



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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March General Membership Meeting Two Guys on Your Head

When: Wednesday, March 21

Time: 11 a.m. - social time
12 p.m. - meeting and lunch

Where: Chez Zee
5406 Balcones Dr.

Cost: \$30/person

RSVP: [Online](#) before Noon on March 18, or checks to Austin Newcomers postmarked by March 15 and mailed to Marsha Hayden, 10402 Treasure Island Dr., Austin TX 78730.

Chez Zee
Bistro | Bar | Bakery | Banquets



Our speaker in March is Dr. Art Markman, founder and professor in the Human Dimensions of Organizations Program at The University of Texas at Austin. He's an expert on so many things, but at our luncheon he'll fill us in on "What Everyone Needs to Know about Learning Whether They're 5 or 95." Art makes every topic come alive. He's famous, really famous, as a professor, author and as one-half of the duo 2 GUYS ON YOUR HEAD featured weekly on KUT, Austin's public radio station. Plus he plays a mean saxophone.

Don't Miss the 2018 Spring Gala

Diamonds to Denim - Just Bling It!

Friday, May 4
6-10 p.m.

See page 3 for all the details. Join fellow newcomers at the event of the season. Tickets are limited so make sure you get yours soon.

President's Message



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March Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 21,
1:45 after general meeting

Where: Chez Zee

RSVP: [Online](#) or to
withrow19@hotmail.com

Contact Donna if you have any
agenda items to add.

April Showers....

The beginning of a popular joke oft repeated when I was growing up in Rochester, was "April showers bring May flowers. What do May flowers bring?" The answer, of course, was "more pilgrims." I mention that silly joke as, unfortunately, the only way to see flowers in my hometown before May was at the florists.

How can my March column not mention how blessed we are in Austin to have all the colorful wildflowers popping up this month? The good news is that you don't have to take a long trip to soak up the beauty. They grace our neighborhoods and highways. Thank you Lady Bird for your foresight and generosity in adding to the spring beauty of Austin in perpetuity.

Having said that, for all who are new in town, if you'd like to experience a sea of wildflowers on a pleasant drive, be sure to Google Muleshoe Bend and Willow City Loop. And don't forget to visit the Wildflower Center right here in Austin.

Turning to other matters, I'd like to mention that the updated proposed bylaws will be voted on at the March general meeting on Wednesday, March 21. Please read them on our website under the members only section and have your voice heard when we vote. Besides, you don't want to miss our exciting speaker from the NPR show, "Two Guys On Your Head" and delicious lunch at Chez Zee Restaurant that day.

For all you travelers leaving Austin this month, I hope you booked your flights earlier in the year as the cost of flying soars during our annual South by Southwest festival every March. For the rest of you lucky Austinites (who won't have to pay for a flight to get here for the festival), be sure to soak in the great music, films, technology events, and creative arts that we are so fortunate to be able to access.

Please be sure to take note of the page in this Welcome Mat about our upcoming spring gala on Friday, May 4. It promises to be the highlight of 2018.

I'd like to thank the members of the nominating committee for their continued hard work filling next year's board. Please don't hesitate to offer your time and talent in some capacity with the Austin Newcomers Club as it will be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, do yourself a favor while the weather is still gorgeous. Go outside, take a walk in nature, stand barefoot on the grass, smell the flowers, clear your mind, and just be grateful for living in a glorious place like Austin.



*Cheers,
Donna*

2018 Spring Gala

Diamonds to Denim - Just Bling It!

Friday, May 4
6-10 p.m.

Vista on Seward Hill

6414 Bee Caves Rd., Austin

\$65 per person

[Buy Tickets online here by April 19](#)



Painting by Carol Witt

6-7 p.m. Drinks and appetizers

7-8 p.m. Dinner

8-10 p.m. Dancing and more

Members, non-members, singles and couples are welcome

Attire: Smart casual - Bling It On!

Cash-only bar (no credit cards or checks) - Free parking

Questions: Email
donnadau@hotmail.com

BOOK GROUPS

Book Groups

When: Thursday, March 22, 10:00 a.m.

Details: We now have two book groups: Bluebonnet and gayle.cannon70@gmail.com

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: Martha O'Connell
10402 Charette Cove
78759

RSVP: By February 21, email
marthajoconnell@gmail.com

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

2018 Books

March - *Lady Bird and Lyndon: The Hidden Story of Marriage*, Betty Boyd Carroll

April - *The Last Paintings of Sarah De Vos*, Dominic Smith

May - *Larose*, Louise Erdrich, 400 Pgs

June - *The Tea Girls of Hummingbird Lane*, Lisa See

July - *A Piece Of The World*, Christina Baker Kline

August - *My Promised Land*, Ari Shavit

September - *Before We Visit the Goddess*, Christina Banerjee Divakaruni, 240 Pgs

October - *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead

November - No Meeting

December - *Exit West*, Moshin Hamid

Yellow Rose Group

Host: Lou Blemaster
5612 Scout Island Circle

Facilitator: Karen Rankin

RSVP: Email Lou at
loublemaster@gmail.com

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

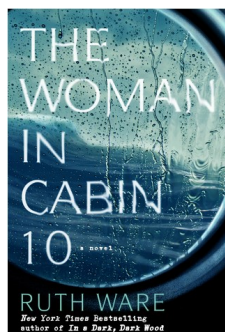
When: Wednesday, March 14
1 p.m.

Book: *The Woman in Cabin 10*
Ruth Ware

Where: 8019 Raintree Pl, 78759

RSVP: By Monday, March 12 to Bronwen below.

Chair: Bronwyn Bowen
bbowen60@gmail.com



Men's Book Club

When: March 27, 2 p.m.

Book: *The Once and Future Liberal*, Mark Lilla.
A terrific shot book about the decline of American liberalism explaining how they went from the successes of FDR's coalition to the pitfalls of today's identity politics. It's an accessible book that's essential reading for anyone who wants to understand how we arrived in the Trump era and where the Democrats go from here.

Where: Tom Walker
5325 Tortuga Trail 78731

RSVP: Not required

Chair: Hector Barrio
hebate@gmail.com



MOVIES

Art House Cinema North

When: March 9, 7 p.m.

Cost: \$1.00/person at the door

RSVP: RSVP to email sent to group each month. No deadline but there is a limit to meeting size. Email chair to join group.

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: March 9 and 23, 7 p.m.

Cost: \$1.00/person at the door

RSVP: [Online](#) (if you are new/not on the mailing list) before the meeting. Groups fill up fast so RSVP as early as possible.

Details: We meet in members' homes and discuss and rate two movies selected the previous month. Due to the size of the group, members attend one of two meetings each month. Registrants receive an email with meeting details and the movie to see. Hosts set the maximum capacity for their home. Meeting details are emailed ahead of meeting dates to the list.

Chair:
ArthouseCinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com
 512-632-1305



Critics' Corner

When: March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Details: Critic's Corner meets at 7:30 on the second Friday of each month. We send details of upcoming meetings 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

Art Treks - Lost Pines Art Center**When:** March 9, 11 a.m.**Where:** 1204 Chestnut St., Bastrop 78062**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** [Online](#) by March 6 so we can organize car pools

Details: Art lovers are in for a treat at this large comprehensive art gallery with local and juried art. Many of the beautiful works are on sale, and there are individual stores on site. It was developed as a dream of a local artist guild with over 140 members. We will have a tour guide. Lunch will be nearby at the Tough Cookie, 601 Chestnut Blvd, Bldg D, housed in a quaint old home specializing in homemade farm-to-table fresh food, with gf items. The avocado mash with pistachios is delicious. Call chairs with questions.

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

Daytrippers - New Braunfels**When:** Tuesday, March 27**Cost:** Meals, admissions, and miscellaneous charges**RSVP:** Online or email Susi Spies below by Friday, March 23, 6 p.m.

Details: Many people are interested in going on a fun visit to this historic Texas town. We'll announce final details to attendees in mid-March. We are considering visiting:

- The Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture (Beidemier style)
- The Sophrenberg Museum with its history of German immigrants to Texas
- Heritage Village
- The Railroad Museum
- Lunch and a snoop around the historic town square.

We can also plan to have a car or two stop by the cute Gruene Historic District on the way home. We'll arrange North and South departing carpools as we get closer.

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

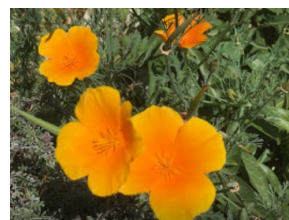
Austin 101 - Umlauf Sculpture Garden**When:** Sunday, March 25, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Umlauf Sculpture Garden
605 Robert E. Lee Rd, Zilker Park

Cost: Members free, Seniors (60+) \$3, Adults \$5**RSVP:** Email Janna below.

Details: The Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum is the home to the work of Charles Umlauf, an award-winning sculptor who taught in the UT art department for 40 years. His sculptures are exhibited in a beautiful, natural setting in Zilker Park, that is both peaceful and educational. We'll tour the garden and adjacent museum, then enjoy food and drink on the patio at The Shady Grove.

Chair: Janna Smith
jannaks55@gmail.com

Hello Austin - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**When:** March 16, 11 a.m.

Where: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
4801 LaCrosse Ave., 78739

Cost: \$8 seniors, \$10 adults, you pay at entrance**RSVP:** Online so we know how many are coming.

Details: Wear walking shoes for this tour with a docent. After the tour we will stay and eat at the Wildflower Cafe.

Chair: Dona Reynolds
grdr@hotmail.com

FOOD/SOCIAL

TGI Social (Thank Goodness It's Social)

When: Saturday, March 3, 5 - 7 p.m.

Where: Nancy and Elliott Kossak
7707 Huddleston Ln, 78745

Price: \$1/person at door for paper goods

RSVP: tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com

Details: Happy St. Patrick's Day. It's time to gather for TGI Social. Connect with old friends and make new ones. Kick back and relax with a great group of people. Couples and singles are welcome. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and a drink of your choice (wine, beer, tea, lemonade, etc.) to share. Singles bring an appetizer or a drink of choice to share.

Chairs: Janie and Jim McClam
jalommc@msn.com, 512-301-9230

Out to Lunch Bunch - Tiny Boxwoods

When: Friday, March 23, 10:45 a.m., promptly (see below)

Where: Tiny Boxwoods, 1503 W 35th St.
512-220-0698

RSVP: [Online](#) or to Susi by email by 6 p.m., March 22

Price: Separate checks

Details: Here's the scoop. If you haven't been to this darling new restaurant and shopping center, you've missed a treat. But, but, but it's loud, they don't take reservations, and it's unbelievably chic and crowded. However, I discovered the secret to Tiny Boxwood bliss with another group. Turns out they serve brunch in the morning. Then at the stroke of 11, their computerized ordering system allows you to order lunch. So the plan is to get there at 10:45 and grab a table or two outside on the patio (where it is not noisy). You'll then go inside to be first in line to place your lunch order at the counter at the stroke of 11. Voila, we'll enjoy a lovely leisurely lunch in a pretty, quiet garden.

I chose March to try this hoping that the weather will be perfect (no rain and no heat wave). If it rains, we'll switch this lunch to The Russian House downtown (with full notification, of course, if this is necessary.)

Chair: Susi Spies, susi.spies@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

Happy Hour - ZAX

When: Tuesday, March 20,
4-6 p.m.

Where: ZAX
312 Barton Springs Rd.
Free parking by restaurant

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



FOOD/SOCIAL (continued)

Friends Connection**When:** Sunday, March 18, 1:30 p.m.**Where:** Mattie's Restaurant
811 W. Live Oak St., 78704**Cost:** Separate checks, medium price range**RSVP:** Online by March 16**Details:** For our March brunch, we are going a little south of downtown to Mattie's Restaurant, which is located on the site of the beautiful Green Pastures estate. Mattie's serves Southern-inspired cuisine using rustic, farm-fresh produce. Please join us for another opportunity for fun, food, and friendship. Also, to make life easier, there is plenty of free parking available. Hope to see you there.**Chair:** Lynne Davis
elcdavis@sbcglobal.net, 512-368-5660

THEATER

Experience the Zach**When:** The next performances at the Zach will be in June, July, and August.**Details:** We arrange special seating for performances at the Zach on the weekend and during the week.

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**Usual Ticket Prices:** \$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:** Sunday, March 4, 2:00 p.m. **Barefoot in the Park** at GPT (Dinner follows at Gumbo)**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 Northern Theatre (MMNT) and Georgetown Palace Theatre (GPT).

The rest of the season is listed below.

- Sunday, March 4, 2:00 p.m. **Barefoot in the Park** at GPT (Dinner follows at Gumbo)
- Saturday, April 7, 8:00 p.m. **Shakespeare in Love** at AP (6:00 Gusto Italian Kitchen)
- 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 Gusto Italian Kitchen)

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-northern-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

HOBBIES



Knit and Stitch

When: Thursday, March 1, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Host: Susan Stein
8230 Spicewood Springs Rd. Ste. 3, 78759

RSVP: By February 27, 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

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: Second Tuesday of each month

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.

SHOPPING

Shop Austin! - Succulent Planting Party

When: Friday, March 30, 10 a.m.

Where: Succulent Native
906 E 5th St., Ste. 105

Cost: \$25

RSVP: [Online](#) by March 19

Details: Just take a look around - succulents seem to be everywhere. Succulent Native is an unconventional succulent and cactus boutique where they create unique and gasp-invoking arrangements that allow even the black-thumbs around us the ability to care for their own small patch of green. At Succulent Native, you'll find adorable and affordable succulents in both handmade and vintage containers.



We're hosting a Planting Party. We'll learn all there is to know about succulents, and you'll plant and take home your very own succulent arrangement.

We'll end the outing with lunch at the wonderful Eastside Cafe.

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

LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats

When: Saturday, March 17, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Annie Prasad and Anand Kruttiventi
4621 Twin Valley Rd., 78731

RSVP: [Online](#) by March 14

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

French Conversation

When: March 14, 12:30 p.m.

Where: TBD

RSVP: No deadline

Details: Discussion topic to be announced.

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



Spanish Conversation

When: March 19, 10 a.m.

Where: TBD

RSVP: [Online](#) by March 18

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



We Want Your Interest Group Photos for Instagram and 2017-18 Year Book

Please submit photos of your interest group events to Beth Oliver at: historian@austinnewcomers.com for our Instagram page and for the 2017-18 photo book.



FUN AND GAMES

Kitchen Bridge**When:** Wednesday, March 28, 10 a.m.**Where:** Felicia Morrison
7608-A Watson**Cost:** \$2.25**RSVP:** On or after (NOT BEFORE) March 1, [Online](#), or email person provided by chair. After three tables are filled, you will go on sub list.**Details:** The chair emails all people on the player list before the first of the month with the name and contact information of the hostess for the month and the person to email with your RSVP.
Bring a sandwich for lunch.**Chair:** Mimi Rhea
eerhea@att.net
512-491-0744**Bunco****When:** March 20, 10:30 a.m.**Where:** Directions sent to respondents**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** By March 17, email Joanie Maqsood at fairwayj341@gmail.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**Canasta****When:** Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
11 a.m.**Location:** Mimi's Cafe
12613 Galleria Circle
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave**RSVP:** 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 Glycer
martiglycer@hotmail.com**3rd Thursday Bridge****When:** Thursday, March 15, 10 a.m.**Host:** Nancy Cosby**Where:** iHOP
1101 South Mopac**Cost:** \$3.00/person**RSVP:** By March 8, [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

FUN AND GAMES, continued

Ladies Poker

When: We are not playing in March.

Cost: \$5

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



Mah Jongg



When: Thursday, March 8 and 22, 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

Mexican Train



When: Wednesday, March 14

Where: Jack Allen's Kitchen
 3600 N. Capital of Texas Hwy
 Hwy 360 and Westlake Dr.

Cost: \$2 kitty, lunch on your own

RSVP: Online by March 12

Details: We start play at 11 a.m., break for lunch, and finish by 2 p.m. Mexican Train is fun and 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 Peggy.

Chair: Peggy Sklar
psklar1@gmail.com

Second Sunday Scrabble

When: Sunday, March 11, 3 - 5 p.m.

Where: Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar
 3339 Hancock Dr., 78731

RSVP: By March 9 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



HEALTH/FITNESS

Happy Trails - Westcave Preserve

When: Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m.

Where: 24814 Hamilton Pool Rd.
Round Mountain TX 78663

Cost: \$15 per adult. I will purchase tickets when the park opens

RSVP: To RSVP, send checks to Donna Dauenhauer,
11813 Musket Rim, Austin 78738

Details: We are changing it up this month. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. for an expert-guided tour that will take us from an arid savanna through a limestone crevice into a sheltered canyon of lush plant life. Prepare yourself. The beauty of this unique Texas Hill Country nature preserve will leave you breathless. At the head of the canyon stands Westcave, with a stunning 40-foot waterfall replenishing the emerald pool below.

Canyon Tour Details: This guided hike is about 1 mile round trip and takes about 1.5 hrs. There is a 125 uneven step staircase built into the natural slope of the canyon landscape. This staircase is the only way to enter and exit the canyon, grotto, and cave area. It is a steep climb back to the top. Once in the canyon there are some additional steps, rocks and roots to navigate as we hike along the trail next to the creek. Some areas have a cable railing to help with balance. I encourage you to bring your own hiking poles/sticks if you question your stability. Bring a camera, water bottle, comfortable clothing for the weather, and supportive shoes.

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

Hearty Hikers - McKinney Rough Nature Park

When: March 13, 9:30 a.m. meet at Westgate Central Market
4521 Westgate Blvd and I290

Where: McKinney Rough Nature Park
1884 State Hwy 71, West Cedar Creek TX

Cost: \$2 Seniors, \$5 Adults

RSVP: [Online](#)

Details: McKinney Nature park is located 13 miles east of the Austin Airport. It has over 17 miles of multi-use trails bordering the Colorado River. This is a moderate hike of approximately 5 miles of mixed terrain.

We will meet at the WestGate Central Market at 9:30 am. If interested, we will carpool to the nature park. We'll hike to the old pecan tree and back on a loop trail, lasting about 2 hours. Bring a bag lunch for a picnic lunch.

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

Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, March 12

Where: Course to be determined

Cost: Greens fees vary, pay at course

RSVP: [Online](#) by Sunday, March 4

Details: The ANC Golf Group plays the 2d Monday of the month, September through May. We endeavor to play at a different golf course each month to introduce Austin newcomers to the many fine local area courses available. So far this 2017-18 season, we have played at Lions, Morris Williams, Shadow Glen, Grey Rock, and Roy Kizer. We typically play a 4-player team select best-shot scramble which is fun for all golfers regardless of skill level. Come on out and join in the fun.

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

MUSIC

Live Music Lovers -
Irish Tune Session

When: March 15, 7 - 11:30 p.m.

Where: BD Riley's
1905 Aldrich St. #130

RSVP: Email Dona Reynolds at grdr@hotmail.com

Details: A traditional Irish tune session for intermediate players draws a fine cross-section of Austin-based and traveling musicians from about 7 until 11:30 p.m. Parking for all in the McBee Garage (across the street, behind Alamo Draft House) is FREE with our validation.

Chair: Ellen Honey
eshoney10@mac.com
737-703-5248

March 2018

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



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for March Luncheon

Price: \$30

Register and pay Online before noon on March 18 or register online and send checks payable to Austin Newcomers Club, postmarked by March 15, 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.

**Two Guys
on Your
Head**

Welcome New Members

Geralyn Bush

4806 Eck Lane, 78734
512-997-8778
From: Dubai, UAE

Kathie Silver

12408 Buvana Dr., 78739
214-642-0313
From: Dallas, TX

Pat and John Ireland

101 Colorado Street Apt 3302, 78701
203-970-9447
From: New Canaan, CT

Amy and Barry Wynkoop

4812 Eagle Feather Drive, 78735
301-213-7000
From: Lusby, MD

Bertha Miller

4100 North Hills Dr., 78731
512-550-0277
From: Chattanooga, TN

Wayne and Sophie Rogers

1501 Barton Springs Road #216, 78704
612-281-7306
From: Minnesota

Cheryn Netz

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Thank you.