



# Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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## October Luncheon

### How to Look Ageless and Timeless: Staying Relevant and Modern in our Fast-paced World Wednesday, October 19, 2016



We are excited to have Eve Michaels, internationally acclaimed makeover expert, speak about adapting our style as we age. Eve is a renowned image consultant, author, and motivational speaker. For over thirty years Eve has been working with men and women around the globe to transform their look and their lives. Some of her work can be seen on Austin 512, NBC Today and Nightly News, Entertainment Tonight, BBC and Telemundo Univision, to name a few. Her book *Dress Code: Ending Fashion Anarchy* is currently available. She and her daughter are owners of The Shop Austin on Lake Austin Blvd.

**Location:** Chez Zee Restaurant

**Address:** 5406 Balcones Dr.

**Cost:** \$30 pp

**Time:** 11:00 am social time, noon luncheon buffet with program to follow

**RSVP** online by October 16 by clicking [HERE](#) or see the inside back cover for mail-in RSVP by October 14.

## New & Prospective Member Welcome Event

Sunday, October 23, 2016  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Home of:** Karen & Don Kirmis  
2700 Bartons Bluff Lane 78746

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

Let the kind hosts know of your attendance to help us make appropriate arrangements.

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



# President's Message



## Interest Groups & Events

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Are you raking leaves yet? If not, we're probably all looking for our rakes and getting ready to start. Fall is definitely in the air, so I hope you and yours are enjoying Austin's balmy weather, UT Football and all the fun things that are part of living in Austin as the calendar pages turn toward October.

Part of the pleasure of serving as your president this autumn, and every season, is getting to attend more than my usual quota of Newcomer activities in which I have an opportunity to meet so many of you and finally be able to put names with faces. That said, as we eat and drink our calorically challenged way through innumerable fun gatherings, I do occasionally stop and remember that when I finish my term next June, I'll have been in Austin for over two years--time enough that I really must find some meaningful way to give back. That's not so easy! In fact, finding the "philanthropic" piece of my Texas life seems to be one of the hardest parts of moving. I suspect that some of you who are new to town or with newly available spare time have found the same challenge.

For anyone really seriously interested in finding a cause to support or a place to donate time, here's a wonderful opportunity. I met a terrific woman recently who serves on a variety of boards in Austin. She offered to counsel/suggest/plug-in anyone looking for volunteer work or board opportunities. If you, like me, have had an empty charitable space in your heart or life that needs filling, just let me know, and I'll be glad to connect you. You'll find me, like you're finding so many new friends, in your ANC Directory! Also, as a side-note, if some of you have found particularly worthwhile causes to support, let me know about them too. I'll be glad to share!

And now, with blower and leaf bag in hand, I bid you a month full of beautiful autumn leaves, a fine harvest of pecans, winning football, and fun new friends!

## September Board Meeting

**Wednesday, Oct. 5**  
**9:30 am social,**  
**meeting at 10:00 am**

**Host:** Donna Withrow  
 12312 Palisades Parkway

**RSVP:** Susi Spies,  
 susi.spies@gmail.com  
 Donna Withrow  
 512-369-3563



## BOOK GROUPS

**Book Groups: Thursday, October 27****Social: 10:00 am, Discussion: 10:30 am****Book:** *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai**Upcoming:**

The book groups are not meeting in November. There will be a combined lunch meeting on December 1st at Chez Zee. The book, *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln*, will be discussed by its author, Stephen Harrigan.

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](mailto:ssnayl@gmail.com)

**Bluebonnet Group**

**Host:** Anna Cundiff  
 5300 Scout Island Circle South,  
 78731

**Facilitator:** Karen Rankin

**RSVP:** Anna Cundiff  
 512-551-8737  
[kwcundiff@gmail.com](mailto:kwcundiff@gmail.com)

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

**Yellow Rose Group**

**Host:** Gayle Cannon  
 10700 Gold Yarrow Dr, 78730

**Facilitator:** Jeanette Swenson

**RSVP:** [gayle.cannon70@gmail.com](mailto:gayle.cannon70@gmail.com)  
 or 512-372-2469

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

**Indian Paintbrush Group**

**Host:** Andie Allen  
 5900 Westslope Dr., 78731

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

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

**Afternoon Mystery Book Group**

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

**When:** Wednesday, Oct 12**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Hostess:** Bronwyn Bowen  
 8019 Raintree Pl., Austin 78759

**Book:** *An Unsuitable Job for a Woman* by P.D. James**RSVP:** [bbowen60@gmail.com](mailto:bbowen60@gmail.com)**Upcoming titles:**

*Career of Evil* by John Galbraith  
*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

**Men's Book Club****Tuesday, October 25, 1:00 pm**

**Host:** Hector Barrio  
 4704 Hickory Hollow

**Chair:** Hector Barrio, 512-633-2103  
[hebate@gmail.com](mailto:hebate@gmail.com)

**RSVP by 10/24:** 512-633-2103

**Book:** *Unthinkable- Iran, the Bomb, and American Strategy*  
 by Kenneth M. Pollack.

"An engrossing book. Mr. Pollack has produced an account that is mercifully free of swagger. If Congress gets a vote on going to war with Iran, let's hope that this book is on everyone's reading list. It might just change a few minds" (The Economist.)

## ENTERTAINMENT &amp; OUTINGS

**Art House Cinema North****Friday, October 14, 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 Sarraat, [isarraatster@gmail.com](mailto:isarraatster@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, October 14, 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](mailto:ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com).

**Critics Corner****Friday, October 14 9, 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 bring either a bottle of wine (or beverage of their choice) or an appetizer for 12 people to the meeting. Couples should bring both wine and an appetizer.

**New Members:** Bobbi Barrio  
[criticscorner@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:criticscorner@austinnewcomers.com)

**Day Trippers****Monday, October 24, 8:00 am****Bastrop Tours and Lunch**

**8:00 am:** One hour tour of Deep in the Heart Art Foundry, 405 Jackson St. Meet promptly at 8:00.

**9:30 am:** Two hour tour of MD Anderson Animal Research Center, 650 Cool Water Drive (off hwy 95N, Hwy 2336)

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

**1:00 pm:** Tour of new Historical Museum on Main Street

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

**Details:** Participants will need to sign a release and be able to walk for 2 hours. Wear closed toe shoes. For information about Day Trippers contact Twan Brady at [brady@gvec.net](mailto:brady@gvec.net) or 512-627-1363.

**Dance Austin!****Wednesday, October 26,****arrive at 8:00pm, lessons at 8:30 pm****Two-step dance lessons and dance the night away!**

**Where:** Broken Spoke,  
3201 S. Lamar  
(between Ben White Blvd (71) and Manchaca Rd)

**Cost:** \$5.00 cover-charge; \$8.00 dance lesson  
Pay at the door.

**For more information:** Alison Seaman,  
[alisonseaman@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonseaman@yahoo.com) or  
Karen Kirmis, [kkirmis@gmail.com](mailto:kkirmis@gmail.com)

**Details:** We are going to dance in "iconic" Austin - the Broken Spoke. After an hour of dance lessons, we will dance to one of the excellent local bands. No partner needed. We will reserve a table for our group. Best to arrive by 8 pm to sign up for the dance lessons. If you want to skip the lesson, we will see you at 9 pm.

## ENTERTAINMENT &amp; OUTINGS, continued

**Shop Austin!****Tuesday, October 4****Carpool at 9:00 am, event at 10:00 am****What:** Wimberly Glassworks**Hosts:** Diane Gallagher & Janet Jones**Where:** 6469 RR 12. San Marcos**RSVP by 10/1:** Register Online or emailDiane at [cd\\_gallagher28@hotmail.com](mailto:cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com)Janet Jones at [jones6lp@gmail.com](mailto:jones6lp@gmail.com)**Cost:** \$2 at the door

**Details:** Join us for a day in Wimberley. We will begin at the Wimberley Glass Works for a demonstration beginning promptly at 10:00 am. Wimberley Glassworks is the Southwest's premier hand blown glass lighting and art glass studio, creating exclusive glass collections, limited edition vases, sculptures, platters and lighting since 1992.

We will drive into the quaint town of Wimberley for lunch and if desired, additional shopping in the town. We will dine at the Leaning Pear and shop on our own. Please RSVP for lunch as well.

For more information see [www.wgw.com](http://www.wgw.com).

**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.com](mailto:cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com)Janet Jones at [jones6lp@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.) .

**The Play's the Thing****Six Saturdays Oct. - June**

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:

- October 1, *Silent Sky* by Lauren Gunderson;
- 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, *Gyps 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.

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

For general information or questions email Rinette Seidner at [plays@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:plays@austinnewcomers.com).





## ENTERTAINMENT &amp; OUTINGS, continued

**Friends Connection****Sunday, October 16, 1:00 pm****Where:** Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Spgs Rd**Cost:** \$2 resident, \$3 non resident, pay at door  
\$13.75 picnic lunch from Texas French Bread**RSVP by Oct. 13:** Send check for \$13.75 as well as lunch preference, to arrive by Oct. 13, to Karen Werner, 358 Desert Willow Way, Austin, Texas 78737. Include your phone number on check.**Details:** You do not want to miss Zilker Botanical Garden. It is the centerpiece of Zilker Park, located on 26 acres containing a butterfly trail, and rose, Japanese, prehistoric, herb, and fragrance gardens. Our aim is to get to know each other. Please think of fun activities that you would like to participate in and let Karen know. If you are bringing a guest, interested in car pooling or need a ride, let Karen know.**Lunch options:**Choose one: roast turkey on sourdough; smoked ham and swiss on amber rye ; chicken salad on sourdough; pimento cheese on sourdough; vegetarian on focacciaChoose one: mixed green salad with either mustard vinaigrette OR red wine vinaigrette OR ranch; fresh fruitChoose one cookie: chocolate chip; gingersnap; mocha walnut; oatmeal raisin; peanut butter  
Choose one: Coke; Diet Coke; Sprite; ice tea; waterThe rain date will be in early to mid-November. For questions contact Karen Werner at [karentwerner20@aol.com](mailto:karentwerner20@aol.com) or leave a message at 817-896-4905.**Live Music Lovers:****The Peterson Brothers****Monday, October 10, 6:30 pm****Where:** The Continental Club  
1315 South Congress Ave.**Cost:** No cover**RSVP:** Online or email Dona Reynolds at [grdr@hotmail.com](mailto:grdr@hotmail.com)**Details:** The Peterson Brothers have solidified their place on the Austin music scene and are becoming recognized across the country as true prodigies with a deep blues sensibility that belies their years.**Chairs:** Dona Reynolds, [grdr@hotmail.com](mailto:grdr@hotmail.com)  
Ellen Honey, [eshoney10@mac.com](mailto:eshoney10@mac.com)**Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate****Saturday, October 22, 6:30 pm****Host:** Evelyn and Sandy**RSVP to Chair by 10/6:** Sandy Strakosch  
[gravelmom@yahoo.com](mailto:gravelmom@yahoo.com)**Details:** Come to Dinner is a dinner group for single women who enjoy cooking and socializing. If you would like to meet other single women 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. The host, along with the hostess, plans the menu, compiles recipes, and asks her guests to provide one of the dishes. This group has grown over the past several months, so we would like a commitment when you respond to either host or hostess at least once every year. I know some homes are small or 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 ladies!

## FOOD/SOCIAL

**Try This****Check out these Austin-area activities****Banger's Oktoberfest****October 13 – 16**

Banger's Sausage House &amp; Beer Garden, Rainey St.

This is one of the biggest Oktoberfest celebrations in town, spanning four days. [www.bangersaustin.com](http://www.bangersaustin.com)**Austin Film Festival****October 13 – 20**

Paramount Theatre and Various Locations

Recognized as one of the top film festivals in the country, this cinematic event shines the spotlight on both top-billed films and indies alike. Ticket prices start at \$75. [www.austinfilmfestival.com](http://www.austinfilmfestival.com)**Hot Science Cool Talks****October 21, 7:00 pm**

UT Austin, Environmental Science Institute

Dr. Christopher Kirk takes us back millions of years and discovers a time when, if you were walking through parts of Texas, you would hack your way through hot, tropical rainforests and encounter curious primates. Hot Science – Cool Talks brings leading scientists and their research to you. For information, click [here](#).**Formula 1, United States Grand Prix****October 21 – 23, Circuit of The Americas**This event promises three days of racing, camping, live music events, and more, including a performance by Taylor Swift. [www.circuitoftheamericas.com/f1](http://www.circuitoftheamericas.com/f1)If you have suggestions for events please email them with a link to the website to Lynne Marcus at [Lmarcus08@gmail.com](mailto:Lmarcus08@gmail.com) with Try This in the subject line.**Happy Hour****Tuesday, October 11, 5:00 pm****Where:** Vince Young's Steakhouse,  
301 San Jacinto, 78701**RSVP by 10/9:** [Online](#) or email Debbi Highbarger,  
[mombcool@aol.com](mailto:mombcool@aol.com)**Price:** Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.**Details:** It will be a fun evening where we can meet and mingle and enjoy discounted drinks and appetizers.**Out to Lunch Bunch****Friday, October 28, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm****Where:** Brio Tuscan Grill

10000 Research Blvd., 78759

**RSVP :** Register [Online](#) or emailJan Jones at [Jones6LP@gmail.com](mailto:Jones6LP@gmail.com) orPeggy Sklar at [psklar1@gmail.com](mailto:psklar1@gmail.com)**Price:** Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.**Details:** The Out to Lunch bunch is going north for October. Join us for a wonderful atmosphere and great food.**Limit of 20, register early!****TGI Social****Thank Goodness It's Social****Sunday, October 22, 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:** Brandon and Kathy Jones**Where:** 10916 Range View Drive, 78730**Cost:** \$1.00 at door to cover paper goods**RSVP:** [Register online](#) or email group chair Charlotte Slack [cbs200@gmail.com](mailto:cbs200@gmail.com), 979-255-1680 and Kathy Jones, [kajones510@gmail.com](mailto:kajones510@gmail.com), 512-241-1663**Questions:** Email [tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com) or contact Charlotte Slack at [cbs200@gmail.com](mailto:cbs200@gmail.com), 979-255-1680**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.

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

Hosts: Dave and Pattie Schieck

10212 Banks Court, 78739

[pattie@pattiewebster.com](mailto:pattie@pattiewebster.com)

512-924-9923



## LANGUAGES/EXPATS

### Expats

**Saturday, October 15, 6:00 pm**

**Host:** Sherrie and Rickey Hale

**Where:** 9608 Big View Dr., 78730

**RSVP by 10/10:** [sherrie3831@att.net](mailto:sherrie3831@att.net)

**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. Limit is 38 guests.



### French Conversation

**Wednesday, October 12, 12:30 pm**

**Host:** Patricia Anderson

**Where:** 401 West 32nd Street, 78705

**RSVP Necessary:** Patricia Anderson (512) 970 2182 or [pmja66@aol.com](mailto:pmja66@aol.com)

**Topic:** Review and discussion of the survey you received in September

### Spanish Conversation

**Monday, October 17, 10:00 am**

**Host:** Karen Werner

**Where:** La Madeleine Restaurant - The Village at Westlake. 01 S. Capital of Texas Hwy. Ste G

**RSVP by 10/16:** Register [Online](#)

## GAMES

### 1st Friday Bridge

**Friday, October 7, 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm**

**Host:** Deidre Brightman

**Where:** Lamar Senior Activity Center, 2974 Shoal Crest

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person

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

**Chair:** Ed Stokes, [edward@stokes.biz](mailto: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.

The Lamar Senior Activity Center is located off Lamar at 29th Street on Shoal Crest Avenue.

### 3rd Thursday Bridge

**Thursday, October 20**

**9:45 am Social Time**

**10:00 am play begins promptly**

**Where:** IHOP, 1101 S. Mopac Expy. Note new venue!

**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:** Darlene Mahanay, 903-569-7880,  
[mahanay@etex.net](mailto:mahanay@etex.net)

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



## GAMES, continued

**Kitchen Bridge****Wednesday, October 26, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm****Home of:** Bernice Gaskamp  
8309 Cobblestone Dr, 78735**Cost:** \$2.25  
Bring your lunch**RSVP:** [ebg41@yahoo.com](mailto:ebg41@yahoo.com) or 512-891-6608  
Reservations may be made no earlier than the first of the month of the event.**Bunco****Tuesday, October 18, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm****Host:** Emma Nolan**RSVP:** Emma, 512-709-1423, [emma.nolan@live.com](mailto:emma.nolan@live.com).

Directions will be provided when you respond.

**Canasta****Wednesdays, October 5, 12 & 26, 11:00 am****Location:** Rocco's Grill  
12432 Bee Cave Road  
Bee Cave**RSVP:** Register [online](#) the Tuesday before each date.**Details:** We meet the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays for a relaxing day playing a Hand and Foot version of Canasta. The game is easy to learn and new players are invited to join. You're welcome to play as often as you'd like - weekly or just occasionally.

We break for lunch, order from the menu and get separate checks and continue playing afterward.

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](mailto:canasta@austinnewcomers.com), 512-820-5980.**Euchre****Saturday, October 15, 6:30 pm****Host:** Nancy Shipley**Cost:** \$5.00**RSVP by 9/16:** [Online](#) or email  
[euchre@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:euchre@austinnewcomers.com)**Chair:** Kasha Petrea, 716-393-1991  
[kasha.action@gmail.com](mailto:kasha.action@gmail.com)

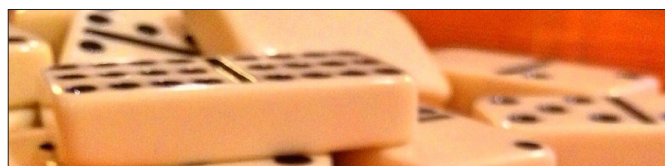
This game is quick and easy to learn but with enough challenge to make it interesting. We welcome seasoned and new players looking for an evening of fun playing cards. Limit 8 players. Please bring a dish to pass and what you want to drink other than water.



## GAMES, continued

**Ladies Poker****Thursday, October 27, 6:30 pm****Host:** Bonnie Kelly  
6000 Rutledge Lane**Cost:** \$5.00**RSVP:** [Online](#) or [inge@austin.rr.com](mailto:inge@austin.rr.com)  
Directions will be given at time of RSVP**Chair:** Inge Eichberg  
512-351-9807  
[inge@austin.rr.com](mailto:inge@austin.rr.com)

Bring a snack/appetizer to share and remember it's BYOB. Hostess will provide water or soda.

**Mah Jongg****Thursdays, October 13 & 27, 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](mailto:Jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com)**Mexican Train****Wednesday, October 12 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 512-330-4130,  
[mexicantrain@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:mexicantrain@austinnewcomers.com).**Pinochle****Tuesdays, October 11 & 25, 6:30 pm****Host:** Nancy & Greg Shipley  
5812 Tributary Ridge Dr.**RSVP:** [Gshipley14@me.com](mailto:Gshipley14@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 so long as we are having fun!**Second Sunday Scrabble****Sunday, October 9, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm****Where:** Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar  
3339 Hancock Dr.**RSVP by Oct. 7:** [sandytzone@juno.com](mailto: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](mailto:sandytzone@juno.com)  
513-293-5523

## HEALTH/FITNESS

## Golfing Around Austin

### Monday, October 17



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

**RSVP by 10/9:** Register [online](#) or email [jwcates3@gmail.com](mailto: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. However, due to the Columbus Day holiday, our play date in October will be on Monday, October 17, and I'll try to get us on at Morris Williams if tee times are available. Our other upcoming play dates for Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 are Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10 and May 8. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

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

## Happy Trails

### Saturday, October 8, 9:00 am

**Where:** Milton Reimers Ranch  
23610 Hamilton Pool Road, Dripping Springs  
Meet at Reimers Pavillion parking lot

**Cost:** Age 62 and older, free/under 62, \$10.00 per car

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

**Details:** If you would like to jump into the Hill Country full-on for your Saturday morning walk, then there's no better place than Milton Reimers Ranch on Hamilton Pool Road in Dripping Springs. This private ranch-turned-public park is an outdoor playground with everything from fishing to mountain biking, to some of the best rock climbing in Texas. It also boasts a crushed gravel, ADA-approved walking trail, as well as more rigorous hiking trails. This pristine parkland has spectacular views of the Pedernales River and panoramic views of the Texas Hill Country. We will meet and begin our walk at the Reimers Pavilion. We will walk on the trails above the river and then continue down to the beach area. This walk has full sun and little shade. Please wear a hat, bring water and sunscreen. You will want your camera for this one!

## Hearty Hikers

**Tuesday, October 11, 8:30 am**  
(note earlier time)

**Where:** Inks Lake State Park, Burnet, TX  
Meet in the HEB parking lot near the Starbucks at Bee Caves and Hwy 71. Will return around 3:00 pm.

**Cost:** Adults-\$6, Seniors-\$3, Free with State Park Pass  
Bring a bag lunch for a picnic

**Optional:** Stop at Blue Bonnet Cafe in Marble Falls for coffee/pie on the way home- (cash only)

**RSVP by Oct. 9:** [Online](#)

**Details:** This guided hike begins at 10:00 am and is about 3.5 miles on a newer trail. Wear shoes with good traction. We will be hiking over granite rocks and there may be mud or low water crossings. You may want to wear long pants as there are some cacti close to the trail. Bring a hat, hiking stick, sunscreen, bug spray, sunglasses, and drinking water. Most of the trail is in the sun. Restrooms are located at the park entrance.

Ink Lakes State Park is in Burnet, TX, about 1 hour from the carpooling location at the HEB on Bee Caves Rd. (RR2244) and Hwy 71. The Park is on the eastern edge of the Llano uplift so it has a similar geology to Enchanted Rock (with lots of big pink granite boulders), but in this case the trails are of an easy to moderate hiking level. The lake is part of the dam system of the Colorado River. You will see splendid views of the lake as well as outcroppings of pink granite along the trail. We will begin the hike at a new bird viewing area! We may spot deer, lizards, and birds! We are so fortunate to have the Rangers to guide us and provide us with more information on the park!

**For Information:** Dorothy Docherty, 512-351-6724  
[dotinsg@hotmail.com](mailto:dotinsg@hotmail.com)  
Beth Holcomb, (908) 963-9731  
[bethholcomb7@gmail.com](mailto:bethholcomb7@gmail.com)

## Living Well

Will not meet in October

## HELLO AUSTIN!

**1776 The Musical****Music and Lyrics by Sherman Edwards****Book by Peter Stone****Saturday, October 8, 7:30 pm**

**Where:** Georgetown Palace Theater  
810 South Austin Ave.,  
Georgetown TX, 78626



**Cost:** \$34 per adult plus dinner (to precede at Wildfire Cafe next door)

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

**Details:** This most unconventional of Broadway puts a human face on the pages of history as we see the people behind the icons: proud, frightened, uncertain, irritable, charming, often petty and ultimately noble and determined to do the right thing for a fledgling nation. This Tony award-winning musical includes songs such as "Sit Down, John," "He Plays the Violin," "Mama, Look Sharp," and "Is Anybody There?" The story of our founding belongs to us all. This is not your Grandfathers 1776!

**Argus Cidery Tasting****Saturday, October 29, 2:00 pm**

**Where:** 12345 Pauls Valley Rd, Austin, TX 78737

**Cost:** \$3 glass, flight of 4 \$10.  
There is usually a food truck on site.



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

**Event Coordinator:** Roz Stephenson

**Details:** Argus Cidery was founded in 2010 in Austin, simply because the dry, effervescent ciders we liked to drink weren't available to us. We set out to create ciders that would [hopefully] make one rethink how an American hard cider should taste. Our roots began working only with Texas apples, utilizing a medium that was often overlooked and never before used in cider available for public consumption within our great state. Those small release, large format-only days afforded us the time to figure out how to work with fruit we love and yield ciders and other fruit fermentables that are distinctly dry, bright, and, at the end of the day, excite us. We are thankful for the curious folks who dig drinking our funky ciders and shall continue to make new ciders, perrys and other fruit-forward endeavors every day.

We can also visit, on the same campus, Last Stand Brewing Company (beer) and Revolution Spirits (gin). One mile away is Jester King brewery and Stanley Farmhouse Pizza. Treaty Oaks Distilling Ranch is also close by (gin, rum, whiskey, vodka).

**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  
(across from Marshalls)



**Cost:** \$30 per person for class  
and appetizers  
Wine may be purchased for \$7  
a glass

**RSVP by 10/21:** [Online](#)

**Limit of 25 attendees!**

**Details:** Come join us for a Con' Olio excursion. We will learn all we have wanted to know and more in this Basic Olive Oil class. Con' Olio is a family owned store founded in 2009 and is unique to Austin. It is the first premium olive oil and balsamic vinegar tasting shop set up in Austin. These three family owned stores offer "try-before-you-buy" tastings of some of the finest olive oils and aged balsamic vinegars. We will learn, taste, and be given an assortment of appetizers to enhance our tasting.

After class time will be given to taste and shop the different flavors and combinations of oils and vinegars. A 10% discount will be given for all purchases.

**Questions:** Janie McClam [jalommc@msn.com](mailto:jalommc@msn.com)  
Connie Gardner [peplett@aol.com](mailto:peplett@aol.com)

**Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:**

- Christmas Carols & Tree Lighting, Dec. 3
- Pop Series at Palmer Events Center, Dec. 29
- Texas Stars Hockey Game, Jan. 28

**Register for events at:**

[www.austinnewcomers.com](http://www.austinnewcomers.com).

**Questions contact**

[helloaustin@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:helloaustin@austinnewcomers.com)

## HOBBIES

**Knit and Stitch****Thursday, October 6, 10:00 am - noon****Host:** Elizabeth Meek

5772 Gorham Glen Lane, Austin 78739

**RSVP:** Elizabeth Meek - [meek.sloburn5@gmail.com](mailto:meek.sloburn5@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.**Chairs:** Heather Ashbee, [heatherashbee@comcast.net](mailto:heatherashbee@comcast.net)Elaine Doege, [elaine.doege@doege.com](mailto:elaine.doege@doege.com)**Photography**

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

**PHOTO SHOOT****Location and time:** TBD

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

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

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Austin Newcomers Club is delighted to announce that Sandy Strakosch has agreed to accept the position of President-elect of the Austin Newcomers Club for 2016-2017.

We're SO lucky! Sandy's been a member of eight different Newcomer groups throughout the country and even served as President of one of them.

She's been in Austin about a year and is currently the new Chair of the "Come to Dinner/Bring a Plate" interest group.

If you don't already know Sandy, you'll get a preview of her in action at the October luncheon. Susi Spies will be away, so Sandy will be conducting our monthly meeting. Be sure to welcome her!

**SAVE THE DATE****SATURDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>****CASINO PARTY!**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> <a href="#">The Play's the Thing</a> 5:30 pm
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <a href="#">Shop Austin</a> Wimberley Glass Works 9:00 am	<b>5</b> <a href="#">Board Meeting</a> 9:30 am  <a href="#">Canasta</a> 11:00 am	<b>6</b> <a href="#">Knit &amp; Stitch</a> 10:00 am	<b>7</b> <a href="#">1st Friday Bridge</a> 6:30 pm	<b>8</b> <a href="#">Happy Trails</a> 9:00 am  <a href="#">Hello Austin 1776 the Musical</a> 7:30 pm
<b>9</b> <a href="#">Second Sunday Scrabble</a> 3:00 pm	<b>10</b> <a href="#">Live Music Lovers</a> 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> <a href="#">Hearty Hikers</a> 8:30 am  <a href="#">Photography Group - Photo Shoot</a> , TBD  <a href="#">Happy Hour</a> 5 :00 pm  <a href="#">Pinochle</a> 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> <a href="#">Mexican Train</a> 11:00 am  <a href="#">Canasta</a> 11:00am  <a href="#">French</a> 12:30 pm  <a href="#">Mystery Book Group</a> , 1:00pm	<b>13</b> <a href="#">Mah Jongg</a> 1:00 pm	<b>14</b> Arthouse Cinema <a href="#">South</a> , 7:00 pm <a href="#">North</a> , 7:30 pm  <a href="#">Critics Corner</a> 7:30 pm	<b>15</b> <a href="#">Expats</a> 6:00 pm  <a href="#">Euchre</a> 6:30 pm
<b>16</b> <a href="#">Friends Connection</a> 1:00 pm	<b>17</b> <a href="#">Spanish</a> 10:00am  <a href="#">Golfing Around Austin</a> , TBA	<b>18</b> <a href="#">Bunco</a> 10:30 am	<b>19</b> <a href="#">Monthly Luncheon</a> 11:00 am	<b>20</b> <a href="#">Third Thursday Bridge</a> 9:45 am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <a href="#">Come to Dinner- Bring a Plate</a> 6:30 pm  <a href="#">T.G.I. Social</a> 4 :00 pm
<b>23</b> <a href="#">New Member Welcome Event</a> 3:00 pm	<b>24</b> <a href="#">Day Trippers</a> 8:00 am	<b>25</b> <a href="#">Photography Photo Share</a> 10:30 am  <a href="#">Men's Book Club</a> 1:00 pm  <a href="#">Pinochle</a> 6:30 pm	<b>26</b> <a href="#">Kitchen Bridge</a> 10:30 am  <a href="#">Canasta</a> 11:00 am  <a href="#">Dance Austin</a> 8:00 pm	<b>27</b> Book Groups 10:00 am  <a href="#">Mah Jongg</a> 1:00 pm  <a href="#">Ladies Poker</a> 6:30 pm	<b>28</b> <a href="#">Out to Lunch Bunch</a> 11:30 am	<b>29</b> <a href="#">Hello Austin Argus Cidery Tour</a> 2:00 pm

There are no events on October 30 & 31st.

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



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for Wednesday, Oct. 19th**

**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 Oct. 16th.** Call (614) 361-4936 or [luncheondirector@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:luncheondirector@austinnewcomers.com)

Postmark by  
Oct. 14. Online  
RSVP by Oct. 16.

**ANC Holiday Bazaar and  
Craft Show  
November 16th,  
10:00 am-3:00 pm**

Craft Fair hosts are Kathy Finley, Laurie Gillig, Beth Noe, Carol Witt.  
Contact Kathy Finley with questions:  
[jfinley825@aol.com](mailto:jfinley825@aol.com).

Mark your  
calendar!

- Vendors will be selling ornaments, tee towels, needlepoint, decorated boxes, desserts, note cards, prints, beaded wares, jewelry, woven goods, wrapping paper and much more!
- Special luncheon menu.
- We still have a few spots remaining for vendors (see Carol or Kathy).
- Longer hours to shop 10:00 am -3:00 pm.
- Plus more gift items to entice.

## Welcome New Members

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**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)**.