As almost everyone on the planet knows, Austin is the “live music capitol of the world”. From the blaring joints on 6th Street to the honky-tonks on Red River, and from the week-long frenzy that is SXSW to the Zilker Park performances of ACL, Austin’s music scene never sleeps.

So how does anybody, especially a Newcomer to Austin, take full advantage of all the music our vibrant town has to offer? Come to our June luncheon and find out. Our speaker and guide to the Austin music scene will be Brad Spies. President of the Austin Live Music Association from 2010 through 2015 and head of Special Projects at SXSW, Brad is just the guy to reveal all you need to know about Austin’s musical pulse.

He’ll share a few SXSW secrets. Give you hotspots, and tell you exactly where to go to tap your toe. He’ll also shed a little insight into what you should be aware of if you want to help make sure our Austin music scene thrives and endures.

Your first hot music tip:
ANC is having a drawing! And we’ll give everyone who attends our June luncheon a chance to win two free tickets to an upcoming Black Fret musical event—private and special!
DON’T MISS OUT. Reserve your June luncheon spot while there’s still room!
ANC June Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 1st
9:30 AM Social, 10:00 AM Meeting
Where: Home of Annie Prasad
4621 Twin Valley Drive
RSVP: Jan Jones jones@lp@gmail.com
Annie Prasad aaaprasad@hotmail.com
or 512-520-5911
or RSVP on the website

Directions: On MoPac North, take RM 2222/ Northland Drive exit and turn left onto 2222. Continue on 2222 for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Mesa Drive. Take the first left onto Cross Valley Run. Take the 2nd right onto Mountain Villa Drive for 0.5 miles. Turn left onto Twin Valley Drive 3rd & 4th driveway on your left. We have parking for at least 8 cars on our driveway. Street side parking is also available.

From 360 North take RM 2222 exit and turn right on to RM 2222 E. Drive 2.4 miles to Mesa Dr. Turn left on to Mesa Drive and follow the remaining instructions above.

AUSTIN NEWCOMERS OFFICERS FOR THE 2016-2017 YEAR
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My Dearest Fellow Newcomers,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve this year. I have been overwhelmed by the dedication, talent, and support of my Board of Directors, so touched and grateful for all the contributions of the Interest Group Chairs and other volunteers, and enriched and blessed by the many members I have met and have come to know. Let’s take a look at an amazing Year in Review:

**Holiday Party** “Austin for the Holidays” on Dec. 4 was our first gala holiday event at which 166 elegantly dressed members and guests did some Motown rockin’ at the Austin Club. Thank you Donna Dauenhauer and her team for a hugely successful event!

**New Member Welcome Events** Karen and Don Kirmis organized 3 events in this very well received format on Sunday afternoons in the intimate surroundings of member’s homes.

**Hello Austin** Our biggest Interest Group in which members volunteer to organize a one time event has received big accolades and has proven to be tons of fun! Thank you Pattie and David Schieck! A very big job to keep this one organized!

**New Interest Groups** We welcomed multiple new groups to our already extensive array of groups and love the return of Day Trippers by Twan Brady which are unique outings in other towns. These are places you may never know about on your own!

**New Venues and Times for our Monthly Luncheons/Meetings** In addition to several evening meetings, we enjoyed trying many different and unique venues due to the remodeling of Green Pastures. All of these received rave reviews!

**Our new ANC Website!** A huge endeavor and labor of love by Diane Gallagher and her team, the website offers a snazzy, impressive new presence on the Web, an online calendar, online registration, online bill pay, hyperlinked communications, online photo gallery, and a printable directory! We just cannot thank enough Diane and her team who made this vision a reality and catapulted our Club into the current technological age! Be sure to become familiar with all it offers!

It would be impossible to properly thank all the volunteers who made this possible and have contributed so much for the enjoyment of every member of this great Club, but I must recognize and extend my heartfelt thanks to the 2015-2016 Board of Directors, each of whom have earned my utmost respect and gratitude:

**Membership Team** - chairs: Annie Prasad & Donna Withrow are the queens of efficiency and accurate records and prompt welcomes for new members. Karen and Don Kirmis - Member Services who organized all and hosted the first of these great events. We now have 494 member households which includes 98 NEW MEMBERS!!!!

**Luncheon/Meetings Team** Peggy Sklar- Director and Susie Spies - Programs. Graceful under the pressure of the sudden loss of our former venue, these ladies made lemonade out of lemons! Mary Pat Bolton’s warm smile and her volunteers greeted and welcomed all to these events with a personalized focus on new members with the assistance of Susana Surbeck who meticulously organized all of our name tags.

**Administrative Team** - Secretary Renee Bazaar took copious minutes and at times shared her much appreciated legal perspective. Darlene Mahanay, our treasurer, maintained impeccable financial records and never missed an event with those needed checks. The Audit Team sang her praises as we did each month. We will miss you Darlene! Marj Lowe, Parliamentarian, (assisted by her secret weapon hubby George), studied parliamentary procedure and not only kept me on track but made sure all meetings were orderly and also chaired our annual ByLaw Review Committee - a big task. Thank you Marj! Our beloved historian, Sally Dubane, took this job to a whole new level attending more ANC events to photograph them than probably any other member! In addition, she beautifully maintains our online Photo Gallery! We cannot wait to see the (continued on the next page)
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 or contact Lynne Marcus, lmarcus@marcusco.com or Renee Bazar, 4RBazar@gmail.com. Some of the group are pictured below.
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 Lynne Davis
3702 Terrina Street #14
Discussion Facilitator: TBD
RSVP: Lynne Davis
elcdavis@sbcglobal.net
512-368-5660
Chairs: Judy Moore
judya.moore@gmail.com
Mary Kevorkian
mkevorkian99@gmail.com
Directions:
Take MoPac to Anderson/Spicewood Springs exit. Go west on Spicewood Springs.
Turn right on Forest Mesa. Turn left on Terrina Street. Last house on the right.

Yellow Rose Group
Home of Jeanette Swenson
6210 Brookside Drive
(in East Austin on corner of Glencrest & Brookside)
Discussion Facilitator: Vicky Lara
RSVP: Jeanette Swenson
jeanetteswenson@yahoo.com
512-524-1973
Chairs: Shirlie Konopka
shirlkono@aol.com
Susan Stein
stein susan365@gmail.com
Directions:
From 390E, 2222, 183 or 51st Street, take the Cameron Road exit.
From 390E and 2222, turn right onto Cameron Road and immediately get into center lane to turn Left onto Glencrest (opposite the Sonic). Go 2 blocks, cross the creek and 6210 is on the corner.
From 183, exit Cameron Road and go south thru 3 traffic lights, then cross under 290. Opposite Sonic turn left onto Glencrest and go 2 blocks.
From 51st St., after crossing I-35, immediately get in left lane and go north thru 2 lights. Opposite Sonic, turn Right on Glencrest and go 2 blocks.

Indian Paintbrush Group
Home of Susan Nichols
4549 Golf Vista Drive
Discussion Facilitator: Laura Wood
RSVP: Susan Nichols
sunichols222@gmail.com
512-346-9859
Chairs: Jackie Neuman
Janeuman44@gmail.com
Susan Nichols
Sunichols222@gmail.com
Directions:
From 360 turn onto 2222 going West. Go 4.4 miles. Turn left onto River Place Blvd at the traffic light. Go 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Golf Vista Dr. This is a gated street in an area called “The Overlook”. (If you drive pass the Country Club on River Place Blvd., you’ve gone too far.)
4549 Golf Vista Dr. is the 4th house on the left. Gate code will be provided with RSVP.

Book Groups: Thursday, June 23rd
Social: 10:00 AM
Discussion: 10:30 AM
Book: June - “Being Mortal and What Matters at the End” by Atul Giwande

Upcoming Books:
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
Movies and Mah Jongg

Arthouse Cinema North
Friday, June 10th 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, June 10th at 5:30 PM (Note the time change for the year-end party.)

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. For this year-end party in June, the guests will provide the food and beverages. The sign up sheet is in the Evite.

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
bobbibarro@gmail.com

Arthouse Cinema South
Saturday, June 11th at TBD
$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 backup film for the next month. In June we have a BBQ.

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, June 9th
Thursday, June 23rd

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, June 28th
1:00 PM
Place: Home of Tom Taylor
9518 Bully Hill Cove

Book to be discussed: "Boys in the Boat - Nine American Men and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown

“The astonishing story of the UW’s 1936 eight oar varsity crew and its rise from obscurity to fame. The individual stories of these young men are almost as compelling as the rise of the team itself. Brown excels at weaving those stories with the larger narrative, all culminating in the 1936 Olympic Games. A story this breathtaking demands an equally competent author, and Brown does not disappoint. The narrative rises inexorably, with the final 50 pages blurring by with white-knuckled suspense as these all-American underdogs pull off the unimaginable” - The Seattle Times.

Directions: From 183, take 360 South, turn right on to Spicewood Springs Rd, turn right on Yaupon Dr. and then turn right onto Bully Hill Cove.

Please RSVP to:
Hector Barrio, Chair: hebate@gmail.com
512-633-2103

Knit and Stitch

Thursday, June 2nd
10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Home of: Jan Buesing
2934 Thousand Oaks

RSVP: buesing78746@hotmail.com
512-327-7129
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!

Coordinator: Elaine Doege 512-751-2674

Directions:
From Mopac Expressway
Take Mopac to Bee Cave Road (RM2244). This will also be the Rollingwood/Westlake Hills exit. Travel west on Bee Cave Road for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Walsh Tarleton. Turn left on Thousand Oaks Drive. 2934 will be on your left in approximately ½ mile.

From Hwy 360/Capital of Texas Hwy
Going south on Hwy 360 toward Barton Creek Mall, turn left on Walsh Tarleton (street adjacent to the Mall). Turn right on Thousand Oaks Drive. 2934 will be on your left in approximately ½ mile.

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

The Afternoon Mystery Book Club will not meet in June, July and August. We will resume on Wednesday, September 9th, to discuss “The Gods of Gotham” by Lindsay Faye. Details will be in the August Welcome Mat.

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

GO GREEN
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
Tuesday, June 14th
Zilker Botanical Gardens

10:00 AM: Meet in the parking lot at Zilker Botanical Gardens

11:30 AM: Lunch at Shady Grove

Please be sure you’re on the Newcomers Photography e-mail list if you’d like to participate. Specific details will be e-mailed on or about June 9th.

RSVP: Linda Avitt
512-468-1542
biketrash@grandecom.net

PHOTO SHARE SESSION
Tuesday, June 28th
Send up to 6 photos to Kathy Jones at 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

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.

Sunday, June 26th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (note change in time)

Home of: Jim and Kathy Finley
11708 Eagles Glen Drive

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:
Kathy Finley
jfinley825@aol.com 440-759-4742
Charlotte Slack
cbs200@gmail.com 979-255-1680

Get a head start on July!
Saturday, July 30th  4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Hosted by: Joyce and Kent Walker
7817 Haggans Lane
RSVP to: Joyce Walker
joycebeckwalker@gmail.com 985-705-3730

Also RSVP to Charlotte (see above)

Mexican Train

Wednesday, June 8th
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Where: la Madeleine
5493 Brodie Lane
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

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.
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<td>Kitchen Bridge</td>
<td>Wednesday, June 22nd</td>
<td>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</td>
<td>Home of: Linda Wittenbrook</td>
<td>Reservations may be made no earlier than the first of the month of the event. Join us for some relaxed hands of bridge. Bring your own lunch; beverages provided.</td>
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<td>Saturday, June 18th</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>Lamar Senior Activity Center</td>
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<td>First Friday Social Bridge</td>
<td>Friday, June 3rd</td>
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<td>Lamar Senior Activity Center</td>
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<td>Bunco</td>
<td>Tuesday, June 21st</td>
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**Lots of fun Bridge and more!**

**Last Month's Winners:**
First Place: Vicky Ellison 3250
Second Place: Pam O’Conner 3210
Third Place: Pat Banish 2600

**Directions:** The Lamar Senior Activity Center is located off Lamar at 29th Street on Shoal Crest Avenue.
Canasta
Mondays, June 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Location: Rocco’s Grill
12432 Bee Cave Road
Bee Cave
Our Canasta Group gets together every week for a relaxing day playing the Hand and Foot version of Canasta. The game is easy to learn and new players are invited to join. The structure of the group encourages both regular weekly players or those who can only come occasionally. We get together at 11:00 AM and play a few hands before breaking for lunch - order from the menu and separate checks. We then continue to play for a few more hours - usually until about 2:30 to 4:00 PM depending on your table. Join us for a fun day of cards and conversation with a group of interesting ladies.
New players contribute $15.00 toward cards and supplies.
RSVP to Dottie Thoms either on the web or email to: dottie.thoms@gmail.com
512-820-5980

Ladies Poker Night
Thursday, June 23rd
6:30 PM: Social/Appetizer
7:00 PM: The Game Begins
Cost: $5.00 per person
Hostess: Bonnie Kelly
6000 Rutledge Lane
216-702-7407
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 June, our date will be Monday, June 13th, weather permitting. Interested golfers should call or email about one week in advance, in this case by Sunday, June 5th.
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, June 12th
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Home of: Barbara Hornaday
5129 Valburn Court
Come join Second Sunday Scrabble as we celebrate the closing of this year with more fun around the scrabble boards with our ANC friends.
RSVP: by June 9th to: bhornaday@austin.rr.com
Directions will be provided if needed.
Hello Austin!!

Dear Newcomer Friends
As we start the new year with Hello Austin, I want to thank all of our coordinators for the fine job last year. We had some of the most interesting events in the Club. Everyone celebrates your enthusiasm and dedication to our interest group. We look forward to your continued help in our group.

Our Hello Austin Planning Party was held in May so we are off again to a terrific year. Please check the Hello Austin Group on the Website for the June Events as our Welcome Mat deadlines before we can list the June Activities. To our newest Members: If you want to be involved with our group, please check the Welcome Mat Hello Austin Section, then go on the website and select to be members of our interest group. I hope to have the full list of activities for the July Welcome Mat.... So stay tuned!! We look forward to seeing you at Hello Austin Events!

Pattie Schieck
Contact info: (512-924-9923 or pattie@pattiewebster.com).

Congratulations and Best Wishes to ANC's very own newlyweds.

Pattie Webster and David Schieck were joined in marriage on April 16, 2016!

Pattie is our beloved past Webmaster, past President and current chair of our largest Interest Group "Hello Austin". David has been our Webmaster for the past two years.

They met through Newcomers and we have all enjoyed watching the blossoming romance.

We wish them a lifetime of happiness!

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 when you register for the event.

We appreciate your help!
Website Tip of the Month – IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

EMAIL ADDRESSES VISIBLE ON DIRECTORY PROFILE

One of the biggest changes from the previous website to the current site has been increased security. That increased security allowed for members to email directly in someone’s profile without physically seeing the email address. After using this new feature for several months, we realized that it is important for our members to be able to communicate with each other using email and the new service wasn’t working. We were able to develop a “work around” so that you can now see email addresses on Directory Profiles. *Please Note - if you have a 2-account household, the primary account household member will have to log in and add the information where it says: secondary account email.

PRINTABLE VERSION OF THE DIRECTORY

Our Online Directory is super easy to use and has some cool new features. You can provide brief comments about yourself with your main photo. You can add a lot more photos in your profile. There are Google maps. And it’s easy to search for people within a mile radius. That being said, there are still members who requested a master, printable version of the Directory. Our VP of Membership, Annie Prassad, her Assistant, Donna Withrow, and George Lowe created a PDF version in March. It is located in the Members Only section of the website and you must Log In to be able to download it for printing. *Please note - the information in the Printable version will not be updated again until the Fall. For real time information, use the Online Directory.

Link to Printable Directory https://austinnewcomers.com/members-only/board-documents/printable-directory/

Hearty Hikers at McKinney Falls State Park
**Ex-Pats**

**Date:** Saturday, June 18th  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Home of:** Kathy and Brandon Jones  
10916 Range View 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:**  
Brandon Jones  
Brandon@cbjones.info  
512-241-1663

(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

**Directions:**  
From the intersection of loop 360 and RR 2222, go west on 2222 for 4.6 miles. Turn left onto River Place Drive (if you get to 620, you missed it). Go 2.1 miles on River Place Drive and turn right onto Range View Drive. Go 0.3 miles. The house will be dead ahead; it is the last house on the right.
## Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

**Saturday, June 25th (4th Saturday) at 6:30 PM**

**Location:** TBA

**Directions** will be given when current members RSVP to Iris Groten at irisgroten@gmail.com between June 6th and June 9th.

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 providing one of the menu items.

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

Unfortunately, this group is closed to new members.

If anyone wishes to start a second Come to Dinner-Bring a Plate Group contact iris Groten and she will be happy to help you get one started.

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

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## French Conversation

**Wednesday, June 8th**  
(2nd Wednesday)  
12:30 PM

**Home of:** Simone Maire  
710-B Castle Ridge Road

**RSVP:** ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY  
Simone Maire  
512-540-1611  
simaire1@aol.com

**Sujet:** At the end of your life, do you want to stay in your adopted country, or do you want to return to your homeland, and why?

**Directions:** Take Capital of Texas Hwy/360 (from north or south). Exit 2244 - Bee Cave Road and go west. Note: if you are coming from the north, do not take the little curve shortcut just before the light. Go into the intersection to turn right and get immediately into the left lane (which is a designated left turn lane with a light) so you can turn left at Castle Ridge Road. (If you miss Castle Ridge Road, then you have to go into a shopping area to turn around.)

Turn left onto Castle Ridge Road which is immediately on your left once you get on 2244 between the Wells Fargo Bank Bldg and the 7-11 store (both on your left). Follow Castle Ridge Road to the top of the hill. Simone’s apartment is on the right.

**Chair:** Elaine Crockett  
512-669-0966  
frenchconversation@austinnewcomers.com

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## Spanish Conversation

**Bienvenidos**

**Monday, June 20th 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 común.
Shop Austin! in June SOCO! RESCHEDULED and at WATERLOO RECORDS

RESCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 7 – Kendra Scott Party & South Congress Avenue Shopping!
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.
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!

When: Tuesday, June 7
3:00 p.m. (Party at Kendra Scott at 6:30)
Where: Meet at Perla’s, 1400 S. Congress Avenue, Austin
(You can park in Parking Garage behind Kendra Scott – 1st 2 hours Free)
Cost: Free but come prepared to SHOP!
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. You can also email for directions.

TOUR OF WORLD-FAMOUS WATERLOO RECORDS
We’ve all heard about the iconic landmark, record store and live music venue – Waterloo Records – but we’re in for a real treat. The store’s owner, John Kuntz, is going to give us a personal tour providing us with information about the store’s history, services they offer (did you know they sell your used records and CDs?) and how they’ve become recognized as one of the most popular record stores in the world.

For those who are interested in having lunch beforehand, we’ll meet at the Store’s parking lot and walk to Z-Tejas Southwestern Grill, 1110 W. 6th St., where you can order tableside guacamole and the best margaritas.

When: Thursday, June 30
11:45 a.m. Meet at Waterloo; Noon Lunch at Z-Tejas
1:30 p.m. Waterloo Records Tour and Shopping
Where: Waterloo Records, 600 N Lamar
Free parking in the lot
Cost: Free
RSVP: A MUST! Let me know if you’re coming to lunch. Please register online on our website at https://austinnewcomers.com/news-events/events/ or you can email Diane Gallagher at cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com. You can also email for directions.

ArTreks    There is no ArTreks meeting in June.

Day Trippers
There will be no more trips until the fall.
For information about Day Trippers contact "Twan" Brady at brady@gvec.net or 512-627-1363.
Hearty Hikers

Hearty Hikers has not scheduled any hikes for June, July, and August. Hikes will resume in September!
See the photo of our last hike on page 12.
Beth Holcomb

Happy Trails - Brushy Creek Regional Trail, 3300 Brushy Creek Road
Cedar Park

Saturday, June 18th
9:00 AM
Canine Capability: Leashed dogs permitted
Bring: Water, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, hat; dress for the weather
RSVP: With name and contact phone number to:
happytrails@austinnewcomers.com
(prefer email response) Donna Dauenhauer  (H) 512-852-9535
(C) 512-584-5834

Brushy Creek Lake Park, just north of Austin, is a 90-acre park that includes a 38-acre lake that was constructed in 1965. This park is not only a fine place for walking, running and biking, but also a collection of parks with several offerings: playgrounds, water play-scape, nature trail, exercise station, three pavilions, picnic tables and BBQ grills, sand volleyball court, canoe/kayak launch, fishing pier, wildlife observation area, labyrinth, restrooms, and parking areas. A future place to bring the grandkids!

We will begin our walk at Brushy Creek Lake Park and head east, cross over the dam, and walk to Champion Park. At several spots along the trail, interpretive markers relay stories of early settlers and prominent families, providing some insight into what the area was like before it became suburbia. The trail even passes by a small family cemetery where the Champion family laid their dead to rest between 1862 and 1909. We will backtrack to our starting point, and head west to check out part of Phase III of this regional trail, for a total walk of approximately 3 miles.

Directions: Go north on MoPac. Take 183 North to Avery Ranch Road. Go west on Avery Ranch Road to Parmer Lane. Turn left on Parmer Lane. Go over the bridge (over Brushy Creek) and then turn right on Brushy Creek Road. Go about 400 ft. and turn right into the parking lot of Brushy Creek Lake Park. Park near the play-scape and restrooms. We will meet near the restrooms.
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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

Webmaster@AustinNewcomers.com
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON RESERVATION
for Wednesday, June 15th  (Reservations deadline is Friday, June 10th)

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.
The Welcome Mat
Austin Newcomers Club
PO Box 163343
Austin TX  78716-3343

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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.