



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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March Luncheon

The Role of Inflammation and How to Combat it Naturally

Wednesday, March 15, 2017



Make a commitment to your health in 2017!

Join us as Kay Hutchinson, founder and director of Aiki Healing, speaks on how inflammation impacts weight gain, chronic fatigue, and hormonal imbalances in our bodies. She will provide us with five strategies to combat inflammation naturally.

Kay Hutchinson is a certified advanced medical Qi Gong practitioner who trained in a three-year program at Stanford University Integrative Medicine Dept. She is also certified in acupressure and is a master Qi Gong and Tai Chi instructor. Additionally apprenticing with herbalist, John Fung, allows her to create custom formulations of Chinese herbs and essential oils for healing purposes and spa applications. Through Aiki Healing, Kay provides clients with a rich integrative palette of healing tools from the Chinese medicine system encompassing bodywork, wellness life coaching, herbal therapies and emotional processing through movement.

This topic is relevant to both men and women so ladies bring your husbands to this one!

Location: Chez Zee

Address: 5406 Balcones Dr.

Cost: \$30 *pp*
Cash bar available

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

RSVP: Online by 3/12
or postmark by 3/10

Get Your Picture Taken for the ANC Directory at the February Luncheon

We're trying very hard to get members to add pictures to their Directory listings. To make accomplishing this task extra easy, please visit the photo-taking area at the upcoming February Luncheon at Chez Zee.

Beth Oliver or another photo pro will gladly take your picture that day using YOUR phone. You'll then, just keep that photo on your phone and bring it (phone with photo) to the March luncheon where Diane Gallagher will lead us all in a brief 5- minute session on how to download your photo from your phone to your listing in the Directory.

So simple! Just say "Cheese" on February 15th at Chez Zee! Thank you!!!!

President's Message



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It's South by Southwest time in Austin this month. Just listen and you'll hear a city full of the live music that's made Austin the Live Music Capital of the World. From March 10th through the 19th the Austin airport will be jammed, hotels will be full to bursting, and our whole wonderful city will vibrate with great music being played by over 2000 performers from 60+ countries, in nearly 100 venues—from dive bars to churches—around the city.

But there's now more to SXSW than just music—lots more! The interactive segment of the festival runs from March 10th to the 14th and offers brain tingling discovery and inspiration about the most “transformational ideas shaping our future” in the areas of tech, government, health, food, style, the intelligent future, and more!

The film festival is from March 10th to 18th. It's a 9-day extravaganza of more than 250 films on 13 screens all over Austin.

If you didn't buy an entry badge last September when they were first available, you may find them a bit pricey now. But like the nice people in newcomers, SXSW is a “nice” festival that makes some of its great entertainment free to the public. The primary outdoor stage for music is at Lady Bird Lake from March 13-18.

For details about everything you'd ever want to know about who's performing at SXSW, who's speaking, and how, when, where, and how much, go to SXSW.com. For a summary of what's available free at the festival, go to 2017 SXSW Free Events.

So...that all covers a big chunk of March in Austin. We hope you'll find inspiration for other fun things to try and do around town in the “Try This” listings of the Welcome Mat every month as well as in the huge array of interest group activities and club outings we offer each month.

Even if you're feeling very “new in town” and aren't always totally comfortable meeting and greeting new people, don't worry! We're sure you'll find smiles, a new friend or two in the making, and a very good time at any of the Newcomer events in the pages that follow. Who knows? With luck, you might even meet someone to go to SXSW with this year!

Oh, and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 1
Social at 9:30 am
Meeting at 10:00 am

Host: Mary Pat Bolton
 6008 York Bridge Circle,
 78749

RSVP: Online

Questions: susi.spies@gmail.com
 Mary Pat Bolton
 512/395-4645



BOOK GROUPS

Book Groups: Thursday, March 23**Social:** 10:00 am**Discussion:** 10:30am**Book:** *Maya's Notebook* by Isabel Allende

If 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: Lou Blemaster
5612 N. Scout Island Circle,
78731

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

Chair: Sue Naylor
ssnayl@gmail.com

Yellow Rose Group

Host: Gayle Cannon
10700 Gold Yarrow Drive,
78730

Facilitator: Marybeth Thompson**RSVP:** [Online](#)

Chairs: Gayle Cannon
gayle.cannon70@gmail.com

Indian Paintbrush Group

Host: Alison Seaman
10337 Salida Dr., 78749

Facilitator: Janet Lande**RSVP:** [Online](#)

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group**Wednesday, March 8, 1:00 pm**

Host: Sangie Krishnan-Aiyan
10420 Canyon Vista Way, 78726

Book: *The Art Forger* by B. A. Sapiro**RSVP:** [Online](#)**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:

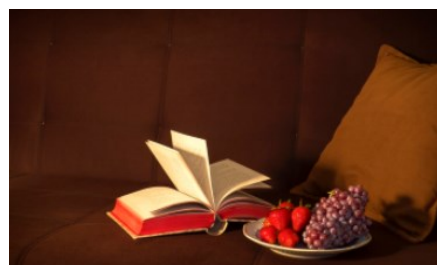
A Small Death in the Great Glen by A D Scott
The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny

Men's Book Club**Tuesday, March 28, 2:00 pm**

Host: Ira Goodman
10503 Silktail Cove

RSVP: Not necessary**Chair:** Hector Barrio hebate@gmail.com**Book:** *The Dark Net* by Jamie Bartlett

Details: Beyond the familiar online world that most of us inhabit lies a vast network of sites, communities and cultures where freedom is pushed to its limits. A world that is as creative and complex as it is dangerous and disturbing.



ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS

Art House Cinema North**Friday, March 10, 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.

New Members RSVP: [Online](#)

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 Sarratisarratster@gmail.com**Art House Cinema South****Friday, March 10, 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.

RSVP: [Online](#)**Critics Corner****Friday, March 10, 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 Barriocriticscorner@austinnewcomers.com**Day Trippers– Loaves and Fishes****Saturday, March 25, 10:00 am****Where:** Community First Village

9301 Hog Eye Road, 78724

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: Join us for a 1.5 hr tour of this new facility for the homeless. After the tour we will have lunch at Quality Seafood on 51st St.

Carpool: If you would like to carpool at 9:15 am from the Thompson Center at UT, let Twan know.

Chair: Twan Brady,brady@gvec.net, 512-627-1363**The Play's the Thing****March 4, *Death of a Salesman***

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:

- 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: [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.

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

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Try This

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.

**South by Southwest
March 10-19**

Where: Downtown Austin

Cost: Tickets start at \$825 (some events free)

Details: www.sxsw.com.

**Austin Auto Show
March 24-26**

Where: Austin Convention Center

Cost: Seniors \$3.75

Details: On display will be some of this year's most anticipated car models, full of cutting edge technology and style. This is the perfect opportunity to compare brands and models for virtually all manufacturers under one roof. www.autoshowaustin.com.

**Art City Austin
March 31– April 2**

Where: Palmer Events Center

Cost: Tickets will be on sale

Details: Art City Austin is unique in its pairing of an art fair featuring 25 contemporary art galleries with an art festival featuring 125 self-represented artists from across the country. www.artallianceaustin.org.

**Mayfield Park Community Project
March 12, 9:00 am - Noon**

Where: 3505 W 35th St, Austin

Details: Mayfield Park/Community Project, sponsored by Friends of the Parks of Austin, a non-profit corporation, is restoring Mayfield Cottage and Gardens to the height of its development in the era of the 1920's-1950's. www.mayfieldpark.org.

Shop Austin!**Round Top Antique Tour
Thursday, March 30, 9:00 am**

Where: The Arbor

1503 N. St. Hwy 237, Round Top

Carpool: 7:30 am from Central Market South

RSVP by 3/27: Online

Cost: \$10 admission to Marburger

Details: We had so much fun we're doing it again! Experience a sampling of the antiques event that is nearby in the little town of Round Top. Exhibitors come from all over the U.S., Canada & Europe with items ranging from fine antiques to old tools and everything in between. There are many venues within this 10 mile radius. We will sample: The Arbor (www.arbor-antiques.com) and Marburger Farms (www.roundtop-Marburger.com). Bring sun protection and comfortable walking shoes.

Hosts: and questions: Diane Gallagher
cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com
Janet Jones
jones6lp@gmail.com

Shop Austin!**Magnolia Market and a day in Waco
Monday, April 24, 9:00 am**

Where: Magnolia Market at the Silos
601 Webster Ave., Waco, TX

Carpool: 7:30 am

RSVP by 4/19: Online

Details: Do you watch Fixer Upper?

Do you love DIY? Does shiplap make you shiver?

There's a little something for everyone at the Magnolia Market made famous by Chip and Joanna Gaines from HGTV – shopping, games, garden and a bakery.

Everything is staged in order to get you inspired and excited about the space you live in. We'll have lunch and stop at a couple other Waco venues on this fun outing!

Hosts: and questions: Diane Gallagher
cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com
Janet Jones
jones6lp@gmail.com



M A G N O L I A

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Live Music Lovers

Thursday, March 9, 6:00 pm

Where: Broken Spoke
3201 S Lamar Blvd., 78704

Cost: Please tip the band

RSVP: [Online](#)

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

Details: Early events are held in the dining room where dinner is available. They will accommodate us with some reserved seating but latecomers still welcome. Broken Spoke does not know exactly who will be playing as they rotate through the regular bands. No need to email to ask if space is still available-just come.



FOOD/SOCIAL

Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

Saturday, March 25, 6:30 pm

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; 505-340-5464



Friends Connection

Brunch at Vinaigrette

Sunday, May 7, 1:30 pm

Where: 2201 College Ave, Austin 512-852-8791

Cost: \$7-\$17

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: Vinaigrette healthy, joyful and fun. The founder Erin Wade has a sustainable farm where she grows 70% of the produce used in the restaurant. The beet salad I had there was the best! A bright, airy restaurant with imaginative soups, salads, sandwiches and deserts. You are truly in for a treat!

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

FOOD/SOCIAL, Continued

TGI Social

Thank Goodness It's Social

Sunday, March 5, 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: Gerald & Susan Nilsson-Weiskott

Where: 5900 Camille Ct, Lago Vista, TX 78645

Cost: \$1.00 at door for paper goods

RSVP: [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

Out to Lunch Bunch

Friday, March 31, 11:30 am

Where: Creek Road Cafe
301 Hwy 290 West, Dripping Springs

Cost: Separate checks

RSVP by 3/29: [Online](#)

Details: Join us for lunch at one of Dripping Springs' most popular restaurants. Lauded for its creativity and attention to detail, in addition to its famous Driftwood Crab Cakes, it is known for a wide variety of salads, soups, burgers, sandwiches and wraps. Of course there is a tempting selection of desserts! It is on Hwy 290, 1/4 mile past RR 12 on the left. There is a lot to explore in Dripping Springs so make a day of it!

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

Recruit 5 new members; get next year's dues free!

Our ANC membership has never been healthier! We now have over 400 member households and new members joining every month.

Many new members have mentioned that an existing member encouraged them to join. We would like to say "Thank You" to those members that recruit someone new.

Time Period: July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017

Ask new members to put your name on their application as a referral. Only one sponsor per new member.

Happy Hour

Tuesday, March 21, 4:00-7:00 pm

Where: Abuelos
2901 S. Capital of Texas, 78746

RSVP by 3/19: [Online](#)

Price: Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.

Details: It will be a fun event on the patio or we can meet and mingle on the patio. Free parking.

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



LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats

Saturday, March 18, 600 pm

Host: Annie Prasad & Anand Kruttiventi
4621 Twin Valley Dr., 78731

RSVP by 3/13: [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. stevensfai@aol.com.

Chair: Faith Stevens, 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

Wednesday, March 8, 12:30 pm

Host: Isabel Cutillas
12824 Texas Sage Court

RSVP: [Online](#)

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

Spanish Conversation

Monday, March 20, 10:00 am

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

RSVP by 3/19: [Online](#)

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

GAMES

1st Friday Bridge

Friday, March 3, 6:30 - 9:45 pm

Where: Lamar Senior Activity Center
2874 Shoal Crest Drive

Cost: \$5.00 per person

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: All Bridge players are welcome both couples and singles. Our group consists of bridge players who are experienced in the game. 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, March 16

9:45 am social time

10:00 am play begins promptly

Host: Pam Vonmende

Where: IHOP, 1101 S Mopac Expy

Cost: \$2.00

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 3/14: [Online](#)

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

GAMES, continued

Kitchen Bridge**Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 am****Host:** Deidre Brightman
18705 Walz Court, Austin**Cost:** \$2.25
Bring your lunch**RSVP after 3/1:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Mimi Rhea
512-491-0744
eerhea@att.net**Bunco****Tuesday, March 21, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm****Host:** Nancy Ferrin
7707 Huddleston Ln 78745**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Connie Gardner
peplett@aol.com

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

Canasta**Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 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:** Dottie Thoms
canasta@austinnewcomers.com
512-820-5980**Euchre****Saturday, March 11, 6:30 pm****Host:** Nancy Shipley**Cost:** Free**RSVP by 3/10:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Kasha Petrea, 716-393-1991
kasha.action@gmail.com**Details:** 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, March 23, 6:30 pm****Host:** Inge Eichberg
5221 Trading Bend**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Inge Eichberg
512-351-9807
inge@austin.rr.com**Mah Jongg****Thursday, March 9 & 23, 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
Jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com**Mexican Train****Wednesday, March 8, 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 by 3/7:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Nancy Belmont
nbelmont1@gmail.com; 512-964-5738**Second Sunday Scrabble****Sunday, March 12, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm****Where:** Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar
3339 Hancock Dr.**RSVP by 3/10:** [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**Pinochle****Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 pm****Host:** Nancy Shipley
5812 Tributary Ridge Dr.**RSVP:** [Online](#)**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
832-236-9909

HEALTH/FITNESS

Golfing Around Austin**Monday, March 13****Where:** Course to be determined**Cost:** Greens fees vary, pay at course**RSVP by 3/5:** [Online](#)

Details: The ANC golfing group plays at different local golf courses each month in order to introduce new members to some of the many fine courses in and around the Austin area. We usually play a Select Best Ball Scramble so golfers of all abilities can have a lot of fun playing. In addition to the upcoming March 13 play date, other planned play dates are April 10 and May 8, after which we take our summer break before resuming in September. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information

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

**Hearty Hikers****Turkey Creek, NW Austin****Tuesday, March 14, 10:00 am**

Where: Emma Long Park. Meet at the Turkey Creek Trail parking lot located 4.9 miles along City Park Rd. on the right side of the road. (Do not turn left or right on City Park Rd.)

Cost: Free. Optional self-pay lunch after the hike at nearby Ski Shores Cafe on the Colorado River.

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: Turkey Creek is a beautiful 2.7 mile hike crossing over a small gurgling creek in Emma Long Park! The hike has moderate elevation changes and numerous creek crossing requiring balancing on rocks. Wear shoes you can get wet as many hikers simply walk in the water! A hiking stick helps with balance on the crossings, but otherwise the trail is mostly shaded and mostly level.

Bring: dry extra shoes/pants, water, hat, sunscreen, shades, and a hiking stick.

THERE IS NO RESTROOM ON SITE. .

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

**Happy Trails****Blunn Creek Nature Preserve****Saturday, March 18, 9:00 am****Where:** 1200 St. Edwards Drive**RSVP:** [Online](#)

Details: Let's escape the hustle of city life for a 1.5 mile loop around Blunn Creek Nature Preserve. This forty-acre preserve can be found across the street from St. Edward's University, and it remains wild and natural. The trails are well marked and maintained, although portions are rocky and steep. Blunn Creek is forded twice while going from

dense tree cover to hilly overlooks. The significant feature of this walk will be a short segment that leads to the Volcano Overlook. Who knew that Travis County's very own volcanoes existed here approximately 75 million years ago? Some of the tops of those volcanoes now provide a bird's eye view of the surrounding terrain--and a gorgeous view of St. Edwards's University. Bring your hiking sticks and cameras for a real treat. We will meet at the trail head.

Bring: Water; wear sturdy shoes; dress for the weather. Sorry, no dogs permitted on this trail.

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer
donnadau@hotmail.com

HELLO AUSTIN!



Austin Traditional Jazz Society

Sunday, March 12,
Doors open at 1:00 pm, music at 2:00 pm

Where: Cap City Comedy Club
8120 Research Blvd, 78755 (Anderson Square)

Cost: \$8 special group price- pay at the door.
You are encouraged to order from the menu which includes entrees, appetizers, beer and wine. The food is good and reasonably priced. Each person will order and pay for their own food.

RSVP : Online We need your registration so we can arrange to have a section reserved for our group. There will be no limit on the number of people who can attend. Also, the kitchen staff has requested an attendance count so they will have plenty of food.

Details: The purpose of the Austin Traditional Jazz Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is to encourage the performance promotion, preservation and perpetuation of traditional jazz music in Central Texas. Cap City Comedy Club is gracious to let the non-profit organization use their facility. There is an area set aside for those who enjoy dancing.

Event Host: Glynda Eschle



SXSW Breakfast & Music

Thursday, March 16, 6:45 am

Where: Four Seasons Hotel
98 San Jacinto Blvd

Cost: Parking is \$5.00 in the underground parking lot. Admission is \$10.00 and includes breakfast taco's and coffee. There are no advanced ticket sales. You buy tickets at the door

RSVP by 3/13: Online

Register online so we can get a good count and hold a block of seats for ANC music lovers.

Event Host: Theresa Green

Details: The South by Southwest Music Festival is one of the largest and most influential global music events of the year, taking place every March in Austin- the Live Music Capital of the World. <http://www.sxsw.com/music/festival>.

Newcomers - here's your chance to experience a slice of SXSW in a lovely setting. KUT, the local PBS affiliate, hosts live broadcasts from the five-star luxury Four Seasons Hotel with parking in the hotel underground garage.

SXSW live music at Four Seasons Hotel Ballroom, Thursday, March 16th at 6:45 am. Yes you read the time correctly. This is a very popular and unique early morning concert .

The concert starts a little after 6:45 am but we meet at 6:45 because it is first come first serve and when the hotel reaches capacity they close the doors.

More details will be sent to registered members as the event gets closer.



Make it Sweet Cooking Class

April 2, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Where: Make it Sweet
9070 Research Blvd

Cost: \$27

RSVP: Online (Max. 40-RSVP and prepay required)

Details: Owner Jennifer will be teaching the class. The class runs for 2 to 2 1/2 -hours @ \$27.00 a person (a significant savings for our members, regularly \$45). She needs a minimum of 12 people to hold the class. All cake ball materials are included and each participant goes home with 16 beautifully decorated and delicious Cake Balls just in time for Easter.

I can only tell you, you'll love the class and have fun at the same time. So impress your families for Easter with your own homemade cake balls and hear all the praise. And now you will be the cake ball queen (or king) of your family or office!

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

HOBBIES

Knit and Stitch**Thursday, March 2, 10:00 am - Noon****Host:** Elaine Doege
2900 Mossback Lane, 78739**RSVP by 2/28:** [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**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

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Date: April 19, 2017**Where:** River Place Country Club

Time: 11:00 social time
Noon luncheon
Show to follow

Spring Fashion Show!

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PURVEYOR OF FINE MENS CLOTHING

Mark your calendars for our 2017 show featuring THREE different retailers:

- Ladies fashions
- Ladies activewear
- Leisure wear for men and women

All retailers featured are located in the Galleria, in Bee Cave, and Barton Creek Mall.

March 2017

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

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



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for March 15.

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 March 12th. Call (614) 361-4936 or luncheondirector@austinnewcomers.com

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March 12.

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