

As a direct link to the local community, AARP Chapter 1952 (one of Georgia's oldest chapter – founded/ incorporated November 7, 1974) plays a vital role in AARP's ongoing success - supporting it with goals and objectives set across a range of functions, including Community Service, Communication, Recruitment, Fellowship, Advocacy and Education.

“There are many wonderful organizations and community support programs. However, we - Officers/Board of Directors – feel these designated organizations demonstrate (on a daily basis) solid principles/activities that enhance/improve the lives of seniors and residents of Houston County,” stated Greg Davis | Chapter President. **“It’s in our DNA to give! In fact, we’re hosting a ‘Valentines In January – Gala Fundraiser’ – Saturday, January 30, 2016 which (hopefully) will position us to give MORE to our designated organizations!”**

I encourage everyone to get their tickets early! Our Guest Speaker is George Hartwig | Houston County District Attorney! The event promises to be fun, entertaining and informative! We’re AARP Chapter 1952 ... ‘Forever Young!’

IF YOU DON'T THINK "REAL POSSIBILITIES" WHEN YOU THINK AARP, THEN YOU DON'T KNOW “aarp!”

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* Please Bring This Newsletter With You To Our Meeting And Bring/Invite A Friend! *



L-R: **Greg Davis**/President - AARP Chapter 1952, **Kenneth Weaver**/Executive Director – **Houston County Council on Aging/Meals on Wheels** and **LaTecha Brown**/Site Aid Manager (13 Years) **Houston County Council on Aging/Meals on Wheels.**

Wednesday - January 27, 2016 | 10:00 a.m.
 Guest Speaker: **Hayden Foster**/Reflexologist
 Natural Therapies Health Center | Public Cordially Invited!



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Meeting Dates/Time: **Wednesday, January 27th** (10:00 a.m.) and **Wednesday, February 24th** (10:00 a.m.)
 Location: Wellston Center - 155 Maple Street | Warner Robins, GA 31093

Officers	Names	Telephone	Board Of Directors	Telephone
President	Greg Davis	318-0471	Herminia McMahon (Chairperson)	953-2010
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Birthdays For January

Lorene Hughes 4th Anita Smith 5th Rose Glaze 5th Suzanne Burgess 7th
 *** Bessie Howell *** 13th Billy Trussell 23rd Janet Morton 26th Earnest Bartlett 31st

Birthdays For February

Marilou Gockman 5th Anita McDonnell 28th
WE CARE

For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. **Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882).** “Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.” **Matthew 5:4 NKJV Sick/Shut-Ins:** Ruth Davis and Bessie Howell. We wish health/wellness to all past/current members, family members and friends. **ggd ☺**

Hurry ... Get Your Tickets For Our **“Forever Young - Valentines In January”** Gala Fundraiser! Call: **478/318-0471** or **478/953-2010**

Highlights From The December 2015 Meeting: Summary/Recap of 2015 with photo montage of events/people/activities! Membership: **200% increase** (34 to 67) the result of **DIRECT/INDIRECT** recruitment efforts of **Benedicta Edge! Thank You!** Chapter growth is important. So is chapter leadership. Yes, we have Officers, Board of Directors and different committees. However, leadership is also displayed by the unselfish action of a “faithful few” volunteers! **David and Janet Morton, Phyllis Blount and Julie Heishman ... Thank You** (all) for your “servants heart” in supporting our chapter in many unselfish ways! Our **“nonagenarian treasures”** - Mr. Charles Bell, (the late) Mr. Ernest Braun, Miss Ivis Bedrick, Miss Mary Lappano, Miss Ruth Davis and Miss Bessie Howell ... you’re all treasures and your individual/collective wisdom and experiences are **PRICELESS! Thank You** (All) for being among **“The Greatest Generation”** and showing me (and other “youngsters”) how to really have fun! Sadly, (the late) John Echols ... **Thank You** for your many years of unselfish leadership and support to our chapter!

AARP Chapter 1952 ... we **ARE “Forever Young!”** Just as in 2015 ...

“Relevance!”

will continue to be a foundational principle as we *jump start* the New Year towards greater public awareness of our Chapter, activities and AARP! I’m excited about the many accomplishments of 2015 and look forward to the opportunities (and challenges) of 2016 and beyond!

Following our short “business” activities we enjoyed the fellowship of **“No Calories Allowed”** covered dishes and lively music and dancing! **Happy New Year!**

AARP Driver Safety Class - Contact: Robert Woodall (478/397-6690) or Sherman Falana (478/987-3658) to register. Open To AARP And Non-AARP Members! **AARP Tax-Aide** services are **“just around the corner!”** Contact **478/929-1066** for updates/current information! **ggd ☺**

Members: Please UPDATE your local (Chapter 1952) membership ... still a "bargain" at only \$5.00/Year!
Advertisers/Sponsors: Your support of our newsletter is an exceptional value at only \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$30.00 or \$40.00 PER MONTH - PRORATED and helps tremendously to offset printing/production/marketing expenses. *** Special Rates/Web Banner Spots Available As Well *** Thank You ... Thank You ... Thank You!

ALL: As Chapter President and Editor I'm open to suggestions for our newsletter!

So please, keep your membership status/information current and get your newsworthy information and/or photographs to me as soon as possible!

Sincerely,

Greg Davis ggd ☺ Tel: 478/318-0471 | E-Mail: gdavismail@gmail.com!



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NOTE: With the exception of **November, December** and "special events," our (monthly) meetings are held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday. As such, the newsletter is (usually) printed/mailed the third (3rd) Tuesday or Wednesday. We're **ALWAYS** "early" for the following month's special days/celebrations and SOMETIMES we're "early" for the current month's special days/celebrations as well. Upcoming **Meetings/Events:**

- **Wednesday** | 1/27/2016 | 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon | Meeting | * **Installation Of Officers/Board Of Directors** *
- **Saturday** | 1/30/2016 | 4:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. | **"Valentines In January"** Gala Fundraiser! ☺

AARP Chapter 1952 (Houston County, Georgia) Presents:

Happy Valentine's! "Forever Young"

A "Valentines In January" Gala Fundraiser!

Saturday - January 30, 2016 | 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Wellston Center | 155 Maple Street
Warner Robins, GA 31093

Tickets: \$25.00 | Attire: Business/Semi-Formal

Contact: 478/953-2010 or 478/318-0471

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THE SUN NEWS



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Local AARP Expanding Ranks

BY ANGELA WOOLEN | awoolen@macon.com

Established in 1974, AARP Chapter 1952 of Houston County has doubled its membership in the past year.

Greg Davis took over as president of the chapter in **January 2015**. After seeing the dwindling numbers, he decided to start marketing the organization to a wider audience.

Davis recruited volunteers to attend health fairs, public speaking events and has hosted fundraisers to try to boost not only membership, but awareness.

One of the events this year is their **"Forever Young" 'Valentines In January' Gala Fundraiser - Saturday, January 30th** from 4:30-10 p.m. at the Wellston Center, 155 Maple Street. This fundraiser (hopefully) will position the chapter to give **MORE** to their designated organizations!

Last year, before Davis took over as president, membership had dwindled to 34 people. In its inception in the '70s, it had 200-300 members. The current count for Chapter 1952 is 67, but Davis

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plans on expanding that number.

Although it is based in Warner Robins, the chapter - among Georgia's oldest chapters - includes all cities in Houston County, including Perry and Centerville.

Davis has printed T-shirts with chapter information with a QR code printed on it that people can scan to be taken to the chapter website.

Monthly meetings are held every fourth Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Wellston Center.

"Most people think about AARP as insurance discounts, but it's way beyond that," Davis said.

With more than 37 million members, according to its website, AARP also lobbies for senior citizens in government. It offers discounts on travel, healthcare and financial advice as well as other discounts and services.

Locally, approximately 11.7 percent of the population of Houston County is age 65 or older, according to the U.S. Census.

"A common misconception is that a person needs to be 65 years old to join. AARP membership starts at age 50," Davis said.

Of the current members, six are 90 or older. A few of the members are World War II veterans.

The chapter has a rich history, and Davis wants to add to that history.

"I'm excited about things we are doing here. What we're doing benefits us all," he said.

For more information about the chapter, fundraisers, events and senior/community resources visit www.AARPChapter1952.org, call 478/318-0471 or email gdavismail@gmail.com. AARP can be found online at www.aarp.org.

WARNER ROBINS, GA, December 26, 2015 – AARP Chapter 1952 (Houston County, GA) gives back to the (Houston County, GA) community with annual end-of-year donations of \$100.00 each to the **Salvation Army (Warner Robins), Houston County Council on Aging/Meals on Wheels** and the **Warner Robins Senior Citizens Services/Senior Activity Center**.



L-R: **Greg Davis/President - AARP Chapter 1952, Lt Ruth Kenyon, Lt. Tom Kenyon (Corps Officers - Salvation Army Warner Robins) and Benedicta Edge/Treasurer - AARP Chapter 1952.**



L-R: **Greg Davis/President - AARP Chapter 1952, Felicia Wright/Executive Director - Warner Robins Senior Citizens Services/Senior Activity Center, Benedicta Edge/Treasurer - AARP Chapter 1952 and James Erdmanczyk/Secretary - AARP Chapter 1952.**

"Think joining AARP makes you old? **Get over it.**"



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