



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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May General Membership Meeting Luncheon, Speaker, and Election of Officers

When: Wednesday, May 16

Time: 11 a.m. - social time

12 p.m. - Lunch and election of officers

Where: Chez Zee

5406 Balcones Dr.

Cost; \$30/person

RSVP: Online before Noon on May 14 , or checks to Austin Newcomers postmarked by May 10 and mailed to Marsha Hayden, 10402 Treasure Island Dr., Austin TX 78730.

We have quite the program for one of our most important luncheons of the year. In May, we will elect our new board for the 2018-2019 ANC year.

In addition, Mary Gordon Spence says our speaker is magical. Rev. Nancy Chester McCranie, from Hospice



Hospice Austin
Your comfort. Our calling.

Austin, will be on hand to share some surprisingly positive tips about a few hospice services you may someday be very glad to know about.

The slate of officers for the 2018-2019 year appears on the website and will also be available to view on each table at our May luncheon. Nominations from the floor will be taken, but ONLY if a proposed nominee has been asked and has agreed to serve.

Don't Miss the 2018 Spring Gala

Diamonds to Denim - Just Bling It!

Friday, May 4, 6-10 p.m.

Get your ticket by April 19

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 today.

President's Message



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May Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 2

Where: Kathy Finley
11708 Eagles Glen Dr.
(Steiner Ranch)

RSVP: By Monday, April 30 to
withrow19@hotmail.com

Contact Donna if you have any agenda items to add.

May . . . You Read this Newsletter

I hope you all enjoyed your **complimentary** paper copy of our April Welcome Mat and read it cover to cover. We especially wanted to be sure you knew about and signed up for our wonderful Spring Gala on Friday, May 4th as it will be an event to remember. Purchase your tickets by April 20.

Although you can print a color Welcome Mat at home at any time from our website (so you can mark your copy with everything you'd like to sign up for), that mailed paper Welcome Mat can be yours monthly for the nominal fee of \$20 (\$1.66/month). Feel free to sign up for it when you renew your membership, or ask the membership chair if you have questions.

I would like to thank the nominating committee for their dedication and hard work in filling our proposed 2018-2019 executive board. We will vote in the nominees at this month's general luncheon meeting on May 16 at Chez Zee. Please plan on attending to vote these wonderful volunteers into their positions and thank them (and the nominating committee) for stepping up to help.

I'd also like to thank Don and Karen Kirmis for opening up their beautiful home to host our new and prospective member event on April 22, always such a big success and a great way to meet new friends.

Moving away from business, we all know that the hot weather will be descending upon us for an extended time, so take advantage of all the Austin area has to offer while we can still bear to be outside.

Derby in the City, May 5th - Wear a fancy hat and watch the most exciting two minutes in sports while also enjoying live music at the Austin American Statesman parking lot.

Mayfest in Marble Falls, May 9-12 - This 4-day event is jam packed with a carnival, games, free concerts, washer pitching, great vendors, and so much more.

O. Henry Museum Pun-Off World Championships, May 12 - 409 E. 5th Street. Compete for Punster of the Year and let us know if you win.

Finding Euphoria, May 11-13 - Carson Creek Ranch. Two nights of camping, surrounded by a series of music and community events. Heaven under the stars.

Pflugerville Deutchen Fest, May 18-20 - Pfun carnival with rides, parades, music, and shopping. Bring the kids.

Lone Star Jam, May 26-27 - Travis County Exposition Center. Two stages, 20 country bands, need I say more.

Latino Music Month, Noon on Fridays in May. Austin City Hall Plaza. Just try and sit still.

Ahhh. Wonderful Austin. Life is GOOD. Please enjoy.

*Cheers,
Donna*

2018 Spring Gala

Diamonds to Denim - Just Bling It!

Friday, May 4, 6-10 p.m.

Ticket Deadline April 19

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, May 24, 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: Vella Gregoire
11800 Sterlinghill Dr.,
78758
512-585-8749

RSVP: By May 23, email
vellag@austin.rr.com

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

2018 Books

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: Lynne Davis
3702 Terina St., Ste. 14

Facilitator: Susan Stein

RSVP: Email
elcdavis@sbcglobal.net

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

When: Wednesday, May 9, 1 p.m.
This is the last meeting until September. Have a nice summer.

Book: *The Keeper of Lost Causes*
Jussi Adler-Olsen

Where: Karen Kirmis
2700 Barton Bluffs Ln., 78746

RSVP: By May 7 to kkirmis@gmail.com

Chair: Bronwyn Bowen
bbowen60@gmail.com

Men's Book Club

When: May 22, 2 p.m.

Book: The book to be discussed is *Shoe Dog* by Phil Knight, which tells us how Nike came about and became a shoe giant and household brand that everyone knows and covets today. Told in an honest yet humorous manner, *Shoe Dog* brings readers on a journey where they will laugh and feel the heartaches as the story unfolds

Where: Arlo Schuler
6022 Tasajillo Trail

RSVP: Not required

Chair: Hector Barrio
hebate@gmail.com

MOVIES

Art House Cinema North

When: May 11, 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, May 11 or May 25, 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, 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: May 11, 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 - Texas Quilt Museum

When: Friday, May 18, 11 a.m.

Where: Texas Quilt Museum
140 W. Colorado, La Grange TX
979-968-3104



Cost: None

RSVP: [Online](mailto:karentwerner20@aol.com) or karentwerner20@aol.com for questions or to opt out of car pool.

Details: 9:45 a.m. car pool from Starbucks, 7709 East Ben White Blvd. Travel time about 1 hour. Optional lunch at 108 Bistro, 108 South Main Street. Rated #1 restaurant in La Grange with fresh ingredients and homemade dressings.

We will have the amazing opportunity to see contemporary and 19th-century quilts. La Grange is a charming town with cute boutiques and beautiful architecture dating from the immigration of the 19th-century Czech and German settlers. Afterwards we have the option to visit the amazing Smithville Old World Antiques or stop for a kolache at Weikel's Bakery.

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

Daytrippers - College Station/ Brenham

When: Tuesday, May 1

Cost: Meals, admissions, and miscellaneous charges

RSVP: Email Susi Spies below by Friday, April 20 if you would like to go.

Details: If enough people are interested in a trip to College Station/Brenham to warrant the planning, we'll arrange to go and enjoy things like the Antique Rose Emporium roses in bloom. There's also a lavender farm, and both the Bluebell Creamery and A&M Vet School have tours we can try to arrange. The H.W. Bush Library is also located in this neck of the woods. Hope you'll want to come see whatever fun agenda we put together. Let us know soon.

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

Hello Austin - Annual Planning Party

When: Saturday, May 19, 3-6 p.m.

Where: Home of Pattie Webster and David Schieck
10212 Banks Court, 78739

Cost: Free

RSVP: [Online](mailto:pmcraig448@gmail.com) so we know how many to expect

Details: Please come to the annual planning event for Hello Austin and contribute your ideas. We have a different event every month. This year we toured the UT football stadium, laughed at Esther's Follies, cheered on the Round Rock Express, had a UT costume shop tour, enjoyed Shakespeare in Zilker Park, attended the Long Center musical events, and explored the Wildflower Center, among others. Hello Austin is only as fun and creative as you help make it.

Please come and bring a dish to pass, and a beverage to share. We will visit and then have a planning session. Bring your ideas and your willingness to participate. See you there.

Chair: Pamela Craig
pmcraig448@gmail.com

Austin 101



When: Sunday, May 20
1 p.m.

Where: LBJ Presidential Library
2313 Red River St.

Cost: Adults \$10, Ages 62+ \$7 with ID
Free parking in Lot 38

RSVP: By May 16 email Janna below.

Details: Anyone could spend hours upon hours at the LBJ Presidential Library, so come for your first time or your fifth. We'll enjoy the permanent and current exhibits, see the Presidential limousine, learn about programs that were initiated during the LBJ years, and much more. After touring the library, we'll venture to the Salty Sow (1917 Manor Rd.) for refreshments.

Chair: Janna Smith
jannaks55@gmail.com

FOOD/SOCIAL

TGI Social (Thank Goodness It's Social)**When:** Sunday, May 20, 5 - 7 p.m.**Where:** Miriam and Dilvio Miranda
7112 Doswell Ln. (Circle C)**Price:** \$1/person at door for paper goods**RSVP:** tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com**Details:** It is time for a beautiful May T.G.I. Social. Come one, come all. Meet new friends, reconnect with old friends and just kickback, relax, and enjoy yourself(ves) on a beautiful May spring day. Bring a hearty appetizer and a drink (wine, beer, tea, lemonade, etc.) to share. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and drink, and singles bring a hearty appetizer or drink to share.**Chairs:** Janie and Jim McClam
jalommc@msn.com
512-301-9230**Out to Lunch Bunch - Carillon Restaurant****When:** Friday, May 25, 11:30 a.m.**Where:** Carillon Restaurant
1900 University Ave**RSVP:** [Online](#) or to Susi by email by 10 a.m., May 24**Price:** Separate checks**Details:** This is one of my favorite restaurants. It's QUIET and elegant, and rather than a menu, they offer a huge and wonderful buffet. There is both a salad and sides option buffet and a hot buffet option, so the pricing should work for everybody. The restaurant is located off MLK on a small street called University with a meridian in the middle. The minimally signed restaurant (building) will be on the left side of the meridian, and just past the restaurant is a parking lot. Park in the lot and The Carillon will validate your ticket for free parking. Come join us for fun and friendship.**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 - Jack Allen's Kitchen Oak Hill****When:** May 15, 3-6 p.m.**Where:** Jack Allen's
7720 Hwy 71 West
Free and valet 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

FOOD/SOCIAL (continued)

Friends Connection**When:** June TBD**Where:** TBD**Cost:** Separate checks, medium price range**RSVP:** Online in June**Details:** Since there are so many weekend holidays or other ANC events in May, our next Friends Connection Brunch will be in June. Be sure to watch for the date. Hope to see you then.**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:** Sunday, May 6, 2:00 p.m. **My Fair Lady** 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. My Fair Lady is the last play of the 2017-2018 season, and there will be no plays during the summer months.**Tickets:** To purchase tickets, contact Nancy at the Georgetown Palace box office directly at [512-869-7469](tel:512-869-7469) and mention that you are with Austin Newcomers to be seated with the group.**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, May 3, 10 a.m. - Noon

Host: Barbara Story
1077 Grassy Field Rd., 78737

RSVP: Space is limited so you must RSVP by May 1 to 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, May 19, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Carolina and Ed Holme
8508 Neider Dr., 78749

RSVP: [Online](#) by May 15

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: May 11, 12:30 p.m.

Where: Nedra's home

RSVP: Timely RSVP please to Nedra below

Details: Directions and discussion topic to be announced.

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



Spanish Conversation

When: Third Monday, 3 p.m.

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

RSVP: [Online](#)

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



Slate of Officers 2018 - 2019

These are the people who have been nominated for the 2018-2019 board. As you can see, several positions are still open. Join the board and help us make Austin Newcomers Club fun and welcoming for everybody. Come to the May meeting to vote and meet the new board.

- President - Valerie Ojeman
- 1st VP/Membership - Marsha Hayden
- 2ndVP/Programs - Pending
- Secretary - Dolores Carpenter
- Treasurer - Linda Poyser
- Meetings Director - Pamela Craig
- Welcome Mat Editor - Judy Largent
- Communications - Lynne Marcus
- Interest Group Coordinator - Peggy Sklar
- Member Services - Position Available, please volunteer
- Publicity - Katherine Tendall
- Board Transition Coordinator - Beth Oliver
- Historian - George Lowe
- Name Tags - Eugenie Whalen/Emily Kochanski
- Greeters - Gail Wilson/Shelley Smith
- Calendar - Alison Seaman
- Weekly Bulletins/E-blaster - Susana Surbek
- Parliamentarian - Susi Spies/Marj Lowe
- Member at Large - Donna Withrow

FUN AND GAMES

Kitchen Bridge**When:** Wednesday, May 23, 10 a.m.**Where:** TBD**Cost:** \$2.25 paid at meeting**RSVP:** Email Hoffy8@yahoo.com.**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**Canasta****When:** May 7, 14, 21, 28
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 Glycer
martiglycer@hotmail.com**Bunco****When:** May 15, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**Where:** Carolina Holme, host. Directions sent to respondents**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** By May 11, email edholme1@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**Daytime Buddy Bridge****What:** 2018 - 2019 registration**Cost:** \$15**RSVP:** By July 15 to chairs below**Details:** You and your Buddy Bridge partner will be assigned to play a different Buddy Bridge team each month, September-May. You will receive a schedule in August assigning you and your partner a team number and listing the team you will play each month. These small groups of four are a wonderful way to get to know one another so grab a partner and sign up now for 2018-2019. We can help find a partner for you if you like.**Chairs:** Cathy Cotter, catcot72@gmail.com
512-465-9472
Sandi Ladd, sladdtx@gmail.com
512-250-9339**3rd Thursday Bridge****When:** Thursday, May 17, 10 a.m.**Host:** Nancy Cosby**Where:** iHOP
1101 South Mopac**Cost:** \$3.00/person**RSVP:** By May 10, Email 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: May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Sharon Lindemann
6105 Tasajillo Trail, 78739

Cost: \$5

RSVP: By May 21, text, email, or call Inge

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



Mah Jongg

When: Thursday, May 10 and 24

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: May 9

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

Cost: Lunch on your own

RSVP: Online by May 7

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

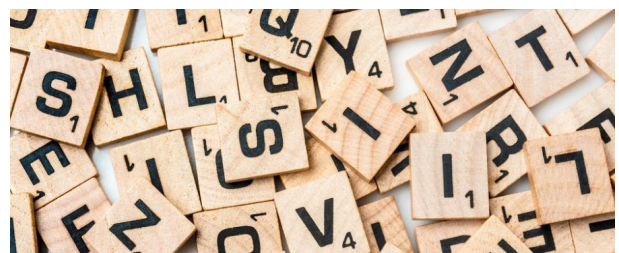
When: Sunday, May 13, 3 - 5 p.m.

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

RSVP: By May 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



HEALTH/FITNESS

Happy Trails - Brushy Creek Regional Trail

When: Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.

Where: 3300 Brushy Creek Rd., Cedar Park

Cost: Free

RSVP: [Online](#) or email Donna below

Details: Brushy Creek Lake Park, just north of Austin, is a 90-acre park that includes a 38-acre lake constructed in 1965. This park is not only a fine place for walking, running, and biking, but also offers playgrounds, water play-scape, nature trail, exercise station, three pavilions, picnic tables and BBQ grills, sand volleyball court, canoe/kayak launch, fishing pier, wildlife observation area, labyrinth, restrooms, and parking areas. We will begin at Brushy Creek Lake Park and head east, cross over the dam, and walk to Champion Park. At several spots along the trail, interpretive markers relay stories of early settlers and prominent families, providing some insight into what the area was like before it became suburbia. We will backtrack to our starting point, and head west to check out Phase III of this regional trail, for a total walk of approximately 3 miles. Bring water, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, hat (lots of sun on this trail). I will email you with specific directions closer to the date.

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

Hearty Hikers

When: No hikes May - August

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

Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, May 14

Where: Course to be determined

Cost: Greens fees vary, pay at course

RSVP: By Sunday, May 7, email
t.mccollum3@yahoo.com

Details: We play the 2nd Monday of each month, September through May. The May 14 play date will be our last one of the season before the summer break. We try to play a different course each month to give everyone exposure to the many fine courses in the Austin area. We play a select best-shot scramble format which makes it fun for golfers of all abilities. Barbara McCollum will be the group leader for our May 14, 2018 play date and will arrange the event. Hope everyone has a nice summer.

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

MUSIC

Live Music Lovers - Johnny Nicolas

When: May 19, 7 - 9 p.m.

Where: Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave

Cost: Donate to Sun Radio and tip the band

RSVP: Email Dona Reynolds at grdr@hotmail.com

Details: Make no mistake, Johnny Nicholas knows from the blues. His credentials? Impeccable. Conviction? Immeasurable. And chops? If an instrument's got strings, keys, or reeds, he can play the hell out of it. He's also a consummate songwriter and a great singer blessed with a warm, toasty growl of a voice that can roll from rumble to croon and back again with seductive ease. Nicholas learned firsthand from the likes of Robert Lockwood Jr., Howlin' Wolf, Big Walter Horton, and Johnny Shines (to name but a few of the legends he studied under early in his five-decade career). Nicholas does not paint in one color.

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

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



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION for May Luncheon

Price: \$30

Register and pay Online before noon on May 14 or register online and send checks payable to Austin Newcomers Club, postmarked by May 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.

**Election of
Officers**

Welcome New Members

Diane and Fred Dahm

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 979-229-1907
 From: College Station, TX

Susanne and Bob Senoff

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 From: San Carlos, CA

Bill and Karen Hamm

1100 Grand Champion Dr., 78732
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