Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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April General Membership Meeting
Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

When: Wednesday, April 11

Time: 11 a.m. - social time

12 p.m. - meeting and lunch

Where: Steiner Ranch Steakhouse

5424 Steiner Ranch Rd.

Cost; $30/person

RSVP: Online before Noon on April 7 , or checks to Austin Newcomers postmarked by April 4 and mailed to Marsha Hayden, 10402 Treasure Island Dr., Austin TX 78730.

It's Spring Time in Austin with Fashions from J.Jill

Join us for our annual Spring Fashion Show, sponsored by J.Jill, and see the latest fashions modeled by our own ANC members. We will experience a new venue at Steiner Ranch Steakhouse, overlooking beautiful lake Travis and located on land once home to rodeo horses and cattle.

Enjoy this one-time printed version of the Welcome Mat. To get a printed version every month, you can pay an additional $20 the next time you renew your membership. Look for renewal information in the June Welcome Mat.

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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April Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 4

Where: Marsha Hayden
10402 Treasure Island Rd. 78730
(River Place)

RSVP: By Monday, April 2 to withrow19@hotmail.com and hayden.marsha@gmail.com

Contact Donna if you have any agenda items to add.

WHAT DID YOU SAY????

An article in the newspaper the other day stated a city council member had filed an application to rename Manchaca Road in South Austin to Menchaca Road because Captain Jose Antonio Menchaca is supposedly the true namesake behind the approximately eight-mile long road.

If you are quite new to Austin, you may ask, "what's the big deal - it's just a one letter change?" As most of us know, it's currently pronounced, MAN-shack and the change would make the pronunciation, men-CHAH-kah. We'll have to wait to see if the application is approved, and I am sure it will be notable news when it happens.

Years ago, the Welcome Mat printed a list of all the interesting (read strange) pronunciations of places that are sprinkled around Texas. With the latest development above, it might be a good time to revisit this list for our newest of newcomers, so you will sound like veterans, even if they've only been here a few weeks (and maybe get a good laugh while you're at it).

Amarillo - town in panhandle	**Am-uh-rilla**
Blanco - town, west of Austin	**Blank-O**
Boerne - town southwest of Austin	**Burney**
Buchanan - as in Lake Buchanan	**Buck-an-an**
Buda - town southwest of Austin	**Byoo-duh**
Burnet - a street in Austin, a town, a county	**Burn-it**
Gruene - a town near New Braunfels	**Green**
Guadalupe - a river in the Hill Country	**Gwah-duh-loopee**
Guadalupe - a street in Austin	**Gwah-duh-loop**
Fort Worth - big city	**Foat Wurth**
Krause Springs - a beautiful park	**Krow (like cow)-see**
Mueller - south Austin street	**Miller**
Perdernales - iconic Texas river	**Pur-den-ah-lis**
Tow - town northwest of Lake Buchanan	**Rhymes with now**

Now that all of you newer Austinites have been indoctrinated, feel free to roam around the state. I hope this lineup answers why you may have received the funny looks you were getting when you asked for directions!

On a more important note, please consider signing up TODAY for our exciting Spring Gala taking place at the gorgeous Vista On Seward Hill on May 4. In December 2015, 166 members enjoyed the Holiday Ball, and this will prove to be another landmark, member-wide event. Check out the detailed information provided with this Welcome Mat, but also these websites for a sneak peak at the location (www.thevistaonsewardhill.com) and our experienced DJ who plans to get us swinging and bopping on the dance floor (vistaanthony.com).

Have a great month. I look forward to seeing you all soon, but especially on May 4.

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, April 26, 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: Sue Naylor
1615 Ashberry Dr., 78723

RSVP: By April 25, email ssnayl@gmail.com

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

2018 Books

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

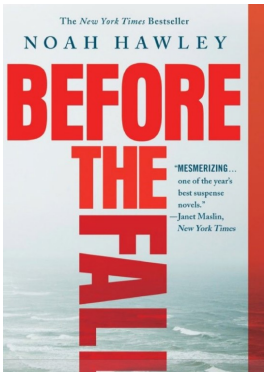
Host: Mary McAllister
3322 Far View Dr.

Facilitator: Laura Woods

RSVP: Email
mary_mcallister@hotmail.com

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group



When: Wednesday, April 11, 1 p.m.

Book: *Before the Fall*
Noah Hawley

Where: Connie Gardner
11817 Cherisse Dr., 78739

RSVP: By Monday, April 9 to peplett@aol.com

Chair: Bronwyn Bowen
bbowen60@gmail.com

Men's Book Club

When: April 24, 2 p.m.

Book: *Astrophysics for people in a hurry*, Neil DeGrasse. Tyson is a master of streamlining and simplification. Taking mind-boggling complex ideas, stripping them down to their nuts and bolts, padding them with colorful allegories and dorky jokes, and making them accessible to the layperson.

Where: Harry Polly
11105 Scotland Wells Dr.
From the South: take 360 N, turn left on Spicewoods Springs, turn right on Old Lampassas Trl., and then turn left on Scotland Wells Dr.
From the North: Take 183 E, turn right on Spicewoods Spring Rd., turn right onto Scotland Wells Dr.

RSVP: Not required

Chair: Hector Barrio
hebate@gmail.com

MOVIES

Art House Cinema North

When: April 13, 7:15 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: Friday April 13 or April 27, 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 before the meeting you will attend.

Details: Members volunteer to host. We meet and discuss and rate two movies selected the previous month. Members choose to attend either the second or fourth Friday of the month. The format is the same at each meeting. Once a first-time member signs up online he or she will be added to the email list. Information about movies, addresses of hosts, and hosts RSVP email addresses will be emailed ahead of meeting dates.

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

Critics' Corner

When: April 13, 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 - Painting with Acrylics

When: April 25, 10 a.m.

Where: Art Space Gallery
7739 Northcross Dr., 78757

Cost: $27

RSVP: Online by April 22, minimum 5, maximum 10

Details: Artist Ann Flemings will introduce us to the joy and ease of acrylic paints. Using simple demo techniques, Ann will lead us through exercises that will allow us to experience how acrylics can be used to layer, build texture, and create drama very quickly. You will create a small abstract painting of your very own suitable for framing. All supplies will be provided. Please let us know if you will stay for lunch at Andiamo Italian Restaurant at 2521 Rutland Dr. for appropriate reservations.

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

Hello Austin - East Austin Urban Farm Tour

When: April 15, 1 - 5 p.m.

Where: Springdale Farm
755 Springdale Rd.

Cost: $55 per person

RSVP: Get tickets for the farm tour here in a few weeks and also register Online with Newcomers so we know how many are coming and can set up a rendezvous area.

Details: This is so much fun. East Austin Urban Farm Tour is an annual sip, eat, and stroll fundraiser event held in the heart of East Austin on four urban farms. With one ticket, stroll from farm to farm enjoying the food and drink offerings. Over 20 Austin restaurants will have booths with samples and coupons. Austin vintners and distillers will also be there with samples. Enjoy live music. Farm employees will be available to answer your questions about gardening, organic produce, even raising chickens.

Chair: Pamela Craig
pmcraig448@gmail.com

Daytrippers - New Braunfels

When: Tuesday, March 27

Cost: Meals, admissions, and miscellaneous charges

RSVP: Email Susi Spies below by Friday, March 23, 6 p.m.

Details: We have a big group going on this trip, and we'll be emailing a detailed schedule out to all of you shortly. Major attractions will be the Sophienburg Museum of German Immigration, the Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture at Heritage Village, shopping, and sightseeing in both historic downtown New Braunfels and the Gruene Historic District. There'll also be a morning stop at the oldest bakery in Texas and a great lunch, too. Whew.

Yes, there'll be carpools. We'll be arranging north and south departures as we get closer.

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

Austin 101

When: There will be no Austin 101 outing in April. Check the May newsletter for information about the May event.

Chair: Janna Smith
jannaks55@gmail.com

FOOD/SOCIAL

TGI Social (Thank Goodness It's Social)

When: Sunday, April 29, 5 - 7 p.m.

Where: Barbara McCollum
129 Clear Pond Cove 78737

Price: $1/person at door for paper goods

RSVP: tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com

Details: Happy Spring. Happy sunshine. Happy warmer weather. 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 - Odd Duck

When: Friday, April 27, 11:30

Where: Odd Duck
1201 S. Lamar, 78704
512-422-6521

RSVP: Online or to Susi by email by 6 p.m., April 25

Price: Separate checks

Details: Odd Duck touts itself as a place to share food, drink, and hospitality, and is one of the darlings of the Austin food scene. They have absolutely sensational food, too, so come hungry and join us for a lovely lunch hour. See you there.

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 - Abel's on the Lake

When: Tuesday, April 17,
4-6 p.m.

Where: Abel's on the Lake
3825 Lake Austin Blvd.
Parking is free in lot and across the street

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: TBA
Where: TBA
Cost: Separate checks, medium price range
RSVP: See next month's Welcome Mat

Details: Friends Connection is a great place for singles to build friendships. We will meet again soon for brunch at another interesting restaurant. Watch for details in either May or June.

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

THEATER

Experience the Zach - Sunday in the Park with George

When: Wednesday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 10, 2:30 p.m.

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.

Tickets: We hold seats for a limited time, so don't wait.
Premium - $76/seat Section A - $64/seat
Section B - $56/seat Section C - $44/seat

Go to Zachs website and select your preferred show date. Enter the promo code Newcomers in the grey promo code box and click submit. Scroll down and click once on the seating chart to open up specific seating options. Choose the discounted ticket option for the seats you want and check out.

Or call Alyson to purchase: 512-476-0594 x2451
amintz@zachtheatre.org

Please do not call the box office to purchase as they are unable to offer you your Austin Newcomers group discount.

Chair: For questions please contact:
Pattie Webster Schieck
Pattie@pattiewebster.com

The Play's the Thing

- **Coming Up**: Saturday, April 7, 8:00 p.m. **Shakespeare in Love** at AP (6:00 Gusto Italian Kitchen)

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) and Georgetown Palace Theatre (GPT).

The rest of the season is listed below.

- 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

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, April 5, 10 a.m. - Noon

Host: Barbara McCollum
129 Clear Pond Cove, 78737

RSVP: By April 3, 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, and again on the fourth Tuesday for a photo share session. We welcome anyone wishing to improve their digital photography skills. During the photo review session members share techniques for improving skills ranging from photography techniques to digital processing.

For monthly Photo Shoot information or to be added to the email list, please email Dwight Reck, dreck1066@gmail.com.

Photo Shoot: Second Tuesday of the month

Share Session: Fourth Tuesday of the month
10:30 a.m. We often meet for lunch nearby afterwards
Precision Camera store classroom
2438 W. Anderson

NEW MEMBER EVENT

Welcome for New and Prospective Members

When: Sunday, April 22, 3 - 6 p.m.

Where: Karen and Don Kirmis
Directions sent after registration

Cost: Free

RSVP: Online

Details: Please come and meet fellow Austin Newcomers, board members, and our many interest group chairs and learn all we have to offer our members each month

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

Questions: Contact Kathy Finley or Laurie Gillig at memberservices@austinnewcomers.com or leave a message at 440-759-4742 or 614-361-4936 and we'll get back to you.

LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats

When: Saturday, April 21, 6-8 p.m.

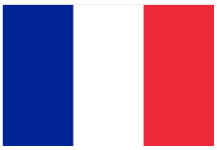
Where: Dilvio and Miriam Miranda
7112 Doswell Lane, 78739

RSVP: Online by April 18

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: April 11, 12:30 p.m.

Where: Penny Jamrack's home

RSVP: Timely RSVP please

Details: Directions and discussion topic to be announced.

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

Spanish Conversation

When: April 16, 10 a.m.

Where: Lola Savannah
6317 Bee Caves Rd, #380, 78746

RSVP: Online by April 15

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, April 25, 10 a.m.

Where: Eva Griswold
55913 Charles Schreiner Tr.

Cost: $2.25

RSVP: On or after (NOT BEFORE) April 1, Online, or email evagriswold@gmail.com. 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: April 17, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Directions sent to respondents

Cost: $5

RSVP: By April13, email Nancy Ferrin at nferrin5169@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: April Mondays
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

RSVP: By day before game, 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

3rd Thursday Bridge

When: Thursday, April 19, 10 a.m.

Host: Nancy Cosby

Where: iHOP
1101 South Mopac

Cost: $3.00/person

RSVP: By April 19 , 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: April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Inge Eichberg
5221 Trading Bend

Cost: $5

RSVP: Text, email, or call Inge

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

Mah Jongg

When: Thursday, April 12 and 26, 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, April 18 (3d Wednesday April only)

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

Cost: Lunch on your own

RSVP: Online by April 16

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, April 8, 3 - 5 p.m.

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

RSVP: By April 6 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 - Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve

When: Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m.

Where: 3505 W. 35th St, 78703

Cost: Free

RSVP: Online or email Donna below

Details: Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve is an island of respite located in the middle of Austin. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This entire estate was presented to the city of Austin in 1971 by Mary Mayfield Gutsch for all Austinites to enjoy as a park. Mayfield Park includes an historic cottage, 2 acres of colorful cottage gardens with towering palm trees, brilliant peacocks and delicate water lilies, all blending in beautiful harmony. The preserve portion is the 21-acre natural area that surrounds the park, containing our walking trails and wildlife habitat. The trails border an inlet from Lake Austin. This tranquil walk is about one mile and will take less than one hour to explore. After the walk, feel free to walk or drive (optional) next door to explore the grounds of Laguna Gloria - Contemporary Austin Art Museum. Bring water, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, hats, cameras. No dogs are permitted here.

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

Hearty Hikers - Shoal Creek Hike

When: Tuesday, April 10, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Meet at Pease Park on Kingsbury St. near W. 15th

Cost: Free, optional bring money for lunch

RSVP: Online

Details: Shoal Creek Trail is a hike and bike path that runs from Lady Bird Lake to 38th Street. This is an easy hike along a flat, crushed-rock and dirt trail. It is a lovely part of the city. We will start at Pease Park and walk north for about 2 miles and then return. The total hike will be about 4 miles, lasting about 2 hours. After the hike, we will meet for lunch nearby (optional). Please email any questions to Beth Holcomb below.

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

Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, April 9
Where: Course to be determined
Cost: Greens fees vary, pay at course
RSVP: Online by Sunday, April 1

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. 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: April 3, 6 p.m.

Where: Saxon Pub
1320 S. Lamar, 78704

RSVP: Email Dona Reynolds at grdr@hotmail.com

Details: You are welcome to bring food to the Saxon Pub.

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

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If you are viewing this newsletter as a PDF, note that all underlined text below are links

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RSVP REQUIRED: Click here or complete form below

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for April Luncheon
Price: $30
Register and pay Online before noon on April 7 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

Spring Fashion Show

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.

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