

# The Welcome Mat

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### Wednesday, April 20, 2016 General Meeting, Luncheon, and Program

#### Note the New Location!!!!

##### River Place Country Club

4207 River Place Blvd

512-346-1114

Price: \$30

"Taste of Italy Buffet"



Reservations can be made **on line** or using the form on the inside of the back cover. All paper checks **MUST** be received by **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 AM Social**

**12:00 PM Luncheon Buffet**

**12:30 PM Fashion Show**

Dietary Restrictions must be noted with your Registration.



#### Directions:

From 360, exit onto RM 2222 and head northwest. Go 4.4 miles and turn left onto River Place Blvd. Go 2.1 miles and the club will be on your left.

#### Our Annual Spring Fashion Show is Almost Here!

Pretty models, terrific clothes from a source you'll be glad we're introducing you to, and all your friends around you to share the fun—what more could a stylish Newcomer want?

I know, we gave it away in our headline: We're talking about the Austin Newcomers Annual Spring Fashion Show which will be held Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at River Place Country Club.

The clothes this year will be provided by Dressbarn, and we think you're going to find both their clothes and their prices amazingly appealing. Plus, if you see something you love, you'll be happy to know these trending styles should be available for you in just your size—the store routinely offers petites, misses, and plus sizes in a delicious array of color and style.

Now, there may not have been a Dressbarn in the hometown you came from, so think of this Spring fashion show as just another of the wonderful introductions our Newcomers Club offers to new Austin-ites. Plus Dressbarn offers five locations around town to make shopping easy wherever you live.

Come join us for fun, friendship, and a wonderful afternoon! One reminder: **DON'T** make a mistake and head to Green Pastures as usual!!!! Remember this year's fashion show is at the beautiful River Place Country Club.



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## ANC April Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 6th

9:30 AM Social, 10:00 AM Meeting

**Where:** Home of Darlene Mahanay  
500 Carismatic Lane

**RSVP:** Jan Jones [jones6lp@gmail.com](mailto:jones6lp@gmail.com)  
Darlene Mahanay [Mahanay@etex.net](mailto:Mahanay@etex.net)  
or RSVP on the website

**Directions:** Going South on MoPac turn left onto West Slaughter Lane. Continue on West Slaughter to Manchaca Road and take a right onto Manchaca Road. Follow Manchaca Road to FM 1626 and turn left on FM 1626. Follow FM 1626 for 1 ½ miles then turn left on Wayne Riddle Loop. Carismatic Lane is the 3<sup>rd</sup> street on the left. Coming South on I-35 take Exit 225 FM 1626. Stay on service road and turn right onto FM 1626. Stay on FM 1626 to Wayne Riddle Loop and turn right. Carismatic Lane is the 3<sup>rd</sup> street on the left.

## Ann Richards Play

"ANN" is coming to Austin. Hello Austin! is going to "Ann"! "Ann, tough as nails. Funny as Hell." "Ann", a portrait of Ann Richards, the Legendary Governor of Texas. Starring, "Famous in this Role of Ann", is Holland Taylor.

Come join us on April 13th at the Zach Theatre. The show is at 7:30 PM with a post performance discussion following the production.

I have reserved some DISCOUNTED tickets for this very popular show. First come, first serve for the tickets. It will sell out. Your check to me buys your tickets.

40 of the reserved seats are \$51.00 and 10 more are \$66.00. Please RSVP ONLINE OR mail your check to Alison Seaman at 10337 Salida Drive, Austin, TX 78749. The LAST day (firm) to purchase tickets is: March 22nd, 2016. Tickets: \$51.00 & \$66.00.

Alison Seaman

[alisonseaman@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonseaman@yahoo.com)

## Volunteer as a Greeter at our Monthly Meetings

Looking for an easy way to get involved with ANC? We'd love to have your help as a greeter at our monthly luncheons or evening meetings. The job requirements are simple: just arrive a few minutes early, stand near the entry table, and offer a warm smile and a friendly hello as members and guests arrive.

Greeters help our newest members feel welcome and connected — and often, our greeters make new connections themselves. No matter how long you've been in Newcomers, taking part in our 'meet and greet' is a good way to share your ANC experience.

If you're willing to be a greeter at an upcoming luncheon or evening meeting, please contact Mary Pat Bolton at:

[marypatbolton@icloud.com](mailto:marypatbolton@icloud.com) when you register for the event. We appreciate your help!

## Letter from the President

Spring has sprung! Seeing trees budding and bluebonnets popping up, one cannot help but give thanks for the renewal of spring and the magnificence of the ever changing work Mother Nature displays. Reminiscing several events I have attended recently, I am struck by how Newcomers continues to amaze with its constant change and variety. It would be easy to get stuck in a rut with book clubs, movie groups and card groups, activities which many members enjoy; but our members always come through with new and different experiences for us to enjoy. These are frequently things we might never do on our own.

On February 16, Twan Brady with her Day Trippers Group organized an incredible trip to Cuero where in the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum we journeyed back to 1866 and saddled up for the long, dusty ride up the Trail - the 1000 mile journey of men, horses, and Longhorn steers. The museum was chock full of artifacts of the ranching heritage of the Guadalupe Valley and the cowboy style of a golden era. After lunch, we explored the shops of the town which included a wonderful pecan store and one of the best kitchen shops I have ever seen! Thank you Twan.

Hurry up and RSVP for her next trip to "Selah" - Bamberger Ranch Tour on April 5th.

Another very important group in ANC is Hello Austin, a group focusing on special events and outings which members who attended a planning meeting suggested and then volunteered to host. (Mark your calendars for the next Planning Party on May 22nd! Last night we enjoyed a wine and cheese pairing at Antonelli's - a local store in Hyde Park where cheese mongers get their fix.

The previous Saturday 50 members attended a very special event hosted by Carl and Diane Gallagher. They took Sherry and Chuck Steele up on their invitation to host and lead an evening of learning how to do the Texas Two Step. Donning our best western ware, we all thoroughly enjoyed the very sweet, skilled and patient tutelage of this wonderful couple. We were riveted watching these two former competitive dancers show us how it is done. They were Newcomer members years ago and Sherry, a gifted pen and ink artist, spoke at an ANC luncheon where she shared her art and African travel stories. Thank you Chuck and Sherry!

One last note on Interest Groups, we are seeking a member to lead a sub group of the highly successful Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate group chaired by Iris Groten. This is a group of single women who meet in the house of a rotating fellow member for a meal in which all participate. Please contact Iris should you be willing to chair this group. It has grown by leaps and bounds and we never like to turn members away!

In light of the remodel at Green Pastures, we had our first luncheon in February at an alternate location - Chez Zee. It proved to be a huge success and all who attended were quite pleased. WATCH THE WELCOME MAT each month for the location as they will vary each month. Thank you Susi Spies and Peggy Sklar for working hard to come up with new and exciting venues and speakers. Be sure to mark your calendars for this month's Fashion Show at River Place Country Club!

Warm Regards,

*Jan*



## Website Tip of the Month – Registering for Events Online

It's super easy to register and pay for events on the **ONLINE CALENDAR**. Also there are several other ways to get to the event:

- Click on the event in the **Email Bulletin** that is sent out weekly by Joy Simon and you will be taken directly to the event.
- You can click on the event in the **Upcoming Events** listing on the **Members Only** page of the ANC Website.
- Or you can click on **News and EVENTS** on the Homepage. Here you will get a scrolling calendar of upcoming events.

Click on the event that you choose. You will see detailed information about the event. If it is in a "public location" meaning it is not something being hosted at a private home – we will include the address and it will have a Google Map for you.

If you decide to register for the event. Click on the **Register** button.

If you are logged in to your account, it will auto fill the details for you. ***Please pay attention!*** If your primary account is a two person household – it will auto fill the first field with that two person name (i.e. Diane and Carl Gallagher). If only one person is registering, you need to change it to whoever is registering for the event.

Continue to complete the registration requirements. If there is payment involved it will ask you for your credit card information. Please rest assured, we are using one of the most secure systems available.

Once you complete the process, we have it set up so that the Chair of the Interest Group and, if there is one, the Host will get an email saying you've registered with the appropriate information.

You should receive a confirmation email stating what you've registered for and for how many. Please read the confirmation email and make sure it's correct.

This is a convenient and efficient way to register for events and pay online! You can now do it from any location. A computer, tablet or cell phone.

Happy Registering!

## The Friends Connection

Why fly solo when you can share with a member of The Friends Connection. Find a friend to see a movie, eat out, take a day trip or attend an Austin Newcomer's event. Put the word out to members of the group, see who else is interested and go together. Meeting times vary with activities. Join the group by contacting the group leader at [thefriendsconnection@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:thefriendsconnection@austinnewcomers.com) or contact Lynne Marcus, [Imarcus@marcusco.com](mailto:Imarcus@marcusco.com) or Renee Bazar, [4RBazar@gmail.com](mailto:4RBazar@gmail.com).

### Event in April

#### Sunday, April 24th

Day Trip to Doctor Pound Historical Home in Dripping Springs, "Gateway to the Hill Country".

Meet our trip organizer, Karen Werner, at 1:30 PM at The Creek Road Café located at 301 West Highway 290 in Dripping Springs for lunch. Afterward proceed to the Pound Home, 570 Founders Park Road.

The family-owned Creek Road Café is rated one of the best in Dripping Springs.

The Doctor Pound Historical Complex was begun 1854 by Dr. Pound and Sara his wife. We are privileged to have Wanda, their Great-Great Grandchild giving our tour which includes a fascinating glimpse of this rural community and how its inhabitants lived along with the Indians. After the tour you will have time on your own to try out retail therapy at Cowboys and Lace or Valli and Kim which has wonderful, unusual fabrics. Other options include Texas Hill Country Oil Company and the Bell Springs Winery.

Please use your group member list to set up carpools. Limited to 30 persons. Register on the ANC Website or contact Karen Werner at [karentwerner20@aol.com](mailto:karentwerner20@aol.com) or 817-896-4905.

## Book Groups: Thursday, April 28th

**Social:** 10:00 AM  
**Discussion:** 10:30 AM  
**Book:** April - "A God in Ruins" by Kate Atkinson



### Upcoming Books:

May - "Ordinary Grace" by Kent Krueger  
 June - "Being Mortal and What Matters at the End" by Atul Giwande  
 July - "Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher" by Timothy Egan  
 August - "The Little Paris Book Shop" by Nina George  
 September - "The Garden of Evening Mists" by Tan Twan Eng  
 October - "The Inheritance Loss" by Kiran Desai  
 November/December - "Transatlantic" by Colum McCann

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:

Judy Moore  
**Judya.moore@gmail.com**  
 512-697-8251

### Bluebonnet Group

Home of  
 Iris Groten  
 3810 Agape Lane

**Discussion Facilitator:**  
 Mary Kevorkian

**RSVP:** Iris Groten  
 512-351-8569  
**irisgroten@gmail.com**

**Chairs:**  
 Judy Moore  
**judya.moore@gmail.com**  
 Mary Kevorkian  
**mkevorkian99@gmail.com**

**Directions:**  
 From the NORTH: Take Mo-Pac South toward Southwest Parkway. Stay to the right and make a right at the 1st traffic light onto Southwest Parkway. Drive about 2 miles and turn right at the 3rd traffic light onto Foster Ranch road. Continue 1 mile and at the 2nd left turn right onto Soter Parkway and then right onto Agape Lane. At the second street on the left, turn left at the "Private Driveway". 3810 is the second house on the left.  
 From the South: Take Mo-Pac and exit Southwest Parkway. Stay on the feeder road and keep to the left. At the 3rd traffic light, turn left onto Southwest Parkway. Then follow the directions above.

### Yellow Rose Group

Home of  
 Susan Stein  
 8230 Spicewood Springs Rd., #3

**Discussion Facilitator:**  
 TBA

**RSVP:** Susan Stein  
**steinsusan365@gmail.com**  
 512-336-7972

**Chairs:**  
 Shirlee Konopka  
**shirlkono@aol.com**  
 Susan Stein  
**steinsusan365@gmail.com**

### **Directions:**

From highway 183 N, take the Spicewood Springs Rd/McNeil exit and go west onto Spicewood Springs. Rd. After the light at Yaupon, count four streets on the left and then take the u-turn at Bintliff. You are turning back onto Spicewood Springs Rd; then take the first right onto the Horseshoe Drive at 8230. We are #3 along the drive. (call for directions if coming from south).

### Indian Paintbrush Group

Home of  
 Mary McAllister  
 3322 Far View Drive

**Discussion Facilitator:**  
 Pat Green

**RSVP:** Mary McAllister  
**mary\_mcallister@hotmail.com**  
 Cell/text 737-802-6058

**Chairs:**  
 Jackie Neuman  
**Janeuman44@gmail.com**  
 Susan Nichols  
**Sunichols222@gmail.com**

### **Directions:**

From 2222 and Capital of TX Hwy (360) continue westbound on 2222 to City Park Rd (the 1st left turn). Left on City Park Rd. Continue on City Park Road to Glenlake Drive (marked by lighthouse). Right turn on Glenlake. Left turn on Far View Drive. 3322 Far View Drive is 2/3 of the way down the hill.

## movies and Mah Jongg

### Arthouse Cinema North

Friday, April 8th at 7:30 PM

\$1.00/person



Arthouse Cinema North chooses an independent or art-house film or any other 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 the film for the following month.

We welcome new members. If you enjoy animated discussion, join us by sending your name, phone number and address to:

Kim Smith  
tokimsmith@austin.rr.com

Kim 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.

### Critics' Corner

Friday, April 8th at 7:30 PM

Location, RSVP, and Directions - Members receive information about the film and meeting place, and RSVP through Evite, which is sent out on the Wednesday following the meeting.

**RSVP** - (see above)

**Directions** - (see above)

The group operates as follows: At our monthly meeting, we vote on the film to be viewed, and then go to see the movie on our own. The following month, we get together for a lively discussion. Refreshments are provided by our hosts and co-hosts. Everyone comes prepared for fun and movie suggestions for the following month.

If you would like to join Critics' Corner, or are a member who is not receiving the monthly Evite, send your name and email address to:

Bobbi and Hector Barrio

**bobbibarrio@gmail.com**

### Arthouse Cinema South

Friday, April 8th at 7:30 PM

\$1.00/person

Arthouse Cinema South welcomes new members. We meet at the homes of members and discuss a movie or two selected at the previous meeting. We rate the movies, then select a movie and back-up film for the next month.

To join, please send your name, phone number and email address to:

Roger Seaman  
**rogerseafarer@yahoo.com**

RSVP and direction information will be emailed to members one week before the event.

### Mah Jongg

Thursday, April 14th

Thursday, April 28th

We are now playing on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

**1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Café Express**

**3418 N. Lamar Blvd.**

This group plays the American version of Mah Jongg and uses the National Mah Jongg card. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us. We now have a new location for our games and players are invited to come early for lunch if desired.

If you would like to join us, please **RSVP** to:

Ruth Ann Plotkin  
512-582-0957  
**ruthann.plotkin@gmail.com**



## Men's Book Group

**Tuesday, April 26th**

**1:00 PM**

**Place:** Home of Jay Stein

Spicewood Springs Rd. # 3

**Book to be discussed:** "In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeanette" by Hampton Sides.

"In the Kingdom of Ice" is a brilliant explosion of narrative non-fiction: detailed, moving, harrowing, as gripping as any well paced thriller but a lot more interesting because it is also true. Too often American heroism is presented at one dimensional success against the odds. This is a much more subtle and re-

warding book, an account of magnificent disaster, of courage devoted to attempting something that could not be done.

**Directions:** Take Mopac North and turn onto 183 N. Exit on Spicewood Springs Rd. Exit. Follow Spicewood Springs.

Please RSVP to:

Hector Barrio, Chair: **hebate@gmail.com**

512-633-2103



## Knit and Stitch

**Thursday, April 7th**

**10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

**Home of:** Babette Stevenson  
7409 Vol Walker Drive

**RSVP:** Babette Stevenson  
512-468-2450  
OR: you may register online

We meet the first Thursday of the month to talk, knit, crochet, quilt, needlepoint and mend. Bring your handiwork and join us!

**Chair:** Elaine Doege 512-751-2674

**Directions:** Exit Mopac at William Cannon Drive. Turn right onto William Cannon and drive 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Becket Drive. Drive 0.5 miles. Turn right at Kiva Dr., then 1<sup>st</sup> left onto Amanda Ellis Way, then 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto Vol Walker Dr. 7409 is on the right.



## Afternoon Mystery Book Group

**Wednesday, April 13th, 1:00 PM**

**Book:** "What Angels Fear" by C.S. Harris

**Discussion leader:** Bettye Halperin

**Host:** Bettye Halperin  
4843 Calhoun Canyon Loop

**RSVP:** **bettyeha@gmail.com**  
217-621-7979

The Afternoon Mystery Book Group meets at 1:00 PM the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. Members take turns hosting and leading book discussions. This year's list, which is based on member selections and includes both current and classic mysteries from a variety of genres, is listed on the Austin Newcomers website under Interest Groups/Afternoon Mystery Book Group.

For further information about the group, call Bronwyn Bowen at 325-370-5220 or email her at **bbowen60@gmail.com**.

**Directions:** From MoPac, exit Southwest Pkwy, go 1 mile. Turn right onto Republic of Texas Blvd., go 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Concho Creek Bend; go 1/2 block and turn right onto Calhoun Canyon Loop. The house is approximately 1 block away on your left.

**May book:** "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins

**GOGREEN**

**GOPAPERLESS**

Sign up to get this newsletter in your Inbox

Send an email to:

**vpmembership@austinnewcomers.com**

## Photography Group

Welcome photographers! The photography interest group meets twice a month, once for a photo shoot "usually" on the second Tuesday and again on the fourth Tuesday for a photo share. Contact co-chairs listed below to be added to the distribution list.

### PHOTO SHOOT

**Any day in Late March or early April**

#### **Flower Photography**

Spring is upon us, so for the April photo shoot we are not going to have an organized time, date and place. Rather we are going to go out individually (or in small groups that you organize) and shoot wild flowers, or flowers of any kind.

**Questions:** Kathy Jones  
512-241-1663  
[KAJones510@gmail.com](mailto:KAJones510@gmail.com)

### PHOTO SHARE SESSION

**Tuesday, April 26th**

Send up to 6 photos to Kathy Jones at [KAJones510@gmail.com](mailto:KAJones510@gmail.com). She will compile a show to project photos on a screen for other members to enjoy and to offer ideas.

**Location:** Precision Camera store's classroom at 2438 W. Anderson Lane in the West Anderson Plaza

**Time:** 10:30 AM socializing — 11:00 AM share photos  
Optional lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

**RSVP:** Kathy Jones  
512-241-1663  
[KAJones510@gmail.com](mailto:KAJones510@gmail.com)

## T.G.I.Social

### **Thank Goodness It's Social!**

It's a time to kick back to meet and connect with friends old and new.

**Saturday, April 2nd**

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Home of:** Chuck and Leslie Ege  
3320 Pearce Road

**Cost:** \$1.00 collected at the door to cover paper goods.

**Bring:** Hearty appetizers and beverages of your choice to share: beer, soft drinks, wine, tea, lemonade, etc. Singles bring beverage or appetizers. Couples bring both.

#### **RSVP to both:**

Leslie Ege  
[l.ege@me.com](mailto:l.ege@me.com) 409-351-1709 and  
Charlotte Slack  
[cbs200@gmail.com](mailto:cbs200@gmail.com) 979-255-1680

#### **Get a head start on May!**

Saturday, May 14th 4:00 PM-6:00 PM at the home of Paul and Linda Parrish  
631 Sad Willow Pass, Driftwood

#### **RSVP to:**

Linda Parrish  
[l-parrish@tamu.edu](mailto:l-parrish@tamu.edu) 979-709-7624

Also RSVP to Charlotte (see above)

## Mexican Train

**Wednesday, April 13th**

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Where:** la Madeleine  
5493 Brodie Lane  
[www.lamadeleine.com](http://www.lamadeleine.com)

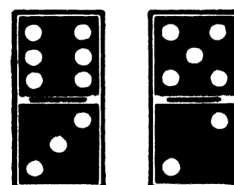
We meet the second Wednesday of the month for a game of dominoes. It is important to arrive on time so we can get the tables set. The game is fun and quick to learn. We play for an hour starting at 11:00 AM, break for lunch, and end by 2:00 PM. Good food/good fun!!!

**RSVP:** Jane Jenkins 510-289-4650  
[jane7491jenkins@gmail.com](mailto:jane7491jenkins@gmail.com)

#### Directions:

From the East: Traveling west on Route 71/Ben White Blvd exit at Brodie Lane and turn left at the light. la Madeleine will be on the left.

From the West: Traveling east on Route 71/Ben White Blvd exit at Brodie Lane and turn right at the light. la Madeleine will be on the left.





### Third Thursday Bridge

**Thursday, April 21st**  
**9:45 AM Social Time**  
**10:00 AM Play begins promptly**

IHOP S. MOPAC  
 1101 S. Mopac Expressway

**Please note new venue!**

**Cost:** now \$2.00

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

**RSVP:**

Julie McKenna  
 903-517-6400  
[vandjmck@yahoo.com](mailto:vandjmck@yahoo.com)

**Chair:**

Hansa Nasta  
 512-328-1886  
[hnasta@yahoo.com](mailto:hnasta@yahoo.com)

**Directions:** From Loop 360 take Mopac North. Take the Rollingwood/Bee Cave Road exit. IHOP is on the right side after the Bee Cave Road traffic light.

### Euchre

**Saturday, April 23rd**  
**7:00 PM**

So, your taxes are done, spring planting is all set, what do you do now? Come to the EUCBRE INTER-EST GROUP on April 23 at 7:00 PM. Lessons for newbies and refreshers for those in need provided, then lots of fun is had by those playing this fun, fast card game. Euchre is easy to learn and play with just enough detail to keep it interesting. Everyone brings a drink and snack to share and we laugh a lot. Come join the fun! Email [gnilsson5900@gmail.com](mailto:gnilsson5900@gmail.com) to register and get driving directions.

E-mail Jerry at:

[gnilsson5900@gmail.com](mailto:gnilsson5900@gmail.com)  
 Jerry and Susan Nilsson-Weiskott

**Lots of fun  
 Bridge and more!**

### First Friday Social Bridge

**Friday, April 1st**

**Social:** 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
**Play:** 7:00 PM to 9:45 PM

**Lamar Senior Activity Center**  
 2874 Shoal Creek Avenue

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person

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

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

**Last Month's Winners:**

First Place:

Chris Senecal

Second Place:

Sarah Burns

Third Place:

Barbara Challis

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

### Kitchen Bridge

**Wednesday, April 27th**  
**10:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Home of:** Linda Buckingham  
 3800 Ebony Hollow Pass

**RSVP:** Linda Buckingham  
 512-291-9929  
[ladybucko52@gmail.com](mailto:ladybucko52@gmail.com)

Reservations may be made no earlier than the first of the month of the event. The first eight callers will be able to play. Callers after that will be placed on a sub list.

Join us for some relaxed hands of bridge. Bring your own lunch; beverages provided.

**Chair:** Mimi Rhea  
 512-491-0744  
[eerhea@att.net](mailto:eerhea@att.net)

### Daytime Buddy Bridge

Players meet monthly from September through May in participant's homes.

Players are assigned to differing opponents each month, but dates and times are determined by the players. This is a great way to get to know other members and visit different areas of Austin. Interested bridge players may contact either chairperson for additional information.

Ethel Tarleton 512-243-6651

Betty Grisamore 512-288-8823

### Bunco

**Tuesday, April 19th**  
**10:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Home of :**

Karen Wilson

Current Bunco members RSVP to Karen at 512-492-2525  
[rwwilson@austin.rr.com](mailto:rwwilson@austin.rr.com)

Directions will be provided when you respond.

Newcomers are invited to contact Donna Burgess if you are interested in joining the group as a regular player or a substitute.

**Chair:** Donna Burgess  
 512-346-5443  
[dlburgess@austin.rr.com](mailto:dlburgess@austin.rr.com)



## Canasta

**Mondays, April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th**  
**11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Location:** Chinatown Restaurant  
 Westwood Shopping Center  
 2712 Bee Cave Road

Our Canasta group meets every Monday at Chinatown to play Hand and Foot Canasta. We play a few hands and break for lunch (order from the menu, separate checks) and continue to play afterward. It's very easy to learn - if you haven't played before, just come and we'll teach you.

New players contribute \$15.00 toward cards and supplies.

RSVP to Dottie Thoms

**dottie.thoms@gmail.com**

512-820-5980

## GAMES

### Ladies Poker Night

**Thursday, April 28th**

**6:30 PM:** Social/Appetizer

**7:00 PM:** The Game Begins

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person

**Hostess:** Judy Floyd  
 10304 Rhett Butler Drive  
 512-473-9076

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

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

**Directions will be given at time of RSVP.**

**Questions:** Contact: Inge Eichberg  
 512-351-9807

## Golfing around Austin



The Golfing around Austin Group uses a simple format. We pick a target date each month, usually the 2nd Monday.

For April, our date will be **Monday, April 11th**, weather permitting. Interested golfers should call or email about one week in advance, in this case by Sunday, April 3rd.

Barbara McCollum has replaced Marj Lowe as chair of the group in 2016. She will be continuing current practices to include arranging the course and tee times, and will advise participating players.

As noted before, it is useful to have a contact list (email and phone). If you have interest in the Golfing around Austin program and want to get on the roster, please contact:

Barbara McCollum  
 512-829-4485  
**t.mccollum3@yahoo.com**

## Second Sunday Scrabble

**Sunday, April 10th**  
**3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Where:** Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar  
 3339 Hancock Drive

Please Join us for a couple of fun games of Second Sunday Scrabble.

**RSVP:** by April 7th to:  
**bhornaday@austin.rr.com**

Directions will be provided if needed.



## ***Hello Austin!!***

Dear Newcomer Friends

Below are some details of our events followed by the list of our other planned activities for this year. Watch the Welcome Mat for information as it becomes available. If you are interested in participating in an event and/or want more information you can go online at [www.austinnewcomers.com](http://www.austinnewcomers.com), then to calendar OR contact Chairperson, Pattie Webster at 512-924-9923 or [pattie@pattiewebster.com](mailto:pattie@pattiewebster.com). Watch our Weekly Bulletin Eblasts for revised event information and/or spontaneous activities hosted by the Group. We look forward to seeing you at Hello Austin Events!

### **UT Astronomy Night Viewing, April 6th at 8:00 PM – Roger Seaman and A. E. Martin**

Every Wednesday night while UT is in session the astronomy department sponsors free public star parties on the top roof of Robert Lee Moore Hall. The 16 inch telescope was purchased from Group 128 in 1977. It was primarily used for teaching undergraduate astronomy majors the processes involved in modern astronomical observation and for graduate student projects. So in 1997, a grant proposal was approved by the National Science Foundation with matching funds from a generous private donor. In July 1998, the telescope was re-fit with a state-of-the-art mount and new clock drive. The telescope is controlled from a Dell desktop computer using control software called PC-TCS. Once you reach RLM, take the elevators to the 17th floor and then follow the signs to the stairs up to the telescope. Sunset is 7:53 pm on that day. The group meets on top of the roof of Robert Lee Moore Hall, which is located at the southeast corner of Dean Keeton (formerly 26th street) and Speedway. All ages are welcome, but we ask that younger children be under adult supervision at all times. RSVP ONLINE; OR email Roger Seaman at [rogerseafarer@yahoo.com](mailto:rogerseafarer@yahoo.com) or A.E. Martin at [aemartin@austin.rr.com](mailto:aemartin@austin.rr.com).



### **Jazz with the Austin Traditional Jazz Society, Sunday, April 10th, 1:00-5:00 PM, Glynda Eschle**

Tommy Griffith Jazz Band will be the band performing on April 10th at the Cap City Comedy Club, 8120 Research Blvd (US 183 at Anderson Square). The purpose of the Austin Traditional Jazz Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is to encourage the performance, promotion, preservation and perpetuation of traditional jazz music in Central Texas. Cap City Comedy Club is gracious to let the non-profit organization use their facility. Doors open at 1:00 PM and the band will begin playing at 2:00. You are encouraged to order from the menu which includes entrees, appetizers, beer and wine. The food is good and reasonably priced. Each person will order and pay for their own food. There is an area set aside for those who enjoy dancing. Special price for groups has been made; each member of Hello Austin will pay \$8.00. Members will pay at the entrance door. Glynda Eschle is chair for this event. Please RSVP ONLINE; OR email Glynda at [glynda.eschle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glynda.eschle@sbcglobal.net) so she can arrange to have a section reserved for our group. There will be no limit on the number of people who can attend. Also, the kitchen staff has requested an attendance count so they will have plenty of food (above the usual number attending).

**ANN is coming to Austin - see page 2.**

### **University of Texas College Baseball Game Sunday, May 1st. (Time to be Determined) Theresa Green**

Join us and other sports lovers for a great game of college baseball. The Longhorns play Oklahoma State. Tickets are \$16.00 and must be purchased in advance. You can register and pay online on the website or Contact [HelloAustinSports@Austinnewcomers.com](mailto>HelloAustinSports@Austinnewcomers.com) to get info to mail your check to the organizer. Registration and all payments must be arranged by March 19th in order to purchase a block of seats so that we can all cheer the Longhorns to victory together.

There are several dining options nearby and one will be selected two weeks prior to game time.

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## *Hello Austin!!* (continued)

### **Hello Austin Planning Party - May 22, 2016, 4:00 PM, Pattie Webster & David Schieck**

**Get your thinking caps on!** We will be reviewing the past year's favorite events. We will be deciding what we will be repeating and looking forward to new ideas for 2016-2017. **You can register on the website or Contact [HelloAustinPlanning@Austinnewcomers.com](mailto:HelloAustinPlanning@Austinnewcomers.com).** Dinner will a Barbeque. Please bring either appetizer or side plus your favorite beverage. Please leave your choice of appetizer or side in the message area. More details to follow.

#### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

- Con' Olio Oils and Vinegars – Tour and Tasting – Diane Gallagher and Cindy Johnson
- Lake Travis Boating Adventure

### **New Member Welcome Event**

**Sunday, April 17th**

**3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Home of :** Donna and Bob Withrow  
12312 Palisades Pkwy

Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share with other Newcomer members. As well as making new friends, you will find out about the many Newcomer Interest Groups.

RSVP: [withrow19@hotmail.com](mailto:withrow19@hotmail.com) OR leave a message at: 512-369-3563

**Directions:** Take Northland Drive / RM 2222 exit from Mopac N. and turn left onto RM 2222. After 8.5 miles, turn left onto RR 620. After 2.1 miles, turn left into the main entrance of Steiner Ranch which is Quinlan Park Road. Proceed roughly 3.8 miles to Bella Mar and turn left. At the roundabout, turn left to Palisades Parkway. The house is the second on the left.



**Hearty Hikers at Enchanted Rock**



**TRY THIS – in April**

**Hill Country Galleria Saturday Night Concert Series** – April 2, 9, 16, 23: Enjoy Saturday nights outdoors with live music, free kids activities and great shopping! The music begins at 7:00 pm in the Hill Country Galleria's outdoor amphitheater. Sit back, relax, and enjoy this free event every Saturday night! [www.hillcountrygalleria.com](http://www.hillcountrygalleria.com)

**Spring Native Plant Sale** – April 9, 10, Wildflower Center, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Choose from nearly 300 species of unique Texas natives adapted to our local climate. [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org)

**Old Settler's Music Festival** – April 14-17, Driftwood, TX. Four days of camping and multiple stages of bluegrass, roots, and American bands. [www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org](http://www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org)

**East Austin Urban Farm Tour** – April 17, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, various locations. Spend the afternoon perusing Eastside farms with tastes prepared by local chefs, using ingredients straight from the source.

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

**Austin Food & Wine Festival** – April 22-24, Auditorium Shores and Republic Square. *Food and Wine* magazine hosts this epicurean adventure. For tickets see [www.austinfoodandwinefestival.com](http://www.austinfoodandwinefestival.com)

**Wimberley Arts Fest** -April 23-24, Blue Hole Park. 75 top notch juried artists from Wimberley and distant places gather. Live music, food and drink, free parking and shuttles available. [www.wimberleyartsfest.com](http://www.wimberleyartsfest.com)

**Art City Austin** – April 29, noon – 6:00 PM; April 30, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Palmer Events Center. Austin's original fine arts festival, includes interactive art. [www.artallianceaustin.org](http://www.artallianceaustin.org)

**Dragon Boat Festival** – April 30-May 1, Festival Beach, Austin, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Dragon boats race at Lady Bird Lake's Festival Beach. Cheer on member/rower, Joy Simon! Asian Festival also takes place in the park on April 30th with music, dancing, and martial arts demonstrations. [www.atxdragonboat.com](http://www.atxdragonboat.com)

**World Tai Chi Day and Qigong Day** – April 30, 9:30 AM – noon, Asian American Resource Center, 8401 Cameron Rd. Free. Masters demonstrations begin at 10:45 AM [www.ipsun-taichi.net](http://www.ipsun-taichi.net)

**\*\*email Donna Dauenhauer at [donnadau@hotmail.com](mailto:donnadau@hotmail.com) with your ideas, using "Try This" in the subject line\*\***

**Ex-Pats**     **Date:** Saturday, April 16th  
**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Home of:** Faith and Don Stevens  
 903 Madison Fork Drive

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.

**RSVP:** Faith Stevens  
[stevensfai@aol.com](mailto:stevensfai@aol.com)  
 512-494-5800

(Please do not RSVP using the ANC website, as your email will be sent to the Chair instead of the Host.)

**Chair:** Sara Pavliscak  
 512-970-7460  
[sarapavliscak@hotmail.com](mailto:sarapavliscak@hotmail.com)

**Directions:** From the intersection of Hwy 620 and Hwy 71 in Bee Cave, go west 4 miles on Hwy 71 to Serene Hills Drive (there is a traffic light). Turn right onto Serene Hills Drive, and drive for 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Sweetgrass Lane into La Campana subdivision, and go 3 blocks to Madison Fork Drive. Turn right onto Madison Fork, and 903 Madison Fork Drive is the corner lot on the left. You can also park on Sweetgrass Lane.

## **Day Trippers—"Selah" - Bamberger Ranch Tour**

**Tuesday, April 5th**

Meet at 9:00 AM sharp at the ranch. "Country John" available. Please plan ahead! This is a **3.5 hour tour** on trailer of square bales of hay (on and off). Dress for the weather!

Located near hwy 290 and west of hwy 281.

**Cost \$15.00** Your check is your reservation!!!!  
 Trailer accommodates 40 people.

Maps will be furnished. Lunch on the way home at Trudy's just east of Dripping Springs; or Creek Road Café or Flores in Dripping Springs.

Carpool from large parking lot @ hwy 71 & hwy 290 in front of the Planet Health Club. Let me know if you can drive or if you need a ride. Remember to share car expenses!! For more info contact "Twan" Brady at [brady@gvec.net](mailto:brady@gvec.net) or 512-627-1363.

Let me know that your check is in the mail!

Mark your calendar, send your check now! - to "Twan" Brady, 6820 Cypress Point N Unit 6, Austin 78746.

They have a great story to share with ALL!!!

## Happy Hour

**Tuesday, April 19th** (the 3rd Tuesday)  
**4:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

The Grove Kitchen and Wine Bar  
 800 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street (across the street from Hut's Hamburgers)

Complimentary valet parking at sign in front of building or metered parking with spaces often available on West Ave.

**RSVP:** Bobbi Barrio  
 bobbibarrio@gmail.com

Come join old friends and new for social hour at The Grove. Sample short rib sliders, quesadillas, flatbreads and special-priced drinks. With good weather, we can enjoy the fare and conversation on the patio.

## French Conversation

**Wednesday, April 13th**  
 (2nd Wednesday)  
**12:30 PM**

**Home of:** Penny Jamrack  
 12896 Park Drive (off Marshall Ford, off 620)

**RSVP: ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**  
 pjamrack@gmail.com

**frenchconversation@austinnewcomers.com**

**Sujet:** Your favorite place: village, city or country and why.

**Directions:** From Austin go 2222 to 620 and turn LEFT (south) towards Mansfield Dam. Immediately after Steiner Ranch entrance at Quinlan Park Rd turn RIGHT at traffic light on to Marshall Ford. Turn RIGHT on Park Drive and don't go too far along the street. Our house is on the left and is white stone 2 story with the number over the garage door. Parking can be difficult on this narrow street with a ditch on one side, but there is always room on Marshall Ford and one can walk from there. Carpooling helps if possible. If really lost call 512-266-2613.

**Chair:** Elaine Crockett  
 512-669-0966

**frenchconversation@austinnewcomers.com**

**CO-Chair:** Nedra Low  
 512-351-9113



## Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

**Saturday, April 23rd (4th Saturday) at 6:30 PM**

**Location:** Home of Mimi Rhea

**Directions** will be given when you **RSVP** between April 3rd and April 7th to Beverly Martin at **bmartin7770@gmail.com**.

This group of single women meets once a month for dinner at the home of a fellow member.

The hostess plans the menu and distributes recipes to the guests. The guests are responsible for preparing one of the recipes.

Our aim is to get together for an evening of good food and friendship.

**Our membership roster is full and unfortunately we will have to close this group to new members. If any one would like to chair another Single Women's dinner group contact Iris Groten and she would be happy to help you get one started.**

Iris Groten  
 512-351-8569  
 irisgroten@gmail.com

If you wish to attend the April 23rd dinner RSVP to Beverly by April 7th.

## Spanish Conversation Bienvenidos

**Monday, April 18th at 10:00 AM**  
**La Madeleine Restaurant**

Westlake Hills Shopping Center  
 Bee Cave Rd. (FM 2244) and Capital of Texas Hwy South (Loop 360)

**Directions:** From Capital of Texas (Loop 360) turn east on Bee Cave Rd., shopping center is on the right.

**Topic:** Whatever inspires you, as long as you speak in Spanish!

**For information or to RSVP, contact:**

Susana Surbek  
 512-382-6859  
 susana.surbek@hotmail.com

A todos aquellos que les gusta practicar el español, se los invita cordialmente a participar de nuestras reuniones. En estas reuniones gozamos de una taza de café, compartimos información y hablamos de muchos temas de interés comun.



## Shop Austin! A Night at Kendra Scott after a stroll on SoCo!

**When:** Tuesday, April 19th, 3:00 PM

**Where:** Meet at Perla's, 1400 S. Congress Avenue, Austin  
(You can park in Parking Garage Behind Kendra Scott – 1<sup>st</sup> 2 hours Free)

**Cost:** Free but come prepared to shop!

Designer, CEO and philanthropist, **Kendra Scott** started her company in 2002 by going door to door at Austin boutiques armed with only a tea box full of her jewelry and has turned it into a multi-million dollar phenomenon that has loyal fans all over the world. The company continues to design and operate out of Austin and she continues to support local and national non-profit organizations. <http://www.kendrascott.com/>



On our **Shop Austin!** outing, we will meet first at Perla's for one of their famous cocktails and Happy Hour prices for Oysters. Then we'll stroll SoCo and drop into famous shops like Uncommon Objects, Allens Boots or Lucy in Disguise with Diamonds costume shop. <http://www.perlasaustin.com/>

We'll end at **Kendra Scott's** flagship store on Congress Avenue where the Manager and Associates are planning a Party for us – **Men and Ladies are invited** - they'll have desserts and drinks for us and offer us **15 percent off** of our entire purchase!

**RSVP:** A MUST! Please register online on our website at <https://austinnewcomers.com/news-events/events/> or you can email Diane Gallagher at [cd\\_gallagher28@hotmail.com](mailto:cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com). You can also email for directions.

## ArTreks

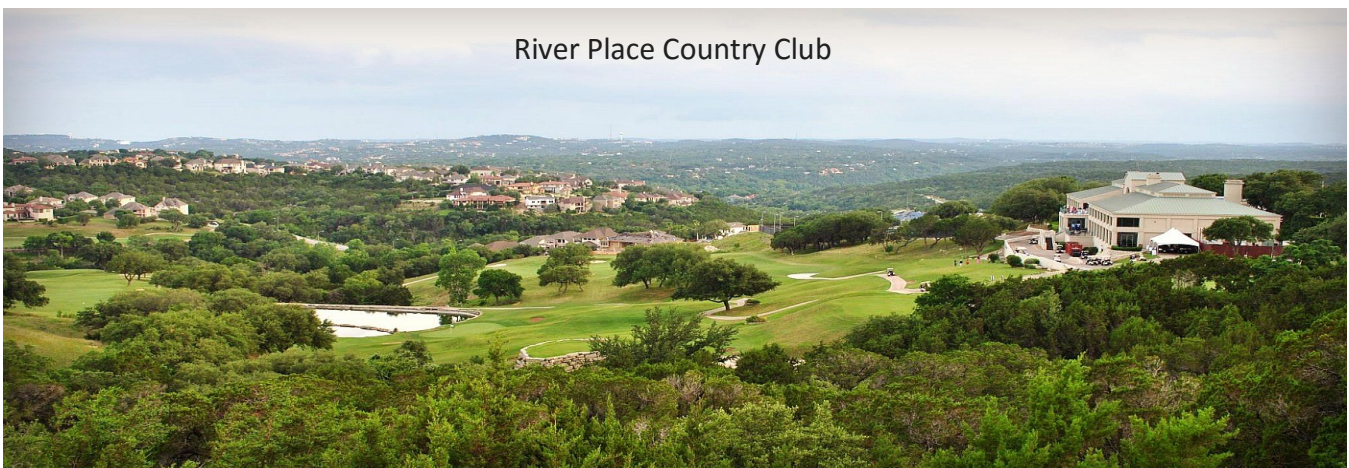
Join Austin Newcomers at the **University of Texas Senior Fashion Show.**  
**Thursday, April 14th**  
**Ervin Center on the UT campus**

5:00 PM: Ervin Center opens  
5:30 PM: Exhibition of Junior garments, new technology that will shape fashion, plus more  
6:15 PM: Style Show

More information coming on parking, etc.

To **RSVP** please contact:  
Cathy Herzog  
[Chhtx50@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Chhtx50@sbcglobal.net)  
432-413-6249

## River Place Country Club



## Hearty Hikers

**Tuesday, April 12th**

**Scottish Woods Trail:** Meet at trailhead-Intersection of Scottish Woods Trail Rd. and Camp Craft Rd. Parking is on the street .

**9:30 AM**

**Cost: free**

**Bring:** Water and wear sturdy shoes, a hat, and sunscreen. Hiking stick (optional).

**Lunch (optional):** Kerbey Lane Cafe  
701 S. Capital of TX Hwy (360) in Westlake  
512-879-2820

Scottish Woods Trail is on the northern part of the Barton Creek Greenbelt Trail. The hike starts out with a steep downhill onto the banks of Barton Creek. We will hike along the creek, passing by waterfalls and then return along the same trail for a steep uphill climb at the end. The creek and the falls are quite beautiful this time of year! Most of the trail is in the shade. The hike will be 3-4 miles lasting 1.5-2 hours long. There is no restroom on the trail.

**RSVP with your name and cell phone number to:**

Dorothy Docherty

512-351-6724

**dotinsg@hotmail.com**

**Directions: From the north:** Take the Capital of TX Hwy (360) south towards Westlake. Turn right onto Scottish Woods Trail. Follow to the end where it meets Camp Craft Rd. Turn around and park on Scottish Woods being mindful of the signs for no parking on Camp Craft Rd. Walk to Camp Craft Rd., make a right and walk up the hill a short way. On the left side you will see the trailhead sign.

**From the south:** Take the Capital of TX Hwy (360) north towards Westlake. Turn left onto Scottish Woods Trail. Then follow the directions above.

## Happy Trails - Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve

**Saturday, April 16th**

**9:00 AM**

**Canine Capability:** No dogs permitted

**Bring:** Water, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, and hats, cameras

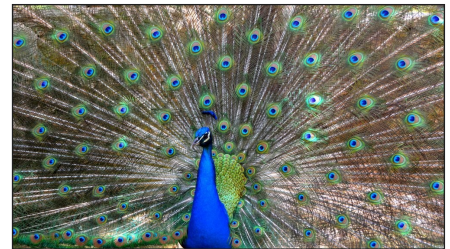
**RSVP: With name and contact phone number to: hap-**

**pytrails@austinnewcomers.com**

(prefer email response) Donna Dauenhauer (H) 512-852-9535 (C) 512-584-5834

**Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve** is an island of respite located in the middle of Austin. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This entire estate was presented to the city of Austin in 1971 by Mary Mayfield Gutsch for all Austinites to enjoy as a park. Mayfield Park includes an historic cottage, 2 acres of colorful cottage gardens with towering palm trees, brilliant peacocks and delicate water lilies, all blending in beautiful harmony. The Preserve portion is the 21 acre natural area that surrounds the park, containing our walking trails and wildlife habitat. The trails border an inlet from Lake Austin. This tranquil walk is about one mile and will take less than one hour to explore. After the walk, feel free to walk or drive (optional) next door to explore the grounds of Laguna Gloria – Contemporary Austin Art Museum.

**Directions:** Take the 35<sup>th</sup> Street exit off of MoPac and head west. After passing Balcones Drive, prepare to veer to the left at a "Y" in the road. At this point 35<sup>th</sup> St. turns into Old Bull Creek Road. Look closely for an entrance to the nature preserve on the left soon after the "Y." We will meet at the Chimney Swift Tower on the edge of the parking lot.



# NEW MEMBERS

Cathy Buckley  
7116 Doswell Lane  
Austin, TX 78739  
408-398-7992  
**cathyb95030@yahoo.com**  
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512-344-9165  
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575-415-7100  
**margostuff@gmail.com**  
from New Mexico

# HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Evelyn McMillen  
4/03 Patricia Barreiro  
4/03 Joanne Cannon  
4/04 Bob Leeper  
4/05 Victoria Lara  
4/05 Pat McCann  
4/06 Joe Konopka  
4/07 Renee Bazar  
4/07 Janet Jones  
4/07 Robin Smith  
4/07 Joe Longstreth  
4/07 Ed Ressler  
4/08 Betty Frnka  
4/08 Marilyn Martin  
4/08 Bob Seemann  
4/08 Dilvio Miranda  
4/10 Jane Malcolm

4/14 Terry Ridgeway  
4/14 Marilyn Smolinsky  
4/14 Jo Taylor  
4/15 Connie Esau  
4/15 John Bryan  
4/16 Susan Hughes  
4/16 Gaye Wormington  
4/16 Paul M Miller  
4/18 Dorothy Steffano  
4/18 Steve Ashbee  
4/19 Jeannette Esposito  
4/19 Lionel Jacobs  
4/19 Paul Srpring  
4/19 Viktor Holoubek  
4/19 Anita Knight  
4/20 Beth Oliver  
4/20 Connie McGlothlin

4/21 Bettye Halperin  
4/21 Marge Delaney  
4/22 Mary Ann Watson  
4/22 Jerry Schuyler  
4/22 Sue Schaffer  
4/23 Kim Smith  
4/23 Ted Clark  
4/24 Nancy Naylor  
4/25 Donna Dauenhauer  
4/27 Elaine Martens  
4/28 Ann Peseri  
4/29 Joyce Andrews  
4/30 Robert Foy  
4/30 Susan Finfer  
4/30 Dieter Wurpes  
4/30 Karl Schmid

# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 • 6:30 PM 1st Friday Bridge	2 • 4:00 PM TGI Social
3	4 • 11:00 AM Canasta	5 • 9:00 AM Day Trippers	6 • 9:30 AM Board Meeting  • 8:00 PM Astronomy	7 • 10:00 AM Knit & Stitch	8 • 7:30 PM Critics Corner • 7:30 PM Arthouse Cinemas North and South	9
10 • 1:00 PM Jazz • 3:00 PM Scrabble	11 • Golf • 11:00 AM Canasta	12 • 9:30 AM Hearty Hikers	13 • 11:00 AM Mexican Train • 12:30 PM French Conversation • 1:00 PM Afternoon Mystery Book Club • 7:30 PM "Ann"	14 • 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	15	16 • 9:00 AM Happy Trails  • 6:00 PM Ex-Pats
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## Take a Camera Along! Please take some pictures

We would like to receive and publish pictures taken by the Interest Groups. Please include the name of the group and the date of the event.

Please send copies to:

[Historian@AustinNewcomers.com](mailto:Historian@AustinNewcomers.com)

[wm.submissions@hotmail.com](mailto:wm.submissions@hotmail.com) (Welcome Mat)

[Webmaster@AustinNewcomers.com](mailto:Webmaster@AustinNewcomers.com)



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON RESERVATION**  
**for Wednesday, April 20th (Reservations deadline is Friday, April 15th)**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please print

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Check only one of the following:**

☐ Continuing member household      ☐ Have not joined yet

☐ 1st luncheon as member      ☐ 2nd luncheon as member

Austin zip code \_\_\_\_\_ moved from \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

**Check only one of the following:**

☐ guest qualifies for membership      ☐ guest does not qualify for membership

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 LUNCHEON.**

**RSVP**

**Reservation absolutely required!**

**Buffet Price: \$30.00** if received by April 15th

**No reservation requests after April 15th**

**Register on line** or make check payable to:

**Austin Newcomers Club**

Please mail check with the above reservation form  
to Luncheon Director:

Peggy Sklar  
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