

The Welcome Mat

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Wednesday, June 15, 2016 General Meeting, Luncheon, and Program

Chez Zee American Bistro

5406 Balcones Dr
Austin, TX 78731

512-454-2666

Price: \$30

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, June 10th**

11:00 AM Social

12:00 PM Lunch

Buffet Lunch

In the garden room

Dietary Restrictions must be noted with your luncheon Registration.

Directions: Take the 2222 (Northland) exit off of Mopac. Coming from the South turn left on 2222. Coming from the North turn right on 2222. Turn left on Balcones Dr.(first traffic signal). Chez Zee is immediately on your right. Complimentary Valet Parking.

Inside the Austin Music Scene

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!



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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 jones6lp@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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	Susi Spies
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Greeter:	Evelyn McMillen

Letter from the President

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
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wonderful book she is creating to commemorate this great year at ANC! **Alison Seaman** served in the huge and very important job of Interest Group Chair. She trained and kept track of a very large number of volunteers so that we could all enjoy our favorite groups! **Charlotte Slack**, Board Transition Chair, has been a very involved and active ANC member and held many positions so her monthly presence at our meetings has been invaluable. She is currently making sure we have a smooth transition to our new Board!

Communications Team/ Publicity/ Calendar/ Webmasters/Newsletter **Brandon Jones**, another long time member, has held almost every Board position! He masterfully handled the big task of getting us our *Welcome Mat* every month! **Roni Seemann** has maintained our very important calendar beautifully for a second year and had the challenge of mastering a new system with the website. No problem for this dynamo! The rest of this team were all very hands on with the biggest job of the year - developing, implementing and tweaking our fabulous new **Website!** We could not have done it without the leader of the team, **Diane Gallagher** - Publicity, **David Schieck** - Webmaster, **Joy Simon** - Asst Webmaster, (you have spoiled us with your great Weekly Bulletins Joy!), and **Mary Pat Bolton**, the invaluable proofreader. We also thank all those who attended training sessions to become familiar with and learn to maximize the potential of this great new site.

You are in for another "best year ever" at Austin Newcomer's with the new President Susie Spies and her new Board of Directors. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful organization!

Very fondly,

Jan

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.



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



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

Directions:
 From 290E, 2222, 183 or 51st
 Street, take the Cameron Road
 exit.
 From 290E and 2222, turn right
 onto Cameron Road and imme-
 diately 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 pro-
 vided with RSVP.

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 back-up 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**).



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

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 and
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

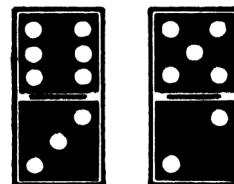
We meet the second Wednesday of the month for a game of dominoes. It is important to arrive on time so we can get the tables set. The game is fun and quick to learn. We play for an hour starting at 11:00 AM, break for lunch, and end by 2:00 PM. Good food/good fun!!!

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.



Third Thursday Bridge

Thursday, June 16th
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:

Ethel Tarleton
 512-243-6651
 ebtarleton@yahoo.com

Chair:

Hansa Nasta
 512-328-1886
 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, June 18th

7:00 PM

Excitement for the EUCHRE INTEREST GROUP continues to grow. Come join this fun, fast card game - open to new players who need instruction as well as players at all levels. Just be sure to plan on having fun.

June 18th from 7:00 PM to when people are euchred out, just being a drink and snack to share. Only two tables will fit this time so get your reservations in to Bonnie (our wonderful hostess this month) early- **bonniekelly7@gmail.com**.

For more general questions, you can e-mail:

gnilsson5900@gmail.com.

**Lots of fun
 Bridge and more!**

First Friday Social Bridge

Friday, June 3rd

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 average to very good are invited to join for a fun night of Bridge.

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

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.

Kitchen Bridge

Wednesday, June 22nd

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Home of: Linda Wittenbrook
 8209 Summer Place Drive

RSVP: Linda Wittenbrook
 512-345-9537
wittenbrook@hotmail.com

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.

Chair: Mimi Rhea
 512-491-0744
eerhea@att.net

Daytime Buddy Bridge

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

Play has ended for "Daytime Buddy Bridge" and unless someone volunteers to chair the group, which should begin play in September, there will be no group.

Ethel Tarleton

**Bunco**

Tuesday, June 21st

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Home of:

Connie Gardner

Current Bunco members RSVP to Connie at 915-203-4522 or **peplett@aol.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



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

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

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

Second Sunday Scrabble

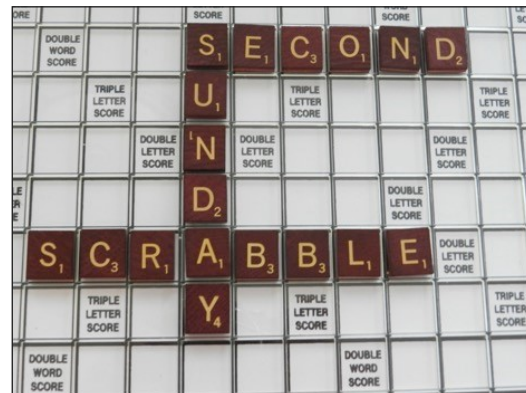
Sunday, June 12th
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

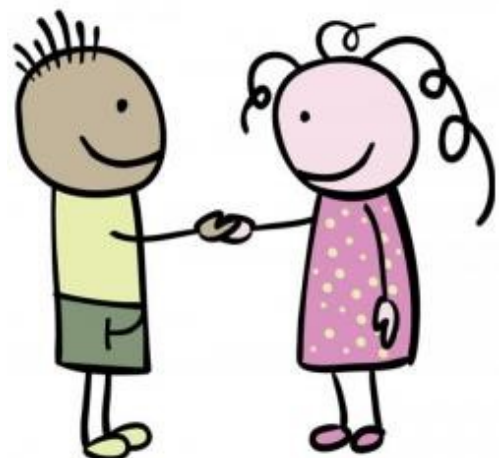
Looking for an easy way to get involved with ANC? We'd love to have your help as a greeter at our monthly luncheons or evening meetings. The job requirements are simple: just arrive a few minutes early, stand near the entry table, and offer a warm smile and a friendly hello as members and guests arrive.

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 Prasad, 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

TRY THIS – in June

Garden Club of Austin Flower Show & Sale – June 4th-5th, Zilker Park Garden Center, 2220 Barton Springs Road, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM www.thegardenclubofaustin.org

That 80's Concert at Zilker Hillside Theater – June 5th and June 6th, 8:00 PM at Sheffield Hillside Theater in Zilker Park. These are free concerts featuring the Austin Civic Orchestra. www.freefunaustin.com

Austin Symphony Children's Day Art Park – Wednesdays, June 8th – July 27th, 9:30 a.m. in Symphony Square. For just fifty cents per child, kids and adults can experience the magic of the arts, featuring local musicians, dancers, storytellers, magicians, mimes and crafts people. Kids can visit the "Instrument Petting Zoo" from 9:15-9:30 a.m. to see, touch and play real instruments.
www.austinsymphony.org/events

Woodland Faerie Trail by Silver Moonlight – June 17th-19th, 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Zilker Botanical Gardens. Visit the Woodland Faerie Trail by moonlight and experience magic! www.zilker garden.org

Keep Austin Weird Fest & 5K – June 25th, 3:00 PM-10:00 PM, Veteran's Pocket Park and American Legion Grounds. Costumes and weirdness are everywhere. www.KeepAustinWeird5k.com

email Donna Dauenhauer at donnadau@hotmail.com with your ideas, using "Try This" in the subject line

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
 512-2411663

(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.

2016 Keep Austin Weird FEST & 5K



Biff Sanderson

"We need to get your butt in gear for the coolest festival of the year!"



Baby Beardo

"I'm 300 300 go go for the Keep Austin Weird Fest & 5K!"

Happy Hour**Tuesday, June 21st** (the 3rd Tuesday)**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM****Winflo**

1315 W. 6th Street

RSVP: Bobbi Barrio
bobbibarrio@gmail.com
 512-656-1420

Enjoy the first day of summer with friends old and new on Winflo's patio. Sample \$6 wine, cocktails and appetizers or \$10 pizzas or salads.

Parking accessed through the driveway on the west side of the building immediately after the Winflo sign. (Ignore the No Left Turn sign; it's for Pressler St.) Complimentary valet parking starts at 4:00 or self-park by following the driveway to the rear and left. Lot is adjacent to Winflo on its east side.

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

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.

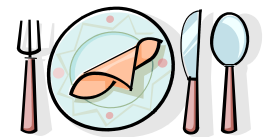
The hostess plans the menu and distributes recipes to the guests. The guests are responsible for providing one of the menu items.

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

**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 comun.

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.



NEW MEMBERS

<p>Pat Doerfler 624 Santaluz Path Austin, TX 78732 512-673-8160 patdoerfler@yahoo.com 512-382-0997 from Horseshoe Bay, TX</p> <p>Jim and Emma Nolan 5113 Bluestar Drive Austin, TX 78739 512-709-1423 emma.nolan@live.com</p>	<p>Joe & Nicole Rivlin 3212 Aurelia Lane Round Rock, TX 503-939-8945 rivlinj@hevanet.com from Portland OR</p>	<p>Tom Walter and Cindy Clarke 5325 Tortuga Trail Austin, TX 78731 737-704-1472 twalterccclarke@hotmail.com from Saudi Arabia (retired expatriate)</p>
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HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<p>6/01 Laurie Zahn 6/01 Robert Bilgrad 6/02 Judy Gunnels 6/02 Lynne Davis 6/03 Sarah Burns 6/03 Bob Peto 6/03 Thomas Burton 6/04 Ann Edwards 6/04 Sham Nasta 6/05 Sara Harrison 6/05 Alex Spencer 6/05 Greg Bolton 6/05 Desha Melton 6/06 Judy Moore 6/06 Carol Bradley 6/07 Ann Fisher Hunt 6/07 Bruce Uszal 6/08 Dan Seitz 6/08 Raymond Duffy 6/08 Richard Fonte 6/09 Katie Wurpes 6/10 Jeanne Broussard 6/10 Ellen Honey</p>	<p>6/11 Herbert Marks 6/12 Jane Jenkins 6/12 Jill Snyder 6/14 Maggie Kadlecek 6/15 Sheila Daily 6/15 Harry Linser 6/15 Joe Rivlin 6/16 Annag Chandler 6/16 Jacqueline Neuman 6/17 Carolyn Powell 6/17 Don Stevens 6/18 Gail Gundelach 6/18 Gayle Bovington 6/18 Mary Freytag 6/19 Bernice Gaskamp 6/19 Lois Goodman 6/19 Marilyn Vinson 6/19 John Killough 6/20 Donna David 6/20 Steve Saltwick 6/22 Barbara Gayle Herring 6/22 Babette Stevenson 6/22 Fred Thoms</p>	<p>6/22 Chance Conner 6/23 Madelyn Connolly 6/23 Isabel Cutillas 6/23 Sam Copeland 6/24 Harvey A Malyn 6/24 Cindy Wilson 6/24 David Herring 6/25 Mary Gregory 6/25 Christine Senecal 6/26 Beverly Brooks 6/28 William Hawkins 6/28 Kent Douglass 6/28 Elizabeth Ament 6/29 Madeleine Houze 6/29 JoEvelyn Egger 6/29 Don Woody 6/29 Nicole Rivlin 6/30 Judy Broderson</p>
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June 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 • 9:30 AM Board Meeting	2 • 10:00 AM Knit & Stitch	3 • 6:30 PM 1st Friday Bridge	4
5	6 • 11:00 AM Canasta	7 • 3:00 PM Shop Austin	8 • 11:00 AM Mexican Train • 12:30 PM French Conversation	9 • 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	10 • 5:30 PM Critics Corner • 7:30 PM Arthouse Cinema North	11 • Arthouse Cinema South
12 • 3:00 PM Scrabble	13 • Golf • 11:00 AM Canasta	14 • 10:00 AM Photo Shoot	15 • 11:00 AM Monthly Meeting, Luncheon and Program	16 • 9:45 AM Third Thursday Bridge	17	18 • 9:00 AM Happy Trails • 6:00 PM Ex-Pats • 7:00 PM Euchre
19	20 • 10:00 AM Spanish Conversation • 11:00 AM Canasta	21 • 10:30 AM Bunco • 4:00 PM Happy Hour	22 • 10:30 AM Kitchen Bridge	23 • 10:00 AM Book Groups • 1:00 PM Mah Jongg • 6:30 PM Ladies Poker	24	25 • 6:30 PM Come to Dinner
26 • 5:00 PM TGI Social	27 • 11:00 AM Canasta	28 • 10:30 AM Photo Share • 1:00 PM Men's Book Club	29	30 • 11:45 AM Shop Austin		

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.

RSVP

Reservation absolutely required!

Buffet Price: \$30.00 if received by June 10th

No reservation requests after June 10th

Register on line or make check payable to:

Austin Newcomers Club

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

Peggy Sklar
6006 Salton Drive
Austin, TX 78759

Reservations due by Friday, June 10th

Allow 3 days for delivery.

Cancellations due by Friday, June 10th

Contact Peggy Sklar
512-350-1037 or
psklar1@gmail.com

Kindly check in upon arrival, as your name tag will be
your buffet ticket! Child care is not available.

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

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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.