



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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November Luncheon Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Location: River Place Country Club

Address: 4207 River Place Blvd., 78730

Cost: \$30 pp

Time: Shop from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Meeting and lunch at noon

RSVP: Online by 11/12
or postmark by Fri, 11/11

affle after lunch!
25 Prizes!

- Shop pre-luncheon from 10:00 am to Noon for the best selection
- After luncheon shopping 1:30 - 3:00 pm open to all
- Invite your friends and neighbors to come for the entire show and luncheon - cost \$30pp or free open shopping from 1:30 - 3:00 pm
- Don't miss this favorite annual event!



- Returning favorites: jewelry, woven goods, painted note cards, embroidered towels and ornaments
- NEW items: candles, desserts, candy, nuts, jellies and popcorn, wreaths, pillows, beaded flatware, homemade pet treats, handmade gift wraps and tags, children items, and wooden birdhouses
- Vendors will accept cash & checks, some may have credit card options



We will be collecting items for
Carrying Hope at the
November and December
luncheons.

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Mat for more information.

President's Message



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November Board Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 2
9:30 am social,
Meeting at 10:00 am

Host: Patty Schieck
 10212 Banks Court, 78739

RSVP: Susi Spies
susi.spies@gmail.com
 Patty Schieck
 512-369-3563



So here I sit trying to decide what topic I should explore this month. First I thought I should write about gratitude because we celebrate Thanksgiving in November. Then, I decided that I should write about talent because of our ever-popular and now imaginatively refreshed Annual Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show slated for November 16th at River Place. Gratitude or talent? Talent or gratitude? I pondered that knotty subject choice for a while before it struck me that what I really wanted to write about is the importance of remembering to be grateful for all the gifts we possess—both seen and unseen.

In today's fast-paced competitive world, it's easy to look longingly at those with soaring, hard-to-miss big talents. We forget how badly we each need to pat ourselves on the back and give thanks for a gift of kindness, our gift of the ability to make a really good friend, a gift of consolation, a gift of graciousness or the gift of a sense of humor.

Austin Newcomers is a club filled with not only the wonderful artists and craftspeople whose work you'll see on sale at our upcoming Craft Show, but also with many members who possesses the kind of special personal gifts that warm hearts, ease the trials of life, and make us all feel connected, accepted and valued.

I sometimes think we shortchange ourselves when our gifts of character and kindness, empathy and humor aren't as gratefully received and revered as they deserve to be. Don't forget to appreciate all the very special gifts that make you, you!

This Thanksgiving season, I give personal (and most grateful) thanks as the end of the seemingly longest and most uncivilized election in American history draws to an end, and to all of you who are making my year as President such a happy one.

Happy Fall!

BOOK GROUPS

Book Groups: Thursday, December 1st

(No meeting in November)

Time: 10:30 am**Where:** Chez Zee
5406 Balcones Dr.**RSVP:** Registration information will be sent out to book group members.**Book:** *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln***Facilitator:** Stephen Harrigan, author of the bookBring books for the book swap table and find treasures to swap.
Extra books will go to the Assistance League.

We have kept this group going by creating three groups: Indian Paintbrush, Yellow Rose and Bluebonnet. All groups read the same books, which are chosen annually in the fall.

If you would like to join a Book Group, please contact:
Sue Naylor
ssnayl@gmail.com**Bluebonnet Group****Chair:** Sue Naylor
ssnayl@gmail.com**Yellow Rose Group****Chairs:** Gayle Cannon
gayle.cannon70@gmail.com
Connie Esau
connieesau@gmail.com**Indian Paintbrush Group****Chairs:** Andie Allen
andreaalleninteriors@gmail.com
Janet Lande
jslaustin@gmail.com**Afternoon Mystery Book Group**

We meet in member's homes at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month from September to May to discuss books whose subjects are always mysteries.

When: Wednesday, Nov. 9**Time:** 1:30 pm (new time)**Where:** TBA upon receipt of RSVP**Book:** *Career of Evil* by John Galbraith**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Upcoming titles:***Bruno, Chief of Police* by Martin Walker
The Blackhouse by Peter May
Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey
The Art Forger by B A Shapiro
A Small Death in the Great Glen by A D Scott
The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny**Chair:** Dianne Killough
dianne2345@gmail.com**Men's Book Club****Tuesday, November 22, 1:00 pm****Host:** Jeff Dryjanski
2908 Raspberry Rd.**Chair:** Hector Barrio, 512-633-2103
hebate@gmail.com**RSVP by 11/21:** 512-633-2103**Book:** *My promised land: the triumph and tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit

A must read book. Shavit celebrates the Zionist man-made miracle— from its start-ups to its gay bars— while remaining affectionate, critical, realistic and morally anchored. His book is a real contribution to changing the conversation about Israel and building a healthier relationship with it.

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS

Art House Cinema North**Friday, November 11, 7:30 pm****Cost:** \$1.00/person

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

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

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

Art House Cinema South**Friday, November 11, 7:00 pm****Cost:** \$1.00/person

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

For more information contact

ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com.

Critics Corner**Friday, November 11, 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). Couple should bring two items.

RSVP: [Online](#)

New Members: Bobbi Barrio

criticscorner@austinnewcomers.com

Day Trippers**The next tour will be in January****Chair:** Twan Brady

brady@gvec.net

512-627-1363

**Dance Austin!****Thursday, November 3,**

Lessons 8:15 - 9:00 p.m., dance until midnight
Swing Lessons with Austin Swing Syndicate

Where: Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Headquarters
 (The Fed), 2312 San Gabriel St., 78705

Cost: \$4.00 pay at door.

Tell them you are a Newcomer to get this price.

RSVP by 10/27: [Online](#)

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

Details: Parking at The Quarter's Garage (entrance has green/aqua-colored "P" sign), 2216 Rio Grande St. Bring parking ticket to the Fed to be validated. Park in any undesignated space.

ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Shop Austin!**Friday, November 11****Carpool at 8:00 am, event at 10:00 am****What:** Shop Fredericksburg**Hosts:** Diane Gallagher & Janet Jones**RSVP by 11/8:** [Register Online](#) or emailDiane at cd_gallagher28@hotmail.comJanet Jones at jones6lp@gmail.com

Details: Join us November 11 for a day in the historic German town of Fredericksburg. We begin shopping at 10:00 am (carpool leaves at 8:00 am) with a tour of Carol Hicks Bolton Antiques. This 30,000 sq. ft. showroom is filled with antiques and treasures sourced from Europe and beyond including one of a kind furniture items, upholstery, garden, Belgian linens and oddities (www.carolhicksbolton.com). For lunch we suggest their cafe on site (amazing baked goods) or, another frequently missed gem, Fredericksburg Herb Farm. We plan to shop Main Street after lunch which has an extensive array of unique shops. What a great way to get going on Christmas shopping! Departure times back will be decided by each car pool. Please advise if you will meet us at 8:00 am at Planet Fitness at the "Y" (290 and Hwy 71).

Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate**Saturday, December 10, 6:30 pm**

(no meeting in November)

RSVP: An email will be sent to the people on the list around the first of the month. RSVP then. The hostess will send out menu information to attendees a few weeks before the event.

Details: Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a 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. 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 Marcusmarcus08@gmail.com

505-340-5464

The Play's the Thing**Coming Up Baskerville, a Sherlock Holmes****Mystery**

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:

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

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

RSVP for Vino Vino: plays@austinnewcomers.com

For subscriptions and single tickets, call Cyndi at the Austin Playhouse box office at 512-476-0084. Mention that you are with Austin Newcomers. Subscriber services, including unlimited rescheduling if you have a date conflict, are all handled directly with the box office. For play descriptions and directions to the theater, go to www.austinplayhouse.com.

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



ENTERTAINMENT & OUTINGS, continued

Friends Connection

The Friends Connection will not meet in November and December. We will see each other again in January.



Live Music Lovers

Information about the November event was not available at time of publication. Check the [online calendar](#) for updated information.

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



Charitable Opportunity

ANC collecting items at the Nov. & Dec. Luncheons

At our September luncheon our speaker Kristin Finan, travel editor of the Austin American Statesmen, introduced us to Carrying Hope (<http://www.carryinghope.com/>), a nonprofit organization she started to provide foster children in Central Texas with basic necessity items for the initial 24 hours after entering foster care. Kristin, a foster mom of two young children, saw a profound need of basic items such as pajamas, cuddly toys, and diapers for these children.

We will be collecting items for their backpacks at BOTH the November and December luncheons. You can choose the age and gender that you would like to shop for. There are several ways to donate:

- Bring an item or items from any list in the link below or construct a completely filled Hope Pack.
<http://www.carryinghope.com/make-a-hope-pack/>
- Make a purchase on Amazon by using this link:
https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1K9PYXSDVDWVP/ref=cm_wl_it_del
- Contribute a gift card from Amazon, Target or Wal-Mart.

The items brought to the November and December luncheon's will be delivered to the charity in mid-December. Contact one of the luncheon team chairs about pickup of items, if needed.

Luncheon Team: Laurie Gillig, lauriegillig@gmail.com
Beth Noe, bethnoe@gmail.com
Kathy Finley, jfinley825@aol.com

FOOD/SOCIAL

Try This

November starts the march toward the holidays with many opportunities for gift buying. If you are looking for things to do, and buy, see the entries below.

Christmas at the Caswell House**November 3-10**

Christmas at the Caswell House has been an Austin community tradition since 1983. The Austin Junior Forum transforms this historic home into a winter wonderland. Now in its 32nd year, Christmas at Caswell raises funds that are distributed to local charities and non-profits through a grants program. www.austinjuniorforum.org.

Wurstfest**November 4-13, 2016, New Braunfels, Texas**

Here, you'll enjoy good food, music, dancing, exciting carnival rides and games, German, Texan and domestic beer, special events and the finest in Alpine and Bavarian-style entertainment. www.wurstfest.com.

East Austin Studio Tour**November 12-13 & 19-20****Various Locations**

More than 70 Eastside studios open their doors for the public's viewing and purchasing pleasure.

www.east.bigmedium.org.

Texas Book Festival**November 5-6, 2016****Texas State Capitol Building**

The Texas Book Festival has evolved into one of the premier literary events in the country and hosts about 250 authors each year. More than 40,000 book lovers of all ages attend the Festival annually, enjoying readings, panel discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, children's activities and exhibiting vendors from across the state. www.texasbookfestival.org.

A Christmas Affair**Nov.16- Dec. 4, various dates****Palmer Events Center**

The Junior League of Austin's A Christmas Affair hosts approximately 200 vendors in a themed shopping extravaganza which includes parties, children's events, a private shopping brunch, and the season's biggest celebrity, Santa. www.jlaustin.org.

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

TGI Social**Thank Goodness It's Social**

We'll skip TGI Socials for November and December. However, we'll be back Saturday, January 14 from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Hosts: Dave and Pattie Schieck; pattie@pattiewebster.com; 512-924-9923

Out to Lunch Bunch**Will meet in January**

We meet the last week of every month to explore different restaurants in the Austin area. We go south, north and in the middle. Because we meet the last week of the month, we will be "dark" in November and December due to the Holidays. Please be ready to mark your calendars when the January Welcome Mat arrives. We look forward to lunch with you in January.

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

Happy Hour**Tuesday, November 15, 4:00-7:00 pm**

Where: Alcomar Restaurant ,
1816 S. First St. Austin ,78704

RSVP by 11/13: [Online](#) or email Joanie Maqsood
fairwayj341@gmail.com

Price: Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.

Details: Enjoy a fun evening while experiencing Latin-inspired seafood .

LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats

Saturday, November 19, 5:00 pm*

Host: Jan and Tom Barney

Where: 16329 Rockies Run Summit, Austin 78738

RSVP by 11/14: bigsize@aol.com; stevensfai@aol.com

Details: We enjoy sharing our overseas experiences and being with members who are from outside the US. If you are curious about other cultures, while sharing yours or your overseas travel experiences, please join us at our monthly gatherings. Each individual or couple is requested to bring a large appetizer and a bottle of wine for a stand-up mix and mingle supper.

*Time change: We switch to 5:00 pm after Daylight Savings Time ends.



French Conversation

Wednesday, November 9, 12:30 pm

Host: Michele Abriol

Where: 3222 Grimes Ranch Road, 78732

RSVP Necessary: Michele Abriol
512-771-3372 or abriol@mac.com

Topic: Christmas party in December

Spanish Conversation

Monday, November 21, 10:00 am

Host: Susana Surbek

RSVP: Register [Online](#)

Chair: Susana surbek
susana.surbek@hotmail.com

GAMES

1st Friday Bridge

Friday, November 4, 6:00 pm - 9:45 pm*

Host: Edna and Ed Stokes

Where: South Lamar Senior Activity, 3911 Manchaca Road*

Cost: \$5.00 per person

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

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

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

*We will be playing at the South Austin Senior Activity Center this month because the Lamar Senior Center is not available. Also see the time change is a half hour earlier. We will have social time from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and bridge from 6:30 to 9:45 pm.

3rd Thursday Bridge

Thursday, November 17

9:45 am Social Time

10:00 am play begins promptly

Host: Nancy Hargarten

Cost: \$3.00

This is a group of average to expert bridge players who enjoy playing together. We like the competition and challenge of party bridge and the opportunity to meet new people. Bridge is open to all.

RSVP: Nancy Hargarten
512-327-1646
nancyhh84@gmail.com

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

GAMES, continued

Kitchen Bridge**Wednesday, November 30, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm****Home of:** Hansa Nasta
2601 Cascade Hills Dr**Cost:** \$2.50
Bring your lunch**RSVP:** hnasta@yahoo.com or 512-328-1886
Reservations may be made no earlier than the first of the month of the event.**Chair:** Mimi Rhea, 512-491-0744, eerhea@att.net**Bunco****Tuesday, November 15, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm****Host:** Dorothy Docherty
2108 Townes Ln.**RSVP:** Dorothy
512-383-5902, dotinsg@hotmail.com**Chair:** Connie Gardner
peplett@aol.com

Directions will be provided when you respond.

Canasta (moving back to Mondays)**Mondays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28, 11:00 am****NEW Location:** Mimi's Cafe
2613 Galleria Circle
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave**RSVP:** Register [online](#) the Sunday before each date.**Details:** We meet every Monday for a relaxing day playing a Hand and Foot version of Canasta. The game is easy to learn. New players are invited to join in. You're welcome to play as often as you like - every week or just occasionally.

We begin playing at 11:00 am, break for lunch about 12:30 pm and continue to play afterward. We order from the menu and get separate checks.

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

Cost: New players pay a one time fee of \$15 when they join to cover the cost of cards and supplies.**Chair:** If you have questions, email or call Dottie Thoms at canasta@austinnewcomers.com, 512-820-5980.**Euchre****Saturday, November 5, 6:30 pm****Host:** Greg & Nancy Shipley**Cost:** \$5.00**RSVP :** [Online](#) or email
euchre@austinnewcomers.com**Chair:** Kasha Petrea, 716-393-1991
kasha.action@gmail.com

This game is quick and easy to learn but with enough challenge to make it interesting. We welcome seasoned and new players looking for an evening of fun playing cards. Limit 8 players. Please bring a snack to share and what you want to drink, other than water.



GAMES, continued

Ladies Poker

Not meeting in November

Chair: Inge Eichberg
512-351-9807
inge@austin.rr.com



Mah Jongg

Thursday, November 10, 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: Jeanne Broussard
Jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com



Mexican Train

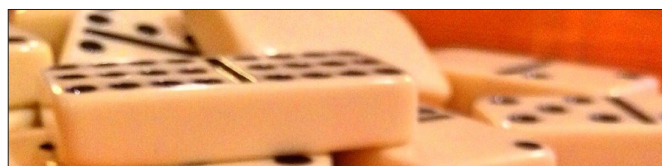
Wednesday, November 9, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

Cost: \$2.00

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

RSVP by 8am, day of game: Register [online](#) or contact Nancy Belmont at nbelmont@austin.rr.com



Pinochle

Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 pm

Host: Nancy & Greg Shipley
5812 Tributary Ridge Dr.

RSVP: Nshipley@me.com
832-236-9909

Details: Everyone invited to learn/relearn this fun card game. Single deck and double deck variations will be explored. There are many ways to play this game so come share what you know. Open to all ideas as long as we are having fun!

Second Sunday Scrabble

Sunday, November 13, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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

RSVP by Nov. 10: sandytzone@juno.com

Details: This is a non competitive group and we strive to have fun. Join us and sample some of the great food and pastry at this independent Austin business.

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



HEALTH/FITNESS

Golfing Around Austin

Monday, November 14



Cost: Greens fees vary, pay at course

RSVP by 11/6: Register [online](#) or email jwcates3@gmail.com at least 8 days before play date

Details: The group normally plays the 2nd Monday of each month at various area golf courses. In addition to our upcoming Nov. 14 play date, other planned play dates for 2016 and Spring 2017 are Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10 and May 8. If we get at least 8 golfers, we're going to try playing a Best Ball 4-Player Scramble which should be a lot of fun. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

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

Happy Trails

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 am

Where: Commons Ford: Lake Austin Loop

Cost: Free

RSVP: Register [online](#) or contact donnadau@hotmail.com. No deadline.

Details: This 215-acre park is great for families and beginning hikers and walkers. The short trail follows a lovely creek, a line of towering pecan trees (in full sun), and cliffs along the shores of Lake Austin. We may spot some turtles in the creek and perhaps some of the 120 species of birds that have been sighted in the park. This trail is a 1.6 mile loop and will take under an hour to complete. At the end of the walking trail, for those who want a bit more exercise, we will take a more rugged trail with some elevation, to view a scenic waterfall (about 5 minutes in and 5 minutes out). A hiking stick is recommended for this portion, as well as plenty of water, sunscreen and sturdy shoes. For those who wish to do only the loop trail, your cars will be just a few yards down the road from the waterfall trail. There is a restroom facility at the .5 mile section of the loop trail. Leashed dogs are permitted.

Directions: [Online](#)

Hearty Hikers

Tuesday, November 8, 9:30 am



Where: River Place Nature Trail

RSVP by 11/7: [Online](#)

Details: River Place Trail has spectacular views of the hill country looking west! This is considered one of the most challenging trails in Austin with an 1800 elevation gain in 3.5 miles. It starts out as a flat hike along a small creek through the woods and ends with up and down log stairs near the summit with views of the nature preserve to the west. The man who helped develop the trail, Art Jistel, will lead the hike, giving us more information about the area. It should be beautiful this time of year!

Bring/wear: hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, sturdy shoes as there are several rocky water crossings, hiking stick, and water.

Restrooms are available at the park across the street from the pond.

Lunch after the hike (optional): Rudy's BBQ, 7709 Ranch Rd. 620 N, Austin, 78726

Directions: [Online](#)

For Information: Dorothy Docherty, 512-351-6724

Living Well

Monday, November 7, 1:00 pm

Join us to discuss ways to feel good and live a healthy lifestyle. Bring your ideas for topics to explore.

Where: TBD

RSVP: [Online](#)

Chair: Jan Jones
Jones6LP@gmail.com

HELLO AUSTIN!

Argus Cidery Tasting**Saturday, October 29, 2:00 pm****Where:** 12345 Pauls Valley Rd., Dripping Springs**Cost:** \$3 glass, flight of 4 \$10.

There is usually a food truck on site.

RSVP: [Online](#)**Event Coordinator:** Roz Stephenson**Details:** Enjoy funky ciders and other fruit-forward endeavors. Other brewing companies and distilleries are close by.**Con O'lio Basic Olive Oil Class****Saturday, November 5, 5:30pm - 7:00 pm****Where:** Con'Olio Shops of the Galleria

Bee Cave Hwy 71

12918 Shops Parkway

Cost: \$30 per person for class and appetizers

Wine may be purchased for \$7 a glass

10% discount on purchases

RSVP by 10/21: [Online](#)**Limit of 25 attendees!****Details:** We will learn, taste, and be given an assortment of appetizers to enhance our tasting.**Questions:** Janie McClam jalommc@msn.comConnie Gardner peplett@aol.com**Holiday Sing-Along and Downtown Stroll****Saturday, December 3, 6:00 - 9:00 pm****Where:** Begins at south steps of the Capital

Look for the Hello Austin Flag

RSVP: [Online](#)

Please register so that we will look for you!

Details: Join us for the annual KUT and KUTX Holiday Sing-Along, Lighting of the Tree, and Downtown Stroll, with sing-along led by John Aielli.

After an hour of enthusiastic singing, participants will observe the lighting of the Capitol Christmas Tree at 11th & Congress at 7:00 pm and then proceed down Congress to visit shops and other venues until 9:00 pm. Congress Avenue will be abuzz with holiday cheer during the Downtown Stroll. Join us to hear live music and enjoy fun family-friendly activities! Shops, restaurants, galleries, and museums will also be open late and will feature special activities and offers. If you can, please support fellow members of the community by bringing non-perishable food or cash donations to the Capitol Christmas tree for the Capital Area Food Bank.

Parking: This event attracts more than 20,000 attendees each year, so we encourage you to bike or use public transportation. On-street metered parking and garage parking are available.<http://www.downtownaustin.com/experience/parking>**Organizers:** Linda and Paul Parrish**Questions:** HelloAustin@austinnewcomers.com**Broadway by Request****Presented by the Austin Symphony****Friday, December 29, 8:00 pm****Where:** Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd.**Cost:** \$32 per person**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Details:** You Choose which songs you'd like the Austin Symphony to perform—from Wicked to Les Miserables. Select from various duets, male and female solos, and many others. It's an exciting way for you to have a voice in what you'd like to hear!

Bring your favorite food dish and enjoy this concert in a cabaret-style setting. Details to follow on the website. The following is a link to the selection list from which to choose. Just complete the survey at:

<http://www.austinsymphony.org/broadway>**Co-Chair:** Cindy Johnson**Texas Stars Hockey****VS Bakersfield Condors****Saturday, Jan. 28, 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm)****Where:** HEB Center, Cedar Park**Cost:** \$25; children ages two and older require a ticket; under two years are free as a lap child.

Food and drinks are available for purchase.

RSVP: [Online](#)**Details:** If 30 members sign up, we will each get the opportunity to try a slapshot into the goal and a photo of us all! Also, anyone in our group who is interested in riding the Zamboni will be put into a drawing for an opportunity to do that. After you sign up online, email Hello Austin and let us know that you are interested in riding (can be an adult or child). So sign up soon for a night of fast and furious entertainment!**Parking:** Parking is included in all ticket prices.**Register for events at:**www.austinnewcomers.com**Questions contact**helloaustin@austinnewcomers.com

HOBBIES

Knit and Stitch**Thursday, November 3, 10:00 am - noon****Host:** Pamela Craig

4111 East 12th Street, #2, Austin 78721

RSVP: Pamela Craigpmcraig448@gmail.com

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

Chair: Heather Ashbee, heatherashbee@comcast.net

**Photography**

Welcome photographers! The photography interest group meets twice a month, once for a photo shoot usually the second Tuesday and again on the fourth Tuesday for a photo share session. If you would like to join the group, please email kajones510@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

PHOTO SHOOT**Location and time:** TBD

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

PHOTO SHARE SESSION**Date:** Fourth Tuesday of each month

Time: 10:30 AM socializing - 11:00 AM share session
Email 6 photos to Bill Sofer at billsofer@mac.com. He will compile a slide show to project the photos on a screen for all members to enjoy and to offer ideas.

Location: Precision Camera store's classroom at 2438 W. Anderson Lane in the West Anderson Plaza.
Optional lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANC Website Updates**New Transactions Tab**

- Log in to Manage Account
 - Click on Transactions (fourth tab across top)
- You can now see a detailed list of your registration and payment history. You can click on the links in the list to get more details about that particular event

Photo Gallery Updated

Our new Photo Gallery is linked to Instagram. Photos posted will allow us to promote ANC services and activities. Please submit photos that you would like posted to: webmaster@austinnewcomers.com

Web Tip

If you are logged in to your account when you register for events, it auto-populates the registration information.

SAVE THE DATE**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH****CASINO PARTY!**

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November 2016

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 <u>Board Meeting</u> 9:30 am	3 <u>Knit & Stitch</u> 10:00 am <u>Dance Austin</u> 8:00 pm	4 <u>1st Friday</u> <u>Bridge</u> 6:00 pm	5 <u>Euchre</u> 6:30 pm <u>Hello Austin- Con</u> <u>O'lio</u> 5:30 pm
6	7 <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am <u>Living Well</u> 1:00 pm	8 <u>Hearty Hikers</u> 9:30 am <u>Photography</u> <u>Group - Photo</u> <u>Shoot</u> , TBD <u>Pinochle</u> 6:30 pm	9 <u>Mexican Train</u> 11:00 am <u>French</u> 12:30 pm <u>Mystery Book</u> <u>Group</u> , 1:30pm	10 <u>Mah Jongg</u> 1:00 pm	11 <u>Shop Austin</u> 8:00 am Arthouse Cinema <u>South</u> , 7:00 pm <u>North</u> , 7:30 pm <u>Critics Corner</u> 7:30 pm	12 <u>Happy Trails</u> 9:00 am
13 <u>Second Sunday</u> <u>Scrabble</u> 3:00 pm	14 <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am <u>Golfing Around</u> <u>Austin</u> , TBA	15 <u>Bunco</u> 10:30 am <u>Happy Hour</u> 4:00 pm	16 <u>Monthly</u> <u>Luncheon</u> Noon— Craft Bazaar begins at 10:00 am	17 <u>Third Thursday</u> <u>Bridge</u> 9:45 am	18	19 <u>Expats</u> 5:00 pm
20	21 <u>Spanish</u> 10:00am <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	22 <u>Photography</u> <u>Photo Share</u> 10:30 am <u>Men's Book Club</u> 1:00 pm	23	24	25	26
27	28 <u>Canasta</u> 11:00 am	29	30 Kitchen Bridge 10:30 am			

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



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for Wednesday, Nov. 16th

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

Postmark by
Nov. 11. Online
RSVP by Nov. 12.

Welcome New Members

Henri Adams
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702-429-2299

Mary Lou Modde
8728 Barrow Glen Loop, 78749
314-749-9922

Frank & Margo Carrico
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512-550-4919

Alan Reuther and Beth Moten
3312 Perry Lane, 78731
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Molly Clayton
11160 Jollyville #823, 78759
703-829-6070

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7201 Ranch Rd 2222, # 3227,
78730
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10402 Treasure Island Dr.,
78730
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Cinde Weatherby
2733 Dulce Lane, #622, 78704
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Christine Hoigaard
801 West 5th Street # 2611,
78703
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Mahre and Gary Wolff
62 Tiburon Dr., The Hills TX,
78738
925-683-0553

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.



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

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

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



PHOTOS WANTED!

Our historians Jane VanDellen and Beth Oliver very much want photos of every interest group! Please send them to **Historian@[austinnewcomers.com](mailto:historian@austinnewcomers.com)**.