



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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August General Meeting: Join us for a Lake Travis Sunset!

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Lucy's Fried Chicken
2900 Ranch Rd., 620 N
6:00—9:00 pm

\$30 per person includes:

- fried and grilled chicken
- grilled corn on the cob
- potato salad
- coleslaw
- non-alcoholic beverages

There will be a cash bar.



Join us at Lucy's Fried Chicken for a sunset picnic overlooking Lake Travis. We will have a buffet in air-conditioned comfort but you are welcome to enjoy the lake after our meal on their large deck. The lake can be seen from the room. Lucy's is known for their local beer and craft cocktails. We are holding this evening meeting in place of our monthly luncheon.

RSVP online by August 14 by clicking [HERE](#) or see the inside back cover for mail-in registration by August 12.



Renew your membership

If you renew before July 31st, it's \$35, but \$40 starting August 1st - SO RENEW NOW!!

1. Go to the AustinNewcomers.com website and sign in using the password (typically your last name and house number, unless you revised it) and email address where you received your renewal notice. You can request another password there and have it emailed to you if you've forgotten yours.
2. Once you are signed in on the homepage, go to the **yellow banner** at the top and click on the down arrow of **"Membership"** and you will see **"Renew Current Membership"**. Click on that and it will take you to your profile. **Scroll down to the bottom** until you see **"Renew, Upgrade or Update Billing"** and click on that.
3. Choose payment option:
 - a) Automatic Renewal - \$35, requires credit card and renews every year without you having to do so again
 - b) Renew for One Year - requires credit card. Use DISCOUNT CODE of "renewjuly" by 31st. It's \$40 starting August 1st.
 - c) Lastly, Pay By Check - \$35, to Donna Withrow, 12312 Palisades Parkway, 78732 by July 31st (\$40 August 1st).
5. Most Important: Hit **SAVE** when you are done.

If you have ANY questions about renewing or need assistance in any way regarding your membership please contact: Donna Withrow, withrow19@hotmail.com, 512-369-3563.

President's Message



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Here we are in the dog days of summer. A lot of you are probably off in foreign ports on vacation; others are home reading their Welcome Mats and trying to decide which Newcomer activities they want to participate in this month. Me? I recently spent a morning with about 30 Interest Group Chairs getting excited about how many fun, interesting, social activities our Club now offers. We have 41 current groups. Imagine!

Equally as exciting, Austin Newcomers has now passed the 500 Household members mark—we have 507 to be exact with 107 NEW members in the 2015-2016 term! That's a lot of people to please and a lot of people with very different interests. So, we're about to launch five NEW groups.

Get ready to try one of these. The Play's the Thing: a theatre group chaired by Rinette Seidner. Lunch Bunch: an explore Austin's restaurants for lunch group chaired by Peggy Sklar and Jan Jones. A Dance Austin group chaired by Alison Seaman and Karen Kirmis. A Pinochle Group chaired by Nancy Shipley and, finally, a Health and Nutrition group chaired by Jan Jones. You'll find event kick-off info and more in the News and Events Calendar as these groups get going.

On page 13 of The Welcome Mat, you'll also find an article with a list of even more new Interest Groups we can start as soon as we have chairs in place. Please call Alison Seaman and volunteer—serving as a group chair is fun and remarkably easy.

The addition of our new Interest Groups and the possibility of so many more underscores how hard we're trying to offer enough activities to please every single member. If, by some hard-to-believe chance, there's an activity we don't offer and you wish we did, please suggest it. We're always open to new ideas and new chances for friendship!

Hope to see you the evening of August 17th at Lucy's Fried Chicken on the Lake. Don't forget that event, like our wonderful evening at Ski Shores last month, is one of two summer substitutes for our usual monthly luncheon.

August Board Meeting Wednesday, Aug. 3, 9:30am social, meeting at 10:00am

Where: 10337 Salida Dr., 78749
Alison Seaman
650-714-5142

RSVP: Susi Spies,
susi.spies@gmail.com
Alison Seaman,
alisonseaman@yahoo.com



BOOK GROUPS

Book Groups: Thursday, August 25**Social: 10:00 am, Discussion: 10:30 am****Book:** *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George**Upcoming Books:**Sept.- *The Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan Twan EngOct.- *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai

Nov./Dec.-Combined meeting with local author

We have kept this group going by creating three groups: Indian Paintbrush, Yellow Rose and Bluebonnet. All groups read the same books, which are chosen annually in the fall. If you would like to join a Book Group, please contact:

Sue Naylor
ssnayl@gmail.com

Bluebonnet Group

Host: Home of Victoria Reck
 4408 Enclave Cove

Discussion Facilitator: Judy Moore

RSVP: 512-925-0154,
Victoria_reck@yahoo.com

Chairs: Sue Naylor
ssnayl@gmail.com
 Pam Von Mende
runpamrun@yahoo.com

Yellow Rose Group

Host: Jane Hoffman
 5808 Brittlyns Ct.

Discussion Facilitator: Susan Van Lew

RSVP: 512-795-9677,
dj_hoffaustin@yahoo.com

Chairs: Gayle Cannon
gayle.cannon70@gmail.com
 Connie Esau
connieesau@gmail.com

Indian Paintbrush Group

Host: Janet Lande
 13409 Crystal Way

Discussion Facilitator: TBD

RSVP: Janet Lande, 512-632-1305,
jslaustin@gmail.com

Chairs: Andie Allen
andreaalleninteriors@gmail.com
 Janet Lande jslaustin@gmail.com

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

The Afternoon Mystery Group will not meet in August. We meet in member's homes at 1:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month from September to May to discuss books whose subjects are always mysteries.

When: Wednesday, Sept. 14**Hostess:** Karen Kirmis**Discussion leader:** Karen Kirmis**Book:** *Winter and Night* by R. J. Rozen**RSVP:** Karen: at kkirmis@gmail.com**Upcoming titles:**

Winter and Night by R J Rozen
An Unsuitable Job for a Woman by P.D. James
Career of Evil by John Galbraith
Bruno, Chief of Police by Martin Walker
The Blackhouse by Peter May
Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey
The Art Forger by B A Shapiro
A Small Death in the Great Glen by A D Scott
The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny

Men's Book Club

No August meeting; usually 4th Tuesday at 1:00 pm

Contact: Hector Barrio, 512-633-2103,
hebate@gmail.com



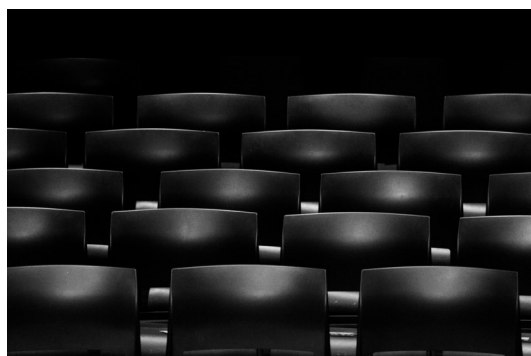
ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS

Art House Cinema North**Friday, August 12, 7:30 pm****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.

RSVP: We welcome new members. If you enjoy animated discussions, join us by sending your name, phone number and address to: Ingrid Sarraat, isarratster@gmail.com

Ingrid will place your name on the group's email list and contact you by email with specific information about the next film and meeting location.

**Art House Cinema South****Friday, August 12, 7:00 pm****Cost:** \$1.00/person

Details: Love to go to the movies? Love to discuss them with others who share your passions? Would it be most convenient for you to meet on the south side of town? Arthouse Cinema South is right for you. The group chooses a current film (and usually a backup film) at its monthly meetings. Members see the movies on their own, and then get together as a group to discuss and rate their selections. The group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Friday of the month. The meeting places are south of Lady Bird Lake and Lake Austin, but you can view the films anywhere in town.

For more information contact ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com.

ArTreks

Please contact alisonseaman@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming chairperson for this group.

ArTreks meets several times per year to visit or tour a special art exhibit, event or venue. Lunch after is optional. Members are welcome to participate in any or all of the tours that pique their interests.

Critics Corner

Critics' Corner will not meet in August.

Usual date: 2nd Friday at 7:30 pm.

Daytrippers

There will be no more trips until the fall. For information about Day Trippers contact "Twan" Brady at brady@gvec.net or 512-627-1363.

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Dance Austin!**Friday, September 16, 7:30 - 11:00 pm****Two-step and Country Waltz Lessons****Where:** Go Dance Studio, 4477 S. Lamar, Suite 530**RSVP:** By 9/15, specific instructions to be provided later**Cost:** \$10 per person

Details: We are all meeting at the Go Dance Studio for a group dance lesson. After refreshments, stay and practice what we learned on the dance floor! This is a totally fun event for dancers and non dancers alike. No partners are needed. Wear boots or soft soled shoes. We are getting a \$5.00 discount and joining the Newcomer Night. Come and join us, please, this is Dance Austin's kick off event! The lesson is 90 minutes long then stay and dance as long as you want to up until 11 pm!

For more information: Alison Seaman, alisonseaman@yahoo.com or Karen Kirmis, kkirmis@gmail.com.

**Shop Austin!****Tuesday, August 2, 10:00 am****What:** Breed & Co. Tour and Shopping**Hosts:** Diane Gallagher & Janet Jones**Where:** Breed & Co. , 3663 Bee Cave Rd.

RSVP by Friday, July 29: [Register Online](#) or email Diane at cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com or Janet Jones at jones6lp@gmail.com We MUST know how many are planning to join us for lunch!

Details: Breed & Co. is so much more than a hardware store. While hardware is still a big part of the experience, the collection of products also includes some of the finest tableware, kitchenware, garden and seasonal décor you'll find anywhere. They also offer a full range of services from cutting keys and glass to a CO2 carbonator exchange! You have to see it to believe it. The Store's manager will give us an in-depth tour of all the store has to offer. We'll have time to browse on our own as well as shop the unique boutiques in Westlake Court Shopping Center including Embellish and Red Bird. And, of course, we'll have lunch at the famous Blue Dahlia.

**Friends Connection****Sunday, September 11, 1:00 pm****What:** Jack Allen Kitchen 360 Brunch**Where:** 3600 Capitol of Texas Hwy., 78746

RSVP by Sept. 10: Karen Werner,
karentwerner20@aol.com

New members provide name, address, cell number.

The Friends Connection is a group interested in developing friendships. We will be starting out the season by having brunch at a very popular restaurant.

Jack Allen's kitchen is rated top ten in the Zagat listing of American food in Austin. It is reasonably priced!

If you have not eaten at this restaurant, you are in for a treat! It is their 3rd restaurant opening and they even have a cookbook!

Our aim is to get to know each other. Also, I am open to ideas for activities our group could participate in this coming year. So please think of fun activities ahead of time of our gathering or e-mail me your ideas.

If you are bringing a guest, interested in car pooling or need a ride, let Karen know.

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, cont.

The Play's the Thing

Six Saturday's
Oct. - June



As a group, theater lovers will attend six plays in the Austin Playhouse 2016-2017 season. The plays and dates are:

- October 1, SILENT SKY by Lauren Gunderson;
- December 3, BASKERVILLE, A HERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY by Ken Ludwig;
- February 4, BLOOMSDAY by Steven Dietz;
- March 4, TBA
- April 1, SENSE AND SENSIBILITY by Kate Hamill;
- June 3, GUYS AND DOLLS by Frank Loesser, Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

The cost for each six-play subscription is \$150 for adults and \$140 for adults 65 and older.

To subscribe, call Cyndi at the Austin Playhouse Box Office at 512-476-0084. Mention that you are with the Austin Newcomers Theater Group in order to be seated with the group. One of the many advantages of subscribing is that you can change to other dates during the season if you have a conflict.

Prior to each performance, we will meet at 5:30pm at VINO VINO at 4119 Guadalupe for some wining and dining.

For more information about the plays, other subscriber benefits and directions to the theater, go to www.austinplayhouse.com. For general information about the theater-lovers group, send an e-mail to Rinette Seidner at plays@austinnewcomers.com.

ANC Board News

The July turnover lunch was held on June 29th at Rocco's Grill. Outgoing president Jan Jones expressed her gratitude to all board members, with a special recognition of Diane Gallagher. Jan presented Diane with a gift certificate to Travassa Spa and a card that contained the following text:

Dear Diane,

Words cannot express our deep gratitude for all you have done for Newcomer's. During your term as president, you shared your vision for a new website, which you have patiently and tirelessly nurtured and brought to fruition.

You continue to devote countless hours perfecting it and training us, all for the long-term benefit of our club.

We are all very proud of this new website which has not only dramatically changed our public presence on the web, but greatly improved the functionality of our communication and registration.

We hope you enjoy a day at Travaasa Spa as a small token of our heartfelt appreciation.

Your friends at ANC

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.

FOOD/SOCIAL

Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

Saturday, August 27, 6:30 pm

Where: Brio Tuscan Grill, 10000 Research Blvd

Cost: Menu price, separate checks

RSVP by 8/10: Register online or email Sandy Strakosch at gravemom@yahoo.com

Details: This group for single women will meet for dinner at Brio Tuscan Grill in the Arboretum. We will have a large table (or two) and everyone will pay their own way using the regular restaurant menu. The choices are varied, from salads, appetizers, light fare and great entrees!

Next month we will go back to enjoying dinner at members' homes. But for the summer, let's enjoy a nice evening out. Our aim is to get together for an evening of good food and friendship.

Happy Hour

Tuesday, August 16, 4:30 pm

Where: Trulucks, 400 Colorado St.

RSVP by 8/15: Debbi Highbarger, mombcool@aol.com

Price: Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.

Details: It will be a fun afternoon/evening where we can meet and mingle and enjoy selected half-priced appetizers, cocktails, & wines.



TGI Social

Sunday, August 28, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

A time to kick back to meet and connect with friends old and new. Nothing but FUN on the agenda!

Hosts: Sharon and Brian Moore

Where: 3400 Scenic Overlook Trail, 78734

Cost: \$1.00 at door to cover paper goods

RSVP: [Register online](#)

Questions: Email tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com or contact Sharon Moore at smoore7791@gmail.com, 512-349-2318 or contact Charlotte Slack at cbs200@gmail.com, 979-255-1680

Bring: Hearty appetizers and beverages of your choice to share: beer, soft drinks, wine, tea, lemonade, etc. Singles bring beverage or appetizer. Couples bring both.

Get a head start on September! Mark your calendar for: Sunday, September 25 4-6

Home of Shirl and Jack Slayton

6604 Magenta Lane

RSVP online or shirlslayton@yahoo.com

512-507-4498



LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats

Saturday, August 20, 6:00 pm

Host: Roz Stephenson

Where: 4101 Gandra Bend

RSVP: Roz Stephenson at rozstephenson5@aol.com
no rsvp deadline

French Conversation

Not meeting in August

Usual date: 2nd Wednesday at 12:30 pm

Spanish Conversation

Not meeting in August

Usual date: 3rd Monday at 10 am

GAMES

1st Friday Bridge

August 5, 6:30 pm - 9:45 pm

Where: Lamar Senior Activity Center, 2974 Shoal Crest

Cost: \$5.00 per person

RSVP: Call 512-280-4117 or e-mail: edward@stokes.biz

All Bridge players are welcome, both couples and singles. Players of average to very good are invited to join for a fun night of bridge.

Bunco

Tuesday, August 16, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Host: Debbi Highbarger

Current Bunco members RSVP: Debbi at
512-750-1354, mombcool@aol.com

Directions will be provided when you respond.
Contact Mary Ann Leitz if you are interested in joining the group as a regular player or substitute.

Chair: Mary Ann Leitz, 504-259-8173, ditsy@att.net

Kitchen Bridge

Wednesday, August 24, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Bring your lunch.

Home of: Mimi Rhea, 1509 Braided Rope Dr.

RSVP: Mimi Rhea, 512-705-9744, eerhea@att.net

Reservations may be made no earlier than the first of the month of the event.

Chair: Mimi Rhea, 512-491-0744, eerhea@att.net

3rd Thursday Bridge

Thursday, August 18

9:45 am Social Time

10:00 am Play begins promptly

Where: IHOP, 1101 S. Mopac Expy. Note new venue!

Cost: now \$3.00

This is a group of average to expert bridge players who 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: Eva Griswold 713-376-8119
evagriswold@hotmail.com

Chair: Felicia Morrison, 512-619-0100



GAMES, continued

Canasta**Monday, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 11:00 am****Location:** Rocco's Grill
12432 Bee Cave Road
Bee Cave**RSVP:** Register online the Sunday before each date. If you have questions, email or call Dottie Thoms at canasta@austinnewcomers.com, 512-820-5980.**Details:** We meet every Monday for a relaxing day playing a Hand and Foot version of Canasta. The game is easy to learn and new players are invited to join. You're welcome to play as often as you'd like - weekly or just occasionally.

We break for lunch, order from the menu and get separate checks and continue playing afterward.

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 \$15.00 when they join to cover the cost of cards and supplies.**Euchre****Saturday, August 20
7:00 pm****Home of:** Susi Spies, 4014 Avenue G

This game is quick and easy to learn but with enough challenge to make it interesting. We welcome seasoned and new players looking for an evening of fun playing cards. Limit 8 players.

RSVP: Online or email
euchre@austinnewcomers.com**Chair:** Kasha Petrea, 716-393-1991,
kasha.action@gmail.com**Ladies Poker**

Ladies Poker will not meet in August. The group regularly meets on the 4th Thursday in the evening.

**Mah Jongg****Thursdays, August 11 & 25, 1:00 - 4:00 pm****Where:** Café Express, 3418 North Lamar Blvd.

This group plays the American version of Mah Jongg and uses the National Mah Jongg card. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us. Players are invited to come early for lunch if desired.

RSVP: Jeanne Broussard,
Jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com**Pinochle****Tuesday, August 9, 7:00pm****Host:** Nancy & Greg Shipley**RSVP:** Gshipley14@me.com, 832-236-9909**Where:** 5812 Tributary Ridge Dr.**Details:** Everyone invited to learn/relearn this fun card game. Single deck and double deck variations will be explored. There are many ways to play this game so come share what you know. Open to all ideas so long as we are having fun!

Help us decide when and how often to meet.

GAMES, continued



Second Sunday Scrabble

Sunday, August 14, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Host: Sandy Longstreth, sandytzone@juno.com
513-293-5523

Where: Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar, 3339 Hancock Dr.

RSVP by Aug. 6th: sandytzone@juno.com

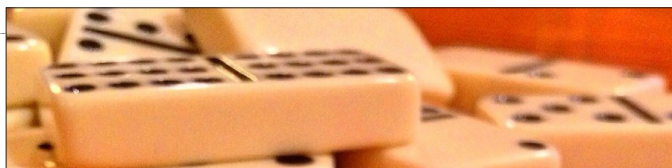
Mexican Train

August 10 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Café Express, 3814 N. Lamar (near Seton)

Details: We meet the second Wednesday of the month for a game of dominoes. It is important to arrive on time so we can get the tables set. The game is fun and quick to learn. We play for an hour starting at 11am, break for lunch and end by 2pm. Good food/good fun! Bring an extra set of Mexican Train dominoes, if you have them.

RSVP: Nancy Belmont 512-330-4130 or [register online](#). Questions? Email mexicantrain@austinnewcomers.com.



HEALTH & FITNESS

Golfing Around Austin

Cost: Greens fees vary, pay at course

RSVP by 9/4: Register Online or email jwcates3@gmail.com at least 8 days before play date

September 12, 2016

Details: The group normally plays the 2nd Monday of each month at various Austin public golf courses. However, we are taking the summer off. Our next scheduled play date will be Monday, September 12, 2016. Contact me know if you have any questions or need further information.

John Cates, 832 814-8402, jwcates3@gmail.com



Happy Trails

Saturday, September 3, 9:00 am

Where: Madrone Canyon Nature Preserve/Laura Bush Community Library
9411 Bee Cave Road, 78733

RSVP: Register online or contact donnadau@hotmail.com. No deadline.

Details: We will be treated to a guided tour of this bucolic nature trail featuring a panoramic view of the Texas Hill Country and a look at the unique habitat for a native and endangered tree called the Texas Madrone. The tour will take about an hour. The path requires some navigation, so good hiking shoes are a must. Bring water, and please dress for the weather. After the walk, there will be an optional tour of the library.

Hearty Hikers

Hearty Hikers has not scheduled any hikes for August. Hikes will resume in September!

Usual date: 2nd Tuesday in the morning

HELLO AUSTIN!

Register online at www.austinnewcomers.com. Questions contact helloaustin@austinnewcomers.com.

Twisted X Beer Brewery Tour, Saturday, August 6, 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Twisted X created the Tex/ Mex distinction to describe its approach to brewing Texas craft beers with Mexican-style spirit and flavor. The result is a flight of high-quality craft lagers, pilsners, IPAs and more, with an expanding selection and endless mojo. There is no advanced cost. Pay for food and beer on site. Last day to RSVP is Aug. 1.

Long Center Symphony Concerts in Park, Sunday, August 7, 7:30 pm

This is a popular series, so come early. Bring a picnic dinner, chairs or blankets. Look for our flag. RSVP not required but appreciated. Free parking at One Texas Center.

Trailer Food Tuesday at the Long Center, Tuesday, August 16, 5:00pm

We will meet on the front lawn of the Long Center. Look for the flag. Live music from 6 to 9. There are 14 food trucks this year. Parking is free at One Texas Center.

Austin Eats Food Tour, just for Hello Austin! Wednesday, August 31, 5:30 pm

Our custom tour features La BBQ, 2 Food Trucks, and 1 Dessert Location. Tour will start at 5:30 pm and end about 8 pm. The event is BYOB. A cooler will be provided to put beverages in. Last Day to RSVP and pay online is August 11th. Meet-up location will be sent when available.

Cost \$65 per person. Register online (no checks). Tour maximum is 38.



Knit and Stitch

Thursday, August 4, 10:00 am

Where: 6301 Farmdale Lane, 78749

RSVP: heatherashbee@comcast.net

Details: We meet on the first Thursday of each month from 10am-noon to knit, crochet or do laptop needle-work projects. Join us for coffee, crafting and conversation.



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 to be added to the email list.

PHOTO SHOOT

Location and time: TBD

Instructions will be emailed to all members before each photo shoot giving the location, time and directions.

PHOTO SHARE SESSION

Date: Fourth Tuesday of each month

Time: 10:30 AM socializing - 11:00 AM share session
Email 6 photos to Bill Sofer at 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.

August 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Canasta 11:00 am	2 Shop Austin! Tour of Breed & Co. 10:00 am	3 Board Meeting 9:30 am	4 Knit & Stitch 10 am	5 1st Friday Social Bridge 6:30 pm	6 Hello Austin - Twisted X 1:00 pm
7 Hello Austin-Symphony in Park 7:30 pm	8 Canasta 11:00 am	9 Photography Group - Photo Shoot , time TBD Pinochle 7:00 pm	10 Mexican Train 11:00 am	11 Mah Jongg 1 pm	12 Arthouse Cinema 7:30pm South , North	13
14 Second Sunday Scrabble 3:00 pm	15 Canasta 11:00 am	16 Bunco 10:30 am Happy Hour 4 :00 pm Hello Austin - Trailer Food 5:00 pm	17 General Membership Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm	18 Third Thursday Bridge 9:45 am	19	20 Expats 6:00 pm Euchre 7:00 pm
21	22 Canasta 11:00 am	23 Photography - Photo Share 10:30 am	24 Kitchen Bridge 10:30 am	25 Book Groups 10 am Mah Jongg 1:00	26	27 Come to Dinner- Bring a Plate , 6:30 pm
28 T.G.I. Social 4 :00 pm	29 Canasta 11:00 am	30	31 Hello Austin - Austin Eats 5:30 pm			

INTERESTED IN STARTING A NEW INTEREST GROUP?

Anyone who's ever read our Newcomer's Welcome Mat and seen all our activities knows we have all sorts of games, get-togethers and interest groups. But we want to make sure we aren't missing a group for an activity YOU especially like to do.

Several new groups are about to start—See my President's letter for specifics. In addition, you'll find a list below of other possible new groups. Please take a minute to look it over and see if there's something that makes your heart beat faster. Also, feel free to share ideas YOU might have for a group. One caveat: **Any new group will need a Chair to get it started. Please volunteer!**



We hope some of the new groups on the right are appealing to you and that you'll send a quick email to our Interest Group Chair, at alisonseaman@yahoo.com telling her which groups you're interested in or suggesting a group of your own.

On page 11 of the July Welcome Mat, you'll find an article explaining how easy new groups are to Chair. So, if you'd really like to see one of the above groups get started, we hope you'll not only sign up for it, but maybe jump in and volunteer to lead it—again by contacting Alison at alisonseaman@yahoo.com

Bocce Ball

A fun old game with a new generation of enthusiasts. (Does anyone have a court to share?)

- **Pickleball**

Easy, new paddleball game played with a perforated ball.

- **Tennis**

Singles, doubles or mixed.

- **Movie Goers**

A group that goes to movies together, rather than just meeting to discuss them.

- **Beethoven, Bach and Ballet**

Outings to the symphony or combo of symphony and ballet.

- **Men's Beer and BBQ**

No explanation needed!

- **He man**

Group for athletically inclined males. Basketball, mountain biking, rock climbing or whatever curls your biceps.

- **Live Music Lovers**

Outings to hear Austin live music together.

- **Travel Buffs**

Meet and share travel tales or actually go on a planned trip.

- **Garden Club**

Tour gardens, discuss plants that will actually grow in Austin.

- **Investment Ideas**

Study what will make us rich OR keep us from ending up poor.

- **Grandparenting**

Meet to discuss fun places to take kids in Austin or fun craft ideas.

- **Doggie Play Group**

Gather at local dog parks for human social and canine exercise.

Newcomers Learn About the Austin Music Scene at Monthly Meeting

At the June Monthly Meeting, we were fortunate to host guest speaker, Brad Spies, Head of Special Projects at SXSW and President of the Austin Live Music Association from 2010-15. Brad shared the history of the Austin's music scene, the dynamics changing the landscape for musicians and some things we can do to help keep the scene alive and well. He also provided a few SXSW secrets and some hotspots for us to go to. Following is some of the information from the hand-out he provided. Go online to learn more about these resources, events and great music venues.

Online Resources:

Do512 (do512.com)

Austin360.com

Austin Chronicle (austinchronicle.com/calendar/music/)

Showlist Austin (showlistaustin.com)

Music Festivals:

SXSW (South by Southwest hosted at venues downtown and throughout Austin in mid-March)

ACL (Austin City Limits hosted at Zilker Park for two weekends in October)

Levitation Festival

Old Settlers Music Festival

Euphoria Festival

Austin Urban Musical Festival

Austin Reggae Music Festival



Music Venues to Check Out:

Continental Club

Saxon Pub

C. Boy's Heart & Soul

The White Horse

Barracuda

Beerland

Elephant Room

Sidewinder

Stubb's

Lambert's Upstairs

Scout Inn

The Parish

Cactus Café

Broken Spoke

Shady Grove

Empire Control Room

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We would like to receive and publish pictures taken by the Interest Groups. Please include the name of the group and the date of the event.

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RSVP REQUIRED: <http://bit.ly/newcomersmeeting> or complete form below



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for Wednesday, Aug. 17th

Meeting Price: \$30.00 Make check payable to: **Austin Newcomers Club**

Name(s) _____

Please print

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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We always need greeters at our monthly meetings. It's an easy job and a great way to get acquainted with other Newcomers. Let us know if you are willing to help at this meeting or a future one. The Greeter Coordinator will call you with additional details. ☐ I'm willing to be a greeter at this meeting. ☐ I'm interested in being a greeter at a future meeting.

FOR MEMBERS WITH DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, AN ALTERNATIVE MENU OPTION IS AVAILABLE—NOTICE IS REQUIRED WITH THE RSVP. Please include specific information regarding restrictions.

MEMBER IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MENU SUBSTITUTIONS MADE AT THE EVENT.

Please mail check and form to Laurie Gillig, 11701 Shadestone Terrace, Austin, TX 78732.

Cancellations due by Aug. 14th. Call (614) 361-4936 or luncheondirector@austinnewcomers.com

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