January General Membership Meeting
2018 Kickoff Luncheon

When: Wednesday, January 17
Time: 11 a.m. social time
      12 p.m. - meeting and lunch
Where: Chez Zee
       5406 Balcones Dr.
Cost: $30/person
RSVP: By January 15, Online, or checks to Austin Newcomers postmarked by January 10 and mailed to Marsha Hayden, 10402 Treasure Island Dr., Austin TX 78730.

Austin Newcomers will start the New Year off right with our January 2018 monthly luncheon speaker, Colette Pierce Burnette. That’s PRESIDENT Colette Pierce Burnette to everyone who knows her as the leader of Austin’s historically black college, Huston-Tillotson University. It was love at first sight for Pierce Burnette when she first stepped on the campus. She has received rave reviews from faculty, students, and the Austin community since becoming president two years ago. You’ll be raving about her too after hearing her presentation on all the great things going on at HTU.

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 Online 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 memberservices@austinnewcomers.com or leave a message at 440-759-4742 or 614-361-4936.
President’s Message

Welcome to 2018

Can you believe how quickly our lives buzz along as time slips away?

Did you lose those 10 pounds, spend more time volunteering, learn that new language, read more books, or whatever your plan for 2017 was? Unfortunately, I don’t remember if I made a resolution for this year, so I suppose I didn’t keep it. It was, though, quite an eventful year that included a trip to Egypt, celebrating my parent’s 70th anniversary, the birth of a new grandson and the announcement of a granddaughter to come, due this month.

Of course, participating in the Newcomers activities have kept me busy, and I hope you have been enjoying all that we have to offer. Did you join us for the talented UT singers or our wonderful and successful Holiday Bazaar and Craft show in November? I’d like to say a special thank you to Rosa Schmid who volunteered to head up that craft show. Without her participation, it likely would not have happened, so my hat’s off to you, Rosa.

Speaking of the speedy passage of time, I find it amazing that I am already half way through my term as president. A committee to elect the 2018-2019 board will be in place by the end of January. Being on the board has been an interesting and rewarding experience. If you would like to learn more about the club, participate in the decisions that improve the club, and would like to expand your roster of good friends, the Austin Newcomers Club board is the place to start. As one of your New Year’s resolutions, I urge you to inform the nominating committee that you are interested in serving on the board. You’ll be glad you did.

When I turned 60, I made a resolution to participate in an obstacle race. I trained for a few months, and I learned to climb a rope, sail through the monkey bars, perform 20 pushups, and complete seventeen other obstacles while running about 4 miles. I can tell you that the rewarding feeling of accomplishment as I crossed the finish line was tremendous. So why not set some goals for 2018 such as... getting in better shape by joining the Hearty Hikers. How about learning a new skill with the French conversation group. Playing games that are new to you such as Mahjongg will encourage a healthier brain. Or, you could possibly resolve to try one new Austin restaurant every month with the Happy Hour group. Whatever your choice, all will improve your life either physically, mentally or socially.

I hope the new year brings vigorous health, lively fun, and lasting friendships.

January Board Meeting
(See different day)

When: Tuesday, Jan. 9
Social, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Where: Beth Oliver and Peggy Sklar host
6129 Sierra Leon
RSVP: By January 8 to withrow19@hotmail.com

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Donna
# BOOK GROUPS

## Book Groups

**When:** Thursday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.

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

### Bluebonnet Group

**Host:** Hester White with Mary Kevorkian  
4100 Jackson, 78731

**RSVP:** By January 24, Online or Hester: 512-371-3542  
Mary 512-206-4087

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

**2018 Books**

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### Yellow Rose Group

**Host:** Anne Clark  
2005 Wychwood Dr.

**RSVP:** Online or [anneshelbyclark@yahoo.com](mailto:anneshelbyclark@yahoo.com) or 512-347-0594

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

### Afternoon Mystery Book Group

**When:** Wednesday, January 10, 1 p.m.

**Book:** *The Bat*, Jo Nesbo

**Where:** Bettye Halperin  
4843 Calhoun Canyon Loop, 78735

**RSVP:** By Monday, January 8, to bettyeha@gmail.com

**Chair:** Bronwyn Bowen  
bbowen60@gmail.com

### Men’s Book Club

**When:** January 23, 2 p.m.

**Book:** *Destined for War: Can America and China escape Thucydide’s Trap?*, Graham Allison

China and the United States are heading toward a war neither wants. The reason is Thucydides Trap, a deadly pattern of structural stress that results when a rising power challenges a ruling one. This phenomenon is as old as history itself. Over the past 500 years, these conditions have occurred sixteen times. War broke out on twelve of them. Today, as an unstoppable China approaches an immovable America and both Xi Jin Pinh and Donald Trump promise to make their countries great again, the seventeenth case looks grim.

**Where:** Charles Corona, 10011 Wild Dunes Dr.

**RSVP:** Not required

**Chair:** Hector Barrio  
hebate@gmail.com
Art House Cinema North

**When:** January 12

**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

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Art House Cinema South

**When:** January 12 or 26, 7 p.m.

**Cost:** $1.00/person

**RSVP:** [Online](#) (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:** ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com, 512-632-1305

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Critics’ Corner

**When:** January 12, 7:30 p.m.

**Details:** Critic’s Corner meets at 7:30 on the second Friday of each month. Details of upcoming meetings 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
Hello Austin - The UT Costume Shop Tour

When: January 22, 1 - 2 p.m.

Where: Winship Drama Building, 24th St. and San Jacinto, meet at the entrance

Cost: Tour is free but you may have to pay for parking.

RSVP: Online

Details: The UT Costume Shop houses one of the most prestigious costume design and technology programs in the U.S. We are privileged to have Susan E. Mickey, senior associate chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, as our guide. Susan is an accomplished and award-winning costume designer, whose costumes have graced the stage in almost every major regional theatre in the U.S.

She has collaborated on over 35 world premieres and has enjoyed extended design relationships with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Huntington Theatre, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, and Lyric Opera Chicago. Her most lengthy artistic collaboration was with the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, where she designed over 58 productions spanning 30 years.

In addition to the costume shop, Susan will take us on a backstage tour of the performance and production spaces.

Parking: Dean Keaton Street near the intersection of San Jacinto Blvd or in the San Jacinto Garage.

Event host: Rinette Seidner

Hello Austin - UT DKR Stadium Tour

When: February 9, 10 a.m.

Where: Details will be sent to registrants

Cost: $19/per person

RSVP: Online by January 23. We need a minimum of 15 participants for the tour.

Details: This is a private 75-minute guided walking tour of the stadium. We will visit the physical culture collection, the gameday press box, and the trophy room and will walk through the storied tunnel onto the field, just like the football players do on gameday. See memorials and statues honoring people who have been a part of the history of Texas athletics and enjoy beautiful views of Austin and the campus. At the end of the tour, you can visit the Longhorn team shops and have lunch at one of the UT campus cafes.

Event host: Theresa Green
Art Treks - Blanton Museum of Art:
Form, Line, and Color
When: Thursday, January 18, 11 a.m.
Where: Blanton Museum of Art
200 East Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Park in Brazos garage, $4 with museum stamp
Cost: Member $2; Senior (65 and over) $7; Non-member $9
RSVP: Payment due upon reservation Online

Details: One-hour tour with docent of the exhibit Form, Line, and Color and several, varied choices in order to study some of their vast permanent collection. Optional lunch at Swifts Attic, the upper level of 1905 historic building with wonderful ambience. Farm-to-table creative and delicious food won the Food and Wine Best New Chief two years in the running.

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

FOOD/SOCIAL

Friends Connection
When: Sunday, January 21, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Pitchfork Pretty
2708 East Cesar Chavez St.
Cost: Separate checks, medium price range
RSVP: Online

Details: It’s that time again for singles (or not) to renew or begin friendships. At our December brunch, we decided Cesar Chavez Street was a fun, happening place. So, in January we will try another rather new restaurant on that same street, Pitchfork Plenty, which serves imaginative Hill Country cuisine. Please join us for food, fun, and friendship.

Chair: Lynne Davis
elcdavis@sbcglobal.net
512-368-5660

Austin 101 - Paramount Theatre
Tour
When: Sunday, January 21, 1:00 p.m.
Where: Paramount Theatre
713 Congress Ave.
Details: The Paramount Theatre has graciously opened its doors to us for a guided tour. This iconic Austin landmark has a rich and storied history that you’ll find truly fascinating. After the tour, we’ll head next door to the second-floor bar at the Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel for drinks and snacks. Please RSVP promptly so we can coordinate details with Paramount staff.

RSVP: By January 16, email Janna at jannaks55@gmail.com
Chairs: Janna Smith
jannaks55@gmail.com
## TGI Social (Thank Goodness It’s Social)

**When:** Saturday, January 27, 5 - 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Saj and Joanie Maqsood  
908 W. Elizabeth St., 78704  
**Price:** $1/person at door for paper goods  
**RSVP:** tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com

**Details:** Ring in 2018 in January. Connect with old friends and make new friends. Singles and couples are welcome. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and your beverage of choice (wine, beer, tea, lemonade, sodas) to share. Singles bring a beverage or appetizer to share.  
**Chairs:** Janie and Jim McClam  
jalommc@msn.com, 512-301-9230

## Out to Lunch Bunch

**When:** Friday, January 26, 11:15 a.m.  
**Where:** Epicerie Café, 2307 Hancock Dr., 78756  
**RSVP:** Online  
**Price:** Separate checks  
**Details:** Come join us to try a tiny treat of a restaurant that you may have entirely overlooked. We promise you wonderful food and great camaraderie.  
**Chair:** Susi Spies  
susi.spies@gmail.com

## Happy Hour - Abel’s on the Lake

**When:** Tuesday, January 16, 4-6 p.m.  
**Where:** Abel’s on the Lake, 3825 Lake Austin Blvd.  
Free parking  
**Price:** Cost of food and drinks, separate checks.  
**RSVP:** Online  
**Chairs:** Elliott and Nancy Kossak  
ekossak@gmail.com  
Charlie and Louise Brown  
charlieb7127@gmail.com

## Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate

**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.

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.

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
Experience the Zach

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

When: Wednesday, February 7, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m.
Ticket Purchase Deadline: Friday, February 2
Where: Topfer Theater

Details: Winner of the 2015 Tony Award for Best New Play, this is a dazzling, pulse-pounding and remarkable adaptation of Mark Haddon’s internationally best-selling novel.

Fifteen-year-old Christopher has an extraordinary brain and is very gifted at math. He is exceptionally intelligent, but unfortunately ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. When he falls under suspicion for killing the neighbor’s dog, the play immerses you inside Christopher’s world as he is determined to identify the culprit in true Sherlock Holmes style, which leads him on a thrilling journey across London that will change his life forever.

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 amintz@zachtheatre.org
Option 2: Use our online discount group code: NEWCOMERS when you purchase tickets online thru the Zach website.

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

The Play’s the Thing

Coming Up: Saturday, Feb 17, 7:30 p.m. Romeo & Juliet 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.

- 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: 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
**Knit and Stitch**

**When:** Thursday, January 4, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Host:** Elaine Doege  
2900 Mossback Ln., 78739

**RSVP:** By January 2, email Deborah Marks below

**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  
917-696-3647

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**Photography**

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

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

**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 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.

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**Shop Austin! - Austin’s Second Downtown**

**When:** January 30, 2018

**Where:** Domain Northside and lunch at Taverna

**Cost:** Whatever you purchase and lunch

**RSVP:** Online or cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com

**Details:** We’ll learn about and shop at what is being billed as Austin’s Second Downtown, Domain Northside. We will meet at and explore the new, multiple story Restoration Hardware Gallery, a design industry leader. From there we’ll explore new shops including Diptique parisian fragrance boutique; Eiiza Page, an Austin jewelry designer; Design Within Reach; Kittsona, an Austin themed gift and lifestyle shop; Will Leather Goods, and many more. We lunch at Taverna but we’ll learn about all the new restaurants while we’re there too.

**Hosts:** Diane Gallagher  
cd_gallagher28@hotmail.com  
Jan Jones  
jones6lp@gmail.com
**LANGUAGES/EXPATS**

**Expats**

**When:** Saturday, January 20, 6-8 p.m.

**Where:** Roz Stephenson  
4101 Gandara Bend, 78738

**RSVP:** 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 host 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

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**French Conversation**

**When:** January 10

**Where:** Home of Elaine Crockett

**RSVP:** Required to nlow@austin.rr.com

**Details:** Discussion topic to be announced.

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

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**Spanish Conversation**

**When:** No meeting in January

**Where:** Check back in February

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

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**FUN AND GAMES**

**1st Friday Bridge**

**When:** No meeting in January

**Where:** We no longer play at the Lamar Senior Activity Center

**Chair:** Ed Stokes  
edward@stokes.biz  
512-284-4117

**3rd Thursday Bridge**

**When:** January 18, 9:45 a.m. social time, 10 a.m. play begins

**Host:** Nancy Cosby

**Where:** iHOP  
1101 South Mopac

**Cost:** $3.00/person

**RSVP:** By January 11, Online or to 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
Canasta

When: Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, 29
11 a.m.

Location: Mimi’s Cafe
12613 Galleria Circle
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave

RSVP: See online calendar or email canasta@austinnewcomers.com the Sunday before each date.

Details: We meet every Monday for a relaxing day playing a Hand and Foot version of Canasta, 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

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Euchre

When: No information

Where: TBD

Cost: $5

Chair: Kasha Petrea
kasha.action@gmail.com
716-308-1986

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Bunco

When: Tuesday, January 16, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Directions sent to respondents

Cost: $5

RSVP: By January 12, email jacquelinemorris@usa.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

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Kitchen Bridge

When: January 24

Where: Judy Brooks home

Cost: $2.25

RSVP: On or after (NOT BEFORE) January 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
512-491-0744
**Ladies Poker**

**When:**  January 25

**Where:**  Sharon Lindemann, 6105 Tasajillo Trl

**Cost:**  $5

**RSVP:**  Online or to inge@austin.rr.com by January 22

**Chair:**  Inge Eichberg  
inge@austin.rr.com  
512-921-4034

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**Mexican Train**

**When:**  Wednesday, January 10

**Where:**  Jack Allen’s Kitchen, 3600 N. Cappital of Texas Hwy

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

**RSVP:**  Online

**Details:**  Happy New Year. We are trying a new location. We start play at 11 a.m., break for lunch, and finish by 2 p.m. Mexican Train is fun, easy to learn but has some challenges, Low/high score splits the pot. Please sign up in advance so I can let the venue know. Questions or comments e-mail me.

**Chair:**  Peggy Sklar  
psklar1@gmail.com

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**Second Sunday Scrabble**

**When:**  Sunday, January 14, 3 - 5 p.m.

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

**RSVP:**  By January 12 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

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**Mah Jongg**

**When:**  Thursday, January 11 and 25, 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  
512-582-0957

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**Pinochle**

**When:**  No information

**RSVP:**  Nshipley@me.com

**Details:**  All levels of players are welcome. We play single, double, or triple deck Pinochle with lots of laughter. Come join us for an evening of fun.

**Chair:**  Nancy Shipley  
nshipley@me.com  
832-236-9909
**Happy Trails - Circle C Ranch**

**When:** Saturday, January 13, 9 a.m.

**Where:** Metropolitan Park at Slaughter Creek

**RSVP:** Online or to Donna Dauenhauer below

**Details:** We will kick off the New Year with a scenic walk on this easy trail in Circle C Ranch. Cedars, live oaks, and other hardwood trees grace this trail, and we may see mourning doves and other birds. Interest is added to the trail as it passes a fenced area that protects a karst cave, an underground area of eroded limestone, caves, and streams. The karst under central Texas allows groundwater to flow into the Edwards Aquifer. We will cross Slaughter Creek twice as we make a 2.4 mile counter clock-wise loop. Leashed dogs are permitted. Bring water, sun-screen, sturdy shoes, and a hiking stick, and dress for the weather. Directions and parking information will be provided by January 12 to registrants.

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

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**Hearty Hikers - Travis County to Twin Falls**

**When:** January 9, 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Blue Valley Park in the Travis Country Development

**Cost:** Free with optional lunch by separate check

**RSVP:** Online

**Details:** This is a new hike from Blue Valley Park in SW Austin. We will meet at the tennis courts at Blue Valley Park in the Travis Country neighborhood (off Southwest Pkwy) and hike through the Greenway to Twin Falls and back, around 4 miles or approximately 2 hours. It’s a pretty trail through the woods. This is a moderate hike with some roots, rocks, and moderate hills. It’s a great way to work off those holiday calories. Sturdy shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen, hat, water, and a hiking stick are recommended. Casual lunch nearby after the hike is optional.

**Directions:** More specific directions will be emailed the week before the hike.

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

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**Golfing Around Austin**

**When:** Monday, January 8

**Where:** Course to be determined

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

**RSVP:** Online by Sunday, December 31

**Details:** We play a different course around the local area each month and will continue to play the 4-player select best-ball scramble. 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

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**Live Music Lovers**

**When:** January 5, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Patsy’s Cowgirl Cafe

**Cost:** Band tips

**RSVP:** Online

**Details:** Singer/songwriter pick-up group featuring different artists led by Will G. who does a variety of music including the Brother Where Art Thou genre.

**Chair:** Ellen Honey
eshoney10@mac.com
737-703-5248
# January 2018

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for January 17 Kick Off Luncheon

Price: $30

Register and pay Online or register online and send checks payable to Austin Newcomers Club, postmarked by January 10, 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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646-245-2043

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From: Minneapolis

Mary Conlon
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314-560-7897

Therese & Jerry Meyer
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From: Minneapolis

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