



# Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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## July Monthly Meeting is Happy Hour Instead of Lunch Wednesday, July 19, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

We like to hold evening meetings during the summer so more working members and spouses can attend. This year, our July meeting will be held on the outside, covered upper patio of Central Market on North Lamar. One happy note, if it's a really hot night, we will have access to an adjacent air-conditioned room.

This will be a very casual event. You'll be able to order from the Café menu or you can buy and eat any food item sold at Central Market. Same thing for drinks. You can order soft drinks, beer, tea, or a glass of wine from the Café, or you can buy a bottle of wine from the wine department.

We hope you'll like this format. NO UPFRONT PAYMENT IS REQUIRED. What you spend will depend entirely on what you chose to order and eat. **We do request that you RSVP so that we'll know how many spaces to hold and how many tables to pull together.**



### Open Food and Drink Menu

**When:** Wednesday, July 19

**Time:** 5 - 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Central Market North, 4001 N. Lamar

**Enter:** Go through the café and take the stairs or elevator upstairs.

**RSVP:** Online or to  
[luncheondirector@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:luncheondirector@austinnewcomers.com)

### Announcement Regarding the Printed Welcome Mat

For some time the expense of printing the monthly Welcome Mat, plus the rising cost of postage, has been of concern to your board. Our beautiful website is now fully functional and the Welcome Mat - in full color - is easily available to you there. We will continue to mail a paper copy to the home of members who need/want it, but there will now be an annual \$20 charge (to cover costs) added to your 2017-2018 membership dues when you renew in July. Please remember that it's really easy to print out a paper copy directly from our website. If you are unsure how to do this, Diane Gallagher will offer "how to" instruction at luncheons, when requested.

# President's Message

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## Thank You George, Tom, Ben . . .

No July newsletter should go without recognizing the accomplishments of our forefathers - that being our cherished freedom to live in peace and prosperity, practicing our own beliefs and ideals AND my personal favorite - the freedom to enjoy the lives we have. My goal this year is to be sure all members get to exercise this last freedom by continuing to offer as many compelling events and activities as possible to achieve that goal.



Welcome to the Austin Newcomers Club new calendar year. I am thrilled and honored to have been elected as your president and also very grateful to all those who have graciously accepted positions on the Board. I am excited to be meeting with them, knowing that they will be working hard to keep the club running smoothly and efficiently.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing president, Susi Spies, for her enthusiastic and professional leadership, along with the outgoing board for all their time and efforts this year. I've had the pleasure of getting to know quite a few of you since joining the club, but for those of you that I've yet to meet, let me tell you just a bit about myself.

I grew up in Rochester, New York, and met my husband Bob at Eastman Kodak where we both worked. Fortunately, Kodak saw fit to send us to live in England, Atlanta, Tokyo and Singapore for various assignments. (Bob was working, I was playing). Yes, all the assignments were a joy, a privilege, and an opportunity of a lifetime, studying the richness and diversity of the cultures; but the most important thing we learned was we both equally dreaded the winters and snow that we always had to return to after each assignment was complete. So when it was time to retire in 2009, Austin was our destination of choice, and we have loved every minute of it. I was introduced to Austin Newcomers shortly after moving here. After attending only luncheons, I began serving on the board as luncheon director (quite appropriate), then 2nd VP programs, assistant membership, 1st VP membership, and now president.

My other goal at the end of my tenure in this position (and I hope your goal as well), is to be able to look back at the 2017-18 year with Austin Newcomers and view it as one of the most fun, memorable, and positive experiences one could have. I welcome any and all new ideas from members to help achieve that goal.

Thank you and I hope to have the opportunity to meet each and every one of you this year.

Donna Withrow

## BOOK GROUPS

**Book Groups:**

**When:** Thursday, July 27, 10:00 a.m.  
Discussion, starts at 10:30 a.m.

**Book:** *The Marriage of Opposites*, Alice Hoffman

We now have two book groups: Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose. Books are chosen annually in the fall, and both groups read the same book each month.

If you would like to join a book group, please contact Gayle Cannon, [gayle.cannon70@gmail.com](mailto:gayle.cannon70@gmail.com)

**Bluebonnet Group**

**Host:** Iris Groten  
3810 Agave Lane, 78735

**Facilitator:** TBD

**RSVP:** [irisgroten@gmail.com](mailto:irisgroten@gmail.com)

**Chairs:** Barbara Hornaday  
[bhornaday@austin.rr.com](mailto:bhornaday@austin.rr.com)  
Naomi Ritchie  
[jarnfrdar@yahoo.com](mailto:jarnfrdar@yahoo.com)

**Upcoming Books**

**August:** *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President*, Candice Mal-lard

**September:** *Lilac Girls*, Martha Hall Kelly

**October:** *Transatlantic*, Colum McCann

**November:** no meeting

**December:** *History of the Rain*, Niall Williams

**Yellow Rose Group**

**Host:** Judy Parken  
7917 W. Rim Dr., 78731

**Facilitator:** July Moore

**RSVP:** [japarken@aol.com](mailto:japarken@aol.com)

**Chairs:** Gayle Cannon  
[Gayle.cannon70@gmail.com](mailto:Gayle.cannon70@gmail.com)  
Mimi Rhea  
[eerhea@att.net](mailto:eerhea@att.net)

**Afternoon Mystery Book Group**

The Afternoon Mystery Book Group does not meet June, July, and August. The group will resume on September 13 with a discussion of Greg Isles, *Natchez is Burning*. Meeting details will be in the August *Welcome Mat*.

We read mysteries chosen by the members, who take turns hosting and leading the discussions in our homes. All are welcome to join us.

**Chair:** Bronwyn Bowen  
[bbowen60@gmail.com](mailto:bbowen60@gmail.com)

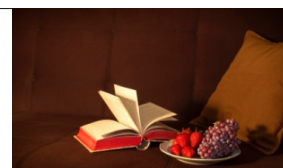
**Men's Book Club**

There will be no meeting in July.

**Host:** Hector Barrio  
4704 Hickory Hollow

**RSVP:** [hebate@gmail.com](mailto:hebate@gmail.com)

**Chair:** Hector Barrio  
[hebate@gmail.com](mailto:hebate@gmail.com)



## ENTERTAINMENT &amp; OUTINGS

**Art House Cinema North****When:** Friday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.**Cost:** \$1.00/person**Details:** Arthouse Cinema North selects a film of the group's interest. We see the film separately, then get together as a group to discuss and rate the movie as well as select a film for the following month.**New Members RSVP:** [Online](#) and [isaratster@gmail.com](mailto:isaratster@gmail.com)

Details of upcoming gatherings for this group will be sent in a separate e-mail to group participants, giving details about the movie selection, location, and any additional information that is needed,

**Chair:** Ingrid Sarrat  
[isarratster@gmail.com](mailto:isarratster@gmail.com)  
805-455-4266**Art House Cinema South****When:** See the online calendar and the weekly emails for details.**Cost:** \$1.00/person**Details:** We meet at homes of members and discuss and rate two movies selected in the previous month. Members choose to attend one of two meetings each month, on either the second or fourth Friday.**RSVP:** [Online](#) (if you are not on the mailing list)**Chair:** [ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com).**Critics' Corner**

Critics' Corner will not meet during the summer months. Our next meeting will be in September.

**Chair:** Bobbi Barrio  
[criticscorner@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:criticscorner@austinnewcomers.com)  
512-656-1420**The Play's the Thing**

Plays and dates for the 2017-2018 season will be announced in the August issue. Stay tuned for what will certainly be an exciting lineup.

**Details:** Prior to each performance, we meet at 5:30 p.m. at Vino Vino at 4119 Guadalupe for some wining and dining.**Tickets:** Once the plays and dates for the 2017-2018 season are announced, for subscriptions and single tickets, call Cyndi at the Austin Playhouse box office at 512-476-0084. Mention that you are with Austin Newcomers.

Subscriber services, including unlimited rescheduling if you have a date conflict, are all handled directly with the box office.

For play descriptions and directions to the theater, go to [www.austinplayhouse.com](http://www.austinplayhouse.com).**For general information or questions:** email Rinette Seidner at [plays@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:plays@austinnewcomers.com).

## ENTERTAINMENT &amp; OUTINGS, continued

## Experience the Zack

**"In the Heights"****When:** Wednesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.**Ticket Purchase Deadline:** Friday, June 9**Run Time:** Approximately two hours and 45 minutes including intermission**"Million Dollar Quartet"****When:** Sunday, August 13, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 23, 7:30 p.m.

**Ticket Purchase Deadline:** Tuesday, August 1**Run Time:** Approximately two hours including intermission**Where:** Zach Topfer Theater  
1510 Toomey Lane, Austin TX 78704**Ticket Prices:** Special discounted ticket prices are as shown below plus a \$6.00 admin fee.

Section A - \$76 per

Section B - \$62.50 per

Section C - \$49 per

**Details:** Austin Newcomers can experience the most sensational show on stage this summer on Wednesday June 28 at 7:30 p.m. This groundbreaking, vibrant musical won the Tony Award for Best Musical for Lin-Manuel Miranda and his dynamic creative team behind Broadway's most talked about breakout hit Hamilton.

Please arrive 30 minutes before show time or join us for a social hour starting at 6:15 p.m. in Z-Lounge for music before the show.

**To Purchase Tickets:** We're holding seats for a limited time, so don't wait. Please do not call the Box Office to purchase as they are unable to offer you your Austin Newcomers group discount.

To purchase your tickets, call Alyson Mintz, Group Sales Associate at 512-476-0594, Ext: 245 or e-mail [amintz@zachtheatre.org](mailto:amintz@zachtheatre.org).

**Hours to Call:** Noon - 5:30 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday.

If you are unable to call during the above hours, please e-mail Alyson to set up a time to facilitate your order.

**Chair:** For questions regarding our performance schedule or general information, please contact:  
Pattie Webster Schieck  
[Pattie@pattiewebster.com](mailto:Pattie@pattiewebster.com)



## Shop Austin!

There will be no Shop Austin activity in July. We'll get together again in August. If you have a place you'd like us to explore, let us know.

**Hosts:** Diane Gallagher  
[cd\\_gallagher28@hotmail.com](mailto:cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com)  
Janet Jones  
[jones6lp@gmail.com](mailto:jones6lp@gmail.com)



## ENTERTAINMENT &amp; OUTINGS, continued

**Live Music Lovers****When:** Wednesday, July 6, 6 - 8 p.m.**Where:** Broken Spoke  
3201 South Lamar, Austin**Cost:** No cover but please tip the band generously**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Ellen Honey  
[eshoney10@mac.com](mailto:eshoney10@mac.com)**Details:** Since the Spoke is such an iconic Austin landmark, we are going to try this again.

Early events are held in the dining room where dinner is available. They will accommodate us with some reserved seating but latecomers are still welcome.

Broken Spoke does not know exactly who will be playing as they rotate through the regular bands. When I call to confirm our reservation, if they are closed we will reschedule for the following week, July 13th.

## FOOD/SOCIAL

**Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate****When:** Saturday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.**Host:** We are looking for a restaurant for July and the invitation will include the details.**RSVP:** An email is sent to the people on the list after the first of the month, and you should RSVP then, NOT online. Once the guest list is complete, the hostess sends out menu information and the address and directions to attendees.**Details:** Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a monthly dinner group for single ANC members who enjoy cooking and socializing. We meet on the 4th Saturday night in groups of between four and twelve at one or two homes. The hostess plans the menu and compiles recipes, and guests provide one of the dishes.

If you would like to meet other singles around the warmth of a dinner table enjoying delicious food and interesting conversation, this group is for you. Contact the chair to be placed on the list to receive the monthly invitation.

When you join the list, we would like a commitment from you to be a hostess or co-hostess at least once every 12 - 18 months. Some homes are small, and parking can be an issue, but even a small group can enjoy spending time in your home. This group works because of the generosity and kindness of the members.

**Chair:** Lynne Marcus  
[Lmarcus08@gmail.com](mailto:Lmarcus08@gmail.com)  
505-340-5464**Friends Connection**

Friends Connection is a great place to meet people and start or renew a friendship. We meet for brunch every few months to reconnect. Hope to see you in August. Details later.

**Chair:** Lynne Davis  
[elcdavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elcdavis@sbcglobal.net)

## FOOD/SOCIAL, Continued

### TGI Social (Thank Goodness It's Social)

There is no TGI Social in July.

A time to kick back to meet and connect with friends old and new. There's nothing but FUN on the agenda.

**Chairs:** Janie and Jim McClam  
jalommc@msn.com  
512-301-9230

### Out to Lunch Bunch

**When:** There is no meeting in July

**Details:** Join us for lunch once a month. Check this space for August information.

**Chairs:** Susi Spies  
susi.spies@gmail.com

### Dance Austin

There is no event for the month of June.

**Chair:** Karen Kirmis  
[kkirmis@gmail.com](mailto:kkirmis@gmail.com)  
(701) 570-5472



### Happy Hour

**When:** Tuesday, July 18, 4 - 6 p.m.

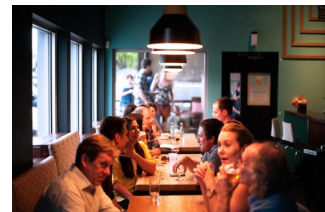
**Where:** Alcomar  
1816 South 1st St., Austin

**RSVP by 7/15:** [Online](#)

**Price:** Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.

**Details:** Free parking alongside and around back

**Chairs:** Elliott and Nancy Kossak  
[ekossak@gmail.com](mailto:ekossak@gmail.com)  
Charlie and Louise Brown  
[charlieb7127@gmail.com](mailto:charlieb7127@gmail.com)



## LANGUAGES/EXPATS

### Expats

There is no meeting in July

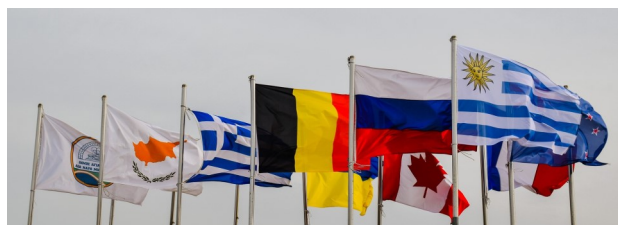
**Chair:** Faith Stevens  
[stevensfai@aol.com](mailto:stevensfai@aol.com)  
 512-970-3930

**Details:** We enjoy sharing our overseas experiences and being with members who are from outside the US. If you are curious about other cultures, while sharing yours or your overseas travel experiences, please join us.

### French Conversation

The French Conversation group will not meet June through August. See you in September.

**Chairs:** Michele Abrio  
[abriol@mac.com](mailto:abriol@mac.com)  
 512-771-3372  
 Genevieve Antier  
[littlefrenchy44@gmail.com](mailto:littlefrenchy44@gmail.com)  
 737-932-3631



### Spanish Conversation

There is no meeting in July.

**Chair:** Susana Surbek  
[susana.surbek@hotmail.com](mailto:susana.surbek@hotmail.com)  
 512-740-2349

## GAMES

### 1st Friday Bridge

**When:** Friday, July 7  
 6:30 - 7:00 p.m., social time  
 7 - 9:45 p.m., play bridge

**Chair:** Ed Stokes, [edward@stokes.biz](mailto:edward@stokes.biz), 512-280-4117

**Where:** Lamar Senior Activity Center, 2974 Shaol Creek Avenue.

**Cost:** \$5.00

**Details:** All bridge players are welcome as couples or individuals.



### 3rd Thursday Bridge

**When:** Thursday, July 20, 9:45 a.m.

**Host:** Felicia Morrison

**Where:** HOP, 1101 S Mopac Expy

**Cost:** \$2.00

**Details:** This group of average to expert bridge players enjoy playing together. We like the competition and challenge of party bridge and the opportunity to meet new people. Bridge is open to all.

**RSVP:** Email [feliciamorrison@hotmail.com](mailto:feliciamorrison@hotmail.com) or text 512-619-0100

**Chair:** Nancy Cosby  
[ncosby@flash.net](mailto:ncosby@flash.net)  
 817-360-0494



## GAMES, continued

**Kitchen Bridge****When:** Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.**Cost:** \$2.25**Chair:** Mimi Rhea  
512-491-0744  
[eerhea@att.net](mailto:eerhea@att.net)**Details:** All people on the player list will be contacted before the first of the month with the name and contact information of the hostess for the month.

If you wish to be placed on the player list, contact the chair listed above.

**Daytime Bridge Buddy****What:** 2017-2018 registration**Cost:** \$15**RSVP by 7/15:** [catcot72@gmail.com](mailto:catcot72@gmail.com)  
[sladdtx@gmail.com](mailto:sladdtx@gmail.com)**Details:** Partners meet monthly September through May in member's homes. Teams are assigned different opponents each month and the four of you decide when and where to play. This is a great way to get to know other members and visit different areas of Austin. Find a partner and sign up for the year before July 15th, 2017**Chairs:** Cathy Cotter, 512-465-9472  
Sandi Ladd, 512-250-9339**Canasta****When:** Mondays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 11:00 a.m.**Location:** Mimi's Cafe  
12613 Galleria Circle  
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave**RSVP:** Online or email  
[canasta@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:canasta@austinnewcomers.com) the Sunday before each date.**Details:** We meet every Monday for a relaxing day playing a Hand and Foot version of Canasta. The game is easy to learn. New players are invited to join in. You're welcome to play as often as you like, every week or just occasionally. We begin playing at 11:00 am, break for lunch about 12:30 pm and continue to play afterward. We order from the menu and get separate checks. Join us for a fun day of cards and conversation with a group of interesting ladies.**Cost:** New players pay a one-time fee of \$15 when they join to cover the cost of cards and supplies.**Chair:** Marti Glycer  
[martiglycer@hotmail.com](mailto:martiglycer@hotmail.com)**Bunco**

There will be no meeting in July

**Chair:** Connie Gardner  
[peplett@aol.com](mailto:peplett@aol.com)  
915-203-4522

Please contact Connie Gardner if you are interested in joining Bunco as a regular member or substitute.

**Euchre****When:** July 15, 6:30 p.m.**Where:** Nancy and Greg Shipley's house**Cost:** Free or \$5, whatever is decided**RSVP by 7/14:** [kasha.action@gmail.com](mailto:kasha.action@gmail.com)**Details:** Please bring a dish to pass and what you want to drink, other than water.**Chair:** Kasha Petrea  
[kasha.action@gmail.com](mailto:kasha.action@gmail.com)  
716-308-1986

## GAMES, continued

**Ladies Poker****When:** Thursday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.**Where:** 10212 Banks Crt., Austin 78739**Host:** Patti Webster**Cost:** 5.00 p.m.**RSVP:** Online by 7/26**Chair:** Inge Eichberg  
512-351-9807**Mah Jongg****When:** Check the online calendar and weekly emails for July information.**Where:** Café Express, 3418 North Lamar Blvd.**Hosts:** Jeanne Broussard and Jeannette Van Deventer**Details:** This group plays the American Version of Mah Jongg and uses The National Mah Jongg League card. We welcome players who have knowledge of the game. Players are invited to come early for lunch if desired.**Cost:** .50 cents**RSVP/Chair:** Jeanne Broussard  
[jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com)**Mexican Train**

There will be no meeting in July.

**Where:** Cafe Express 3418 N. Lamar, near Seaton**Cost:** \$2 pot. split between highest and lowest scores**Details:** We meet once monthly to "Burn up the Tiles." We begin at 11:00am, stop for lunch, and end about 2:00 p.m. If you have a set of dominoes for Mexican train, bring it, in case we need a second set.**RSVP:** Online when meeting is scheduled or email  
[psklar1@gmail.com](mailto:psklar1@gmail.com)**Chair:** Peggy Sklar  
[psklar1@gmail.com](mailto:psklar1@gmail.com)**Second Sunday Scrabble****When:** Second Sunday. See online calendar and weekly emails for details.**Where:** Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar  
3339 Hancock Dr.**RSVP:** 513-293-5523**Details:** This is a non competitive group and we strive to have fun. Join us and sample some of the great food and pastry at this independent Austin business.**Chair:** Sandy Longstreth  
[sandytzone@juno.com](mailto:sandytzone@juno.com)**Pinochle****When:** July 11, 7:00 p.m.**Host:** Nancy Shipley  
5812 Tributary Ridge Dr.**RSVP:** [Nshipley@me.com](mailto:Nshipley@me.com)**Details:** All levels of players are welcome. We play single, double, or triple deck Pinochle with lots of laughter. Come join us for an evening of fun.**Chair:** Nancy Shipley  
[nshipley@me.com](mailto:nshipley@me.com)  
832-236-9909

## HEALTH/FITNESS

## Happy Trails

**When:** Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m.  
**Where:** East Ave. and Nash Hernandez Rd., Austin  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** Online or email [Donnadau@hotmail.com](mailto:Donnadau@hotmail.com)  
**Chair:** Donna Dauenhauer  
[donnadau@hotmail.com](mailto:donnadau@hotmail.com)  
 512-852-9535

Officially designated as Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach, this 500-acre waterfront park is an inviting place to walk and enjoy the beauty of the north side of Ladybird Lake. The total distance for this walk will be approximately 3 miles, as we walk to the dam and back. Please bring plenty of water and wear sunscreen. Leashed dogs are permitted. Park under the I-35 bridge (or anywhere nearby). We will meet under the I-35 bridge near the bike ramp and picnic tables.

## Hearty Hikers

Hearty Hikers will resume hiking in September. Stay cool.

**Chair** Beth Holcomb  
[bethholcomb7@gmail.com](mailto:bethholcomb7@gmail.com)  
 908-963-9731



## Golfing Around Austin

**When:** Monday, September 11  
**Where:** Course to be determined  
**Cost:** Greens fees vary, pay at course  
**RSVP:** [Online](#)

**Chair/Information:** John Cates  
[jwcates3@gmail.com](mailto:jwcates3@gmail.com)  
 832-814-8402

**Details:** Six golfers enjoyed a great round at Star Ranch in Round Rock on May 8. The course was in super shape, and the green fees were hard to beat as they included breakfast, lunch, and free range balls. The ANC golf group is taking our summer break, and we'll start playing again in the fall with our first play date on Monday, September 11, 2017. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me. I hope everyone has a safe, cool and enjoyable summer, and we'll see you in the fall.

Would you, or someone you know, like to join the Austin Newcomers Club, but don't have a computer? You can call me, and I will enter all your information into the computer for you. Donna Withrow, 512-369-3563.

## HELLO AUSTIN!

## Hello Austin!

**Details:** Hello Austin is taking July off. We hope you all go to the lakes and stay cool.

We had a productive planning session last month and are looking forward to a fun and interesting year coming up. If you missed the opportunity to participate and offer ideas, there is still time to act on your event idea. (And, of course, we are always happy to add coordinators and shared coordinator roles.)

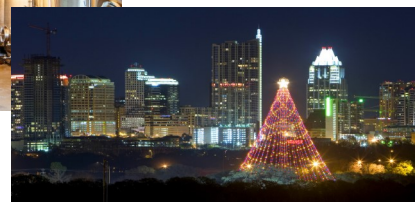
Just contact Pam Craig at the email or phone number below.

So, watch this space in next month's Welcome Mat and get a peek at the great year HELLO AUSTIN has planned.

**Chair:** Pam Craig  
[pmcraig448@gmail.com](mailto:pmcraig448@gmail.com)  
 512-432-5767



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Please submit photos that you would like to have posted to our Instagram page to:  
[webmaster@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:webmaster@austinnewcomers.com).





## HOBBIES

## Knit and Stitch

**When:** Thursday, July 6, 1 - 3 p.m.

**Host:** Hill Country Weavers  
4102 Manchaca Rd., Austin 78704

**RSVP:** Online or email [dmarksny@aol.com](mailto:dmarksny@aol.com)

**Details:** This month only, we will have an afternoon field trip to the Hill Country Weavers shop.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month to knit, crochet or do laptop needlework projects. Join us for coffee, crafting and conversation.

**Chair:** Deborah Marks  
[dmarksny@aol.com](mailto:dmarksny@aol.com)  
917-696-3647

## Photography

Welcome photographers. The photography interest group meets twice a month, once for a photo shoot, usually the second Tuesday, and again on the fourth Tuesday for a photo share session. If you would like to join the group, please email [kajones510@gmail.com](mailto:kajones510@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

**Photo Shoot Location and time:** Instructions will be emailed to all members before each photo shoot giving the location, time and directions.

**Photo Share Session:** Fourth Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. socializing, 11:00 a.m. share session  
Email 6 photos to Bill Sofer at [billsofer@mac.com](mailto:billsofer@mac.com). He will compile a slide show to project the photos on a screen for all members to enjoy and to offer ideas.

**Location:** Precision Camera store's classroom at 2438 W. Anderson Lane in the West Anderson Plaza. Optional lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

## 2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

### It's Time to Renew Your Membership

Thank you for being a member of Austin Newcomers. We just wanted to let you know that your membership renewal period begins **July 1, 2017** for the 2017-2018 year.

**Dues:** Dues are \$40 but with the code **Renewjuly** you will receive \$5 off if you sign up before July 31.

**Pay Online:** You will receive a notice via email that should take you to the payment area online.

If you need a password, use the email that you have on account with ANC and use the request a password function.

You should also log in if you did auto-renewal last year and your information needs to be updated/changed.

**Pay by Mail:** If you would like to mail your payment, please make checks payable to Austin Newcomers and send to:

Alison Seaman, VP Membership  
10337 Salida Drive, Austin, TX 78749

**Request Printed Copy:** **PLEASE NOTE - NEW THIS YEAR:** Members who would like to receive a printed and mailed newsletter are now asked to pay for this service. Please add \$20 to your annual dues payment if you want this option. If you do not add this selection, you will receive the monthly newsletter via email.



# July 2017

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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 a.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <u>Knit &amp; Stitch</u> 10:00 a.m.  <u>Live Music Lov-</u> <u>ers</u> , 6 p.m.	<b>7</b> <u>First Friday</u> <u>Bridge</u> , 6:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> <u>Happy Trails</u> , 9:00 a.m.
<b>9</b> <u>Second Sunday</u> <u>Scrabble</u> , 3:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 a.m.	<b>11</b> Photography Group - <u>Photo</u> <u>Shoot</u>  <u>Pinochle</u> , 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Arthouse Cinema <u>North</u> , 7:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> <u>Euchre</u> , 6:30 p.m.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 a.m.	<b>18</b> <u>Happy Hour</u> 4:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> <u>Monthly Meet-</u> <u>ing</u> , 5:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> <u>Third Thursday</u> <u>Bridge</u> , 9:45 a.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>Come to Dinner</u> 6:30 p.m.
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	<b>25</b> Photography - <u>Photo Share</u>	<b>26</b> <u>Kitchen Bridge</u> 10:30 a.m.	<b>27</b> Book Groups, 10:00 a.m.  <u>Ladies Poker</u> , 5:00 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am					

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**No upfront payment is required for July. Please register so we have enough tables and chairs.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:** ☐ Continuing member household ☐ Have not joined yet  
☐ 1st luncheon as member ☐ 2nd luncheon as member

Austin zip code \_\_\_\_\_ moved from \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

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