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 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.

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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.
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 Deutchner 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.
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

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

**When:** Thursday, May 24, 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          | 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  
- **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
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.

Chair: Tom Taylor
tomtaylor9@gmail.com
214-642-3873

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.
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 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 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
TGI Social (Thank Goodness It’s Social)

When: Sunday, May 20, 5 - 7 p.m.

Where: Miriam and Dilvio Miranda
4112 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
l.marcus08@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
**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

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**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

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**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 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
**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

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**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

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**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.
**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

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**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

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**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

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**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
- 2nd VP/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-blasters - Susana Surbek
- Parliamentarian - Susi Spies/Marj Lowe
- Member at Large - Donna Withrow
**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 Glyer  
martiglyer@hotmail.com

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**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

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**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

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**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
**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

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**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

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**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 Longstreh
sandytzone@juno.com
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 I 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 Dauenhauser
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 tmccollum3@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

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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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.

Welcome New Members

Diane and Fred Dahm
1600 Barton Springs Rd. 6206, 78704
979-229-1907
From: College Station, TX

Bill and Karen Hamm
1100 Grand Champion Dr., 78732
518-423-5420

Susan Pruett
40 Casa verde, Lakeway, 78734
512-554-7735

Susanne and Bob Senoff
3917 Rockledge Dr., 78731
206-409-4430
From: San Carlos, CA

Karen Ylinen
110 Cork Ln., 78737
309-793-9010
From: Illinois
Welcome Mat Staff

Welcome Mat Officers

President: Donna Withrow
VP-Membership: Alison Seaman
VP-Programs: Mary Gordon
Secretary: Paul Parrish
Treasurer: Valerie Ojeman
Meetings Director: Marsha Hayden
Interest Group Coordinator: Peggy Sklar
Newsletter Editor: Lynne Marcus
Director of Communications and Publicity: Diane Gallagher
Parliamentarian: Marj Lowe
Member at Large: Susi Spies

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Thank you.