



# Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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## Let's Dance!



## June Luncheon

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

**Location:** Chez Zee  
5406 Balcones Dr.

**Cost:** \$30 *pp*

**Time:** 11:00 am social time  
Noon-luncheon

**RSVP:** Online by 6/18  
or postmark by 6/16



If you like to dance, then this is your program! Join us for our June Monthly Meeting and Luncheon for a dance program by Austin's Arthur Murray Studio. Dominic DiGesualdo, owner of the studio, along with a couple of his instructors will entertain us with several dances in the Chez Zee banquet room. He has promised to share some basic dance steps with the group to include salsa, swing and 2 step so we're ready for our next ANC party.

Dominic will also share his knowledge about the Austin dance scene and other valuable information. Looking for something new to do with your friends or spouse - why not dance!

## 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 all there.

For members who continue to want/need a paper copy mailed to their home, we will continue to provide them, 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 its really easy to print out a paper copy directly from our website. For anyone unsure about how to do this, Diane Gallagher will be offering "how to" instruction at luncheons, when requested.

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Can it really be? My wonderful year as your President is almost over? Hard to believe, but every day brings it closer to reality.

Thankfully, it's been not only a fun year, but a year filled with friendship and fellowship and support. . Every one I've met along the year's way has been friendly and helpful, and you've all participated and made every effort to make our events as successful as we always hope they will be. (One caveat though: Could a few more of you PLEASE volunteer to be Interest Group Chairs—we need you!)

I have also been blessed with an outstanding Board of Directors. Donna Withrow, my heir apparent and the friendly face and voice every potential new member encounters when they inquire about joining Austin Newcomers. You've grown our Club this year and grown in all our affections as well!

Diane Gallagher continues to make improvements to our beautiful website. And those few words, "continues to improve," don't begin to tell the story of how much Diane still does for both the website AND our whole Club!

Cindy Fenton has done a masterful job editing The Welcome Mat. It's hard to imagine how anyone can take all the minutia submitted to her each month and turn it into our beautiful, ACCURATE newsletter. Amazing!

Kathy Finley, Laurie Gillig, and Beth Noe, what can I say? You've all waved a magic wand and made wonderful luncheons and interesting speakers appear out of midair. Gratitude from one and all!

Valerie Ojeman, you make me laugh, our books balance, and we've never once run out of money—great job!

Paul Parrish, faithful Secretary and sorter-outer of all the confusing back and forth discussion that goes on at Board meetings--you're a Houdini! What do we have—almost 40 different Interest Groups?

Alison Seaman, you've trained every Chairman and kept every group on track and happy. Such people skills you possess!

Jan Jones, my fine Presidential predecessor and guru into the ways of leadership. It's been a hard year for you, so I'm especially grateful for your time and help.

Beth Oliver and Jane Van Dellen, thanks for the memories—and the photos of practically every event all year. Hall of fame camerawomen—for sure!

## June Board Meeting

**Wednesday, June 28, 11:30 am**

**Where:** Blackfinn Ameripub  
11410 Century Oaks Ter,  
(The Domain)  
512-836-3466

**RSVP:** Susi Spies  
[Susi.spies@gmail.com](mailto:Susi.spies@gmail.com)  
(310)291-4150

**Details:** This board meeting/  
luncheon serves as the official  
board meeting for both June and  
July.



## BOOK GROUPS

**Book Groups: Thursday, June 22****Social:** 10:00 am**Discussion:** 10:30am**Book:** *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

If you would like to join a Book Group, please contact:  
Sue Naylor, [ssnayl@gmail.com](mailto: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:** Barbara Klayman  
5708 Raindrop Cove, 78759

**Facilitator:** Naomi Ritchie**RSVP:** Not necessary.

**Chair:** Sue Naylor  
[ssnayl@gmail.com](mailto:ssnayl@gmail.com)

**Yellow Rose Group**

**Host:** Jeanette Swenson  
6210 Brookside Drive, 78723

**RSVP:** (512) 524-1973 or  
[jeanetteswenson64@gmail.com](mailto:jeanetteswenson64@gmail.com)

**Chairs:** Gayle Cannon  
[gayle.cannon70@gmail.com](mailto:gayle.cannon70@gmail.com)  
Connie Esau  
[connieesau@gmail.com](mailto:connieesau@gmail.com)

**Indian Paintbrush Group**

**Host:** Sharon Moore  
3400 Scenic Overlook Tr., 78734

**Facilitator:** Pat Green**RSVP:** [smoore7791@gmail.com](mailto:smoore7791@gmail.com)

**Chairs:** Andie Allen  
[andreaalleninteriors@gmail.com](mailto:andreaalleninteriors@gmail.com)  
Janet Lande  
[jslaustin@gmail.com](mailto:jslaustin@gmail.com)

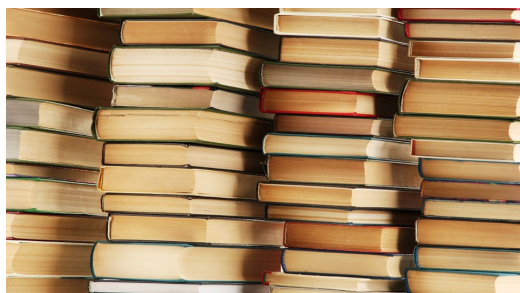
**Afternoon Mystery Book Group**

**The Afternoon Mystery Book Group does not meet June through August. The group will resume at 1:00 pm , September 12, 2017.**

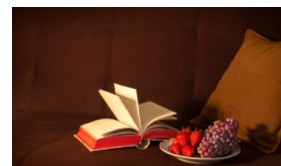
**Details:** We read mysteries chosen by the members, who take turns hosting and leading the discussions in our homes. All are welcome to join us.

**RSVP:** Online

**Chair:** Dianne Killough, [dianne2345@gmail.com](mailto:dianne2345@gmail.com)

**Men's Book Club****Tuesday, June 27, 2:00 pm**

**Host:** Hector Barrio  
4704 Hickory Hollow

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

**Book:** : *The fix: How nations survive and thrive in a world of decline* By Jonathan Tepperman.

**Details:** Ten well documented stories show that even the most profound problems may be overcome when a persistent leadership engages the right people in finding solutions. A really well written book, on inspire the author does not present some of the dark sides of the stories presented. Worth reading.

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

## ENTERTAINMENT &amp; OUTINGS

**Art House Cinema North****Saturday, June 10, 5:00 pm**

Join us for our special end-of-the-year event this month. We will be meeting on the 2nd Saturday instead of our usual 2nd Friday night. If you are new to the group, please register on-line and send Ingrid an e-mail in order to be added to the internal e-mail list and get details.

**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 [isarratster@gmail.com](mailto:isarratster@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)

**Art House Cinema South****Friday, June 9, 7:00 pm**

**Cost:** \$1.00/person

**Details:** We meet at homes of members and discuss two movies selected during meetings in the previous month. Members choose to attend one of two meetings each month, on either the second or fourth Friday. At the meetings, we rate the movies, then select two movies to see and discuss the next month.

**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)

**The Play's the Thing****Coming up *Guys and Dolls*, June 3**

by Frank Loesser, Jo Sterling and Abe Burrows

The musical *Guys and Dolls* is the last play of the 2016-2017 season at Austin Playhouse. It features one of the greatest musical scores ever written.

Plays and dates for the 2017-2018 season will be announced in July. Stay tuned for the details

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:** [Online](#)

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

**Try This****KGSR's Blues on the Green**  
**May 24, June 14, July 12, August 2****Where:** Zilker Park

**Details:** 93.3 KGSR's Blues on the Green invites music lovers to Zilker Park to enjoy a family and pet friendly night of homegrown music in a relaxed atmosphere. Grab your family, friends, dogs, and blankets and enjoy Austin's largest free concert series. Check out the website for parking suggestions.

<http://www.kgsr.com/promotions/blues-on-the-green-home-2017>

**Austin Symphony-Hartman Foundation Concerts**  
**June 4 - August 27, 7:30 pm****Where:** Hartman Concert Park at the Long Center

**Details:** In its 15th summer season, these free ensemble concerts run on Sunday evenings. Each Sunday a different ensemble of the Austin Symphony will be featured performing music from jazz and light classical to pops selections and film scores. Bring a picnic dinner and blanket and make it a group outing. <http://www.austinsymphony.org/events/austin-symphony-hartman-foundation-concerts-in-the-park/>

**Nature Nights****Thursday nights in June, 6:00 - 9:00 pm****Where:** The Wildflower Center  
4801 LaCrosse Ave

**Details:** Nature Nights are free, fun explorations of native plants, animals and Central Texas ecology. From hawks to rocks, there's a new theme each week. <http://www.wildflower.org/events/2017-06-08>

**Paramount Summer Classic Film Series**  
**All Summer**

**Details:** Don't miss out on these cinematic celebrations, complete with photo opportunities and surprises galore with over 100 films including Casablanca, Titanic, Bonnie and Clyde. Buy tickets at <http://www.austintheatre.org/film/classic-film-series/>

If you have suggestions for interesting events in Austin, please email them with a link to the website to Lynne Marcus at [lmarcus08@gmail.com](mailto:lmarcus08@gmail.com) with "Try This" in the subject line.

**Shop Austin!**

**There will be no Shop Austin activity in June. Stay tuned for future events.**

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





## ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

### Live Music Lovers

**Paul Klemperer**

**Wednesday, June 7, 8:00 pm**

**Where:** Skylark Lounges  
2039 Airport Blvd. 78722

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** [Online](#) or [grdr@hotmail.com](mailto:grdr@hotmail.com)

**Chairs:** Dona Reynolds, [grdr@hotmail.com](mailto:grdr@hotmail.com)  
Ellen Honey, [eshoney10@mac.com](mailto:eshoney10@mac.com)

**Details:** Paul Klemperer is a jazz saxophone player. He has played with many Austin musicians including the Reynold's son, Graham Reynolds. Skylark Lounge is a real dive bar. It will take you back to the old Austin. George and Dona will be there at seven to eat and drink before the music starts.



## FOOD/SOCIAL

### Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

**Saturday, June 24, 6:30 pm**

**Host:** Emily Rhea and co-host Beverly Martin

**RSVP:** An email is sent to the people on the list 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  
[lmarcus08@gmail.com](mailto:lmarcus08@gmail.com); 505-340-5464

### Friends Connection

**Chair:** Karen Werner

[karentwerner20@aol.com](mailto:karentwerner20@aol.com) or 817-896-4905



## FOOD/SOCIAL, Continued

**TGI Social****Thank Goodness It's Social****Saturday, June 10, 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:** Nancy Ferrin and Elliott Kossack**Where:** 7707 Huddleston Lane**Cost:** \$1.00 at door for paper goods**RSVP by 6/9:** Online; [tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com)**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](mailto:cbs200@gmail.com)  
979-255-1680**Out to Lunch Bunch****Friday, June 30, 11:30 am****Where:** Abels on the Lake;  
3825 Lake Austin Blvd.**Cost:** Separate checks**RSVP:** Online or [psklar1@gmail.com](mailto:psklar1@gmail.com)  
Limited to 15**Details:** Jan and I enjoyed hosting the OTL events this past year. Thank you to all who attended. To finish out our year we decided to select a funky! Austin venue. Ables is located on Lake Austin just west of the dam between Ladybird Lake and Lake Austin. It has a casual atmosphere, a varied menu and a great view. We hope you will join us. Dress comfortably**Chairs:** Jan Jones, [Jones6LP@gmail.com](mailto:Jones6LP@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****Tuesday, June 20, 4:00 pm****Where:** BRIO Tuscan Grill  
1000 Research Blvd.**RSVP by 6/18:** Online**Price:** Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.**Details:** Come and enjoy an evening with friends..**Chairs:** Joanie Maqsood, [fairwayj341@hotmail.com](mailto:fairwayj341@hotmail.com)  
Debbie Highbarger, [mombcool@aol.com](mailto:mombcool@aol.com)

## LANGUAGES/EXPATS

### Expats

**Saturday, June 17, 6:00 pm**

**Host:** Inge and Jorg Eichberg  
5221 Trading Bend, TX 78735

**RSVP by 6/12:** [Online](#)

We request that anyone who needs to cancel notify both the hostess and Faith Stevens so that we can invite the next participant(s) on the waiting list. Inge and Jorg can host a maximum of 40 guests.

**Chair:** Faith Stevens, [stevensfai@aol.com](mailto:stevensfai@aol.com)

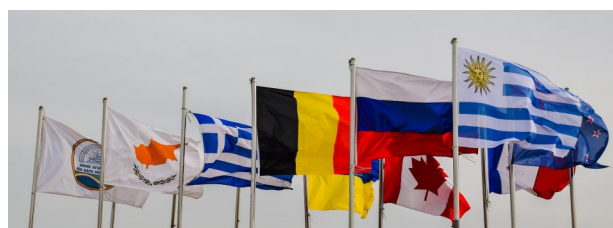
**Bring:** Couples, please bring a hearty appetizer (not a dessert) and a bottle of wine or beverage of your choice. Singles, please bring either a hearty appetizer or a beverage.

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



### Spanish Conversation

**Monday, June 19, 10:00 am**

**Where:** La Madeleine  
5493 Brodie Lane, Sunset Valley, 78745

**RSVP by 6/18:** [Online](#)

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

## GAMES

### 1st Friday Bridge

**This group will not meet in June.**

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



### 3rd Thursday Bridge

**Thursday, June 15**

**9:45 am social time**

**10:00 am play begins promptly**



**Host:** Betty Grisamore

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

**Cost:** \$2.00

**Details:** 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 6/9:** [bettygriz@austin.it.com](mailto:bettygriz@austin.it.com) , 512-288-8823  
or 512-699-0531

**Chair:** Felicia Morrison  
512-619-0100, [feliciamorrison@hotmail.com](mailto:feliciamorrison@hotmail.com)



## GAMES, continued

**Kitchen Bridge****Wednesday, June 28, 10:30 am****Cost:** \$2.25

Bring your lunch

**RSVP after 6/1/Chair:** Mimi Rhea  
512-491-0744  
[eerhea@att.net](mailto:eerhea@att.net)**Details:** We are a relaxed bridge group which welcomes all who want to play. We play in members' homes on the fourth Wednesday of the month. An email is sent to the people on the list before the first of the month with information about the hostess, location and contact information for registering.**Daytime Bridge Buddy****2017-2018 registration****Cost:** \$15**RSVP by 7/15:** [catcot72@gmail.com](mailto:catcot72@gmail.com) or  
[sladdtx@gmail.com](mailto:sladdtx@gmail.com)**Details:** Partners meet monthly from 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****Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, 26, 11:00 am****Location:** Mimi's Cafe  
12613 Galleria Circle  
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave**RSVP:** Register [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:** Dottie Thoms  
[canasta@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:canasta@austinnewcomers.com)  
512-820-5980**Bunco****Tuesday, June 20, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm****Host:** Carolina Holme**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** [edholme1@gmail.com](mailto:edholme1@gmail.com)  
Directions will be provided.**Chair:** Connie Gardner  
[peplett@aol.com](mailto:peplett@aol.com)

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

**Euchre****Saturday, June 10, 6:30 pm****Host:** Nancy Shipley**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** [kasha.action@gmail.com](mailto:kasha.action@gmail.com)**Details:** Please bring a snack to share and what you want to drink, other than water.**Chair:** Kasha Petrea, 716-393-1991  
[kasha.action@gmail.com](mailto:kasha.action@gmail.com)

## GAMES, continued

**Ladies Poker****Thursday, June 22, 6:30 pm****Where:** 5221 Trading Bend**Cost:** \$5.00**RSVP by 6/20:**  
[inge@austin.rr.com](mailto:inge@austin.rr.com)**Chair:** Inge Eichberg  
512-351-9807**Mah Jongg****Thursday, June 8 and 22, 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.**Cost:** .50 cents**RSVP/Chair:** Jeanne Broussard  
[jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com)**Mexican Train****Wednesday, June 14, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm****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 2:00pm. If you have a set of dominoes for Mexican train, bring it, in case we need a second set.**RSVP:** [nancybelmont1@gmail.com](mailto:nancybelmont1@gmail.com)**Chair:** Nancy Belmont  
[nancybelmont1@gmail.com](mailto:nancybelmont1@gmail.com); 512-964-5738**Second Sunday Scrabble****Sunday, June 11, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm****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)  
513-293-5523**Pinochle****Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 pm****Host:** Nancy Shipley  
5812 Tributary Ridge Dr.**RSVP:** [Nshipley@me.com](mailto:Nshipley@me.com)**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.**Chair:** [nshipley@me.com](mailto:nshipley@me.com)  
832-236-9909

## HEALTH/FITNESS

## Happy Trails

**There will not be a Saturday Walk in the month of June. I hope you will seek out a happy trail of your own this month: "If you seek creative ideas go walking. Angels whisper to a man when he goes for a walk."**

— Raymond I. Myers

**Chair:** Donna Dauenhauer  
[donnadau@hotmail.com](mailto:donnadau@hotmail.com)  
 512-852-9535

## Hearty Hikers

**Hearty Hikers will be taking a break during the heat of the summer, from June through August. We hope to see you hiking again in September!**

**Chair/Information:** Beth Holcomb,  
[bethholcomb7@gmail.com](mailto:bethholcomb7@gmail.com)  
 908-963-9731  
 Dorothy Docherty  
[dotinsg@hotmail.com](mailto:dotinsg@hotmail.com)



## Golfing Around Austin Monday, September 11

**Where:** Course to be determined

**Cost:** Greens fees vary, pay at course

**RSVP:** [Online](#)

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

**Details:** Our last play date before the summer break was on May 8. We'll restart our monthly play in the fall beginning on Monday, September 11, 2017. We usually play the 2nd Monday of each month. Other planned play dates through the end of 2017 will be October 16 (moved to avoid Columbus Day), November 13 and December 11. The select best ball format has been well received, and so we will continue to play that format. We will also continue to play a different course each month in order to introduce new members to the many nice courses available to play in the Austin area including the lower cost, muni courses. If you have any questions about the golfing group, please call or e-mail me. I hope everyone has a nice summer.

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 Annual Planning Meeting Sunday, June 4, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Hosts:** Don and Karen Kirmis  
2700 Barton Bluffs Lane

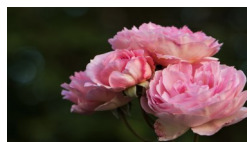
**RSVP:** [Online](#)

**Details:** The Hello Austin annual planning party will be from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, June 4. Karen and Don Kirmis have graciously offered their home near Barton Creek Mall for this gathering.

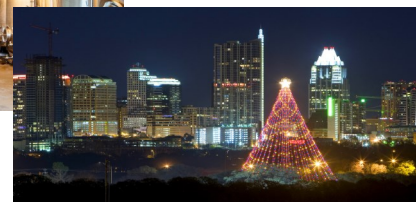
Hello Austin usually does about two events a month, so there are lots of opportunities for us to do things you all would enjoy. Please join us and bring your ideas. Is there something we haven't done that you want to try? Or possibly an event that we have done before that you really want to see repeated? Hello Austin can only succeed if we have ideas and input from the club members. And we are looking for a year's worth of good ideas! So come brainstorm!

**Bring:** We ask that everyone bring either an appetizer or wine to share (couples, please bring both). We'll visit and socialize, then work on planning all the exciting Hello Austin events for the 2017-18 year.

**Chair:** Pam Craig  
[pmcraig4482@gmail.com](mailto:pmcraig4482@gmail.com)  
734-417-5998



**SXSW** 



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Make It Sweet. 



### PHOTOS WANTED!

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****Thursday, June 1, 10:00 am - Noon****Host:** Barbara McCollum  
129 Clear Pond Cove, 78737**RSVP by 5/30:** [Online](#)**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE, continued from page 2**

Annie Prasad, hostess with the most-ess. You've run three wonderful Welcome Events for new and potential members and provided all those miscellaneous "Member Services" that make all the difference between a happy new member and a not-so happy one! Means a lot!

Peggy Sklar, thanks for our pretty nametags and for faithfully manning the Nametag table at every luncheon. Gold star for attendance—and friendship! Job well done!

Don Kirmis, keeper of the Club calendar and master of keeping one Interest Group event from conflicting with another. You've allowed just the right number of people at every event AND you've kept a smile on your face and ours while doing it!

Evelyn McMillen, the lovely smiling, friendly woman with the perfect job. Thanks for being the best Greeter at Luncheons EVER!

Susana Surbek, the genie who makes our weekly bulletin and special eblasts appear like magic. Kudos!

Mary Pat Bolton, what a monumental job you did reinventing the Board job descriptions for our future board members. Somebody HAD to do it, and you, great Board Transition Coordinator that you are, have done it unbelievably well.

Finally, Marj Lowe, our Parliamentarian extraordinaire. You've held me to the straight and narrow when Roberts Rules of Order and I have wanted to part ways; you've been my advisor, my confidant, AND my friend! Plus, you (and your lovely George) have jumped in and helped whenever and wherever I needed helping throughout the year. I wish there was a bigger word than "thanks!"

To each and all of my Board and to each and all of you, I thank you with a grateful heart for giving me the opportunity to get to know and serve so many of you. I've loved every minute and wish Donna and her new Board more good times and all success in the year ahead.

With gratitude and deep affection to all,



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If you are viewing this newsletter as a PDF, note that all underlined text below are links!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> <u>Knit &amp; Stitch</u> 10:00 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <u>The Play's the Thing</u> 5:30 pm
<b>4</b> <u>Hello Austin Planning Mtg</u> 4:00 pm	<b>5</b> <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	<b>6</b> <u>Pinochle</u> 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> <u>Live Music</u> 8:00 pm	<b>8</b> <u>Mah Jongg</u> 1:00 pm	<b>9</b> Arthouse Cinema <u>South</u> , 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> <u>T.G.I. Social</u> 4:00 pm  Arthouse Cinema <u>North</u> , 5:00 pm  <u>Euchre</u> 6:30 pm
<b>11</b> Second Sunday Scrabble 3:00 pm	<b>12</b> <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	<b>13</b> Photography Group - <u>Photo Shoot</u> , TBD	<b>14</b> <u>Mexican Train</u> 11:00 am	<b>15</b> <u>3rd Thursday Bridge</u> 9:45 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>Expats</u> 6:00 pm
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <u>Spanish</u> 10:00 am  <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	<b>20</b> <u>Bunco</u> 10:30 am  <u>Happy Hour</u> 4:00 pm	<b>21</b> <u>Monthly Luncheon</u> 11:00 am	<b>22</b> Book Groups 10:00 am  <u>Mah Jongg</u> 1:00 pm  <u>Ladies Poker</u> 6:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <u>Come to Dinner</u> 6:30pm
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	<b>27</b> Photography - <u>Photo Share</u> 10:30 am  Men's Book Club 2:00 pm	<b>28</b> <u>Board Meeting</u> 11:30 am  <u>Kitchen Bridge</u> 10:30 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <u>Out to Lunch Bunch</u> 11:30 am	

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



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for June 21**

**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 June 18.** Call (614) 361-4936 or [luncheondirector@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:luncheondirector@austinnewcomers.com)

Postmark by

June 16

Online RSVP by

June 18

*Welcome New Members*

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 216-407-4979  
 From: Cleveland, OH

Judith Kountoupis  
 14909 Spillman Ranch Loop, 78738  
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 From: Louisiana

Bruce and Katherine Tendall  
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 From: Houston, TX

Beverly Vaughn  
 1314 Madison Ave, 78757  
 512-431-3970

Lucy Cobbe  
 2328 Rodeo Drive, 78727  
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 From: Dallas, TX

Jennifer Hogue  
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