



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



### President's Message



April brings many observances, including Passover and Easter. And then there is Tax Day. Don't miss the deadline!

We have an exciting year planned for you. Our Travel and Program committees are diligently working to bring you a variety of opportunities to enjoy your year.

**BRING YOUR MONEY!** In addition to the Raffle (3 tickets for \$1.00), we will have a 50/50 drawing. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. If you win, you will get half of the pot. The chapter will get the other half. Try your luck!

**Best Wishes to all,**

*Linda Edwards*

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

### April Dates to Remember

April 1	April Fool's Day
April 1-9	Passover
April 5	Easter
April 12	Orthodox Easter
April 15	Tax Day
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	Take your Child to Work Day
April 24	Arbor Day

## AARP LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR APRIL 2026

BY AUSTRA RUNNELS

**ELECTION MADNESS!!** I've been hearing a lot about March Madness – all the college basketball games. After reviewing the remaining 2026 Election Schedule, it feels like we're in election madness. Here is some general information that hopefully will help you understand all these different types of elections to understand and be ready for them.

### Important Election Dates 2025-2026

(Information collected from the Texas Secretary of State Website.)

EVENT	DATE	STATUS
ELECTION DAY	Tuesday, March 3, 2026	COMPLETED
UNIFORM ELECTION DATE (LIMITED)	Saturday, May 2, 2026	PENDING
PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION	Tuesday, May 26, 2026	PENDING
UNIFORM ELECTION DATE	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	PENDING

#### Texas' Primary Election

Texas' primary election is when voters choose their party's nominees for statewide offices, congressional seats, legislative races and some local positions. It's the first major step in the 2026 election cycle and determines which candidates advance to the November general election ballot.

#### Key times to know

- Last day to register to vote: April 27, 2026
- Early voting window: May 9-22, 2026
- Mail ballot request deadline (received): May 15, 2026
- Election Day voting hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 26

#### May uniform election: May 2, 2026

The May uniform election date is typically used for local contests, including school boards, city councils, bonds, and municipal measures. These elections do not include statewide or federal offices but often have the most direct impact on local communities.

#### Primary runoff election: May 26, 2026

If no candidate in a primary race receives more than 50%, the top two finishers advance to a runoff. These races finalize each party's nominees for contests not decided in March.

**PLEASE MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!!**  
(Voting Information courtesy of CBS NEWS)

# Programs

## 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.*

## June 4, 2026– Doc Brown – Buffalo Soldiers



*Born in Houston, Texas, Doc served in the United States Air Force, where he guarded aircraft that transported the president of the United States. He was part of the distinguished group of soldiers that escorted President London B Johnson between speaking engagements. He’s currently President of the 9th and 10th Calvary Horse Association of Houston.*

*In retirement, he also enjoys volunteering throughout the state educating various audiences about the famous Buffalo Soldiers.*

## July 2, 2026 – Mary Winstead – Arts & Crafts



*Mary's beginning as an 'army brat' has taken her all over the United States and to other countries. She attended 14 different schools, so it is all together fitting that she spent most of her career managing different programs in 94 schools of El Paso's ISD.*

*In retirement, she continues to teach at conferences & for senior groups. She volunteers her talents, graciously sharing her hobbies in arts & crafts.*

## TRAVEL

### Future Dates of Reserved Bus Trips

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**

## **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-hour 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**.

## **April Birthdays**

April 3	Vicky Pickering
April 15	Bob Brugman
April 18	May Harris
April 20	Eileen Thoede
April 21	Joan Parker
April 24	Marsha Fay Itiveh
April 28	Mynor Chapman



## **General Information**

Attendance (March 5): 48 Members & 5 Guests

New Members: 6

Total Members: 82

Volunteer Hours for February: 826

## **Upcoming Meetings**

April General Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

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

April Board Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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

May General Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2026

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

Location: The Salvation Army Church  
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