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# December Monthly Meeting Holiday Luncheon with the Texas Longhorn Singers



When: Wednesday, December 13
Time: 11 a.m. social time 12 p.m. - meeting and lunch
Where: Chez Zee 5406 Balcones Dr

#### Cost; \$30/person

**RSVP:** By December 11, <u>Online</u>, or checks to Austin Newcomers postmarked by December 8 and mailed to Marsha Hayden, 10402 Treasure Island Dr., Austin TX 78730.

The University of Texas Longhorn Singers, the premier show choir of The University of Texas at Austin, will entertain us at our December 13 luncheon. The performers' talents and their sense of pride in UT are contagious to everyone who hears them. A small group of singers will perform Texas folk music, UT spirit songs and a perhaps a Christmas tune or two. Catch the holiday spirit and the joy that music brings at our next meeting.

## New and Prospective Member Welcome Event

Please come and meet fellow Austin Newcomers, board members and our many interest group chairs.

When: Sunday, January 28, 3 - 6 p.m.

Where: Home of Alison and Roger Seaman

**RSVP:** Please RSVP <u>Online</u> for directions and planning purposes

**Details:** Couples please bring along a hearty appetizer AND a drink to share. Singles please bring along a hearty appetizer OR a drink to share.



For questions contact Kathy Finley or Laurie Gillig at <u>memberservices@austinnewcomers.com</u> or leave a message at 440-759-4742 or 614-361-4936.

President's Message

# Happy Holidays



When I think of Christmas, I think of all that is sure to come: the endless parties, the shopping, the expectation and excitement

seen in little ones eyes, the joy and laughter that fill the family gatherings. My Christmas wouldn't be complete without Andy Williams, Bing Crosby, Jimmy Stewart, and almond crescent cookies that I've made every year for 40 years, but only at Christmas. My mouth waters at the thought. Let's see what else the holiday season will bring:

 $\mathbb{C}$  – (a)**Christmas Carol**. Yes, we all know the story, but if you think the show at the Zach Theater is the same old thing, you couldn't be farther from the truth. I promise you will be delighted and thoroughly entertained with some of the best local singing talent in town if you sign up with our Interest Group, "Experience the Zach" on December 28th.

H - Holiday Darty. Don't miss the annual joint ANC Book Club party on December 7 with award winning novelist John Pipkin, who will speak and sign *The Blind Astronomer's Daughter.* 

**R** – **Ride the Austin Steam Train**. Enjoy the North Pole Flyer. This 2-hour train ride features a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, hot cocoa, and a Christmas cookie. Each car is decorated for the season and passengers enjoy a live reading of the North Pole Flyer book, the railroad's own Christmas Story.

**I** - **Ice Skating**. Did you know you could ice skate on the roof of Whole Foods' downtown location for only \$10? You can imagine you are at Rockefeller Center.

**S** - **Singers**. UT Singers, that is. What better way to get into the spirit of the season than with the sounds of the season at the December 13 monthly general meeting/ luncheon.

**T** – **Trail of Lights**. Austin 101 will provide all you new Austinites the opportunity to experience the iconic Trail of Lights that have graced Zilker Park for so many years. Sign up and then round up your children and grandchildren on December 9 and marvel at the lights and sights.

**M** - **Make your way** to the annual Lake Travis Holiday Boat Parade. It begins at 6 p.m. sharp on December 2 at the Sail and Ski Shop and finishes at the Rusty Rudder. You can even decorate your own boat if you'd like, join the parade, and win a prize.

**A** – **Austin Symphony**. Gather your friends and get on your best parachute pants, jelly bracelets, and jean jacket because the Austin Symphony will transport you with music of the 1980s on December 29-30 at 8 p.m. at the Palmer Events Center

**S** - **Season's Greetings** everyone. Stay tuned for an exciting and fun filled New Year with the *Austin Newcomers Club*.

Cheere, Donna

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#### **December Board Meeting**

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

Where: Jan Jones 6305 Mustang Valley Tr. Wimberley 78676

RSVP: By December 4 to withrow19@hotmail.com and jones6lp@gmail.com

#### **BOOK GROUPS**

# Austin Newcomers Book Club Annual Holiday Party

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

Chez Zee, 5406 Balcones Dr., 78731

Cost: \$30.00

Mail check to Gayle Cannon, f/b/o Book Club, 10700 Gold Yarrow Dr, 78730

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, <u>gaylecannon70@gmail.com</u>, Mimi Rhea, <u>eerhea@att.net</u>

## Afternoon Mystery Book Group

When: Wednesday, December 6, 12:30 p.m.

**Book:** Journey to Munich, Jacqueline Windspear

Where: Doreen Hyde 3205 Dessert Willow Cove, 78735 RSVP: By Monday, December 4, to

doreen 1963@gmail.com

**Details:** Our annual December potluck luncheon is a week earlier than usual to avoid conflicting with the Newcomers Christmas luncheon. Since our book is set is Germany, try to bring a German dish or a holiday dish. Please RSVP early to let Doreen know what your dish will be. We will play a white elephant game with books that are either wrapped or in a holiday bag, so bring a used mystery for the game.

Chair:	Bronwyn Bowen
	bbowen60@gmail.com

## **Men's Book Club**

- When: There will be no meeting in December
- **Book:** Happy reading over the holidays
- Where: Check back in January
- **RSVP:** Not required
- Chair: Hector Barrio hebate@gmail.com

#### MOVIES

## **Art House Cinema North**

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

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

**RSVP:** <u>Online</u> 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

### **Art House Cinema South**

When: December 8 or 22, 7 p.m.

Cost: \$1.00/person

**RSVP:** <u>Online</u> (if you are new/not on the mailing list) before the meeting

**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:

<u>ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com</u>, 512-632-1305



## **Critics' Corner**

When: December 8, 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 214-642-3873

#### **AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN**

## Hello Austin - Sing-a-Long and Downtown Stroll

When: Saturday, December 2, 6 - 9 p.m.

Where: South Steps of Capitol Building

Cost: Free

**RSVP:** <u>Online</u> just so we can plan, late comers welcome

**Details:** The annual Holiday Sing-Along and Downtown Stroll is a free, family-friendly event that celebrates the arrival of the holiday season and the joy it brings.

The fun starts with live music on two stages on Congress Avenue followed by a Sing-along at 6 p.m. on the south steps of the Capitol featuring songs of the season with KUTX 98.9 music hosts John Aielli and Elizabeth McQueen.



As the clock strikes 7 p.m., the countdown to the lighting of the Capitol tree begins, featuring a programmed light show at the top and bottom of every hour, set to holiday songs of local Austin musicians.

From 5 - 9 p.m. Congress Avenue will be abuzz with holiday cheer during the Downtown Stroll. Join us to hear live music and enjoy fun family-friendly activities. Shops, restaurants, galleries, and museums will be open late and will feature special activities and offers.

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When: Saturday, December 9, 6 p.m.

Austin 101 - Trail of Lights

Where: Zilker Park

#### **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.

Gates open at 7:00 p.m., and since this is opening night with free admission, it's likely to be a popular event. We'll meet at the food truck area near the giant lights-only Christmas tree at 6:00 p.m., grab a bite to eat, then head over to the entrance gate. (If you are interested in meeting off-site and carpooling, please let Janna know.) Come on out and enjoy the more than 40 light displays that have become an annual Austin tradition.

Chair: Janna Smith jannaks55@gmail.com

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Cost: Free

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#### **AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN (continued)**

# Hello Austin - Austin Symphony New Year's Pop Concert

#### I Heart the 80s with Conductor Peter Bay

When: December 30, 8 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.)

Where: Palmer Events Center

**Cost:** \$57 including convenience fees

**RSVP:** By November 26, <u>RSVP and pay online</u>. Palmer Events Center changed their process and all tickets must be paid in advance to ANC. Pattie Webster Schieck will pick up tickets and distribute at event. Come early as it gets crowded.

**Details:** Gather your friends and get on your best parachute pants, jelly bracelets, and jean jacket because the Austin Symphony is transporting you to the 1980s. Come have the time of your life with music from The Police, George Michael, Michael Jackson, Cyndi Lauper, and so much more.

Join Hello Austin for this great night of "Stand on the Table Groovy Music." This is a very popular event and sells out quickly. This is our third year enjoying this concert at the Palmer Center.



Bring your favorite food dish and enjoy this concert in a cabaret-style setting. We will sit at tables of 10, so bring a large dish to pass around and share. There is a cash bar with wine, beer, and soda onsite.

Please come when the door opens or shortly thereafter. This will give us time to enjoy our appetizers/deserts before they turn down the lighting.

Our seats are in the second half of the cabaret (tables seating 10) section. Pattie Webster will pick up the tickets at Will Call and distribute. This is a very crowded event so please come early.

Questions: Please email questions to: <u>Helloaustin@austinnewcomers.com</u> or <u>Pattie@PattieWebster.com</u>

## Daytrippers -Fredricksburg

Celebrate the Holidays In Fredericksburg

When: December 5

**Details:** Fredericksburg is at its best during the holidays, but Daytrippers turnout of late has been disappointing. Before we plan an official outing, please email me directly at <u>susi.spies@gmail.com</u> if you're interested in Fredericks-burg fun on December 5.

Once I know who's going, we'll plan a fun day with lunch at Woerner's Feed Store Cafe (so much cuter than it sounds) and an assortment of events you can choose from including

- A visit to the Urban Herbal herb farm
- A visit to Weekend Village

- Shopping and antiquing
- A tour of the Nimitz National Museum of the Pacific War

We can also include some time in Johnson City to visit their exciting new Science Mill for kids (so you'll know where to bring your grandkids the next time you need an outing).

And for those who'd like to, we can even stay in until dark and see the Johnson City Texas Lights Spectacular.

**RSVP:** Want to join us? Email <u>susi.spies@gmail.com</u> by November 30.

Chairs: Susi Spies, <u>susi.spies@gmail.com</u> Dale Truitt, <u>daledtruitt@gmail.com</u>

#### FOOD/SOCIAL

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



When:	Enjoy your holiday and see you in January
Price:	\$1/person at door
RSVP:	tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com
Chairs:	Janie and Jim McClam jalommc@msn.com, 512-301-9230



## Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

When: December 9

**RSVP:** Contact the chair to be placed on the list to receive the monthly invitation. You will get an email after the first of the month with the date and host, 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. Each guest brings a dish.

**Details:** Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a monthly dinner group for single ANC members who enjoy cooking and socializing. We meet in small groups in a member's home. 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.

Chair: Lynne Marcus, Lmarcus08@gmail.com 505-340-5464

## **Out to Lunch Bunch**



**Details:** Out to Lunch Bunch will not be lunching in December because we'll all be out madly holiday shopping in December.

We'll resume our lunching around town on January 26th. Stay tuned.

Chair: Susi Spies susi.spies@gmail.com

## Happy Hour - The Driskill Bar



When: Tuesday, December 19, 4-7 p.m.

Where: The Driskill Bar, 604 Brazos Paid parking in area, valet \$20 (\$10 with validated bar receipt)

Price: Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.

RSVP: Online

Chairs: Elliott and Nancy Kossak <u>ekossak@gmail.com</u> Charlie and Louise Brown <u>charlieb7127@gmail.com</u>

#### 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: Wednesday, November 15

Where: Zach's Cozy Kleberg Theater

**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. Two actors play all 22 colorful citizens of Tuna.

## **A Christmas Carol**

When: Thursday, December 28, 7:30 p.m. Ticket Purchase Deadline: Monday, December 4

Where: Zach Topfer Theater

**Details:** Austin's most rockin' holiday tradition returns to make merry with a new music to get the party started! ZACH's inspired adaptation of the Dickens' classic is a musical sleigh ride through rhythm and time, infusing the traditional Victorian story with a musical score that spans all genres and eras. 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.

## How to Buy Tickets

Ticket Prices for both shows:

\$41 - \$69

**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 <u>amintz@zachtheatre.org</u>

**Option 2:** Use our Online Discount Group Code: NEWCOMERS when you purchase tickets online for <u>No-vember 12</u> or <u>December 6</u> thru the Zach website.

Chair: For questions regarding our performance schedule or general information, please contact: Pattie Webster Schieck <u>Pattie@pattiewebster.com</u>

## The Play's the Thing

• Coming up: Saturday, Dec 2, 8:00 p.m. Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley at AP (6:00 Vino Vino)

**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, 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
- MMNT:
   Box Office (Meg) 512-448-8484

   www.stedwards.edu/mary-moody-northen-theatre
- GPT: Box Office (Nancy) 512-869-7469 www.georgetownpalace.com

# **RSVP:** <u>Online</u> 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

#### HOBBIES

	Knit and Stitch
When:	Thursday, December 7, 10 a.m 12 p.m.
Host:	Sheila Daily 2305 Barton Creek Blvd. Unit 5, 78735
RSVP:	By December 5, <u>Online</u> or email <u>sheiladaily@hotmail.com</u>
to knit, cr	We meet on the first Thursday of each month ochet, or do laptop needlework projects. Join ffee, crafting, and conversation.
Chair:	Deborah Marks <u>dmarksny@aol.com</u> 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, <u>dreck1066@gmail.com</u>.

**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<br/>10:30 a.m. socializing<br/>11:00 a.m. share session

Email 6 photos to George McCane at <u>photoman401@gmail.com</u> 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!

### Save the Date- Austin's Second Downtown

When: January 30, 2018

- Where: Domain Northside and lunch at Taverna
- **Cost:** Whatever you purchase and lunch
- **RSVP:** <u>Online</u> or <u>cd\_gallagher28@hotmail.com</u>

**Details:** There is no Shop Austin! In December but save January 30 when we'll tour the unique shops at Domain Northside and have lunch at Taverna Northside.

Hosts: Diane Gallagher <u>cd\_gallagher28@hotmail.com</u> Jan Jones <u>jones6lp@gmail.com</u>



#### LANGUAGES/EXPATS

## Expats

Where: Inge and Jorg Eichbderg 5221 Trading Bend, 78735

**RSVP:** By December 13, Online, limited to 30

**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 Inge Eichberg inge@austin.rr.com



## **French Conversation**

When:	To be decided
Where:	To be decided

**RSVP:** <u>nlow@austin.rr.com</u> or <u>pmja66@aol.com</u>

**Details:** As usual, the group will plan the December conversation and combined Christmas party.

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

## **Spanish Conversation**

- When: No meeting in December
- Where: Check back in January
- Chair: Susana Surbek, 512-740-2349 susana.surbek@hotmail.com

### FUN AND GAMES

## **1st Friday Bridge**

- When:Friday, December 1, 6:30 7 p.m. social time,<br/>7 9:45 p.m. play bridge
- 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 512-284-4117

## **3rd Thursday Bridge**

- When:Thursday, December 21, 9:45 a.m. social time,<br/>10 a.m. play begins
- Host: Nancy Cosby
- Where: Vaqueros Café and Cantina 1801 S. Capitol of Texas Hwy.
- Cost: \$3.00/person
- **RSVP:** By November 9, <u>Online</u> 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, 817-360-0494

#### FUN AND GAMES, continued

## **Kitchen Bridge**

When: December 6

Where: Deidre Brightman's home

#### **Cost:** \$2.25

**RSVP:** On or after (NOT BEFORE) November 1, <u>Online</u>, 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 <u>eerhea@att.net</u> 512-491-0744



## Canasta

When:	Mondays, December 4, 11, 18 11 a.m.
Location:	Mimi's Cafe 12613 Galleria Circle Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave
RS\/D·	See online calendar or email

**RSVP:** See online calendar or email <u>canasta@ austinnewcomers.com</u> 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 Glyer martiglyer@hotmail.com

#### Bunco

When:December 19, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.Where:Directions sent to respondentsCost:\$5RSVP:By December 15, email<br/>priscilla@planetgabbi.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:December 16, 6:30 p.m.Where:TBDCost:\$5RSVP:Online or kasha.action@gmail.comDetails:BYOB and a dish to pass.Chair:Kasha Petrea<br/>kasha.action@gmail.com<br/>716-308-1986

### FUN AND GAMES, continued

### **Ladies Poker**

\$5

- When: No game in December. Enjoy your holiday.
- Where: Check back in January
- Cost:
- RSVP: to inge@austin.rr.com
- Chair: Inge Eichberg inge@austin.rr.com 512-921-4034

## **Mexican Train**



**When:** We are not playing in December

Where: TBD

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

RSVP: psklar1@gmail.com

**Details:** Mexican Train will not meet in December. The second Wednesday in December will be the ANC annual holiday lunch. I hope to see you there. We will start again on January 10. Have a wonderful December.

Chair: Peggy Sklar psklar1@gmail.com

## Mah Jongg



When: Thursday, December 14 and 28, 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 <u>Ruthann.plotkin@gmail.com</u> 512-582-0957

## Second Sunday Scrabble

When: Sunday, December 10, 3 - 5 p.m.

- Where: Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar 3339 Hancock Dr.
- RSVP: By December 7 to sandytzone@juno.com

**Details:** Join us for some fun and sample some great food and pastry at this independent Austin business. This group is not competitive.

Chair: Sandy Longstreth sandytzone@juno.com

## Pinochle

When: No meeting in December

Where: Stay tuned for January

RSVP: <u>Nshipley@me.com</u>

**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:** There will not be a walk in December



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

# **Golfing Around Austin**

- When: Monday, December 11
- Where: Course to be determined
- **Cost:** Greens fees vary, pay at course
- **RSVP:** Online by Sunday, December 3

**Details**: We play a different course around the local area each month and will continue to play the 4-player select best-ball scramble and have a lot of fun. 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 call a course, 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 832-814-8402 Hearty Hikers - Hill Town Lake

When: December 12, 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Meet at the rock on Veterans Dr. next to Austin High School

- **Cost:** Free with optional lunch by separate check
- RSVP: Online

**Details:** Come for an easy hike about 4 miles long around the west side of Town Lake. Then enjoy coffee at a place nearby to start off the holiday season and burn off those holiday treats. Wear sturdy shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen, and bring water.

**Directions:** Park on Veterans Dr. under the MoPac Expy at the start of the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail, next to Austin High School. Meet directly across the street at the rock. For more directions or information contact Beth Holcomb at the email below.



### MUSIC

### **Live Music Lovers -**Graham Reynolds Ruins the Holidays

- When: Wednesday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.
- Where: Long Center Concert Club
- **Cost:** Tickets are \$25.00
- **RSVP:** Not necessary

**Details:** Please call me if you have a problem getting tickets.

Chair: Dona Reynolds <u>grdr@hotmail.com</u> 713-651-7899



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24	25	<b>26</b> <u>Photography</u> - Photo Share	27	<b>28</b> <u>Mah-Jongg</u> <u>Experience the</u> <u>Zach</u>	29	<b>30</b> <u>Hello Austin Pop Con-</u> <u>cert</u>
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