



# Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

## November Monthly Meeting 3d Annual Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show

### Don't Miss This Favorite Event

**When:** Wednesday, November 15

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - shop for best selection  
12:00 p.m. - meeting and lunch  
1:30 - 3 p.m. - more shopping open to all

**Where:** River Place Country Club  
4207 River Place Blvd., 78730

**Cost:** \$30/person

**RSVP:** By November 11, [Online](#), or checks to Austin Newcomers postmarked by November 10 and mailed to Marsha Hayden, 10402 Treasure Island Dr., Austin TX 78730.

Invite your friends and neighbors to come for the entire event for \$30 or for free open shopping from 1:30 - 3 p.m.



### 24 New and Returning Vendors

- \* Returning Favorites: jewelry, woven goods, painted note cards, embroidered towels, and ornaments
- \* **New Items:** copper jewelry, handmade soaps and lotions, woven stone pendants, still-life paintings, pottery, and soup/chili/dip mixes
- \* Bring cash and checks. Some vendors may have credit card options.



Enter the raffle to win some of 24 fabulous prizes.



# President's Message



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## November Board Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, Nov. 1  
Social, 9:30 a.m.  
Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Beth Noe/Laurie Gillig  
11613 Shadestone Ter.  
(Steiner Ranch)

**RSVP:** **By October 30** to  
[withrow19@hotmail.com](mailto:withrow19@hotmail.com)

## Can You Just Imagine . . .

Silky juices pouring from a golden, plump turkey, melting butter on creamy, whipped, mashed potatoes, glistening brown sugar on honey-flavored sweet potatoes and the aroma of that just-baked pumpkin pie wafting in the air. It's coming folks, that joyous day of family, friends, food, and football.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Pilgrim General William Bradford for establishing the traditional Thanksgiving feast in 1621 with the Wampanoag Indians and for reminding us that we need to take the time to be grateful for the blessings we have been provided. Did you know it was the state of New York in 1817 that designated Thanksgiving as an annual custom?

I am sure everyone probably has a humorous tale to tell about the holiday. I will share mine. Every Thanksgiving since my engagement, my husband and I would go to his parents' house for the holiday. When we moved overseas to England, I invited two families over to share in Thanksgiving dinner. It was 1988 and the first Thanksgiving meal I'd ever had to prepare. I called the local butcher and ordered a fresh Tom. At that time with the current exchange rate, the cost of that turkey translated to \$100. I was too embarrassed to say that I'd changed my mind (and probably couldn't since I'd ordered it), meanwhile trying really hard not to faint from sticker shock, so I just paid the bill and left. I can tell you I savored every bite of that dear dang bird.

In the spirit of the season of gratefulness, I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my truly humble thanks for all those who have given their time and talent to volunteer in our club. Without their help and service, there wouldn't be an Austin Newcomers Club and the great organization that it is. This includes the board, the interest chairs and everyone that helps in any capacity to keep Newcomers humming along so smoothly.

I know you will all be thankful that you remembered to sign up for our annual Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show on November 15. We have 23 vendors signed up, 10 of which are new. So bring your friends and your wallet and let yourself be tempted by all the goodies you'll discover there. Lastly, I'll leave you with this old ditty:

May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
Have nary a lump.  
May your yams be delicious  
And your pies take the prize,  
And may your Thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off your thighs!

I'll toast to that. Have a peace-filled and wonderful Thanksgiving.

*Cheers,  
Donna*

## BOOK GROUPS

## Austin Newcomers Book Club

## Annual Holiday Party

(there will be no meeting in November)

Thursday, December 7, 11:30 a.m.

Chez Zee, 5406 Balcones Dr., 78731

Cost: \$30.00

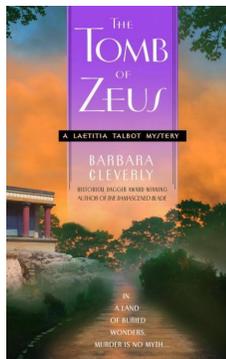
Award-winning novelist: **John Pipkin**Speaking and signing: **The Blind Astronomer's Daughter**

Members of Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose book groups will receive detailed information by email.

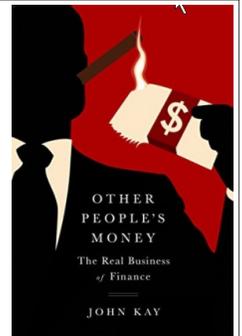
Questions? Contact chairs:

Gayle Cannon, [gaylecannon70@gmail.com](mailto:gaylecannon70@gmail.com), Mimi Rhea, [eerhea@att.net](mailto:eerhea@att.net)

## Afternoon Mystery Book Group

**When:** Wednesday, November 8, 1 p.m.**Book:** *The Tomb of Zeus*, Barbara Cleverly**Where:** Diane Killough  
1600 Barton Springs Rd., Unit 4101, 78704**RSVP:** By Monday, November 6, to  
[dianne2345@gmail.com](mailto:dianne2345@gmail.com)  
Dianne will email gate code when you RSVP.**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:** November 26, 2 p.m.**Book:** *Other People's Money*, John Kay**Where:** Brian Moore  
3400 Scenic Overlook Trail, off 620**RSVP:** Not required**Details:** *Other People's Money* shows us the greedy and selfish corporate structure of the financial system, the lack of effective regulations, and the weakness in valuation of financial assets and liabilities. Unfortunately, the middle classes and the future generations of the world will be paying for all these mistakes.**Chair:** Hector Barrio  
[hebate@gmail.com](mailto:hebate@gmail.com)

## MOVIES

## Art House Cinema North

**When:** November 10, 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:** November 10 only, 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 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. Hosts generally limit the number of people their homes can accommodate. Details of meetings will be sent ahead of meeting dates via email.

**Chair:**  
[ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com),  
512-632-1305



## Critics' Corner

**When:** November 10, 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 - Custom East Studio Tour**

**When:** November 15, 6 p.m.,  
need minimum of 10, 16 maximum

**Where:** 2832 East MLK Jr. Blvd., 78702

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP:** Purchase ticket by November 10 at  
[www.mkt.com/camiba-art/item/art-trek-custom-tour-nov-th](http://www.mkt.com/camiba-art/item/art-trek-custom-tour-nov-th)



**Details:** CAMIBAart Tours has surveyed over 400 studios participating in the EAST Austin Studio Tours and picked four stops for us. Meet at CAMIBAart Gallery and caravan to the artist's studios where we'll view their art while they demonstrate techniques and answer questions about their work. Artworks will be available for sale. The tour includes refreshments and light snacks. See the link to CAMIBAart Tours standard EAST tours. Most of it is applicable to this custom tour [www.camibaart.com/east-2017-november/](http://www.camibaart.com/east-2017-november/)

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

**Austin 101 - Save the Date for Trail of Lights**

**When:** Saturday, December 9

**Where:** Zilker Park

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** [Online](#) or email Janna Smith at email below

**Details:** Boasting over 2 million lights, viewing the Austin Trail of Lights is a great way to get in the holiday spirit. No exact opening time is listed on the website yet, so we'll meet at the food truck area near the giant lighted Christmas tree then head over to the entrance gate as it gets dark. Mark your calendars to save the date for now, and check the December Welcome Mat for more details.

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



## AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN (continued)

### Daytrippers - Fredricksberg?

**When:** December 5 (read details)

**Details:** This space would ordinarily contain details of the next Daytrippers outing. Regrettably, the September outing (to the Painted Churches in Schulenburg) only had four sign-ups, and two of those had to cancel. We went anyway and had a marvelous day. However, there's obviously no point in planning a big daytrip if no one is interested.



**Bottom line:** If eight or more of you email me at [susi.spies@gmail.com](mailto:susi.spies@gmail.com) and express interest in a trip to Fredericksburg to visit the Admiral Nimitz War of the Pacific Museum and have lunch at Woerners Feed Store Cafe on December 5th, we will be glad to plan it.

After lunch options are shopping, touring the Urban Herbal herb farm, or visiting the fantastic new Science Museum in Johnson City as reconnaissance for a future outing with your grandchildren.

**RSVP:** Let us know if you'd like to participate in this outing by emailing [susi.spies@gmail.com](mailto:susi.spies@gmail.com) by November 10th.

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

## FOOD/SOCIAL

### Friends Connection

**When:** Sunday, November 12, 1:30

**Where:** Jacoby's Restaurant and Mercantile  
3235 East Cesar Chavez St.

**Cost:** Separate checks, medium price range

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

**Details:** It's time to get together again for brunch to renew or begin friendships. Join us at Jacoby's Restaurant and Mercantile, a ranch-to-table dining experience located in East Austin on the Colorado River. Complimentary valet parking.



**Chair:** Lynne Davis  
[elcdavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elcdavis@sbcglobal.net)  
512-368-5660

## FOOD/SOCIAL, (continued)

### TGI Social (Thank Goodness It's Social)

**When:** Sunday, November 5, 4 - 6 p.m.

**Where:** Karen and Don Kirmis  
2700 Barton Bluffs Ln.

**Price:** \$1/person at door

**RSVP:** By November 5, [Online](#) or  
[tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com)

**Details:** Happy Fall everyone. It's time to celebrate the cooler weather, to meet and connect with friends, old and new, with nothing but fun on the agenda. Bring a hearty appetizer and your beverage of choice to share (beer, wine, soft drinks, lemonade, tea, etc.). Singles bring a 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:** November/December early December

**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. 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.

We meet in small groups in a member's home. The hostess plans the menu and compiles recipes, and guests bring one of the dishes. 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 dinner in your home.

**Chair:** Lynne Marcus  
[Lmarcus08@gmail.com](mailto:Lmarcus08@gmail.com)  
505-340-5464

### Out to Lunch Bunch



**Details:** Out to Lunch Bunch will not be lunching in either November or December because we'll all be home munching on Thanksgiving turkey sandwiches in November and madly holiday shopping in December. We'll resume our lunching around town on January 26th.

**Chair:** Susi Spies, [susi.spies@gmail.com](mailto:susi.spies@gmail.com)

### Happy Hour



**When:** Tuesday, November 21, 4-6 p.m.

**Where:** The Park on South Lamar  
4204 South Lamar (Brodie Oaks Shopping Ctr.)

**Price:** Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.

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

**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 A Tuna Christmas



**When:** Sunday, November 12, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**Ticket Purchase Deadline:** Monday, October 30

**Where:** Zach's Cozy Kleberg Theater

**Ticket Prices:** \$41 - \$69

**Details:** Don't miss the funniest show on stage anywhere. It's Yuletide season in itty bitty Tuna, the third smallest town in Texas, where the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies. Between the holiday yard display contest and the Little Theatre's A Christmas Carol on the brink of cancellation, it's a miracle anyone gets tinsel on a tree. Two actors play all 22 colorful citizens of Tuna. *A Tuna Christmas* is spiked with enough sass and shenanigans to make for one Texas-sized jolly holiday. Ages twelve and up for adult humor.

Please arrive 30 minutes before show time or join us for drinks and appetizers at 1:15 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. in the Z-lounge before the show.

**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@zachttheatre.org](mailto:amintz@zachttheatre.org)

**Option 2:** Use our Online Discount Group Code: NEWCOMERS when you purchase tickets online for November 12 or December 6 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, Nov 11, 7:30 p.m. **Anon(ymous)** by Naomi Iizuka at MMNT (5:30 Zax Restaurant)

**Details:** This theater lovers group explores classic, contemporary, and musical plays throughout the year. We also meet for a pre- or post-theater dinner. The venues are Austin Playhouse (AP), Mary Moody Northen Theatre (MMNT) and Georgetown Palace Theatre (GPT).

The rest of the season is listed below.

- Saturday, Dec 2, 8:00 p.m. **Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley** at AP (6:00 Vino Vino)
- Saturday, Feb 17, 7:30 p.m. **Romeo & Juliet** at MMNT (5:30 Zax Restaurant)
- Sunday, Mar 4, 2:00 p.m. **Barefoot in the Park** at GPT (Dinner follows at Gumbo)
- Saturday, Apr 7, 8:00 p.m. **Shakespeare in Love** at AP (6:00 Vino Vino)
- Sunday, May 6, 2:00 p.m. **My Fair Lady** at GPT (Dinner follows at Gumbo)
- Saturday, June 2, 8:00 p.m. **Curtains** at AP (6:00 Vino Vino)

**Tickets:** To pay for subscriptions, flex passes, and single tickets, contact the box office of each theater directly. Mention that you are a member of Austin Newcomers.

**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-northen-theatre](http://www.stedwards.edu/mary-moody-northen-theatre)

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

**RSVP:** Online or by email to the chair below to **let us know who is coming to the performance and to dinner.**

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

## HOBBIES



## Knit and Stitch

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

**Host:** Pamela Craig  
7313 Wolverine St., 78757

**RSVP:** By October 31, [Online](#) or email  
[dmarksny@aol.com](mailto:dmarksny@aol.com)

**Details:** 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, 2438 W. Anderson Lane in the West Anderson Plaza. Optional lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

## SHOPPING

## Shop Austin!

### Holiday Shopping in Historic Buda

**When:** November 3, 10 a.m.

**Where:** 316 S. Main St., Buda 78610

**Cost:** Whatever you purchase

**RSVP:** By October 30, [Online](#) or  
[cd\\_gallagher28@hotmail.com](mailto:cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com) or [jones6lp@gmail.com](mailto:jones6lp@gmail.com)

**Details:** We'll start with custom-roasted, Texas coffee and shopping at Summermoon and then continue to quaint places like Little Bluebird, Main Mercantile, Sweet Cakes 4 U, Red Door, B&B Quilting, The Cigar Vault & Old Town Buda Antique Mall. Well stop for a snack at the Buda Drug Store & Soda Fountain and have lunch at Nate's.



If anybody is interested, we can stop at The Stitch Shoppe on the way home.

**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, November 18, 6-8 p.m.

**Where:** Tom Taylor  
9518 Bully Hill Cove 78759

**RSVP:** By November 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:** November 8, 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Home of Patricia Anderson

**RSVP:** Required, Online or [nlow@austin.rr.com](mailto:nlow@austin.rr.com) or [pmja66@aol.com](mailto:pmja66@aol.com)

**Details:** Be prepared with a few idiomatic and fun French expressions to share

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

### Spanish Conversation

**When:** November 20, 10 a.m.

**Where:** Place TBD

**RSVP:** By November 19, Online

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

## FUN AND GAMES

### 1st Friday Bridge

**When:** Friday, November 3, 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. play begins

**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:** Ed Stokes  
[edward@stokes.biz](mailto:edward@stokes.biz)  
512-284-4117

### 3rd Thursday Bridge

**When:** Thursday, November 16, 9:45 a.m. social time, 10 a.m. play begins

**Host:** Eva Griswold

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

**Cost:** \$3.00/person

**RSVP:** By November 9, [Online](#) or to Chair Nancy Cosby below.

**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:** December 6 (no game in November)**Where:** Deidre Brightman's home**Cost:** \$1.25**RSVP:** On or after (NOT BEFORE) November 1, [Online](#), or email chairperson below. After three tables are filled you will go on sub list.**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**Canasta****When:** Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27,  
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, which 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 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)**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:** November 21, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**Where:** Directions sent to respondents**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** Email [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**Euchre****When:** November 18, 6:30 p.m.**Where:** Nancy and Greg Shipley  
5812 Tributary Ridge Dr., 78759**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:** November 16, 6:30 p.m.**Where:** Susan Sellinger  
2800 Waymaker Way, Unit 61, 78746**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** By November 14, [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**Mah Jongg****When:** Thursday, November 9 and 30, 1 p.m.**Where:** Café Express  
3418 North Lamar Blvd.**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.**Chair:** Ruth Ann Plotkin  
[Ruthann.plotkin@gmail.com](mailto:Ruthann.plotkin@gmail.com)  
512-582-0957**Mexican Train****When:** Wednesday, November 8**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:** Vaqueros is a fun Mexican restaurant in the old Tres Amigos location. It has been completely remodeled and has a fun new atmosphere. The food is great and we have a special table(s). Please RSVP so I can make sure we have the right amount of chairs. If you have any questions please contact me at the e-mail below.**Chair:** Peggy Sklar  
[psklar1@gmail.com](mailto:psklar1@gmail.com)**Second Sunday Scrabble****When:** Second Sunday, 3 - 5 p.m.**Where:** Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar  
3339 Hancock Dr.**RSVP:** Email [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:** Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m.**Where:** 5812 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.**Chair:** Nancy Shipley  
[nshipley@me.com](mailto:nshipley@me.com)  
832-236-9909

## HEALTH/FITNESS

**Happy Trails - Milton Reimers Ranch**

**When:** Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m.  
**Where:** Milton Reimers Ranch  
 23610 Hamilton Pool Rd., Dripping Springs  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** [Online](#) or email Donna below

**Details:** If you would like to jump into the Hill Country full-on for your Saturday morning walk, then there's no better place than Milton Reimers Ranch. This private ranch-turned-public park is an outdoor playground with everything from fishing to mountain biking, to some of the best rock climbing in Texas. It also boasts a crushed gravel, ADA-approved walking trail, as well as more rigorous hiking trails. The pristine parkland has spectacular views of the Texas Hill Country. We will meet and begin our walk at the Reimers Pavilion (follow signs and park in large lot there). We will walk on the trails above the river and then continue down to the beach area. This walk has full sun and little shade. Please wear a hat and sunscreen. Bring water. You will want your camera for this one.

**Chair:** Donna Dauenhauer  
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 512-852-9535

**Hearty Hikers - River Place Hike**

**When:** November 14, 10 a.m.  
**Where:** Park by the pond on Big View Dr.  
**Cost:** Free with optional lunch by separate check  
**RSVP:** [Online](#)

**Details:** We are in luck this month as we have a volunteer guide who is willing to describe the history of River Place and the making of the trail we will hike. River Place Trail, in NW Austin, is considered the most difficult hike in Austin. This scenic trail begins at a neighborhood pond, traverses next to a creek, then climbs up and down and up and down for 3 miles. Along the top ridge are views of the Steiner Ranch area and preserve lands. The trail is mostly shaded but rocky and steep in places, with a few water crossings. Bring sturdy shoes, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and water. A hiking stick is a good idea. There are restrooms at the beginning of the trail across the street near the tennis courts. After the hike, please join us for optional lunch at a nearby casual restaurant.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the intersection of Routes 360 and 2222, take 2222 west, up the steep hill. Turn left onto River Place Blvd. and follow it to the end. Turn right onto Big View Dr. At the bottom of the hill, park along the street by the pond on the left. Meet by the pond.

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

**Golfing Around Austin**

**When:** Monday, November 13  
**Where:** Course to be determined  
**Cost:** Greens fees vary, pay at course

**RSVP:** [Online](#) by Sunday, November 5

**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:** November 8, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Austin Beer Garden Brewing Company (ABGB), 305 W. Oltorf St., 78704

**Cost:** Tips

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

**Details:** The Warren Hood ABGB show features the full electric band drawing a mix of old Austin and newcomers, musicians, music lovers, and dancers. The band plays a mix of their own songs, classic country, and blues with a nod towards their Texas roots.

**Chair:** Ellen Honey  
[eshoney10@mac.com](mailto:eshoney10@mac.com)

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for November 15**

**Price: \$30 for Annual Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show.**

**Register and pay Online or register online and send checks payable to Austin Newcomers 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.**



## Welcome New Members

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