

AARP POST

CHAPTER 3693 – ANDERSON, SC



Thirty-Three years of services to the Anderson Community!!!

AARP Chapter 3693 – Anderson, **sends a BIG THANK YOU** to our Members, Friends, and Community Partners for supporting and enabling us to foster positive social change by delivering value to people 50 and over through information, advocacy and service.

To the magnificent members of AARP Local Chapter 3693, it is so good to know you. We missed you during July and August and pray that your time away was filled with happy things and if there was a bump in the road, you were able to find smooth riding at the next juncture. Even though we had a kick off meeting in the month of September, it seems a long gap since the News Committee has had quality time to share quips, laughs, support and joy with you. We're looking forward to taking up where we last left off and continue our camaraderie, while demonstrating our motto: "TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED".

A shout out to Linda Motroni, Chair, and the members of the Community Services Committee (CSC) for helping us stay true to our motto right through our July/August meetings' hiatus. The (CSC) coordinated the chapters long standing volunteer service to Meals on Wheels and the chapter's participation in the Golden Years Jamboree (GYJ), for our 2nd year. Also, let us give a shout out to Inez Jones and Brian Reichle for setting up our Flu Shots administered by Walgreens.

Our chapter was also a 2nd time sponsor and volunteered to be greeters to the more than 600 persons who attended the GYJ). So as not to appear as being 'work-a-holics', it is noted that some of our members volunteered to avail themselves of the entertainment, the many giveaways and (oh yeah) some boogie down line dancing. To those acts of love for service, 'we say go for it'. Estelle Williams reports, "In addition to our chapter's GYJ sponsorship, one of our own chapter members, Nelson Green, was named and recognized as the twenty-first "Jo Brown Senior Citizen of the Year. Not to mention our chapter's president, Genevieve Brown, joined Kelly Jo Brown, Anderson County Senior Citizens Program Coordinator and other members of the GYJ Planning Team in adorning the cover of the GYJ's 2017 journal.



The Golden Years (GYJ) Jamboree was held July 19, 2017 at the Civic Center of Anderson. The GYJ... is a free event to celebrate our seniors, featuring our seniors! Kelly Jo (Brown) Barnwell, Director of Anderson County Senior Citizens Program, says the GYJ... a day set aside to link our past with our present: The GYJ... a celebration of all that is good about being alive in your golden years. The GYJ... shining the spotlight on our Senior Sunflower Bakers as they present their sponsor's checks to our Cancer Association of Anderson. The GYJ... where the largest line dance is done on the Civic Center of Anderson Floor every year. Kelly Jo thanked the GYJ Planning Team for their hard work.

Photo Gallery



Golden Years Jamboree

Estelle Williams' AARP table decoration Nelson Green Jo Brown 21st Sr. of the yr



GYJ Line Dancing

VP Johnny Davis Meeting with Exec. Com.

Pharmacist Michael Ossomer giving Flu Shot

AARP South Carolina Chapter Summit was held on July 26, 2017, at Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, SC. Highlights of the Chapter Summit:

Welcome – Elizabeth Norris, AARP SC State President; Teresa Arnold, AARP SC State Director; Anthony Deluise, AARP CSN Integrated Relations.

Daryl Broome, Lt. Governor's Office spoke about the benefits of programs funded by the Lt. Governor's Office and what great advocate AARP SC has been in promoting the quality of life for seniors. Check the Lt. Governor's website for bills passed by the Silver Haired Legislature.

Carolyn Thompson, AARP Chapter Advisory team member South Region and Chapter Liaison to AARP National, encouraged the Chapter Presidents to dial in to the Regional Call Meetings. If the presidents are not available please try to have a member from the chapter to dial in. The Regional call meeting is the 2nd Tuesday monthly at 2:00 PM. On those calls chapters share best practices. Carolyn shared the results of the chapters' surveys. Summary title "Attributes of a Successful Chapter Summary". There are a number of AARP Chapters who have found success – in a variety of ways – for their Chapter and the Office of Volunteer Engagement initiated an effort to reach out to a sampling of Chapters to learn more about their good work. In 2017, the Chapter Advisory Team (CAT) conducted a series of interviews with 37 AARP Chapters that shared common attributes gleaned from their annual reports. Caroling stated that the two chapters in the upstate were recognized as successful chapters and certificate were presented to Spartanburg Chapter 223 and Anderson Chapter 3693, plus \$100.00 gift card from AARP SC State Office. Well, this was a surprise and our **WOW** moment. So, Congratulations 3693 Members!

Janet Porter, AARP Board Member, presented a mini workshop on Influencing Leadership. (ISI) Workbook - Discovery Learning International.

Thanks to Mr. Lee Holley, Pharmacy Manager, of Walgreens for having Mr. Michael Ossomer for administering Flu and Pneumonia Shots to our members.

Chapter Meetings:

3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. except July & August at Jo Brown Senior Center, Anderson, SC.

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