



# Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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## October Monthly Meeting Will Put a Song in Your Heart



**When:** Wednesday, October 18

**Time:** 11 - social hour  
12 - lunch and program

**Where:** Chez Zee  
5406 Balcones Dr., 78731

**Cost:** \$30/person

**RSVP:** Online, checks to Austin Newcomers postmarked by September 14 and mailed to Marsha Hayden, 10402 Treasure Island Dr., Austin TX 78730.

If you want an insight into the Texas music scene, then our October luncheon will be the place to be.

Floyd Domino's dazzling boogie-woogie piano styling is known to audiences around the world, earning him acclaim and awards for more than three decades. During his presentation, Floyd will fill your minds with a backstage knowledge of Texas music traditions and fill your hearts and souls with joy.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 3d ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

### Austin Newcomers Holiday Bazaar

**When:** November 15, 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](mailto:rosaschmid@hotmail.com)



# President's Message

## Be Afraid . . . Be Very Afraid



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### October Board Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 4  
Social, 9:30 a.m.  
Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Diane Gallagher/Lynne  
Marcus  
415 Jacksdaw Drive  
78737

**RSVP:** **By October 1** to  
withrow19@hotmail.com

Is it really possible to embrace October and not think of Halloween and all things that go bump in the night? Rumor has it that many of us really do enjoy being just a little bit afraid, hence the popularity and success of all those scary movies and books.

Most everyone in Austin has heard about ghosts that haunt the Driskill Hotel, specifically room 525 where two different brides did themselves in, but did you know that there are a number of other haunted places around town? We even had our very own serial killer back in 1884 known as the Servant Girl Annihilator.

Besides the Driskill, here are some of the haunted places in Austin that you can check out or even stay in overnight.

**The Buffalo Billiards** - A friendly ghost named Fred boldly pours himself a drink, hangs out by the pool table, and pranks patrons by wobbling barstools.

**Shoal Creek Indian Massacre Site** - Permission to visit the creek is not allowed after 10 p.m. because of the profusion of paranormal activity.

**Littlefield House** - Former resident Alice Littlefield, besides roaming the grounds, can be heard playing piano throughout the night.

**The Texas State Capital** - John Marshall Love, who was killed at his desk at the Capital, roams the building while the deceased Governor Davis has been seen staring out a first-floor window.

**St Edward's University** - A suicide victim's ghost appears in the Mary Moody Northern Theater where the noise of a swinging rope can be heard. Another spirit visitor who died in Premont Hall slams doors and windows, and last, in Doyle Hall a phantom nun turns on the showers.

**The Inn at Pearl Street** - The apparition of a mother holding her twin sons floats down the hall to a rocker in order to rock her babies to sleep each night.

**The Texas Governor's Mansion** - The lingering ghost of Sam Houston haunts the bedroom he occupied, and another room has been permanently sealed off to shield guests from the loud moans and gasps heard each night from a visiting spirit.

**The Omni Hotel** - If you can brave a night there, beware of the ghost of Jack, as he has tried to sneak kisses from guests. Hmmm. . .

Finally, the number one most frightening thing in Austin is all those people who have just moved to town and don't know about Austin Newcomers Club....and sadly, won't know to sign up for the Ghost Tour we're offering on October 24th. Please, let's spread the word to them so they can rest in peace.

*Cheers,  
Donna*

## BOOK GROUPS

## Book Groups

**When:** Thursday, October 26, 10:00 a.m.

**Book:** *Transatlantic*, Colum McCann

**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](mailto:gayle.cannon70@gmail.com)

## Bluebonnet Group

**Host:** Dina Steiner  
8136 Greenslope Dr., 78759

**RSVP:** [Online](#) or  
[dinasteiner@gmail.com](mailto:dinasteiner@gmail.com)

**Chairs:** Barbara Hornaday  
[bhornaday@austin.rr.com](mailto:bhornaday@austin.rr.com)  
Naomi Ritchie  
[jarnfrdar@yahoo.com](mailto:jarnfrdar@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming Books

**November:** no meeting  
**December:** to be announced



## Yellow Rose Group

**Host:** Kathy Kundiff  
5300 Scout Island Circle  
**Facilitator:** Susan VanLew

**RSVP:** [Online](#) or  
[kwcundiff@gmail.com](mailto:kwcundiff@gmail.com),  
512-551-8737

**Chairs:** Gayle Cannon  
[Gayle.cannon70@gmail.com](mailto:Gayle.cannon70@gmail.com)  
Mimi Rhea  
[eerhea@att.net](mailto:eerhea@att.net)

## Afternoon Mystery Book Group

**When:** Wednesday, October 11, 1 p.m.

**Book:** *How the Light Gets In*, Louise Penny

**Where:** Susan Nichols  
4549 Golf Vista Dr., 78730  
Susan will send community gate code to all who RSVP.

**RSVP:** By Tuesday, October 10 to  
[snichols222@gmail.com](mailto:snichols222@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](mailto:bbowen60@gmail.com)

## Men's Book Club

**When:** October 24, 2 p.m.

**Book:** *Strangers in their own land: anger and mourning in the American right*, Arlie Russell Hochschild

**Where:** No information available

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

**Details:** Great counterpoint to Vance's *Hillbilly's* elegy. Hochschild approached the issues that divide this country presently as an academic, in a measured, thorough way where Vance seeks excuses, Hochschild seeks reasons and potential cures. Thoughtful. Great read.

**Chair:** Hector Barrio  
[hebate@gmail.com](mailto:hebate@gmail.com)

## MOVIES

## Art House Cinema North

**When:** October 13, 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$1.00/person at the door

**RSVP:** [Online](#) or RSVP to email sent 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](mailto:karenrankin@austin.rr.com)

## Art House Cinema South

**When:** October 13 or 27, 7 p.m.

**Cost:** \$1.00/person

**RSVP:** [Online](#) (if you are new/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 and the movie to see.

**Chair:**  
[ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com)

## Critics' Corner

**When:** October 13, 7:30 p.m.

**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. We ask members to bring a hearty appetizer or dessert and a beverage. Visitors are welcome. Email Tom Taylor for information.

**Chair:** Tom Taylor  
[tomtaylor9@gmail.com](mailto:tomtaylor9@gmail.com)  
 214-642-3873

## AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

## Art Treks

**When:** October 25, 1-2 p.m., limited to 10.

**Where:** Karen Werner's home  
 358 Desert Willow Way, 78737

**Cost:** \$20 for materials and instruction

**RSVP:** By October 23, [Online](#) or [lindap@sprintmail.com](mailto:lindap@sprintmail.com) or [karentwerner20@aol.com](mailto:karentwerner20@aol.com)

**Details:** Sue is a very talented watercolorist and teaches in her spare time. She will demonstrate techniques and you will be able to bring home your work of art. Refreshments will be served. Mail payment to Karen Werner, 358 Desert Willow Way, Austin, Texas, 78737. Please make the check out to Sue Taylor.

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

## Austin 101

Austin 101 will not meet in October.

**Chair:** Janna Smith  
[jannaks55@gmail.com](mailto:jannaks55@gmail.com)



## AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN (continued)

**Hello Austin!****Custom Bike Tour of Austin created and led by Texas Bike Tours**

**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 the Lady Hare with Dog sculpture 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. A bike mechanic will be 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](mailto: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 our 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](mailto:Susi.spies@gmail.com)

## AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN (continued)

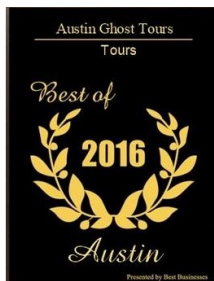
### Hello Austin! Downtown Ghost Tour

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

**Where:** **For drinks before tour**  
The Driskill Hotel Bar  
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 ghoulishly 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](mailto:cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com)

### Daytrippers

**When:** There will be no Daytrippers in October.  
**Where:** Stay tuned.  
**Cost:** TBD  
**RSVP:** None this month

**Details:** For additional information, contact chairs.

**Chairs:** Susi Spies  
[susi.spies@gmail.com](mailto:susi.spies@gmail.com)  
Dale Truitt  
[daledtruitt@gmail.com](mailto:daledtruitt@gmail.com)

## FOOD/SOCIAL

### New Member Welcome Event

**When:** Sunday, October 1, 3 - 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Kathy and Jim Finley  
11708 Eagles Glen Dr.

**RSVP:** [Online](#) or  
[memberservices@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:memberservices@austinnewcomers.com)

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

**Directions:** Take Northland Drive/RM 2222 exit from Mopac N. and turn left onto RM 2222. After 8.5 miles, turn left onto RR 620. After 2.1 miles, turn left into the main entrance of Steiner Ranch which is Quinlan Park Road. Proceed to the stop light at University Club Drive (UT Golf Club entrance) and turn left. At the gatehouse tell the guard you are attending an event at the Finleys. They may ask for the address. Proceed on University Club Drive to second roundabout and turn left on Eagles Glen Drive. 11708 is located on the left.

*Austin Newcomers... We're Glad You're Here*



## FOOD/SOCIAL, (continued)

**TGI Social (Thank Goodness It's Social)****When:** Sunday, October 15, 4 - 6 p.m.**Where:** Judy and Steve Largent  
7009 Mitra Drive (Meridian off 45)**Price:** \$1/person**RSVP:** [Online](#) or [tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com)**Details:** A time to kick back to meet and connect with friends old and new. There's 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](mailto:jalommc@msn.com), 512-301-9230**Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate****When:** October 28**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 small groups in a member's home. 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](mailto:Lmarcus08@gmail.com)  
505-340-5464**Out to Lunch Bunch****When:** Friday, October 27, 11:15 a.m.**Where:** Blue Dahlia Bistro, 1115 E. 11th St.**Cost:** Separate checks.**RSVP:** By noon, Thursday, October 26, [Online](#) or [lunchbunch@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:lunchbunch@austinnewcomers.com)**Details:** By late October, the weather in Austin should be gorgeous, so sitting outside on Blue Dahlia's shady patio should be lovely. Please note that we're going to the EASTSIDE Blue Dahlia on East 11th St., NOT their sister location on Bee Caves Rd. And for those of you who haven't eaten here yet, you have a lovely Franco-ophile experience in store in the form of a fresh European countryside repast including delicious open faced tartines and six flavors of French Macarons. Do join us.**Chair:** Susi Spies, [susi.spies@gmail.com](mailto:susi.spies@gmail.com)**Happy Hour****When:** Tuesday, October 17, 4-6 p.m.**Where:** Abuelo's  
2901 S. Capitol of Texas Hwy.**Price:** Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.**RSVP:** [Online](#)**Details:** Valet and paid parking**Chairs:** Elliott and Nancy Kossak  
[ekossak@gmail.com](mailto:ekossak@gmail.com)  
Charlie and Louise Brown  
[charlieb7127@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Pattie@pattiewebster.com)

## The Play's the Thing

**Coming up:** Saturday, Oct 7, 7:30 p.m. **Rhinoceros** by Eugene Ionesco at MMNT (5:30 Zax Restaurant)

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

- Sunday, May 6, 2:00 p.m. **My Fair Lady** by Lerner & Lowe at GPT (Dinner follows, Wildflower Georgetown)
- Saturday, June 2, 8:00 p.m. **Curtains** by Kander and Ebb at 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](http://www.austinplayhouse.com)

**MMNT:** Box Office (Meg) 512-448-8484  
[www.stedwards.edu/mary-moody-northern-theatre](http://www.stedwards.edu/mary-moody-northern-theatre)

**GPT:** Box Office (Nancy) 512-869-7469  
[www.georgetownpalace.com](http://www.georgetownpalace.com)

**Very important:** Although you pay the theatres directly, your online registration each month tells us who's coming to the performance and who's coming for dinner.

**Chair:** Rinette Seidner  
[plays@austinnewcomers.org](mailto:plays@austinnewcomers.org)



## HOBBIES



## Knit and Stitch

**When:** Thursday, October 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Host:** Deborah Marks  
4526 Avenue G, 78751

**RSVP:** By October 3, [Online](#) or email  
[dmarksny@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dreck1066@gmail.com).

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

**Share Session:** Fourth Tuesday of each month  
10:30 a.m. socializing  
11:00 a.m. share session

Email 6 photos to George McCane at [photoman401@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## Magnolia Market and a Day in Waco TX



**When:** October 17  
7:30 a.m. - meet for carpool  
9:30 a.m. - meet at Magnolia Market at the silos

**Where:** Magnolia Market  
601 Webster Ave., Waco TX

**Cost:** Your lunch, separate checks

**RSVP:** By October 13, [Online](#) or  
[cd\\_gallagher28@hotmail.com](mailto:cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com) or [jones6lp@gmail.com](mailto:jones6lp@gmail.com)

**Details:** Do you watch Fixer Upper? Do you love DIY? Does shiplap make you shiver? There's a little something for everyone at the Magnolia Market, made famous by Chip and Joanna Gaines from HGTV - shopping, games, garden, and a bakery. Everything is staged in order to get you inspired and excited about the space you live in. Jan's favorite is Joanna's artificial floral/garden selection. We'll have lunch and stop at a few other Waco venues on this fun outing.

We will have a north and a south carpool meeting point - details to follow.

**Hosts:** Diane Gallagher  
[cd\\_gallagher28@hotmail.com](mailto:cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com)  
Jan Jones  
[jones6lp@gmail.com](mailto:jones6lp@gmail.com)

## LANGUAGES/EXPATS

### Expats

**When:** Saturday, October 21, 6-8 p.m.

**Where:** Beck Wharton  
4727 Cat Mountain Dr., 78731

**RSVP:** By October 15, [Online](#)

**Details:** We enjoy sharing our overseas experiences, learning about other cultures, 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. Please bring a hearty appetizer to share and a beverage of your choice.

**Chairs:** Ingrid Sarrat  
[isarratster@gmail.com](mailto:isarratster@gmail.com)  
Inge Eichberg  
[inge@austin.rr.com](mailto:inge@austin.rr.com)



### French Conversation

**When:** October 11, 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Home of Nedra Low

**RSVP:** Required, [Online](#) or [nlow@austin.rr.com](mailto:nlow@austin.rr.com)

**Details:** We will discuss a book you recommend

**Chair:** Nedra Low, 512-351-9113  
[nlow@austin.rr.com](mailto:nlow@austin.rr.com)

### Spanish Conversation

**When:** Monday, October 16, 10 a.m.

**Where:** The Madelaine, 5493 Brodie Ln, 78745

**RSVP:** By October 15, [Online](#)

**Chair:** Susana Surbek, 512-740-2349  
[susana.surbek@hotmail.com](mailto:susana.surbek@hotmail.com)

## FUN AND GAMES

### 1st Friday Bridge

**When:** Friday, October 6, 6:30-9:45 p.m.

**Where:** Lamar Senior Activity Center  
2974 Shoal Crest Ave.

**Cost:** \$5.00/person

**Details:** We meet the first Friday of every month. All bridge players are welcome, both couples and singles. We are a group of average to very good players. Come join us for a fun night of bridge.

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

### 3rd Thursday Bridge

**When:** Thursday, October 19, 9:45 a.m. social time,  
10 a.m. play begins

**Host:** Pam Von Mende

**Where:** Mimi's Café  
12613 Galleria Circle, Bee Cave

**Cost:** \$3.00

**RSVP:** By October 12, [Online](#) or to  
[runpamrun@yahoo.com](mailto:runpamrun@yahoo.com) or 310-975-5075

**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](mailto:ncosby@flash.net), 817-360-0494

## FUN AND GAMES, continued

**Kitchen Bridge****When:** October 25, 10:00 a.m. (time change)**Where:** Barbara McCollum  
129 Clear Pond Cove (near Dripping Springs)**Cost:** \$1.25**RSVP:** On or after (NOT BEFORE) October 1, [Online](#), or to email sent by chairperson.**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 below.**Chair:** Mimi Rhea  
[eerhea@att.net](mailto: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**Bunco****When:** October 17, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**Where:** Directions sent to respondents**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** [Online](#) or [cd\\_gallagher28@hotmail.com](mailto:cd_gallagher28@hotmail.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](mailto:peplett@aol.com)  
915-203-4522**Canasta****When:** Mondays, 11:00 a.m.**Location:** Mimi's Cafe  
12613 Galleria Circle  
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave**RSVP:** See online calendar or email  
[canasta@austinnewcomers.com](mailto: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](mailto:martiglycer@hotmail.com)**Euchre****When:** October 14, 6:30 p.m.**Where:** Shipley's**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** [Online](#) or [kasha.action@gmail.com](mailto:kasha.action@gmail.com)**Details:** BYOB and a snack to share.**Chair:** Kasha Petrea  
[kasha.action@gmail.com](mailto:kasha.action@gmail.com)  
716-308-1986

## FUN AND GAMES, continued

### Ladies Poker

**When:** October 26, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Bonnie Kelley  
6000 Rutledge Ln.



**Cost:** \$5

**RSVP:** By October 24, [Online](#) or to [inge@austin.rr.com](mailto:inge@austin.rr.com)

**Chair:** Inge Eichberg  
[inge@austin.rr.com](mailto:inge@austin.rr.com)  
512-921-4034

### Mexican Train

**When:** Wednesday, October 11, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Where:** Vaqueros  
1801 S. Capitol of Texas Hwy.

**Cost:** \$2 kitty - lunch on your own

**RSVP:** [Online](#) and [psklar1@gmail.com](mailto:psklar1@gmail.com)

**Details:** New location, fun atmosphere, good food. You need to RSVP to reserve a space. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Sklar at the email below.

**Chair:** Peggy Sklar  
[psklar1@gmail.com](mailto:psklar1@gmail.com)



### Mah Jongg

**When:** Thursday, October 12 and 26, 1-4 p.m.

**Where:** Café Express  
3418 North Lamar Blvd.

**Cost:** .50 cents

**Details:** This group plays the American Version of Mah Jongg and uses The National Mah Jongg League card. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us.

**RSVP/Chair:** Ruth Ann Plotkin  
[Ruthann.plotkin@gmail.com](mailto:Ruthann.plotkin@gmail.com)  
512-582-0957



### Second Sunday Scrabble

**When:** Second Sunday, 3 - 5 p.m.

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

**RSVP:** See calendar or [sandytzone@juno.com](mailto: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](mailto:sandytzone@juno.com)

### Pinochle

**When:** October 21, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** 5813 Tributary Ridge Dr.

**RSVP:** [Nshipley@me.com](mailto: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. It will be fun to see everybody again.

**Chair:** Nancy Shipley  
[nshipley@me.com](mailto:nshipley@me.com)  
832-236-9909

## HEALTH/FITNESS

## Happy Trails

**When:** Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m.

**Where:** Violet Crown Trail

Meet in Spec's parking lot, 4790 West Hwy. 290

**Cost:** Free

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

**Details:** First envisioned in 1998, the Violet Crown Trail, when complete, will stretch 30 miles from downtown Austin/Zilker Park to Hays County, passing through neighborhoods, greenbelts, and water protection lands. We will explore the inaugural section of the trail, opened in 2015, beginning at the Sunset Valley trail head and walking 30 minutes in and 30 minutes out. We will meander down through thickets of Ashe juniper and oak, several water crossings over Gaines Creek, and ultimately end with a glorious view of caves and cliffs that are plentiful in the Barton Creek Greenbelt area. On your own time, you now may hike 6 miles from Sunset Valley all the way to Zilker Park. This is sure to be a favorite walking experience for your repertoire. Leashed dogs permitted; bring water and hiking stick; wear sturdy shoes.

**Chair:** Donna Dauenhauer  
[donnadau@hotmail.com](mailto:donnadau@hotmail.com)  
 512-852-9535

## Hearty Hikers

**When:** Tuesday, October 10, 10 a.m.

**Where:** St. Edward's Park Hike

**Cost:** Free with optional lunch Modern Market in the Arboretum by separate check

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

**Details:** St. Edward's Park is a lush greenway along Bull Creek with waterfalls dripping through ferns on the limestone rock faces along the creek. Cross over the creek and climb the rocky trail up through the Preserve to the back of the Jester neighborhood and back down, stopping at viewpoints to peek over the treetops. This is a moderate hike, with some steep rocky terrain and tall weeds along a single-track trail. We are combining a few trails to make a 3.5 mile loop, lasting approximately 1.5- 2 hours. You may want to wear long pants for the brush, sturdy shoes, a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and bring water. A hiking stick is optional.

**Chair** Beth Holcomb  
[bethholcomb7@gmail.com](mailto:bethholcomb7@gmail.com)  
 908-963-9731

## Golfing Around Austin

**When:** Monday, October 16

**Where:** Course to be determined

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

**RSVP:** [Online](#) by Sunday, October 8, 2017

**Details:** We play a different course around the local area each month and will continue to play the 4-player select best-ball format. We have players of all abilities, and our goal is to have a lot of fun. So don't be bashful about coming out and playing with us. Once you sign up by the deadline above, I'll get tee times and 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](mailto:jwcates3@gmail.com)  
 832-814-8402

## MUSIC

## Live Music Lovers

**When:** October 12, 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Donn's Depot  
 1600 W. 5th Street, 78703

**Cost:** Donation

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

**Details:** Donn will play at an interesting Austin venue.

**Chair:** Dona Reynolds  
[grdr@hotmail.com](mailto:grdr@hotmail.com)  
 713-651-7899



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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for October 18**

**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

Harry and Nancy Fendrich  
8018 High Hollow Drive, 78750  
843-696-6685

Kaitlyn Paolo  
1621 E 6th Street, Apt 1142, 78702  
908-295-3501

Barbara Naftolin  
321 Jack Nicklaus Drive, 78738  
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Dana Thor  
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