



ALIEF AARP CHAPTER #3264
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NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2026



President's Message



February brings us many special days, including Black History Month, Cancer Awareness Month, Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras. We hope our weather is warm and that most of the freezes are gone.

We are still taking dues for 2026. Please make sure that your AARP membership is up to date.

We have some exciting speakers and bus trips this year. Thanks to our Program and Travel Committees for working diligently to bring these to our members.

Best Wishes to all,

Linda Edwards

Make sure to visit our new website: www.aliefaarp3264.org

February Dates to Remember

American Heart Month

Black History Month

National Cancer Prevention Month

February 2 Ground Hog Day

February 8 Super Bowl Sunday

February 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

February 14 Valentine's Day

February 16 Presidents Day

February 17 Chinese New Year

February 17 Fat Tuesday

February 17 Mardi Gras

February 18 Ash Wednesday

February 19 U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

AARP LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2026

BY AUSTRA RUNNELS

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Hello everyone and welcome to your AARP Legislative Update. You may have already noticed all the campaign signs around town with information on all the candidates that are running in pending elections. Your question may be, what are all of the election dates for these elections? Well, I'm going to tell you as these dates are so important to the election process. Below is a chart that was forwarded to me by AARP 3264 member Iola Williams. Please keep this information handy. And as more election dates are available, they will be provided to you.

As always, more voter information is available at VOTETEXAS.GOV. Some of the information provided includes elections, sessions, qualifications for running for office and salary information.

Thanks Iola!! See you at the Polls.




2026 PRIMARY ELECTION KEY DATES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17	FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20	LAST DAY FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION TO BE RECEIVED
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27	LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3	ELECTION DAY AND LAST DAY FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT TO BE RECEIVED

TEXANS, REGISTER OR CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION STATUS → VOTE TEXAS.GOV

Programs

February 5, 2026 – Julie Laskowski - Singer



Julia Laskowski will perform Patsy Cline Songs, etc. at our Alief AARP Chapter 3264 meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2026. The last time she performed at Alief AARP Chapter 3264 was September 5, 2024.

March 5, 2026 – Marian Bell – Organizing and Downsizing



*Can't eat off the table
because of the mail in the way;
Always running late
because nothing is in the right place;
Can't find anything to wear
because the closet is too full....
Do not be embarrassed that you
did not learn the skills to do this.
It's time to get organized!*



Marian is your Organizational Guru!
Marian has easy tips to get your home or office in shape.

*Visit her **Healthy Lifestyle** website at www.marianbell.com.*

April 3, 2026 – Phyllis Eaddy – Comedian



Phyllis Eaddy is 77 years old. Being a senior citizen, she is finding that so many things that we are facing are actually somewhat humorous. She has always had a sense of humor because it puts her in a happy place. It's better to laugh than to worry about stuff we can't change.

TRAVEL

Future Dates of Reserved Bus Trips

February 15, 2026 – Sunday – **Magic Banquet** – Jan Albers - Bus Coordinator



The **Houston Magic Banquet** is hosted by the three magic clubs in the Houston area. Guests will witness close-up magic right at their tables, and after the fully catered meal, enjoy a 90-minute stage show featuring professional local and international performers.



March 31, 2026 – Tuesday – **Brookwood Community** – Barbara Mireles - Bus Coordinator



Founded in 1983, Brookwood is a God-centered non-profit residential and vocational community for adults with disabilities located on 485 acres in Brookshire, Texas, just west of Houston.



We will eat lunch in The Café at Brookwood. Brookwood is known for their plants which are for sale.

April 30, 2026 – Thursday – **Houston Zoo** – Katherine Miller - Bus Coordinator



May 29, 2026 – Friday – **Paddlewheeler Yellowstone** – Jan Albers - Bus Coordinator



The *YellowStone* is a 72-foot paddlewheeler, an authentic stern wheeler, powered by a Perkins diesel engine which turns the paddle wheel at a leisurely ten miles per hour. She is certified by the U.S. Coast Guard for 35 passengers.



Members visiting the Houston Art Museum on January 29



Brian Pendleton presents awards from Lesley Briones to Jan Albers and Linda Edwards



Certificates presented to Jan Albers

Sunshine Chairman

Jan Albers is our **Sunshine Chairman** this year. She will send e-cards, birthday cards, get well cards, thinking of you cards, and sympathy cards to our members.

If you know of any of our members who should receive a card from Alief AARP Chapter 3264, please advise **Jan Albers** at **281-785-7372** or email: **missyjan@comcast.net**

Donations – Collections 2026

We will no longer be collecting food for distribution. There are nearby sites where you can take your donations.

Also, The Board of Directors has voted to resume collecting the following items for donations:

Cell Phones to be refurbished and distributed to Battered Women.
Eye Glasses

Please bring your donations to our monthly General Meetings and give them to **Community Service Chairman Valeri Russell**.

Volunteer Hours

Remember to sign in your volunteer hours at the monthly general meeting. This is one of the most important things we can do each month. Be a “Texas Star”! Let us validate the fact that we are a service organization, not a social organization.

If you attend the Alief AARP Chapter 3264 monthly meeting, please sign in for the 2 hours service. If you help a friend, attend an AARP General Meeting, help at your church, help your neighbors, run errands for someone, help at a hospital or anything else where you donate your time, all of your time spent doing for others (including travel time) is considered **volunteer hours**.

February Birthdays

February 2	Dora Cruz
February 2	Deborah Taylor
February 3	Frank Cavazos, Jr.
February 4	E. Marlene Collier
February 8	Ambrozene Epo
February 8	Ronald Gentry
February 10	Jean Matthews
February 14	Bunny Trammell
February 17	Nancy Johnson
February 18	Labinco Clarke
February 18	Aletha Williamson
February 19	Stacey Hubbard
February 22	Rita Donnelly
February 23	Sandra Potts



General Information

Attendance (January 8): 42 Members & 4 Guests

New Members: 3

Total Members: 102

Volunteer Hours for December: 631

Upcoming Meetings

February General Meeting

Thursday February 5, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Location: The Salvation Army Church
7920 Cook Road, Houston, TX 77072

February Board Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

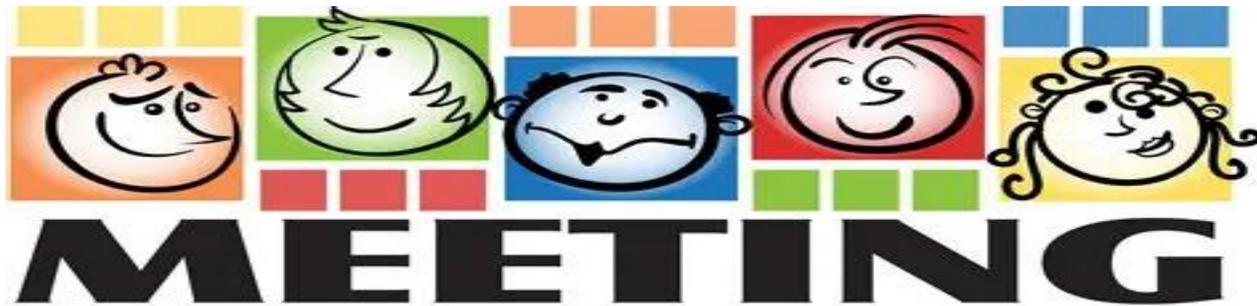
Location: The Salvation Army Church
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March General Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.- 12 Noon

Location: The Salvation Army Church
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