



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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January Luncheon Top Ten Interior Design Mistakes Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Location: Chez Zee

Address: 5406 Balcones Dr., 78731

Cost: \$30 pp
Cash bar available

Time: 11:00 am social time
followed by a buffet lunch

RSVP: [Online](#) by 1/15
or postmark by 1/13

Join us for ANC's January meeting and luncheon featuring Christina Couvillion of Davinci Interiors. Christina will reveal the *Top 10 Interior Design Mistakes to Avoid*.



Since Christina was a little girl, interior decorating always captured her heart. She finds it fascinating how a little rearranging, a touch of color, or a single furnishing piece can completely transform a room. Seeing her clients not only love the look of their finished space, but also finding it comfortable and livable is truly a rewarding takeaway that never fades. Throughout her creative journeys, she has uncovered and accumulated best practices, favorite designers, new products, and other tricks of the trade.



New & Prospective Member Welcome Event

Sunday, January 22, 2017
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Home of: Annie Prasad and Anand Kruttiventi

RSVP: [Online](#)
Please RSVP for directions and planning purposes

Details: Please bring along a hearty appetizer and a drink to share. Please come and meet fellow Austin Newcomers, board members and our many interest group chairs.



President's Message



Interest Groups & Events

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January Board Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 4
Social at 9:30 am
Meeting at 10:00 am

Host: Paul Parrish
 631 Sad Willow Pass
 Driftwood, TX 78619

RSVP: [Online](#)

Questions: susi.spies@gmail.com
 Paul Parrish
 979-739-2608



New Year's resolution time is upon us. Aaaugh! I grew up with a wonderful father who never stopped trying to be the best he could be. He set goals for himself: daily goals, weekly, monthly, annual, probably even lifetime goals. And he worked hard to reach them. I remember that even as a child, I was impressed with his diligence, but too slothful to be motivated to set and strive toward goals of my own.

That slothfulness still slops over every December 31st when nostalgia for the year ending segues into anticipation of the year to come. One of my favorite sayings is, "It's the possibilities that keep me going, not the guarantee." Heretofore, every New Year's Eve has found me happily anticipating all the possibilities ahead, but totally uninterested in exercising the discipline required to actually lose 10 pounds, or clean my closet, or read a non-fiction best seller every month.

This year might be a little different. In light of all the sad bullying and ugliness, and persecution we're hearing about, I'm hereby resolving to make a real bona fide New Year's resolution to be as kind and supportive, and inclusive a human being as I can possibly be. Hopefully, after two long, ugly years of electioneering, we can finally, collectively, bring America back to being our beloved America the Beautiful. Fingers crossed!

Speaking of beautiful, Newcomers is planning a beautiful new line-up of events for 2017. First up is the all-club Casino Party at Great Hills Country Club on January 7th. Be ye shark or patsy, we guarantee you a fun night. There's a "cover charge" of \$60 a person, but after that, the chips are free, the tables fast and fun, and the prizes plentiful. There'll be instruction for those who need it and challenge for those who don't. Space is limited though, so make your reservations soon!

To each and every one of you, I thank you for friendship and support in 2016, and I wish you more friends, more fun times, and all good things in the New Year ahead!

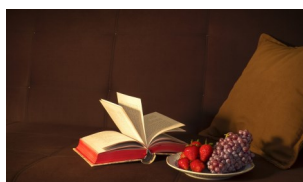
BOOK GROUPS

Book Groups: Thursday, January 26**Social:** 10:00 am**Discussion:** 10:30am**Book:** America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura KamoieIf you would like to join a Book Group, please contact:
Sue Naylor, ssnayl@gmail.com

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.

**Bluebonnet Group****Host:** Judy Parken
7917 W. Rim Drive , 78731**Facilitator:** Jane German**RSVP by 1/24:** japarken@aol.com
(512)-502-0278**Chair:** Sue Naylor
ssnayl@gmail.com**Yellow Rose Group****Host:** Mimi Rhea
1509 Braided Rope Dr.**Facilitator:** Shirlee Konopka**RSVP:** eehea@att.net or 512-491-0744**Chairs:** Gayle Cannon
gayle.cannon70@gmail.com
Connie Esau
connieesau@gmail.com**Indian Paintbrush Group****Host:** Sherrie Hale
9608 Big View Dr., 78730**Facilitator:** TBD**RSVP:** sherrie3831@att.net**Chairs:** Andie Allen
andreaalleninteriors@gmail.com
Janet Lande
jslaustin@gmail.com**Afternoon Mystery Book Group****Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1:00 pm****Host:** Joanie Maqsood**Where:** 908 W. Elizabeth St.**Book:** *The Blackhouse* by Peter May**RSVP:** [Online](#) by 12/10**Chair:** Dianne Killough, dianne2345@gmail.com

Details: We meet in member's homes at 1:00 pm. on the second Wednesday of the month from September to May to discuss books whose subjects are always mysteries.

Upcoming titles:*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****Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1:00 pm****Host:** TBA**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Hector Barrio
hebate@gmail.com**Book:** *The silk roads: A new history of the world* by Peter Frankopan

Peter Frankopan's intention in *The Silk Roads* is to shift the spotlight of world history away from its Eurocentric focus, to Iran, to the ignored "stans" of Central Asia, even to Afghanistan. His goal is to convince readers that the story of Asia and Europe is really one, that they interacted constantly in the past, and that they do so even more today

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS

Art House Cinema North**Friday, January 13, 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: [Online](#)

New Members: 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, January 13, 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.**Critics Corner****Friday, January 13, 7:30 pm**

Members will receive an invite with information about the movie and the location of the meeting. Members see the movie on their own, then we meet at a member's home for a lively discussion. Members are asked to bring one of the following: a hearty appetizer or a dessert or a beverage (such as a bottle of wine to share). Couples should bring two items.

RSVP: [Online](#)

New Members: Bobbi Barrio
criticscorner@austinnewcomers.com

Day Trippers**Monday, January 23****Bastrop Tours and Lunch** (rescheduled from Oct.)

9:00 am: One hour tour of Deep in the Heart Art Foundry, 405 Jackson St. Meet promptly at 9:00.

10:30 am: Two hour tour of MD Anderson Animal Research Center, 650 Cool Water Drive (off hwy 95N, Hwy 2336).

11:30 am: Lunch at Maxine's, 905 Main St.

1:30 pm: Tour of new Historical Museum on Main Street.

Cost: \$10.00 check will hold your reservation to Twan Brady, 6820 Cypress Point N unit 6, 78746.

RSVP: [Online](#).

Details: Participants will need to sign a release and be able to walk for 2 hours. Wear closed toe shoes.

Chair: For information and carpooling.
 Twan Brady, brady@gvec.net
 512-627-1363

Dance Austin!
No event in January

Chairs: Alison Seaman,
alisonseaman@yahoo.com
 Karen Kirmis, kkirmis@gmail.com

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Shop Austin!**Monday, Jan, 30, 11:00 am****Where:** Whole Earth Provision Co.
4477 S Lamar #200, 78745**RSVP by 1/23:** [Online](#)**Hosts:** Diane Gallagher & Janet Jones**Questions:** Diane, cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com
Janet, jones6lp@gmail.com

Details: For more than 40 years Whole Earth has remained true to its ideals of providing goods that are relevant, educational and high quality and/or low cost. One more criterion has been added to the list: FUN! Toys for all ages are an important part of what makes a Whole Earth Provision Co. store a favorite with the whole family. Stores are filled with toys and nature oriented gifts like windchimes, birdfeeders and hammocks; quality shoes; casual, travel and active clothing; travel and outdoor gear and accessories and, of course, books!

We'll learn how to experience, enjoy and preserve our planet Earth. If you haven't been into one of these store's three locations – this is the time. There's something for everyone. We'll tour the store and have lunch at Central Market after. And, for those who are interested, head to Back Home, a French inspired furnishings boutique in the same mall.

Visit <http://www.wholeearthprovision.com> to learn more.

Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate**Saturday, January 28, 6:30 pm**

RSVP: An email is sent to the people on the list around the first of the month, and you should RSVP then. Once the guest list is complete, the hostess sends out menu information and the address and directions to attendees a few weeks before the event.

Details: Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a monthly dinner group for single ANC members who enjoy cooking and socializing. 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 Lynne Marcus if you want to receive the invitation.

We meet on the 4th Saturday night in groups of between four and twelve at one or two homes. The hostess plans the menu, compiles recipes, and asks guests to provide one of the dishes. This group has grown over the past several months, so we would like a commitment when you join the list 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 would enjoy spending time in your home. This group works because of the generosity and kindness of the members.

Chair: Lynne Marcus
marcus08@gmail.com
505-340-5464

Friends Connection**Sunday, January 29, 1:30 pm****Where:** The Grove Wine Bar and Kitchen, West Lake
6317 Bee Cave Road, 78746

Cost: You can order off the menu which has a wide selection of possibilities or you can have a brunch menu. Prices range from \$9 to \$28, with the majority being around \$12-\$16

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: If you would like to car pool, please provide Karen with your contact phone number and zip code. Please also indicate if you would like to go by yourself or go with a group. The restaurant has a wonderful wine collection so let's carpool!

Chair: Karen Werner
817-896-4905
karentwerner20@aol.com

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

The Play's the Thing

Coming Up *Bloomsday*

As a group, theater lovers will attend a diverse and exciting lineup of plays in the Austin Playhouse 2016-2017 season.

Mark your calendars for the following plays and dates:

- February 4, *Bloomsday* by Steven Dietz;
- March 4, *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller
- April 1, *Sense and Sensibility* by Kate Hamill;
- June 3, *Guys and Dolls* by Frank Loesser, Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

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

RSVP for Vino Vino: plays@austinnewcomers.com

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.

For general information or questions email Rinette Seidner at plays@austinnewcomers.com.



TGI Social

Thank Goodness It's Social

Saturday, January 14, 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: Dave and Pattie Schieck

Where: 10212 Banks Court, 78739

Cost: \$1.00 at door for paper goods

RSVP by 1/12: [Online](#)

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.

Chair/Questions: Charlotte Slack
cbs200@gmail.com
979-255-1680

Mark your Calendar: Sunday, February 12
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Home of Saj and Joanie Maqsood

Live Music Lovers

Sunday, January 15, 6:30 pm

Where: Antone's
305 E 5th St,
78701



Cost: Less than \$10

RSVP: [Online](#)

Chairs: Dona Reynolds, grdr@hotmail.com
Ellen Honey, eshoney10@mac.com

Details: Miss Lavelle White is a blues singer in her 80's who has toured with BB King, Otis Redding and others. Her show is one of a kind. On Jan. 15th, the multi-talented Ruthie Foster is scheduled to join her. Check your weekly email for updates-at Miss Lavelle's age, changes can occur.

ENTERTINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Try This

We begin another new year with so many events it is hard to choose just a few. Here are some January events, some weird and some not so weird

**Austin Home and Garden Show
January 13-15**

Where: Austin Convention Center

Cost: Adults \$9.50. Seniors \$8.50.

Details: With thousands of square feet of exhibits, you'll find the latest in products and services for everything from builders, contractors, materials, decks, pools, spas, entertainment systems, storage, plants, landscape displays/materials, kitchenware, and much more. <http://showtechnology.com/event/annual-austin-home-garden-show/>.

**3M Half Marathon
January 22, 7:30 – 11:30 am**

Registration Fee: \$105 (see FAQ's on link)

Details: Lace up your sneakers. On Sunday, January 22 a parade of participants take to the scenic streets of Austin to run the fast half. One of Austin's largest road races, the 3M Half Marathon showcases some of the greatest sites this city offers as well as captures the vibrant energy that invigorates runners and spectators alike. www.3mhalfmarathon.com

Austin Gorilla Run

January 28, 8:30 am

Mountain Gorilla Conservation Fund

Where: Camp Mabry

Registration fees: from \$15-\$109.95 and includes a gorilla suit that you can keep. (Yes really.)

Details: Join hundreds of people dressed as mountain gorillas as they run through Camp Mabry for the 7th Annual Austin Gorilla Run, a way to keep Dian Fossey's dream alive. www.austingorillarun.com.

**1855 Neill-Cochran House Museum
Every Tuesday-Saturday, 1:00-4:00 pm**

Where: 2310 San Gabriel St.

Cost: \$8

Details: The Neill-Cochran House Museum preserves and reflects the experience of some of Austin's earliest residents. Built in 1855 by renowned entrepreneur and builder Abner Cook, the house and the collections it displays shed light on the local, individual, and political history of our growing city. ANC member Johnsie Bryan is a volunteer and suggested this. www.nchmuseum.org

If you have suggestions for events please email them with a link to the website to Lynne Marcus at lmarcus08@gmail.com with "Try This" in the subject line.

FOOD/SOCIAL

Out to Lunch Bunch

January 27, 11:30 am

Where: Vinaigrette

2201 College Ave. Austin

RSVP by 1/25: [Online](#)

Details: Join us for lunch at Vinaigrette, a salad bistro also offering soups, hearty sandwiches and house made desserts. Vinaigrette is described as "comfort food that is decidedly nutritious," with much of the produce grown on a Bastrop farm.

Chairs: Jan Jones, Jones6LP@gmail.com
Peggy Sklar, psklar1@gmail.com

Happy Hour

Tuesday, January 17, 4:00-7:00 pm

Where: Dine (Radisson Austin)

111 East Cesar Chavez, Austin

RSVP by 1/15: [Online](#)

Price: Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.

Details: Come and enjoy an evening of fun, drinks and good food! There is plenty of free parking near the restaurant.

Chairs: Joanie Maqsood, fairwayj341@hotmail.com
Debbie Highbarger, mombcool@aol.com

LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats

Saturday, January 21, 5:00-7:00 pm

Host: Cindy Clarke & Tom Walter
5325 Tortuga Trail, 78731

RSVP: [Online](#) and copy twaltercclarke@hotmail.com

Chair: Faith Stevens, stevensfai@aol.com

Bring: Couples, please bring a hearty appetizer and a bottle of wine or beverage of your choice. Singles, please bring either a hearty appetizer or a beverage. Please note, once the event reaches capacity, we will create a waiting list.

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 at our monthly gatherings.

French Conversation

Wednesday, January 11, 12:30 pm

Host: Francine Webb
4105 Lakeplace lane, 78746

RSVP: francinewebb@me.com or call 512-569 3757

Chairs: Michele Abrio, 512-771-3372, abriol@mac.com
Genevieve Antier, 737-932-3631,
littlefrenchy44@gmail.com

Spanish Conversation

Monday, January 16, 10:00 am

Where: La Madeleine
Village of Westlake 701 S. Cap. of TX Hwy.

RSVP by 1/15: [Online](#)

Chair: Susana Surbek, susana.surbek@hotmail.com
512-740-2349

GAMES

1st Friday Bridge

Friday, January 6, 6:30 - 9:45 pm

Where: Lamar Senior Activity Center
2874 Shoal Crest Drive

Cost: \$5.00 per person

RSVP: Not necessary

Chairs: Edna or Ed Stokes
edward@stokes.biz
512-280-4117

Details: All Bridge players are welcome both couples and singles. Players of average to very good are invited to join us for a fun night of bridge. Social time is from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and bridge is from 7:00 to 9:45 pm.

Chair: Ed Stokes, edward@stokes.biz, 512-280-4117

3rd Thursday Bridge

Thursday, January 19

9:45 am social time

10:00 am play begins promptly

Host: Barbara McCollum

Where: IHOP, 1101 S Mopac Expy

Cost: \$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 by 1/17: [Online](#)
Barbara McCollum
512-829-4485, t.mccollum3@yahoo.com

Chair: Felicia Morrison, 512-619-0100,
feliciamorrison@hotmail.com

GAMES, continued

Kitchen Bridge**Wednesday, January 25, 10:30 am****Host:** Linda Wittenbrook
8209 Summer Place Dr.**Cost:** \$2.50
Bring your lunch**RSVP after 1/1:** Email Linda at wittenbrook@hotmail.com**Chair:** Mimi Rhea
512-491-0744
eerhea@att.net**Bunco****Tuesday, January 17, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm****Host:** Jackie Morrison
5100 Creekline Dr**RSVP:** Jacqueline_morris@usa.com**Chair:** Connie Gardner
peplett@aol.comContact Connie Gardner if you are interested in joining Bunco as a regular member or substitute.
Directions will be provided when you respond.**Canasta****Mondays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 11:00 am****Location:** Mimi's Cafe
2613 Galleria Circle
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave**RSVP:** Register [online](#) 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.

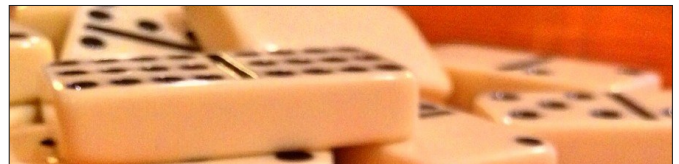
Join us for a fun day of cards and conversation with a group of interesting ladies.

Cost: New players pay a one time fee of \$15 when they join to cover the cost of cards and supplies.**Chair:** If you have questions, email or call Dottie Thoms at canasta@austinnewcomers.com, 512-820-5980.**Euchre****No event in January****Chair:** Kasha Petrea, 716-393-1991
kasha.action@gmail.com

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. Please bring a snack to share and what you want to drink, other than water.



GAMES, continued

Ladies Poker**Thursday, January 26, 6:30 pm****Host:** Joyce Gioia
7112 Viridian Lane**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Inge Eichberg
512-351-9807
inge@austin.rr.com**Mah Jongg****Thursday, January 12 & 26, 1:00 - 4:00 pm****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.**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Jeanne Broussard**Mexican Train****Wednesday, January 11, 11:00 am****Location:** Café Express, 3814 N. Lamar (behind Seton)**Cost:** \$2.00**RSVP:** Call 512-330-4130 or text 512-964-5738**Details:** We meet at 11:00 am, play then break for lunch then finish up the game about 2:00 pm, Mexican Train meets once monthly on the second Wednesday. Lots of fun.**Chair:** Nancy Belmont, nbelmont@austin.rr.com**Pinochle****Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 pm****Host:** Nancy & Greg Shipley
5812 Tributary Ridge Dr.**RSVP by 1/9:** [Online](#)**Chair:** nshipley@me.com
832-236-9909**Details:** All levels of players welcome! We play single, double or triple deck Pinochle with lots of laughter! Come join us for an evening of fun at Nancy Shipley's house in north Austin.**Second Sunday Scrabble****Sunday, January 8, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm****Where:** Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar
3339 Hancock Dr.**RSVP by 12/8:** [Online](#)**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
513-293-5523

HEALTH/FITNESS

Golfing Around Austin**Monday, January 9****Where:** Course to be determined**Cost:** Greens fees vary, pay at course**RSVP by 1/1:** [Online](#)

Details: We normally play the 2nd Monday of each month at various area golf courses. In addition to the upcoming January 9 play date, other planned play dates include Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10 and May 8. Lately, we have been playing Select Best Ball scrambles which everyone seems to enjoy.

Chair/Information: John Cates, 832 814-8402,
jwcates3@gmail.com

Happy Trails**Circle C: Metropolitan Park
at Slaughter Creek****Saturday, January 14, 9:00 am****Where:** 6301 West Slaughter Lane, 78739**RSVP:** [Online](#)

Details: We will kick off the New Year in South Austin for a scenic walk on this easy trail in Circle C Ranch. Cedars, live oaks and other hardwood trees grace this trail. Mourning doves and other birds are frequently seen. Interest is added to the trail as it passes a fenced area that protects a "karst" cave. A karst is an underground area of eroded limestone, caves, and streams, and the karst under central Texas allow groundwater to flow into the Edwards Aquifer. We will cross Slaughter Creek twice as we make a 2.4 mile counter clock-wise loop. Leashed dogs are permitted. We will meet at the trailhead directly behind the restroom building.

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer
donnadau@hotmail.com
 512-852-9535

Hearty Hikers**Spicewood Valley Hike****Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 am**

Where: Park on Westerkirk Dr. next to Mountain View Park entrance.

Cost: Hike is free. Optional self-pay lunch after the hike at Newk's in the Arboretum

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: The Spicewood Valley hike starts at a neighborhood park near Spicewood Springs Rd. and wanders down into a valley and then back up to another park off of Talleyran Dr. This is a moderate, single-track trail, with about 70% shade, that goes up and back for a distance of about 4 miles. There are two places that a hiking stick is helpful to navigate the rocky inclines. Restrooms and a water fountain at the midway point.

Bring/wear: Water, hat, sunscreen, shades, hiking stick, sturdy shoes.

Chair/Information: Beth Holcomb
bethholcomb7@gmail.com
 908-963-9731
 Dorothy Docherty
dotinsg@hotmail.com



GO GREEN
GO PAPERLESS

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HELLO AUSTIN!

Texas Stars Hockey**VS Bakersfield Condors**

Saturday, Jan. 28, 7:00 pm
(doors open at 6:00 pm)



Where: HEB Center, Cedar Park

Cost: \$25; children ages two and older require a ticket; under two years are free as a lap child.
Food and drinks are available for purchase.

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: If 30 members sign up, we will each get the opportunity to try a slapshot into the goal and a photo of us all! Also, anyone in our group who is interested in riding the Zamboni will be put into a drawing for an opportunity to do that. After you sign up online, email Hello Austin and let us know that you are interested in riding (can be an adult or child). So sign up soon for a night of fast and furious entertainment!

Parking: Parking is included in all ticket prices.

Hello Austin! Is Going Bowling!

Sunday, February 26

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Where: Dart Bowl
5700 Grover Ave.

Cost: \$20 per person includes
2-hours of bowling,
shoes and PRIZES!

RSVP by 1/20: [Online](#)



Details: We are going to have a fabulous time at Dart Bowl—voted best bowling alley by Austin Chronicle readers for 15 years straight. Home of the famous Dart Bowl Cafe where they serve great enchiladas. (We'll go here after!)

Information: Diane Gallagher
cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com

Register: www.austinnewcomers.com
Questions helloaustin@austinnewcomers.com

HOBBIES

Knit and Stitch

Thursday, January 5, 10:00 am - noon

Host: Arlene Agree
54 Rainey Street, #702, 78701

RSVP: [Online](#)
aagreezell@gmail.com

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

Chair: Heather Ashbee, heatherashbee@comcast.net

**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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANC CASINO NIGHT**What a better place to get dealt a winning hand**

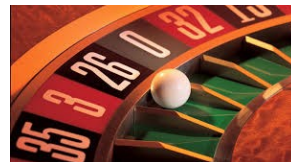
**PROFESSIONAL DEALERS!
GREAT ATMOSPHERE!
\$20,000 WORTH OF CHIPS!**

When: Saturday, January 7th**Where:** Great Hills Country Club

5914 Lost Horizon Dr, 78759

Time: 6:00 pm sign in, tables open at 6:30 pm**Cost:** \$60 per personPrice includes heavy hors d'oeuvres,
one drink and \$20,000 in chips.**RSVP:** Online

Limit of 66 guests.

Terrific Prizes: Wine baskets, B&B,
dinner and Top Golf!**Blackjack****Craps****Roulette****Texas Hold'em****PRIZES!****And More!****RSVP Now!**

January 2017

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	3	4 <u>Board Meeting</u> 10:00 am	5 <u>Knit & Stitch</u> 10:00 am	6 <u>1st Friday</u> <u>Bridge</u> 6:30pm	7 <u>Casino Night</u> 6:00 pm
8 <u>Second Sunday</u> <u>Scrabble</u> 3:00 pm	9 <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am <u>Golfing Around</u> <u>Austin</u> , TBA	10 <u>Hearty Hikers</u> 10:00 am <u>Photography</u> <u>Group - Photo</u> <u>Shoot</u> , TBD <u>Pinochle</u> 7:00 pm	11 <u>Mexican Train</u> 11:00 am <u>French</u> 12:30 pm <u>Mystery Book</u> <u>Group</u> , 1:00 pm	12 <u>Third Thursday</u> <u>Bridge</u> 9:45 am <u>Mah Jongg</u> 1:00 pm	13 <u>Arthouse</u> <u>Cinema</u> <u>South</u> , 7:00 pm <u>North</u> , 7:30 pm <u>Critics Corner</u> 7:30 pm	14 <u>Happy Trails</u> 9:00 am <u>T.G.I. Social</u> 4:00pm
15 <u>Live Music</u> <u>Lovers</u> 6:30pm	16 <u>Spanish</u> 10:00 am <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	17 <u>Bunco</u> 10:30 am <u>Happy Hour</u> 4:00 pm	18 <u>Monthly</u> <u>Luncheon</u> 11:00 am	19 <u>3rd Thursday</u> <u>Bridge</u> 9:45 am	20	21 <u>Expats</u> 5:00 pm
22 <u>New Member</u> <u>Welcome Event</u> 3:00 pm	23 <u>Day Trippers</u> 9:00 am <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	24 <u>Photography -</u> <u>Photo Share</u> 10:30 am <u>Men's Book</u> <u>Club</u> 1:00 pm	25 <u>Kitchen Bridge</u> 10:30 am	26 <u>Book Groups</u> 10:00 am <u>Mah Jongg</u> 1:00 pm <u>Ladies Poker</u> 6:30 pm	27 <u>Out to Lunch</u> <u>Bunch</u> 11:30 am	28 <u>Hello Austin!</u> <u>Texas Stars</u> 7:00 pm <u>Come to Dinner</u> 6:30pm
29 <u>Friends</u> <u>Connection</u> 1:30 pm	30 <u>Shop Austin</u> 11:00 am <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	31				

RSVP REQUIRED: [Click here](#) or complete form below



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for January, 18th

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 _____

Please print

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 Jan. 15th. Call (614) 361-4936 or luncheondirector@austinnewcomers.com

ANC Proposed Bylaws Changes – November 2016

Every year, the Parliamentarian puts a committee together to review the Club Bylaws and make recommendations for adjustments to the Club Membership. The committee's proposed changes for this year are summarized below.

Summary of Proposed Changes, Part 1:

1. A change in the Bylaws to add the position "President Elect" to the ANC Board Structure was proposed last year and approved by the membership. In multiple attempts to find and elect a candidate for the position, the Club has been unable to find anyone eligible and suitable position that could/would agree to essentially serve at least two years on the board: 1st year as President-Elect; 2nd Year as President. Accordingly, the Board proposes reversal of the position addition as shown in the highlighted sections below, which together provide a summary of the changes now needed to revert to the prior structure.

2. Concurrently, the Board Proposes other changes incidentally required to remove references to the President-Elect Position in other sections of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Executive Officers shall consist of the elected officers: President, ~~President-Elect~~, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Meetings Director, Interest Group Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Communications and Publicity Manager, and the appointed Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1: Terms of all Board Members shall begin at the July Dual Board meeting. Dual Board Meeting is defined as the meeting of the existing Board of Directors with the new incoming Board of Directors. The President is elected and shall serve for one year. Prior to being

elected to the office of President, a Member must have served at least one year in an elected position on the Board of Directors. Other Executive Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons are elected annually and may be elected for a second one-year term. Interest Group Chairpersons are chosen by the group participants, not by general election. ~~Beginning in 2017, the President-Elect will automatically assume the Presidency at the July Dual Board Meeting.~~

Section 5: A vacancy in any Executive Office or Standing Committee Chairperson position shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Officers, with the exception of the office of the President, which is automatically filled by the ~~President-Elect, or, if the President-Elect is unable to serve, by the~~ First Vice President.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

~~*Section 1a:* The President-Elect works closely with the President, other Executive Officers and Board Members to become fully familiar with all aspects of Club operations to include: (a) Club organization documents (Bylaws, Standing Rules, 501(c) (7) not for profit organization charter, etc. (b) Club structures, include meetings, standing committees, interest groups and annual nominations/election processes. (c) Financial and Membership reports. (d) Board direction on intermediate and long-term growth plans~~

Summary of Proposed Changes, Part 2:

Separately, the board is proposing other structural changes to improve Board efficiency and effectiveness. These include: consolidation of the former Webmaster function with the Communications and Publicity Manager and revisions to the wording of other position responsibilities statements. A mark-up of the entire document is available for viewing [here](#).

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Jan. 13. Online
RSVP by Jan 15.



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Email vpmembership@austinnewcomers.com or call 512-520-5911.

Visit our website — austinnewcomers.com for information about our activities and a membership registration form to print. Find out more about the Austin area too!

Newsletter Articles: Send all information related to the Welcome Mat newsletter to newsletter@austinnewcomers.com

Reminder: Members may **not** make **commercial solicitations** at any meeting or activity, nor use our directory for any commercial solicitations. Thank you.

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