



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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September Monthly Meeting Discovering an Austin Treasure: The Harry Ransom Center



Not only is the Harry Ransom Center one of Austin's finest treasures, but it is an internationally renowned humanities research library and museum as well.

Located on The University of Texas at Austin campus, the center houses 36 million literary manuscripts, 1 million rare books, 5 million photographs, and more than 100,000 works of art. Want to get a close up view of Scarlett's dresses from *Gone With The Wind*? The Ransom Center has those and more.

At our September luncheon, Director Dr. Stephen Enniss will give us an insider's look into the history and current holdings of the Ransom Center and how it supports teaching and research in the humanities.

When: Wednesday, September 20
Time: 11 a.m. - social hour
12 p.m. - lunch and program

Where: Chez Zee
5406 Balcones Dr., 78731

Cost: \$30/person

RSVP: Online or send a check to Austin Newcomers postmarked by September 14 and mailed to Marsha Hayden, 10402 Treasure Island Dr., Austin TX 78730.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 3d ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Austin Newcomers Holiday Bazaar

When: November 15, 2016, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Where: River Place Country Club
Hostess: Rosa Schmid

Special lunch menu

Get a jump on your holiday shopping with:

* Jewelry, pillows, note cards, linens, candies, wreaths, and much more

If you want to be a vendor or have any questions, email Rosa Schmid at rosaschmid@hotmail.com



President's Message



The End is NOT Near . . . Unless . . .

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September Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, Sept. 6
Social, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Alison Seaman
10337 Salida Dr., 78749

RSVP: By September 1 [Online](#)
or withrow19@hotmail.com

Yes, it's the start of the fall season, but - on a totally different note - do you recall a number of years back when the end of the world was near? Supposedly, on December 21, 2012, catastrophic, deadly events were to occur as it was the end of an approximate 5000 year cycle in an ancient calendar. Some even thought the Earth was destined to collide with a black hole. Well, thank goodness we dodged that bullet and here we are still merrily rolling along.

And who could forget all the hoopla around Y2K and the end of the tech world as we know it? That, obviously, didn't happen, and today we are so steeped in a much more advanced technology that it might seem like the end of the world to most anyone if we lost it for even a day.

So where am I going with this? Along with those other near disasters, I bet August 1 wasn't the end of your social world. I'd like to thank the hundreds of members that have renewed their membership and will be continuing with Austin Newcomers. But, for those who haven't quite gotten to it, among other things, regrettably, they will be unable to access our lovely and informative online Welcome Mat and, much more important, attend their favorite activities - an unfortunate state of affairs.

But enough about what can't be done. Let's focus on all the wonderful activities that you will be able to participate in during the month of September since you HAVE renewed.

You may have noticed on page 1 that we are having the director of the Harry Ransom Center as speaker at our September General Meeting. It should prove to be an interesting and exciting talk as he reveals some secrets about some of the exhibits there that he has been privy to.

If you like the great outdoors, our Hearty Hikers will be at the trail at Lake Point Preserve in Bee Cave on Saturday, September 9. Rumor has it that it is a fun and challenging hike.

How about a docent tour of the Laguna Gloria's beautiful terraced gardens on September 15 or an opportunity to bone up on your Texas history (especially if you are new) at the Bullock Museum on the 17th?

So go out and partake of our fabulous September offerings, but remember - help your friends' social world remain fulfilling and intact by reminding them to renew their membership today.

*Cheers,
Donna*

BOOK GROUPS

Book Groups

When: Thursday, September 28, 10:00 a.m.

Book: *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President*, Candice Mallard

Details: We now have two book groups: Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose. Books are chosen annually in the fall, and both groups read the same book each month. If you would like to join a book group, please contact Gayle Cannon, gayle.cannon70@gmail.com

Bluebonnet Group

Host: Linda Wittenbrook
8209 Summer Place Dr.

RSVP: By September 27, [Online or wittenbrook@hotmail.com](mailto:wittenbrook@hotmail.com)

Chairs: Barbara Hornaday
bhornaday@austin.rr.com
Naomi Ritchie
jarnfrdar@yahoo.com

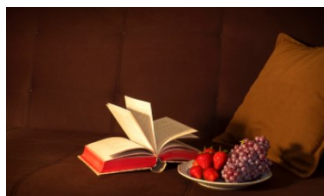
Upcoming Books

September: *Lilac Girls*, Martha Hall Kelly

October: *Transatlantic*, Colum McCann

November: no meeting

December: *History of the Rain*, Niall Williams



Yellow Rose Group

Host: Susan Stein
8230 Spicewood Springs Rd.,
No. 3.

Facilitator: Lynne Davis

RSVP: Online or
steinsusan365@gmail.com,
512-336-7972

Chairs: Gayle Cannon
Gayle.cannon70@gmail.com
Mimi Rhea
eerhea@att.net

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

When: Wednesday, September 13, 1 p.m.

Book: *Natchez is Burning*, Greg Isles

Where: Bobbi Barrio
4704 Hickory Hollow, Austin 78731
From Mopac, take 2222 exit west. At light turn right onto Mesa Drive. You can also turn left onto Mesa from Hwy 360. Turn left onto Cross Valley Run, which becomes Mt. Bonnell Rd. Turn right at Hickory Hollow and park in center of cul-de-sac.

RSVP: By September 12 to bobbibarro@gmail.com

Details: We read mysteries chosen by the members, who take turns hosting and leading the discussions in our homes. All are welcome to join us.

Chair: Bronwyn Bowen
bbowen60@gmail.com

Men's Book Club

When: September 26

Book: *The Death of Cancer*, Vincent Da Vita

Where: Jay Stein's home, Spicewood Springs 8230-3

RSVP: Online

Details: An astonishingly good read. Written by a cancer expert who happens to be a cancer survivor as well, the book deftly explains the treatments that have turned this insidious disease from a death sentence into a manageable chronic condition for millions of people- and what yet remains to be done.

Chair: Hector Barrio
hebate@gmail.com

MOVIES

Art House Cinema North

When: September 8, 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$1.00/person at the door

RSVP: [Online](#) or RSVP to host email provided by message to group each month.

Details: Each month the group selects a film to see before the next month. We see the film and then get together as a group to discuss and rate it as well as select a film for the following month. Details of upcoming gatherings for this group are sent in a separate email to group participants with details about the movie selection, location, and any additional information that is needed,

Chair: Karen Rankin
karenrankin@austin.rr.com

Art House Cinema South

When: 2d or 4th Friday of the month. See the online calendar and the weekly emails for details. Locations and movies are sent upon registration confirmation.

Cost: \$1.00/person

RSVP: [Online](#) (if you are new or not on the mailing list)

Details: We meet at homes of members and discuss and rate two movies selected in the previous month. Members choose to attend one of two meetings each month, on either the second or fourth Friday. Online registrants receive an email with meeting details.

Chair:
ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com

Critics' Corner

When: September 8, 7:30 p.m.

RSVP: rozstephenson5@aol.com

Details: Critic's Corner meets at 7:30 on the second Friday of each month. Details of upcoming gatherings are

sent in a separate email to group participants, giving details about the movie selection, location, etc. Members see the movie on their own, then meet at a member's house for a discussion of the movie. Members are asked to bring a hearty appetizer or dessert and a beverage. Visitors are welcome. Email Tom Taylor for information.

Chair: Tom Taylor, tomtaylor9@gmail.com
214-642-3873

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Art Treks

When: September 15, 11 a.m.

Where: Laguna Gloria, 3809 W. 35th St., Austin

Cost: \$3 and cost of optional lunch

RSVP: By September 12, [Online](#) or lindap@sprintmail.com or karentwerner20@aol.com

Details: Our goal is to explore different areas of art in the Austin community and beyond. Laguna Gloria is a collection of contemporary art, mostly sculpture, at the site of a 1916 Italian style villa on the shores of Lake Austin. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Please wear sturdy shoes as we will walk around the terraced gardens with a docent. We will have lunch nearby at Chez Zee, 5406 Balcones Dr. Please let us know if you also plan to stay for lunch.

Chairs: Linda Poyser, 713-291-7545
Karen Werner, 817-896-4905

Austin 101

When: Sunday, September 17, 1 p.m.

Where: Bullock State History Museum

Cost: \$13 onsite or online, free for members,

RSVP: By 9/9, [Online](#) or jannaks55@gmail.com

Details: If you're new to Austin or have lived here awhile but missed some essential sites, you probably have a long wishlist of things to see in our fantastic city. Outings will usually occur every other month on a weekend, and special events may be scheduled on specific dates. For this first event, we will meet in the lobby of the Bullock Museum, explore the exhibits at our leisure, then reconvene for snacks in the Story of Texas Cafe'.

Chair: Janna Smith
jannaks55@gmail.com

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN (continued)

Hello Austin! Esther's Follies

When: Friday, September 29, 8 p.m.
Where: 525 E. 6th St., Austin (6th and Red River)
Cost: \$30
RSVP: [Online](#) and then call Follies office 512-320-0198 and ask to be seated with the ANC group. Pay them for ticket. Limited to 20.

Details: For 40+ seasons, Esther's Follies has been Austin's answer to SNL, entertaining Austinites and visitors alike with satire, sketches, magic and musical numbers that span the political divide, performed by some of Austin's most talented actors and entertainers. Join us for a fun evening at one of Austin's premier downtown comedy clubs, offering a full bar and bar snacks.

Chair: Pam Craig
pmcraig448gmail.com
 512-432-5767

Hello Austin! Custom Bike Tour of Austin created and led by Texas Bike Tours (TXBT)



When: Saturday, October 14
 9:15 if riding your own bike and it needs a check up
 9:30 if your bike is good or riding a TXBT bike
 10:00 — WE RIDE
Where: Start site is the parking lot of the BB&T Bank at 601 W. 5th St. (off Neuces)
Cost: \$41 for a 3-hour tour and \$51 for a 4-hour tour
RSVP: By October 9 with payment, [Online only](#). Minimum 10 participants.

Details: Texas Bike Tours is a 5-star bike tour company creating luxury biking experiences that immerse guests in what makes Austin unique. We'll ride on streets and bike trails; and the four-hour tour will also pedal the boardwalk. All along our path, TXBT will show and tell stories of Austin – past, present, and future.

We'll visit moon towers and street art, the natural beauty of the Colorado River, Barton Springs, and green spaces. At the entrance to Zilker Park, we'll refresh at The Picnic Food Truck Park. After we rest, we'll roll out to Lady Hare with Dog and to Doug Sahm Hill where Austin's art, music, and views converge. We might even have time to cool off at the Splash Pad.

For those who choose to ride for four hours instead of three, the adventure will continue in South Austin seeing an artist's concept of a chalet, a presidential mural, a Before I Die wall, and an artistic bridge decorated in celebration of music and Austin.

Format: We'll ride in groups of ten. Each tour group will include a pathfinder, sweep rear rider, and emergency SAG* wagon. (You are responsible for any food and drink.)

Bikes: You may bring personal bikes to ride. (There will be a bike mechanic available to inspect tires and provide any needed tune-ups. Basic service is free. More extensive work may require an additional charge.)

TXBT also provides a bike rental service and can select, reserve, and custom-fit a rental hybrid bike for \$30.

IMPORTANT: Please send your email address to deaton@texasbiketours.com so that she can send you info plus a questionnaire to determine your riding skill level, the size of your bike tires (if applicable), and rental needs (if applicable).

Please join us for this very special outing. Let's ride.

***If the SAG emergency wagon has to rescue someone or the bike mechanic has to travel to make an emergency repair on a personal bike, the rate is \$25 an hour and 57 cents a mile. This rarely happens.**

Event Chair: Susi Spies, Susi.spies@gmail.com

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN (continued)

Daytrippers

When: Thursday, September 21

Where: Schulenburg and the beautiful Czech painted churches

(1.5 hour drive from Austin to Schulenburg)



9:00 Meet at the Original Kountry Bakery for Kolaches and coffee following at 110 Kessler Avenue, Schulenburg. (979) 743-4342

9:30 Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce to meet guide. 618 Main Street 979-743-4514

9:45 Begin tour of Painted Churches. Guide will provide driving directions.

12:00 Lunch break and shopping at The Garden Co Market-place and Café

1:30 Conclusion of Painted Church Tour

3:00 Visit to the Polka Music Museum

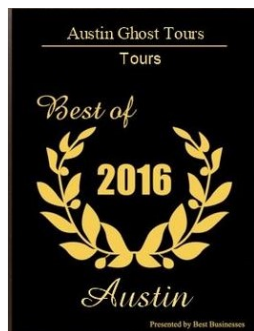
3:30 Peek (and maybe a pint) at the 1890's Sengleman (Dance) Hall and Biergarten

Cost: \$15 for reservation, church tour/tip to guide, and museum donation

RSVP: [Online](#) with payment

Details: For additional information or for attendee list, and carpooling suggestions, contact chairs

Chairs: Susi Spies, susi.spies@gmail.com
Dale Truitt, daledtruitt@gmail.com



Hello Austin! Downtown Ghost Tour

When: Tuesday, October 24,
5 p.m. drinks
7 p.m. tour

Where: The Driskill Hotel Bar for drinks before tour
604 Brazos St. (valet parking available)

Tour only - Moonshine Patio and Grill
303 Red River St.

Cost: \$21/person

RSVP: By Friday, October 13, [Online to pay and register](#)
(minimum of 20 needed for tour)

Details: Join us for a goulishly great time. We'll meet and spend time together for lite bites and happy hour at the haunted Driskill Hotel. Then, Austin Ghost Tours, who have shared the history and stories of downtown Austin's spirits for more than 20 years, will lead an outdoor walking tour.

If you can't make it to the Driskill, meet us at the Moonshine Patio & Grill, 303 Red River St. at 7 p.m.

Event Chairs: Diane and Carl Gallagher
cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com

FOOD/SOCIAL

Friends Connection

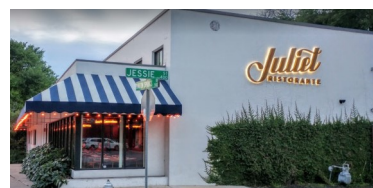
Details: Friends Connection is a great place for singles to start or renew friendships. We will meet for brunch again in a few months. See you then.

Chair: Lynne Davis
elcdavis@sbcglobal.net

FOOD/SOCIAL, (continued)

TGI Social (Thank Goodness It's Social)**When:** Saturday, September 24, 5-7 p.m.**Where:** Jim and Janie McClam
7113 Doswell Ln (Circle C)**Price:** \$1/person**RSVP:** [Online](#) or tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com**Details:** A time to kick back to meet and connect with friends old and new with nothing but FUN on the agenda. Bring hearty appetizers and your beverage of choice to share (beer, wine, soft drinks, lemonade, tea, etc.). Singles bring beverage or appetizer, couples bring both.**Chairs:** Janie and Jim McClam
jalommc@msn.com, 512-301-9230**Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate****When:** Fourth Saturday of the month**RSVP:** Contact the chair to be placed on the list to receive the monthly invitation.**Details:** Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a monthly dinner group for single ANC members who enjoy cooking and socializing. We meet on the 4th Saturday of the month in groups of between four and twelve at one or two homes. The hostess plans the menu and compiles recipes, and guests provide one of the dishes.An email is sent to the list after the first of the month, and you should **RSVP then, NOT online**. Once the guest list is complete, the hostess sends out menu information and the address and directions to attendees. In July and August we meet in a restaurant.

When you join the list, we expect a commitment to be a host or co-host at least once every 12 - 18 months. Some homes are small, and parking can be an issue, but even a small group can enjoy spending time in your home.

Chair: Lynne Marcus
Lmarcus08@gmail.com
505-340-5464**Out to Lunch Bunch****When:** Friday, September 22, 11:30 a.m.**Where:** Juliet's
1500 Barton Springs Rd.**Cost:** Separate checks. **\$25 charge by restaurant if you cancel after September 20.****RSVP:** [Online](#) or lunchbunch@austinnewcomers.com
Limited to 20.**Details:** Juliet just completed a light remodel, so let's go sit on their big, shady patio and see what's new. The location (just around the corner from Lamar on Barton Springs) should be convenient for everyone, and the menu is great--especially the crispy garbanzo beans they serve as an appetizer. They have a big parking lot behind the restaurant (turn on the street nearest the Lamar side of the restaurant to enter). Hope to see lots of you there.**Chair:** Susi Spies
susi.spies@gmail.com**Happy Hour****When:** Tuesday, September 19, 5 - 7 p.m.**Where:** Vince Young's Steakhouse
301 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin**Price:** Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Details:** Valet and paid parking**Chairs:** Elliott and Nancy Kossak
ekossak@gmail.com
Charlie and Louise Brown
charlieb7127@gmail.com

THEATER

Experience the Zach - Singing in the Rain



When: October 4, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
October 22, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Ticket Purchase Deadline: Monday, September 18

Where: Zach Topfer Theater, 1510 Toomey Lane,

Ticket Prices: \$41 - \$69

Details: ZACH Theatre celebrates its 85th Anniversary season with one of the greatest and most beloved classic musicals. The joyous score features well-known songs like *Good Morning*, *Make 'Em Laugh*, and the favorite *Singin' in the Rain*, which will soar with ZACH's full orchestra. And yes, it will rain on the Topfer stage. What a glorious feeling, I'm happy again.

Please arrive 30 minutes before show time or join us for a social hour starting at 6:15 p.m. in Z-Lounge for music before the show.

To Purchase Tickets: We're holding seats for a limited time, so don't wait. Please do not call the Box Office to purchase as they are unable to offer you your Austin Newcomers group discount.

Option 1: Call Alyson Mintz, group sales at 512-476-0594, Ext: 245 or e-mail amintz@zachtheatre.org

Option 2: Use our Online Discount Group Code: NEWCOMERS when you purchase tickets online thru the Zach website.

Chair: For questions regarding our performance schedule or general information, please contact:

Pattie Webster Schieck
Pattie@pattiewebster.com

The Play's the Thing

This theater lovers group is dedicated to exploring classic, contemporary, and musical plays throughout the year. We also meet for a pre- or post-theater dinner. Here's our schedule of plays and venues for the 2017-2018 season, as well as the restaurants where we will dine. The venues are Austin Playhouse (AP), Mary Moody Northern Theatre (MMNT) and Georgetown Palace Theatre (GPT).

- Saturday, Oct 7, 7:30 p.m. **Rhinoceros** by Eugene Ionesco @ MMNT (5:30 Zax Restaurant)
- Saturday, Nov 11, 7:30 p.m. **Anon(ymous)** by Naomi Iizuka @ MMNT (5:30 Zax Restaurant)
- Saturday, Dec 2, 8:00 p.m. **Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley** by Lauren Gunderson @ AP (6:00 Vino Vino)
- Saturday, Feb 17, 7:30 p.m. **Romeo & Juliet** by William Shakespeare @ MMNT (5:30 Zax Restaurant)
- Sunday, Mar 4, 2:00 p.m. **Barefoot in the Park** by Neil Simon @ GPT (Dinner follows, TBA)
- Saturday, Apr 7, 8:00 p.m. **Shakespeare in Love** adapted by Lee Hall @AP (6:00 Vino Vino)
- Sunday, May 6, 2:00 p.m. **My Fair Lady** by Lerner & Lowe @ GPT (Dinner follows, TBA)

- Saturday, June 2, 8:00 p.m. **Curtains** by Kander and Ebb @ AP (6:00 Vino Vino)

For subscriptions, flex passes, and single tickets, contact the box office of each theater directly. Mention Austin Newcomers to be seated with the group. Also mention if you are a senior member for any special pricing. Play and venue information is on each theater's website.

AP: Box Office (Cyndi) 512/476-0084,
www.austinplayhouse.com

MMNT: Box Office 512/448-8484,
www.stedwards.edu/mary-moody-northern-theatre

GPT: Box Office (Nancy) 512/869-7469,
www.georgetownpalace.com

Very important - your online registration each month tells us who's coming to the performance and who's coming for dinner. You will be able to register in September for October 7.

Chair: For general information about our theater group or questions, contact Rinette Seidner at plays@austinnewcomers.org.

HOBBIES

Knit and Stitch



When: September 7, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Host: Elizabeth Meek
5772 Gorham Glen Lane., Austin 78739

RSVP: [Online](#) or email dmarksny@aol.com

We meet on the first Thursday of each month to knit, crochet, or do laptop needlework projects. Join us for coffee, crafting, and conversation.

Chair: Deborah Marks
dmarksny@aol.com
917-696-3647

Photography

Welcome photographers. The photography interest group meets twice a month, once for a photo shoot, on the second Tuesday and again on the fourth Tuesday for a photo share session. To be added to the email list, please email Dwight Reck, dreck1066@gmail.com.

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

Photo Share Session: Fourth Tuesday of each month

Time: 10:30 a.m. socializing, 11:00 a.m. share session
Email 6 photos to George McCane at photoman401@gmail.com so he can compile a slide show for all members to enjoy and to offer ideas.

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

SHOPPING

Shop Austin!

RoundTop Antiques Fair

When: Thursday, September 28
7:30 a.m. - meet for carpool
9:00 a.m. - meet in Roundtop, TX

Where: Roundtop, TX (we'll let you know where to meet)

Cost: Free (some venues have entry fees)

RSVP: By September 22,
[Online](#) or cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com

Carpool Meeting Location:
We will send carpool information to everybody who will carpool.

Details: We venture to the RoundTop Antiques Fair, host to thousands of internationally acclaimed antique and art vendors, twice a year. If you have never attended, this is the time to go to learn where to park and how to manage the event. We'll provide you with a sampling of everything from fine antiques/furnishings to art and everything in between.

Bring cash/checks (most vendors do not take credit cards).
Wear comfortable clothing/walking shoes.

Hosts: Diane Gallagher
cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com
Janet Jones
jones6lp@gmail.com



LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats

When: Saturday, September 16

Where: Alyce and Terry Richardson
8320 Chalk Knoll Dr., Austin 78735

RSVP: By October 10, Online, limit 50.

Details: We enjoy sharing our overseas experiences and being with members who are from outside the US. If you have to cancel, please notify the hosts and Ingrid Sarrat so we can notify the waiting list.

Chairs: Ingrid Sarrat
isarratster@gmail.com
Inge Eichberg
inge@austin.rr.com

French Conversation

When: Wednesday, September 13, 12:30 p.m.

Where: Home of Francine Webb, Alys Honey co-host

RSVP: [Online](#) or francinewebb@me.com

Details: We will discuss where would be your dream place to live and why.

Chair: Nedra Low, 512-351-9113
nlow@austin.rr.com

Spanish Conversation

When: September 18, 10 a.m.

Where: The Madelaine, 5493 Brodie Ln, Austin 78745

RSVP: By September 17 online

Chair: Susana Surbek, 512-740-2349
susana.surbek@hotmail.com



FUN AND GAMES

1st Friday Bridge

When: There is no meeting in September

Where: Check back in October

Cost: \$5.00/person

RSVP: Online at least a day before

Details: We meet on the First Friday each month. Social time is from 6:30-7:00 p.m., and bridge is from 7:00-9:45 p.m. Join us for a fun night of bridge

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

3rd Thursday Bridge

When: Thursday, September 21, 9:45 a.m. social time, 10 a.m. play begins

Host: Hansa Nasta

Where: IHOP, 1101 S Mopac Expy

Cost: \$3.00

RSVP: By September 14 [Online](#) or to hnasta@yahoo.com

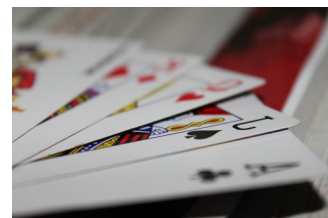
Details: This group of average to expert bridge players enjoys playing together. We like the competition and challenge of party bridge and the opportunity to meet new people. Bridge is open to all.

Chair: Nancy Cosby
ncosby@flash.net, 817-360-0494

FUN AND GAMES, continued

Kitchen Bridge**When:** Wednesday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.**Where:** Bernice Gaskamp
8309 Cobblestone Dr., Austin 78735**Cost:** \$2.25**RSVP:** By September 1, [Online](#), or ebg41@yahoo.com, or 512-891-6608**Details:** All people on the player list will be contacted before the first of the month with the name and contact information of the hostess for the month. If you wish to be placed on the player list, contact the chair listed above.**Chair:** Mimi Rhea
eerhea@att.net
512-491-0744**Daytime Bridge Buddy****Cost:** \$15**Details:** You and your buddy will meet monthly, September through May. You will be sent a schedule soon after the sign-up deadline listing the team you will be playing each month and who will host that month. The two teams then choose the most convenient time and place to play. This is a great way to get to know other newcomers. We are currently full for the 2017-2018 year, but substitutes are always welcome.**Chairs:** Cathy Cotter, 512-465-9472
Sandi Ladd, 512-250-9339**Canasta****When:** Mondays, 11:00 a.m.**Location:** Mimi's Cafe
12613 Galleria Circle
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave**RSVP:** [Online](#) or email
canasta@austinnewcomers.com the Sunday before each date.**Details:** We meet every Monday for a relaxing day playing a Hand and Foot version of Canasta. The game is easy to learn. New players are invited to join in. You're welcome to play as often as you like, every week or just occasionally. We begin playing at 11:00 a.m., break for lunch about 12:30 p.m. and continue to play afterward. We order from the menu and get separate checks. Join us for a fun day of cards and conversation with a group of interesting ladies.**Cost:** New players pay a one-time fee of \$15 when they join to cover the cost of cards and supplies.**Chair:** Marti Glycer
martiglycer@hotmail.com**Bunco****When:** September 19, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**Where:** Directions sent to respondents**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** [Online](#) or dlburgess@austin.rr.com**Details:** Please contact Connie Gardner if you are interested in joining Bunco as a regular member or substitute.**Chair:** Connie Gardner
peplett@aol.com
915-203-4522**Euchre****When:** Saturday, September 16**Where:** John and Barbara Christian
12601 Bee Cave Pkwy, 78738**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** By September 15 to kasha.action@gmail.com**Details:** BYOB and a snack to share.**Chair:** Kasha Petrea
kasha.action@gmail.com
716-308-1986

GAMES, continued

Ladies Poker**When:** September 28, 6:30 p.m.**Where:** 5221 Trading Bend, Austin**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** By September 26, [Online](#) or to inge@austin.rr.com**Chair:** Inge Eichberg
inge@austin.rr.com
512-921-4034**Mexican Train****When:** Wednesday, September 13, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**Where:** New location to be announced.**Cost:** Bring \$2 for winner/loser**RSVP:** [Online](#) and psklar1@gmail.com**Details:** Mexican Train is a fun dominoes game and easy to learn. We start promptly at 11:00 a.m., stop for lunch around 12:15 p.m., and end at 2:00 p.m. We put \$2.00 in a pot that is split between high and low score. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Sklar at the email below.**Chair:** Peggy Sklar
psklar1@gmail.com**Mah Jongg****When:** Thursday, September 14 and 28**Where:** Café Express
3418 North Lamar Blvd.**Cost:** .50 cents**Hosts:** Jeanne Broussard and Jeannette Van Deventer**Details:** This group plays the American Version of Mah Jongg and uses The National Mah Jongg League card. We welcome anyone who is interested. Players are invited to come early for lunch if desired.**RSVP/Chair:** Jeanne Broussard
jeanne.marie.broussard@gmail.com**Second Sunday Scrabble****When:** Sunday, September 10, 3 - 5 p.m.**Where:** Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar
3339 Hancock Dr.**RSVP:** By September 7, [Online](#) or sandytzone@juno.com**Details:** Join us for some fun and sample some great food and pastry at this independent Austin business.**Chair:** Sandy Longstreth
sandytzone@juno.com**Pinochle****When:** No meeting in August or September**RSVP:** Nshipley@me.com**Details:** All levels of players are welcome. We play single, double, or triple deck Pinochle with lots of laughter. Come join us for an evening of fun.**Chair:** Nancy Shipley
nshipley@me.com
832-236-9909

HEALTH/FITNESS

Happy Trails

When: Saturday, September 9, 9 a.m.

Where: Lake Pointe Preserve Trail
3314 San Benito Crt., Austin 78738

Cost: Free

RSVP: [Online](#) or email Donna below.

Details: We will meet at Pam VonMende's house and walk to the trailhead in her neighborhood. This crushed gravel trail is partially shaded and leads to a lovely waterfall where we will hang out for awhile before heading back up the trail to our cars. Please bring a hiking stick, because the elevation changes a bit along the way to the creek and waterfall. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellent and lots of water.

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer
donnadau@hotmail.com
512-852-9535

Hearty Hikers

When: Tuesday, September 26, 10 a.m.

Where: Twin Falls

Cost: Free with optional lunch at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant at Barton Creek Square Mall by separate check

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: This is a moderate 4-mile hike along Barton Creek. It is later in the month in hopes of cooler weather. The trail has some rocks and roots with a down slope at the beginning and up coming back since it is an up and back trail. It is pretty and shaded and mostly flat. It is good choice if it is still hot. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, sturdy walking shoes, a hiking stick if you like, and money for lunch.

Directions: **From the north** take Rt. 360 S. Just past Barton Creek Square Mall, bear right onto Loop 1 Frontage Rd. Keep right at fork on ramp. Do NOT take ramp onto Loop 1 south. You should see cars parked along the right side of the ramp. This is the trailhead. Park along the shoulder where you see other cars parked.

From the south take Loop 1 N (Mopac). Take the Rt. 360 N exit. Turn left at light onto 360 N. At next light, turn left onto Loop 1 S Frontage Rd. Keep right as the ramp forks and park along the shoulder of the road where you see the other cars parked.

Chair Beth Holcomb
bethholcomb7@gmail.com
908-963-9731

MUSIC

Live Music Lovers

When: September 12, 6 p.m.

Where: Whole Foods, Domain

Cost: Donation

RSVP: [Online](#) or eshoney10@mac.com

Details: Tje Austin is an ambitious Austin-based R&B singer-songwriter. Tje's personal brand of soul derives from various influences that include John Legend and Lenny Kravitz.

Chair: Dona Reynolds
grdr@hotmail.com
713-651-7899

Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, September 11

Where: Course to be determined

Cost: Greens fees vary, pay at course

RSVP: [Online](#) by Sunday, September 3, 2017

Details: Hope everyone had a nice summer vacation and is ready to play some golf in cooler September weather (hopefully). We'll restart playing this fall on 9/11 followed by 10/16, 11/13 and 12/11. We'll play a different course each month and continue to play the 4-player select best-ball format, which everyone seems to enjoy. Once you've signed up, I'll let everyone know when and where we'll be playing. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call me.

Chair/Information: John Cates
jwcates3@gmail.com
832-814-8402

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



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for September 20

Price: \$30 for lunch at Chez Zee.

Register and pay Online or register online and send checks payable to Austin Newcomer's Club, postmarked by September 13 to Marsha Hayden 10402 Treasure island Dr., Austin TX 78730

Name(s) _____

Please print

Phone _____

Check one: ☐ Continuing member household ☐ Have not joined yet
☐ 1st dinner/luncheon as member ☐ 2nd dinner/luncheon as member

Austin zip code _____ moved from _____

Guest _____

Please print

We always need greeters at our monthly meetings. It's an easy job and a great way to get acquainted with other Austin 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.

Members with dietary restrictions: An alternative menu option is available at regular monthly luncheon meetings. NOTICE IS REQUIRED WITH THE RSVP. Please include specific information regarding your restrictions. YOU ARE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MENU SUBSTITUTIONS MADE AT THE EVENT.

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Welcome New Members

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3621 W. Slaughter Lane, Apt. 9310, 78749
717-682-4538

Ken and Magaret Rodenbeck
6509 Claremont Drive, 78749
318-792-5944
From Alexandria LA

Valerie Milam
1500 Elton Lane, #7, 78703
210-381-3840
From San Antonio

Chris Streppa
4439 Bremner Drive, 78749
830-481-3873

Leroy & Lupita Nellis
274 Mary Elise Way, 78737
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2017-2018 Budget Available

The 2017-2018 has been approved by the board and posted [online](#).



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Thank you.