



**ALIEF AARP CHAPTER #3264**  
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**NEWSLETTER**  
**MARCH 2026**



**President's Message**



March brings us St. Patrick's Day and hopefully the end of cold weather. We hope our weather stays warm and sunny.

We are still taking dues for 2026. **After March, if you have not paid your dues, you will not receive the Newsletter since your name will fall off the roster.** Please make sure that your AARP membership is up to date.

**Best Wishes to all,**

*Linda Edwards*

**March Dates to Remember**

- March 2 Texas Independence Day
- March 8 Daylight Saving Time
- March 14 Pi Day
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 Spring Equinox

Make sure to visit our new website: [www.aliefaarp3264.org](http://www.aliefaarp3264.org)



## Welcome to

### Alief AARP Chapter #3264

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*Est. August 25, 1980*

#### **March General Meeting**

10AM-Noon Thursday, March 5th, 2026  
The Salvation Army Church  
7920 Cook Rd, Houston, TX 77072

#### *Board of Directors Meeting*

10:30AM-Noon Thursday, February 26th, 2026  
The Salvation Army Church  
7920 Cook Rd, Houston, TX 77072

## Upcoming Trips

[Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 - Brookwood Community Tour](#)

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**AARP LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR MARCH 2026**

BY AUSTRA RUNNELS

By the time you are reading this report, March 3, 2026 election day has passed. I hope you made your voice heard by pressing your way to the polls and voting.

As we have mentioned before in this report, there are no legislative sessions in 2026. However, we are impacted by many of the bills that were approved in 2025 and are being implemented this year. Please look at the list below to see if you or your family may be impacted by these new laws.

**Faster eviction process for squatters (SB 38).** Hopefully, you are not ever involved in this situation. It is a costly nightmare to resolve.

**Senate Bill 38** speeds up the eviction process in cases involving squatters or people occupying a property without legal permission. The law shortens timelines for courts to act once a landlord files an eviction case related to unlawful occupancy. While landlords are still required to provide notice before filing, the measure limits delays that can keep property owners from regaining control of their homes or rental units.

**ICE cooperation requirement for Texas county jails (SB 8).** We've been hearing a lot about ICE this year and we're just going into March.

**Senate Bill 8** requires Texas sheriffs who operate county jails to cooperate with federal immigration authorities through **the 287(g) program**, a partnership with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Under the law, sheriff's offices must enter agreements that allow trained deputies to verify immigration status and carry out certain federal immigration enforcement duties inside local jails. The bill is intended for federal and local agencies to work as teams when investigating ICE related issues.

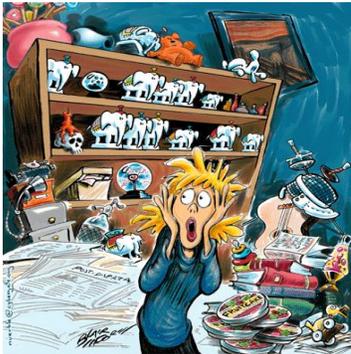
Another topic you may have heard more than you wanted to is artificial intelligence. As with most cutting edge technology, it a great invention that implemented but is not widely understood.

**House Bill 149 creates formal regulations governing the use of artificial intelligence by state agencies and contractors.**

The law establishes standards aimed at increasing transparency, reducing bias and ensuring accountability when AI systems are used in government decision-making. It also sets up a framework for oversight as AI tools become more common in areas such as data analysis, public services and administrative processes. The idea is to create boundaries before the improper use of this technology is out of control.

# Programs

## 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!***

***arian 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](http://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.*

## May 7, 2026 – Rob Landes – Musician



*Rob Landes began studying the piano at the age of three and made his "debut" on the Art Linkletter House Party program at the age of four. This appearance was greeted with great applause and kudos from Mr. Linkletter as well as Tommy Dorsey who was on the same broadcast.*

*A native Houstonian, his playing has taken him from the United States and Canada to Norway and many parts of Europe. Rob Landes is widely known as a pianist, organist, harpist, arranger, conductor and published composer. He is associated with six national publishers, including Hinshaw Publishers, Sacred Music Press, Alliance Music and Fred Bock Music. Rob Landes recently retired as "Artist in Residence" at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. However, he still performs at 1894 Galveston Opera House in Galveston, Texas and Berry Center of Northwest Houston. He performed at Alief AARP Chapter 3264 on October 3, 2019 and June 5, 2025.*

## TRAVEL

### Future Dates of Reserved Bus Trips

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.

## **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](mailto: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**.

## **March Birthdays**

March 2	Annie Holliday
March 15	Ken Olive
March 17	Beth Ayer
March 21	Jacqueline Woods
March 24	Ruth C. Jones
March 26	Joan Chee



With great sadness we must advise that after a long illness our long-time beloved member **Ron Fairchild** passed away in February 2026. Ron and his wife, Nancy, have been supporting members of Alief AARP Chapter 3264 for many years. Ron will be greatly missed.

**General Information**

Attendance (February 5): 47 Members & 1 Guest

New Members: 0

Total Members: 104

Two members who paid in 2024 and not in 2025 rejoined.

Volunteer Hours for January: 802

**Upcoming Meetings**

March General Meeting

Thursday March 5, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Location: The Salvation Army Church  
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March Board Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Location: The Salvation Army Church  
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April General Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2026

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

Location: The Salvation Army Church  
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