

**MAUMELLE CHAPTER #5359 NEWSLETTER**

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**FROM OUR CHAPTER  
PRESIDENT**

Dennis Hutcherson

May is a busy month for AARP this year starting with our chapter garage sale on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Please price your own items before dropping them off at Bev's house at 133 Hibiscus Dr. It's off of S. Odom and Waterside. Thanks again to the Albersons' for the use of their garage and driveway. Thanks also to Charlene Allen, to all those who signed up to work, and to Jim Alberson, Bert Wade, Ron Milazzo, and Billie Allen for their muscle in picking up furniture and other large items to be sold. Plan to drop by.

For those of you that are new to our chapter, our picnic will be held at Lake Willastein Park, on the evening of our regular May chapter monthly meeting. This will be our first year to hold our chapter picnic in May rather than June. The change from June to May was due to extreme June heat that we've experienced in the past. Last year your Board of Directors voted for the change believing the temperatures will be more tolerable having it each year in May. Bring a side dish, drinks, and a patio chair. If you like to play horse shoes, plan to sign up!

On Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> we'll be meeting at 9 AM at the 2 Rivers Bridge for a group walk. All are invited to reconvene for coffee or tea at Starbuck's afterward. May 19<sup>th</sup> will be our Shred It at the Wellness Senior Center. It's a great opportunity to get rid of large files that would be too cumbersome for your home shredder.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, eleven of our members drove to the Grant Co. Museum. What a treat! At a certain point, some of us felt that we should have left bread crumbs to find our way back to the front door. One room led to another and another and then we discovered another separate building of World War II tanks and vehicles. Thinking we had surely seen it all, we then discovered a whole village of buildings sitting on a couple of acres. The interiors were set up as homes and businesses would have been in the early 1900's. It proved to be an enjoyable and educational outing for all of us. Consider joining us for our next chapter outing.

**NO JUNE MEETING**

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**2012 Maumelle Chapter 5359 Officers:** President - Dennis Hutcherson, Vice-President – Helen Stanfield, Treasurer - Carol Slaymaker, Secretary - Jan Bowen.

**Board Members:** Theresa Hutcherson, James Hayes, Cindy Milazzo, and Charlene Allen.

Newsletter – Kathy Kafka

## April Meeting Speaker

Jim McKenzie, Executive Director of Metroplan, was the April guest speaker. Metroplan (created in 1955) serves the core of central Arkansas with an emphasis on Pulaski, Faulkner, Saline and Lonoke counties and, since 1972, has served as the area's designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). An MPO works with local governments, the state department of transportation and local transit providers to determine transportation needs and funding priorities for federal transportation investments. Metroplan also provides general planning, mapping and technical assistance to local governments.

Mr. McKenzie has been the Executive Director of Metroplan since 1989 and offered a wide ranging presentation – mentioning that the original Maumelle plan was for a population of 100,000, responding to questions about the third entrance to Maumelle (it has received planning money) and spending a bit of time talking about existing road design in Maumelle, the United States and Europe. He specifically mentioned methodologies that could be utilized so that pedestrians, bicycles and motorists can co-exist safely.

## SHRED IT

Our chapter will again be sponsoring a Shred It event. The date is Saturday May the 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parking lot in front of the Maumelle City Hall. Net proceeds will go to 2012 community projects of our local chapter. A flyer with all the details is attached to this newsletter. Please, read and pass it on.



## OUTINGS

Two Rivers Bridge Hike – May 8<sup>th</sup> - We will meet at the bridge at 9:00 AM (anyone wanting a ride please call Bev). We will walk the bridge and Two Rivers Park for about 35-45 minutes roundtrip. Then those that wish to do so, will gather at Starbucks for a refreshment.

River Boat Cruise – June 9<sup>th</sup> - This is about a 2-3 hour cruise with a barbeque lunch. The cost is \$24.95+ tax. Reservations have to be made a month in advance and have to be paid for them at that time. Money will be collected for the cruise by our May 10 meeting or at the meeting (which is our annual picnic).

No outings are scheduled for July and August. Possibly a Travelers' game.

## STAMP OUT HUNGER

National AARP is joining the US Postal Service on May 12<sup>th</sup> this year in an effort to STAMP OUT HUNGER. Your Postal carrier will deliver a bag for your non-perishable contributions a few days prior to May 12<sup>th</sup>. The carrier will pick up your filled bag on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Food Bank will receive the food from the postal carriers on May 12th. Please call Kathy Kaigler at 569-4320 if you can help sort the contributions.

There are two shifts: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

You must be able to lift 25 pounds.

### Chapter Picnic

Our Chapter picnic is MAY 10<sup>th</sup> in the Park at Lake Willistein. Use the main entrance to the park, go over the little bridge, and look for a blue tent. The chapter will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring your favorite dish, a chair, a drink, and a big appetite. Good food, good company, and fresh air should make for a nice evening.

Also we need three or four volunteers to help clean up afterward.

### Things to Remember:

To come prepared to empty your pockets of loose change (or bills) to help buy school supplies for low-income students in Maumelle.

To bring household items for Audubon Pointe Bingo prizes.

To bring canned goods, boxed goods, etc. for the Hope Alliance Food Pantry. Check your pantry for extras.

To bring a friend or neighbor as a guest

If you know of a member who is ill or has suffered a loss, call Barbara Zajac and a card will be sent on behalf of the chapter. Call 851-2616

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Two Rivers Bridge Hike

May 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM-Picnic at Lake Willastein

May 10<sup>th</sup> Money due for the Riverboat Cruise

May 12<sup>th</sup> Stamp Out Hunger

May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 Breakfast at I40 Resturant

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 PM Dinner at Stroud's Restaurant in Mayflower

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Arkansas Primary Election

June 9<sup>th</sup> - Noon - Riverboat Cruise

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Theresa Hutchreson May 5<sup>th</sup>

Leah Rippel May 7<sup>th</sup>

Isabelle Gathright May 13<sup>th</sup>

Eloise Kalb May 20<sup>th</sup>

### Chuckle Corner

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

- Will Rogers