



## FUN STUFF TRIVIA

**Q:** September is [National Library Card Sign-Up Month!](#)

Do you know about how many libraries there are around the country?

- a. 86,000
- b. 53,000
- c. 123,000
- d. 99,000

(Scroll down for the answer.)

## WE ARE AARP



### Judith Potts

When Judith Potts turned 50, her mother gifted her with an AARP membership. It wasn't exactly Judith's idea of a great gift. Now, however, Judith is one of AARP's most enthusiastic volunteers! As a volunteer for AARP Massachusetts, she believes that health and wellness are the most important issues affecting older Americans today. As a result, she teaches both land and water aerobics (her nickname is the "Fitness Grammy!") and is a personal trainer. She has had some fabulous successes taking people from "shuffling along with a walker to actually walking without the aid of a cane." Judith truly feels rewarded by these kinds of success stories. Her philosophy is, "As long as you are alive, you are a work in progress. As such you can continue to grow and thrive. So get out there and keep moving!" Judith Potts is truly an example of someone who practices what

## // Spotlight Action



### Stand With AARP

We're running out of time to ensure that the plans for reform include important provisions for older Americans. That's why we've launched a photo petition to remind Congress why older Americans need reform.

Please stand with AARP as we work hard to make sure that Congress passes legislation that protects Medicare benefits, strengthens Medicare by eliminating fraud and waste, protects your right to choose your doctor and care, and makes prescription drugs more affordable.

[Click here to send in a picture of yourself holding up a sign showing why you demand Health Action Now!](#)

## // The Scoop

### Texting for Reform!

**Want to be the first to know when Congress passes health reform?** Want to be able to take action – on the go?



AARP is introducing a new quick and easy way to take action and get the latest breaking news on our Health Action Now campaign – **from your cell phone!**

With just the click of your thumbs you will be able to sign a petition, send a message to Congress, call your legislators, and more.

[Click here to become one of our mobile activists today!](#)



### Help us Fight for sandy!

This is it. Congress is taking major steps towards health reform – and it's more important than ever that AARP continues to fight for you. **But we still need 967 more donations to reach our goal! Will you help us achieve**

**reform that works for older Americans?**

Your gift will give us the resources we need to continue our aggressive grassroots campaign, fight back against the special interests that oppose reform, and run TV and print ads in target states.

[There's no time to waste – click here make a donation to help us continue to fight for Health Action Now!](#)

### New AARP Ads

Earlier this month AARP launched a series of new ads to help show our members exactly what we're fighting for when it comes to health reform and who's side we're on. Yours.

Our new ad campaign highlights what AARP is



they preach.



#### ACTION COUNTER



**8,332 signatures**

**Sign Me Up!**

One of the most important pieces of the Health Action Now campaign is the work you all have been doing on a local level. **751** AARP members around the country have gone door to door collecting Health Action Now petition signatures. They've racked up an impressive **8,332** signatures of their neighbors, family, and friends who support Health Action Now! Want to join the movement? [Click here.](#)

#### FUN STUFF ANSWER



**A:** The correct answer is C. There are approximately 123,291 libraries around the United States. If you don't have a library card, it's easy to get one. Just [click here](#) to find your local library – then go and sign up!

doing to protect the Medicare benefits you've earned, ensure you have the freedom choose your doctor, stop insurance companies from denying you coverage because of your health or age and make sure that no one – not the government or an insurance company – gets between you and your doctor.

[Click here to check out the new ads](#), then share them with your friends by posting them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter!](#)

## // Activist Impact



### **1,628,519 Actions for Reform**

An astounding 1,628,519 of you have taken action to ensure Congress knows what older Americans demand from health reform.

Just last week, activists sent more than 29,900 letters to their representatives! Each day in every state the number of people writing letters, making phone calls, and telling friends about the campaign is growing!

Thank you for being a part of the [HealthActionNow.org](#) movement – **but remember that we must keep it going strong until we achieve meaningful reform.**

## // In The News

- Is your employer one of the best for older workers? Check out the winners of AARP's "Best Employers for Workers Over 50" recognition program – and see if yours made the cut.
- Books for Grandparents: AARP picks the best books to read to your grandkids whether they're in pre-school or high school.
- As the weather cools, it's time to bust a common myth – does antibacterial soap really prevent more illness than regular soap? Get the facts here!
- Want to help make a difference in your community? Visit [CreateTheGood.org](#) to find thousands of opportunities to help others!

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