



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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May Luncheon

Wednesday, May 17, 2017



**We will be taking nominations
and voting on our new board
at this meeting.**

Location: Rocco's Grill

Address: 12432 Bee Cave Rd.
Bee Cave, TX

Cost: \$30 *pp*

Time: 11:00 am social time
Noon-luncheon

RSVP: Online by 5/14
or postmark by 5/12



Let's Talk Wine!

Sommelier Christopher Howell will be joining us to speak at our next luncheon and general meeting.

Chris Howell is currently the Diamond Division Fine Wine Specialist for the Austin Area for Republic National Distributing Company, the nation's second largest distributor. With over 20 years of hospitality experience, he has worked in nearly every position possible in restaurants, bars and catering. In addition to being an established chef, he is also a Certified Sommelier and a Certified Specialist of Wine. Currently, he is preparing for the Advanced Exam through the Court of Master Sommeliers.

Chris will share his passion and knowledge of food and wine at our May 17th meeting. Please plan to join us for a fun, informative, entertaining luncheon at Rocco's Grill! See you there!

President's Message



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May Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 3
Social at 9:30 am
Meeting at 10:00 am

Host: Susi Spies
 4101 Avenue G, 78751

Where: 4101 Avenue G, 78751

RSVP: Susi Spies
Susi.spies@gmail.com
 (310)291-4150



Happy May everyone! All our rain earlier this year has made Spring 2017 the glorious kind that makes good old arid Austin look downright verdant. It's so beautiful outside, but sigh, I've been stuck inside of late trying to Feng Shui my closets into happiness.

If you, like me, have been hearing the term, "minimalism" a lot lately, you'll understand my new project. We Americans, the experts claim, are suffering from overabundance and will be ever so much happier weeding out and giving away. Great idea, but my offspring refuse to "receive" and are now professing desire for "experiences", NOT "possessions". I get it, I get it—I just don't know what to do about all the possessions I loaded up on before I "got it."

Don't smirk, you husbands reading this. We women may have clothes, et al, in overabundance, but guys probably have power saws and golf clubs and fishing equipment taking up plenty of real estate, too.

In an attempt to exit from my "stuff" gracefully, I've been researching: First up, the popular new book on the "The Joy of Tidying." Its main concept: You don't remove what you DON'T want from life—or your closet. Instead, you get EVERYTHING out of your closet or wherever, examine it, and only put back in the items that bring you joy—or the things that make you feel joyful when you wear, use, or look at them.

I like the idea of only keeping joyful things, but the process of emptying my closet isn't nearly as appealing. So, here's another plan I've heard about: You survey your closet and cobble together a 33-item wardrobe inclusive of shoes, jewelry, tops, bottoms, workout clothes, etc. (Happily, underwear and p.j.'s don't count.) Once you've selected your 33 pieces, you wear nothing but those for the next three months. Hmmm? The cure sounds worse than the affliction! Maybe we should all go back out in the warm May sunshine with our favorite Newcomer friends and just keep our closet doors closed. Most of us may have too many possessions, but no one can possibly possess too many friends, right?

Speaking of friends, we have lots of fantastic Newcomer activities to partake of this month. We go to Rocco's for our May 17th luncheon and the election of officers. We'll also be having a planning meeting for Hello Austin on May 16th. If you have any ideas for fun Hello Austin outings and activities in the year ahead, please bring them to that meeting (page 12) or email them to Pam Craig at helloaustin@austinnewcomers.com. There'll also be a Dance Austin outing and lots more fun events to make you glad indeed that you joined Newcomers and now call Austin home!

BOOK GROUPS

Book Groups: Thursday, May 25**Social:** 10:00 am**Discussion:** 10:30am**Book:** *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Eric LarsonSue 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.



If you would like to join a Book Group, please contact:

Bluebonnet Group

Host: Ruth Ann Plotkin
1301 W 9-1/2 Street #300,
78703

Facilitator: Pat Barton

RSVP: ruthann.plotkin@gmail.com or
512-582-0957

Chair: Sue Naylor
ssnayl@gmail.com

Yellow Rose Group

Host: Vella Gregoire
11800 Sterlinghill Dr., 78758

RSVP: vellag@austin.rr.com or
(512) 339-4384

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

Indian Paintbrush Group

Host: Andie Allen
5900 Westslope Dr., 78731

Facilitator: Laura Wolf**RSVP:** Not necessary

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

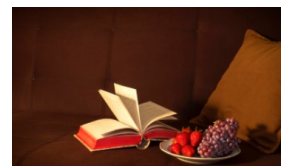
Afternoon Mystery Book Group**Wednesday, May 10, 1:00 pm****Host:** Alison Seaman**Where:** 10337 Salida Drive, 78749**Book:** *The Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny**RSVP :** alisonseaman@yahoo.com

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.

Chair: Dianne Killough, dianne2345@gmail.com

**Men's Book Club****Tuesday, May 23, 2:00 pm**

Host: Charles Corona
10011 Wild Dunes Dr.

**RSVP:** hebate@gmail.com

Book: *Dark money: The Hidden history of the Billionaires behind the rise of the radical right* by Jane Mayer

Details: An amazing revelation by Ms. Mayer of the efforts of the super rich to destroy the fundamentals of American Democracy in order to control the political system for their own interest. A must read for anyone interested in how money has made political corruption an acceptable mainstream activity. All done in secret with little investigative reporting anymore, the general public has become numb to it all.

Chair: Hector Barrio; hebate@gmail.com

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS

Art House Cinema North**Friday, May 12, 7:30 pm****Cost:** \$1.00/person

Details: Arthouse Cinema North selects a film of the group's interest. We see the film separately, then get together as a group to discuss and rate the movie as well as select a film for the following month.

New Members RSVP: [Online](#) and 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

Art House Cinema South**Friday, May 12 or 26, 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. To accommodate its growing size, this group offers a choice of two meetings, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Meeting attendees choose two films, see the movies on their own, and then gather to discuss and rate their selections.

RSVP: [Online](#)

Chair: ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com.

Critics Corner**Friday, May 12, 7:30 pm****RSVP:** [Online](#)

New Members: Bobbi Barrio
criticscorner@austinnewcomers.com

Details: 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.

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.

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



ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Try This**Comedy of Errors, Shakespeare in Zilker Park****May 3-28, Thu. – Sun. 8:00 pm****Where:** Beverly S. Sheffield Zilker Hillside Theatre**Details:** It's the 34th year of Free Shakespeare in Zilker Park with performances of The Comedy of Errors. This is a co-production with the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.**Pecan Street Festival****May 6-7****Where:** Sixth Street**Details:** This twice-yearly arts and crafts festival on Sixth Street features unique vendors, food, and, of course, live music.www.pecanstreetfestival.org**Maifest****May 14, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm****Where:** German Free School, 507 East 10th St.**Details:** Enjoy a family friendly festival celebrating spring with events for kids and traditional music and entertainment as well as German food and beer.<http://germantexans.org/festivals/festivalsmaifest/>**Fiesta Amistad 2017****May 28, 2017****Where:** Centennial Plaza, Round Rock TX**Details:** The 49th Annual Fiesta Amistad is the largest Hispanic festival in Central Texas. Enjoy delicious food, games, arts and crafts, and a variety of entertainment for the entire family.<http://www.elamistadclub.org/fiesta-amistad/>

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 with "Try This" in the subject line.

Shop Austin!**Consignment Shopping in Lakeway & Lunch at Sundancer Grille****Friday, May 19, 10:00 am****Where:** Furniture Brokers Fine Consignment
2300 Lohmans Spur, 78737**RSVP by 5/17:** [Online](#) or cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com

Details: We'll start at Furniture Brokers Fine Consignment Furnishings. If you're in the market for furniture or if you'd like to learn how to consign, this is a great place to start. This is a female-owned corporation with three showrooms around the Austin area. Plus, they offer a unique online showroom. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about consigning here. Then we'll travel five minutes down 620 to Turquoise and Pearls, a truly upscale consignment boutique that features clothing and accessories. We'll be treated to a discount and refreshments while we shop and learn more about this "gem" of a store. We'll top this off with a late and relaxed lunch on the Lake at Sundancer Grille, 16410 Stewart Rd. You won't want to miss this. Awesome food in a beautiful, open-air lakeside atmosphere

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

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Live Music Lovers

Jomo & The Possum Posse
(Soul, Honky Tonk)

Monday, May 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Hill Country Galleria Central Plaza

Cost: Free

RSVP: Not necessary

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

Details: Part of the summer-long Saturday Night Concert Series, the music begins at 7:00 pm in the Central Plaza. Bring a blanket to lounge on the grassy lawn during the show. We will try to stake out a big spot for Newcomers. Order to go food or delivery from Galleria restaurants.

Arrive early to ensure you get a free SWAG bag filled with fun items and discounts from the Hill Country Galleria merchants & sponsors! www.SunRadio.com.



FOOD/SOCIAL

Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

Saturday, May 27, 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 by 5/5: [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, May 21, 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:** Don and Faith Stevens**Where:** 903 Madison Fork Dr, Lakeway**Cost:** \$1.00 at door for paper goods**RSVP:** Online; 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
979-255-1680**Out to Lunch Bunch****Friday, May 26, 11:30 am****Where:** The Grove
6203 Capital of Texas Hwy**Cost:** Separate checks**RSVP:** Online**Details:** The goal at the Grove is to provide new American fare, crafted with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Vegetarian, vegan or gluten-free, they have you covered. They have something for every palate and budget.**Chairs:** Jan Jones, Jones6LP@gmail.com
Peggy Sklar, psklar1@gmail.com**Dance Austin****Dance Across Texas****Friday, May 26, 8:00 pm****Where:** 2201 E. Ben White Blvd., 78741**Cost:** \$7 at the door**RSVP:** Online**Details:** Let's spend the evening dancing! Free lessons at 8 pm if you are interested in another lesson, otherwise, dancing begins at 8:30. I am going to reserve tables for us, so please let me know if you are coming.**Chair:** Karen Kirmis
kkirmis@gmail.com
(701) 570-5472**Happy Hour****Tuesday, May 16, 4:00 pm****Where:** Zax Restaurant and Bar
312 Barton Springs Rd., 78704**RSVP by 5/14:** Online**Price:** Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.**Details:** They have free parking at restaurant. It will be a fun event where we can meet and mingle for happy hour.**Chairs:** Joanie Maqsood, fairwayj341@hotmail.com
Debbie Highbarger, mombcool@aol.com

LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats**Saturday, May 20, 6:00 pm****Host:** Rocio and Fernando Torre
16205 Coral Stone Way, 78738**RSVP by 5/15:** [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. Rocio and Fernando can host a maximum of 25 guests.

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, May 10, 12:30 pm****Host:** Penny Jamrack, 12896 Park Drive, 78732**RSVP:** pjamrack@gmail.com; 512 2662613**Details:** The sujet of conversation will be your favorite French poem or an excerpt of it.. If you don't know any French poet any will do.**Chairs:** Michele Abrio, 512-771-3372, abriol@mac.com
Genevieve Antier, 737-932-3631,
littlefrenchy44@gmail.com**Spanish Conversation****Monday, May 15, 10:00 am****Where:** La Madeleine
5493 Brodie Lane, Sunset Valley, 78745**RSVP by 5/14:** [Online](#)**Chair:** Susana Surbek, susana.surbek@hotmail.com
512-740-2349

GAMES

1st Friday Bridge**Friday, May 5, 6:30 - 9:45 pm****Where:** Lamar Senior Activity Center
2874 Shoal Crest Drive**Cost:** \$5.00 per person**RSVP:** edward@stokes.biz**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, May 18****9:45 am social time****10:00 am play begins promptly****Host:** Isabel Cutillas**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 5/15:** 512-266-6325; icutillas@yahoo.com**Chair:** Felicia Morrison
512-619-0100,
feliciamorrison@hotmail.com

GAMES, continued

Kitchen Bridge**Wednesday, May 24, 10:30 am****Cost:** \$2.25

Bring your lunch

RSVP after 5/1/Chair: Mimi Rhea
512-491-0744
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 or
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, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 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**Bunco****Tuesday, May 16, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm****Host:** Diane Gallagher**Cost:** \$5**RSVP by 5/13:** cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com
Directions will be provided.**Chair:** Connie Gardner
peplett@aol.com

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

Euchre**Saturday, May 20, 6:30 pm****Host:** Nancy Shipley**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** 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

GAMES, continued

Ladies Poker**Thursday, May 25, 6:30 pm****Host:** Judy Floyd
10304 Rhett Butler Dr. 78739**Cost:** \$5.00**RSVP by 5/23:**
inge@austin.rr.com**Chair:** Inge Eichberg
512-351-9807**Mah Jongg****Thursday, May 11 & 25, 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**Mexican Train****Wednesday, May 10, 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:** call 512-330-4130 or text 512-964-5738**Chair:** Nancy Belmont
nancybelmont1@gmail.com; 512-964-5738**Second Sunday Scrabble****Sunday, May 14, 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
513-293-5523**Pinochle****Friday, May 12, 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

Happy Trails

Lake Pointe Preserve Trail

Saturday, May 20, 9:00 am

Where: 3314 San Benito Court, 78738

Cost: Free

RSVP: [Online](#) or email donnadau@hotmail.com

Details: Austin Newcomer member, Pam VonMende, has graciously invited us to experience the Happy Trail at Lake Point Preserve in her neighborhood, near Bee Cave. We will meet at her home at the address above and then walk to the trail head. This crushed gravel trail is partially shaded and leads down to a lovely waterfall. We will hang out at the waterfall for awhile before heading back up the trail to our cars. Please bring a hiking stick, as the elevation changes a bit along the way to the creek and waterfall. Dress for the weather and bring lots of water

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



Hearty Hikers

Trammell's Crossing Trail

at Pedernales Falls State Park

Tuesday, May 9, 9:00 am



Where: Meet at the Starbucks in the HEB parking lot on Bee Cave Rd. near the Galleria

Cost: Free with a State Park Pass, \$6, \$3 seniors

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: Ready to get your feet wet? This is a balloon-shaped trail that crosses over the Pedernales River and climbs up to a high plateau. Some parts are covered with Live Oaks and other parts are grassy meadows. We plan on hiking and then having a picnic!

Pedernales State Park is about 1 hour from Austin. We will meet at the Starbucks to carpool, if interested. The hike will take about 2.5 hours and then we will have lunch. We plan on returning to the parking lot at Starbucks by 3 pm.

Bring: Bring water shoes so we can wade in the river during lunch!

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

Golfing Around Austin

Monday, May 8

Where: Course to be determined

Cost: Greens fees vary, pay at course

RSVP by 4/30: [Online](#)



Details: The last play date before the summer break will be Monday, May 8. I am going to try to get us on at either Avery Ranch or Star Ranch, both of which are very nice courses. We'll likely play a Select Best Ball scramble again if we have enough golfers for at least 2 groups. After the May 8 play date, we will resume playing again in September, likely the 2nd Monday, which is September 11.

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

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 by 5/15: [Online](#) or pmcraig4482gmail.com

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.

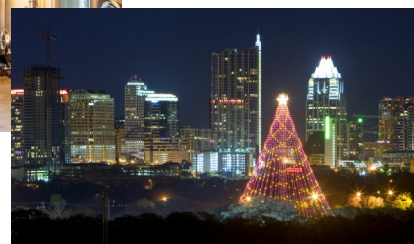
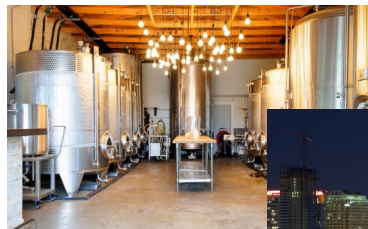
Hello Austin usually does about two events a month, so there are lots of opportunities for us to do things you all would enjoy. Please join us and bring your ideas. Is there something we haven't done that you want to try? Or possibly an event that we have done before that you really want to see repeated? 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
pmcraig4482gmail.com
734-417-5998



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PHOTOS WANTED!

Please submit photos that you would like to have posted to our Instagram page to:
webmaster@austinnewcomers.com.



HOBBIES

Knit and Stitch**Thursday, May 4, 10:00 am - Noon****Host:** Cathy Herzog
217 Shallow Water Cove, Driftwood, TX**RSVP by 5/2:** [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

GO GREEN
GO PAPERLESS

Sign up to get this newsletter via email.
Send an email to:

vpmembership@austinnewcomers.com

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.

**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.

May 2017

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

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

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for May 17

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.

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

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

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