's 100 years. It was a wonderful fellowship, Vivian was very pleased that we came by and it was enjoyed by everyone attending. In a Thank You card from Vivian, she stated "I was quite surprised and delighted. I was surely appreciative that you brought the party to me. Thanks and many thanks. God Bless You."



Mary Johnson, Mary Wicks and Melton Baxter join in celebrating Vivian Coard's "100th" Birthday.

SEPTEMBER

- BRIDGES, Wendy (9/1)**
- BROWN, Edna M. (9/3)**
- DAVIS, Patricia J. (9/27)**
- FAULKNER, Willa M.* (9/18)**
- FRIEND, Barbara (9/13)**
- HENDERSON, Vivian* (9/12)**
- HUGHES, Ollie B.* (9/27)**
- McKANN, Paula* (9/29)**
- McKNIGHT, Glorine (9/13)**
- REEDER, Kenneth (9/18)**
- TUCKSON, Sheena (9/16)**



WILSON, Erma A. (9/25)

OCTOBER

- AYALA, Felicita (Kathy) (10/15)**
- CORNELIUS, Juanita (10/30)**
- MULLEN, Paul V. (10/3)**
- THOMAS, Lillian V. (10/29)**
- TUCKSON, Evelyn* (10/7)**
- WALSTON, Jacqueline (10/1)**
- WHITE, Evelyn G. (10/11)**
- WILLIAMS, Barbara B. (10/19)**
- WILSON, Theresa (10/19)**

* Golden Member



Smithsonian

GRAND OPENING INFORMATION

The historical significance of the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) opening—and its importance to all Americans—will make it an unprecedented local, national, and international event. We hope the following information will help you plan your visit.

Freedom Sounds: A Community Celebration

Washington Monument Grounds, across 15th Street NW from the NMAAHC

Friday, September 23, 2016, 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Saturday, September 24, 2016, 12:00 pm-9:00 pm

Sunday, September 25, 2016, 12:00 pm-9:00 pm

The Museum presents *Freedom Sounds: A Community Celebration*.

The festival programming will include musical performances, spoken word, oral history activities, and evening concerts. A drum circle, storytelling, and interactive workshops provide opportunities to explore and celebrate the Museum's rich content and stories. This festival presents artists who represent the numerous cultural threads encompassing our shared African diasporic histories and traditions. Two tented stages will offer local, national, and international performers. Designed to accommodate the crowds anticipated, this three-day event is free and open to the public.

Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, September 24, 2016

8:00 am – Gathering and Musical Prelude

10:00 am – Dedication Ceremony Begins

1:00 pm-6:00 pm – Museum Opens to the Public

The outdoor Dedication Ceremony can be viewed from the extensive large-screen viewing areas on the Washington Monument grounds, which are well-positioned for crowds during the Dedication Ceremony. No tickets are required. On Sunday, September 25, the museum will be open for extended hours from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Admission

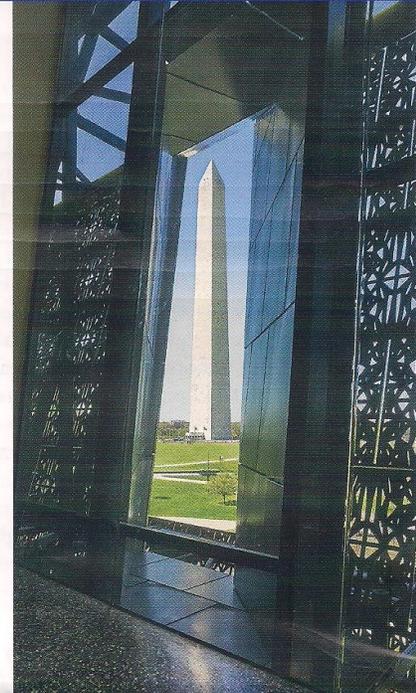
Entry to all Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C., is free. The museum and the Freedom Sounds festival are free and open to the public; no tickets are required for admission to the museum or the festival. The museum hopes to alleviate extended wait times for the public through use of hourly timed entry passes. The passes are printed with a one-hour time range during which you may enter the museum. There are two timed pass options: 1) passes will be available on our website, nmaahc.si.edu, and by telephone in advance or 2) passes can be obtained at the museum on the day of your visit. Ordering information for timed entry passes will be posted on our website as soon as it is available.

Security

Large crowds are expected for the Grand Opening and require a high level of security for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Security screenings occur at entrances to some viewing areas for the Dedication Ceremony and are always required to enter all Smithsonian museums. To speed up the entry process, please do not bring large day-packs, backpacks, or luggage, as they will be subject to a lengthy search. Please give extra consideration if you are planning to bring infants, young children, the elderly, or anyone with a weakened immune system.

Weather

Grand Opening celebrations proceed rain or shine. If you are within the museum security perimeter during the Dedication Ceremony on Saturday morning, be aware that in the event of rain, umbrellas are not permitted. Bring ponchos or raincoats. If you are planning to attend the Freedom Sounds festival only or to visit the museum building after its public opening, umbrellas are permitted.



View of the Washington Monument through an inside window. Photo by Alan Karchmer/NMAAHC.

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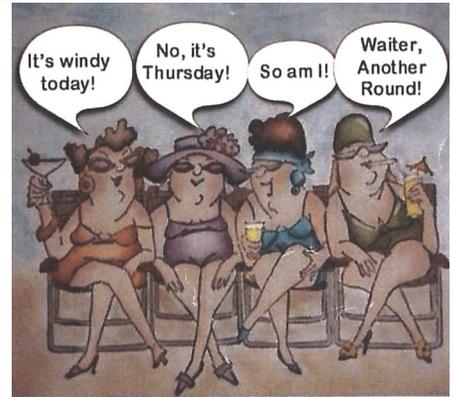
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(Telephone Tree (Continued))

- Dorothy Boggess recently attended her family reunion in Louisville, Kentucky. The highlight of her trip was a visit to the Muhammad Ali Museum. She says that if you are ever in Louisville, put it on your "To Do" list.
- Ronald Dupart underwent left groin hernia surgery on August 25, 2016 at West Jefferson Hospital Annex in New Orleans, La. He is healing nicely and thanks members who sent get-well greetings.

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The *Shepherd Park News* newsletter is published five times each year. AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for people age 50 and over. AARP is dedicated to enhancing quality of life for all as we age. We lead positive social change and deliver value to members via information, advocacy and service.

AARP also provides a wide range of unique benefits, special products and services for our members. These benefits include the AARP Web site at www.aarp.org, "AARP The Magazine," and the monthly "AARP Bulletin."

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