

Welcome Mat August 2018 * Vol. 71, No. 2

August General Membership Meeting Combined with Happy Hour at Doc B's Fresh Kitchen

Regular luncheons will start again in September on the 3rd Wednesday, as usual. For the rest of the summer, however, we are joining the relaxing crowd at the Happy Hour event. The parking is free and there is a massive covered patio. So, come on down and join us before the summer ends at Doc B's.

When: Tuesday, August 21, 4-6:00 p.m.

Time: Mostly social time with short meeting, we

promise

Where: Doc B's Fresh Kitchen

3001 Palm Way, No. 120, 78758

(Doc B's is located next to Nordstroms in the Rock Rose addition of the Domain. Complimentary valet parking is available and free parking in the Nordstrom parking garage.)

Your food and drink, separate checks Cost:

RSVP: Online. Please register so we can plan on group size. However, last-minute comers are always welcome.



Have You Renewed Your Membership for 2018-2019?

We have almost 40 interest groups holding events during the day and evening every month. Whatever your interest, you can find other people to enjoy it with. Or you can even start a new group. See page 5 for information on our new rolling renewals and how to renew for 2018-2019.

President's Message

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August Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 1

Where: Alison Seaman

10337 Salida Dr.

Austin, TX 78749-6920

RSVP: By Monday, July 30 to

valerie.ojeman@gmail.com

and

Alisonseaman@yahoo.com

Contact Valerie to add items to the agenda.

Hello Everyone,

Since this will be in your hands before the first summer evening General Meeting, I hope you plan to attend both the July and August meetings. A hearty "Thank You" to the Happy Hour Group for letting us combine our summer meetings with them. I look forward to talking to you and getting to know you a little better. Have you ever noticed how the weather is a popular topic of conversation? The "dog days of summer" are in full force. Is the extreme heat keeping you in-



side and spending more time on your computer? If so, please take some time to check out the ANC website, <u>austinnewcomers.com</u>. Specifically, look at upcoming events and update your personal information.

Our website is terrific. When I got "the call" from the nominating committee, I decided to search other Newcomers websites in Texas. Our website stands out in a very positive way; it is very graphically pleasing and welcoming to someone accessing it for the first time. First impressions are very important and I think the ANC website makes an outstanding first impression to anyone looking for an organization to establish a network of friends.

Even though it is good, there is always room for improvement and the Members Only section is where we need a little work. We have over 400 member households in our club, but when you search the directory only a handful of our members have pictures attached to their profile. I would encourage everyone to upload a picture to the directory. Adding the photo will help all members put a name with a face.

If you don't remember your sign on or password information, here is a tip, your email address is your sign on and if you need a new password the web-master will email you and temporary password within 24 hours. You can change your password in the About section when you are in *Manage Account*. Another helpful piece information I would encourage you to complete in the *About* section is the following question as you scroll down the page: "How did you hear about Austin Newcomers?" There is a drop down menu for your reply.

Stay cool and I hope to see you at the variety of fun events offered in August.



BOOK GROUPS

Book Groups

When: Thursday, August 23,

10:00-10:30—Social Time 10:30-12:00 Noon—Discussion **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: Jayne Polly

11105 Scotland Well Dr.

78750

RSVP: Contact Jayne Polly

Chairs: Jayne Polly

jpolly3838@gmail.com Alison Seaman

alisonseaman@yahoo.com

Dina Steiner

dinasteiner@gmail.com

2018 Books

August - My Promised Land, Ari Shavit

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

October - *The Underground Railroad*,

Colson Whitehead

November - No Meeting

December - Exit West, Moshin Hamid

Yellow Rose Group

Host: Judy Parken

7917 West Rim, 78731

RSVP: Contact hostess Judy Parken

at 512-502-0278 or email

japarken@aol.com

Chairs: Gayle Cannon

gayle.cannon70@gmail.com

Lou Blemaster

loublemaster@gmail.com

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

When: The Afternoon Mystery Book Group does not meet during the summer months. We will resume on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Bluebird Bluebird* by Attica Lock. See further details in September *Welcome Mat.*

Chair: Susan Nichols

sunichols222@sbcglobal.net



Men's Book Club

When: No meeting in August.

RSVP: Not required

Chair: Hector Barrio

hebate@gmail.com

MOVIES

Art House Cinema North

When: August 10, 7:30 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.

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 on the 2nd Friday 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 they need.

Chair: Beth Knight, knightfe57@hotmail.com

Joel Longstreth, sandytzone@juno.com

Cinema South

When: Friday, August 10 or 24, 7 p.m.

Cost: \$1/person at the door

RSVP: All members currently on the Art House Cinema South email list will receive an email with details about this event. If you are new, sign up <u>Online</u>. Meetings fill up fast so RSVP as soon as possible.

Details: We meet at homes of members and discuss and rate two movies selected in the previous month. Members choose to attend one of two meetings each month, on either the second or fourth Friday. Each host sets the maximum capacity they can accommodate. Details of meetings will be sent ahead of meeting dates via email once first timers have responded via online and then have been added to the email list.

Chair: David/Joan Saidel

dpsaidel@gmail.com

512-632-1305



Critics' Corner

When: No meeting in August. See you in September.

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 with information 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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The renewal time for most returning members of the Austin Newcomers Club was July 1, 2018. You should have received an email twenty days prior to expiration date to remind you to renew. Renewal is \$35. There are no discount codes this year. **The price will remain \$35.** If you would like to receive a paper Welcome Mat, you can also renew that service at the same time for an additional \$20. The Welcome Mat is always available online and you can print it out from there.

How to Login to your Account

You can log into your account to pay your dues and/or see what your renewal date is by going to the *Members Only* tab at the top of the home page of the website. Click on *Manage Account* and go to the bottom of the page to see your renewal date or click on the *Renew, Upgrade or Update Billing* button to renew your membership.

After thirty days, your online access to the Welcome Mat will be unavailable if your membership is unpaid.

Rolling Membership Renewals

This year we have switched to rolling membership renewals. This means that new members will have their renewals due one year from their anniversary join date. This change is retroactive for those who joined January 1, 2018, or later. For example, if you joined on February 10, 2018, your renewal date will be February 10, 2019, and not July 1, 2018, as was our prior practice.

How to Pay for your Membership

Online renewal is the optimal choice, but if you choose to pay by check, please mail it to:

Marsha Hayden

10402 Treasure Island Drive

Austin, Texas 78730

If you have any questions, please email vpmembership@austinnewcomers.com

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Art Treks

When: Art Treks will not meet over the summer, and our next meeting will be in September. Please contact us if you have any suggestions for our fall and winter schedule.

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



Daytrippers—The Titanic Exhibit

When: Wednesday, August 15
Where: Waco and Salado

Meet-up locations and carpools will be arranged.

Cost: Meals, admission fees, miscellaneous **RSVP:** Online or to <u>susi.spies@gmail.com</u>

Details: It's way too hot to do a daytime Daytripper's outing, but the fantastic Titanic Exhibit that has been touring the country will be at Baylor University's Mayborn Museum through January 6th. INSIDE a museum I think we can do, so let's. I've actually seen this exhibit in Las Vegas and it's a really good one because it's set up to let you re-live both the few good early days of the voyage as well as that awful, fateful April night of tragedy. After we see the exhibit, we can head toward home and stop in Salado for lunch at the newly renovated Stagecoach Inn and as much or as little exploration of charming Salado streets and shops as each carpool desires. Hope you'll join us.

Chairs: Susi Spies, susi.spies@gmail.com

Dale Truitt, daledtruitt@gmail.com

Interest Group Photos

We want photos of your interest group events for Instagram and the 2018-19 Yearbook

Please submit photos of your interest group events to historian@austinnewcomers.com.

We will post them on our Instagram page and in the 2017-18 photo book.

Austin 101



When: The next outing of Austin 101 will be

September 16.

Where: See September Welcome Mat for details.

Cost: Depends

Chair: Janna Smith

jannaks55@gmail.com

FOOD/SOCIAL

Out to Lunch Bunch-Launderette



When: Friday, August 24, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Launderette, 2115 Holly Street, 78702

RSVP: Online or to Susi by email below by August 20.. As soon as possible is safer to guarantee a table for the group.

Price: Separate checks.

Details: Launderette has been on my "Best Austin Restaurants Bucket List" since they opened--hope it's been on yours, too. THE SMALL PROBLEM: Launderette only takes tables of 8 for a standard reservation that allows you to order off the menu rather than having to have a set menu. They also don't take reservations for more than a month out, so this isn't cast in stone. When I can, I'm going to book one table for 8. If I've heard from more than 8 of you, I'll book an additional, separate table for four or 6 or 8. That means: IF YOU WANT TO SIT WITH THE MAIN GROUP OF 8, RSVP ASAP.

Chair: Susi Spies

susi.spies@gmail.com

TGI Social (Thank Goodness It's Social)

When: Sunday, August 5, 5-7 p.m.



Where: Karen & Don Kirmis

2700 Barton Bluffs Lane, 78746

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

RSVP: Online or tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com

Details: Come celebrate August! It is time to enjoy the last full month of summer. All are invited, couples and singles. Enjoy old friends and meet new friends. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and your favorite drink to share, (Wine, beer, sodas, lemonade, etc.). Singles bring either a hearty appetizer or your favorite drink to share.

Chairs: Janie and Jim McClam

jalommc@msn.com 512-301-9230

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/Member Meeting

When: Tuesday, August 21, 4-6 p.m.

Where: Doc B's Fresh Kitchen

3001 Palm Way, No. 120, 78758

(Doc B's is located next to Nordstroms in the Rock Rose addition of the Domain. Complimentary valet parking is available and free parking in the Nordstrom parking gar-

age.)

Price: Cost of food and drinks, separate checks/

tip for valet parking.

RSVP: Online

Chairs: Charlie and Louise Brown

Charlieb7127@gmail.com

Saj Magsood

sajidmaqsood@gmail.com

FOOD/SOCIAL (continued)

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Friends Connection

When: September 16, 1:30

Where: Details in September Welcome Mat

Cost: Separate checks, medium price range

RSVP: TBD

Details: Friends Connection - a great place for singles (or not) to meet, get to know one another, and try interesting restaurants in the Austin area. We usually meet about every other month for a late brunch on Sundays which means we have less traffic and the restaurant environments are a little more relaxed.

Chair: Lynne Davis

elcdavis@sbcglobal.net, 512-368-5660

Live Music Lovers

When: August 6, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Dive Bar

1703 Guadalupe Street, 78701

Cost: Cost of drinks/food. No cover. Please tip the

band.

RSVP: Not necessary

Details: The Dive Bar has very few seats. Get there at 7:00 if you want one. Even then, they may be taken. Call or email if you have any questions.

Chair: Dona Reynolds

grdr@hotmail.com, 713-651-7899

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark & Gay Lynn Cowan 288 Island Oaks Lane Driftwood, TX 512-923-2983 gaylynncowan@yahoo.com Moved from Wichita, KS

HOBBIES



Knit and Stitch

When: Thursday, August 2, 10 a.m. - Noon

Host: Pamela Craig

7313 Wolverine Street, 78757

RSVP: Space is limited so you must RSVP by July 31 online or to Deborah Marks at dmarksny@aol.com

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

When: August 28, 10:30—noon (Conversation 10:30 a.m., Share—11:00. We often adjourn for lunch nearby afterwards)

Where: Precision Camera

2438 W. Anderson, Suite B-4, 78757

Details: This month we invite you

to photograph whatever interests you. Then join us to share your best pictures for our usual fourth Tuesday Photo Share. Everyone is welcome, whether you take pictures with your phone, a hand-me-down camera, or the latest high-end equipment and software. You don't even have to share any pictures at all. Your family may not appreciate your works of art, but we will.

RSVP: Information on submitting pictures was sent to our e-mail list in mid-July. To join our e-mail list, send a note to Bernie Mayoff, <u>bernie@mayoff.com</u>.

Chair: Bernie Mayoff

bernie@mayoff.com

512-296-2313

LANGUAGES/EXPATS

Expats

When: Saturday, August 18, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Laurie Gamble & Michael Ibison

4615 Twin Valley Circle, 78731

RSVP: Online by August 16.

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 one of the chairs below so we can notify the waiting list. Please bring a hearty appetizer to share and a beverage of your choice.

Chairs: Sharon King, sharonktraveler@gmail.com

Norman Allen, allen2030@gmail.com

French Conversation

When: No meeting in August.



Where:

RSVP:

Details:

Chair: Nedra Low, 512-351-9113

nlow@austin.rr.com



Spanish Conversation

When: We will not meet in August.

Where:

RSVP: Usually online

Chair: Susana Surbek, 512-740-2349

susana.surbek@hotmail.com



FUN AND GAMES

Kitchen Bridge

When: Wednesday, August 22, 10 a.m.

Where: Barbara McCollum

t.mccollum3@yahoo.com

512-829-4485

Cost: \$2.25 paid at meeting

RSVP: On or after (NOT before) August 1 by emailing or calling the hostess. After three tables are filled, you will go on the sub list.

Details: All people on the player list will be contacted before the first of the month with the name and the contact information for the hostess of the month and to email with your RSVP. Bring a

Chair: Hansa Nasta

sandwich for lunch.

hnasta@yahoo.com 512-328-1886

Canasta

When: Mondays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: Café Blue (new location)

12800 Hill Country Blvd., G-115 Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave

RSVP: By day before game, email

<u>canasta@ austinnewcomers.com</u> 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

Bunco

When: August 21

Cost: \$5

RSVP: By August 17 to Connie Gardner,

peplett@aol.com,

Details: If you are interested in joining Bunco as a regu-

lar member or substitute, contact Connie.

Chair: Connie Gardner

peplett@aol.com 915-203-4522

Daytime Buddy Bridge

Details: Welcome 2018-2019 Buddy Bridge teams! Sign-up is over for this year but we always welcome subs, so please contact us and let us know if you would like to participate. The Buddy Bridge teams are assigned a different team to play each month and these two teams chose a mutually agreeable date to play. These small groups of four are a wonderful way to get to know one another. Please call or email Sandi or Cathy for details.

Cost: \$15

Chairs: Cathy Cotter, catcot72@gmail.com

512-465-9472

Sandi Ladd, sladdtx@gmail.com

3rd Thursday Bridge

When: Thursday, August 16, 10 a.m.

Where: iHOP

1101 South Mopac

Host: Nancy Cosby **Cost:** \$3.00/person

RSVP: By August 9, Email Nancy Cosby.

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, or 817-360-0494

FUN AND GAMES, continued

Ladies Poker

When: No game in August.

Where: TBD

Cost: \$5

RSVP: TBD

Chair: Inge Eichberg

inge@austin.rr.com 512-921-4034



Mah Jongg

When: Second and fourth

Thursday, August 9, 23

Where: Café Express

3418 North Lamar Blvd.

Cost: Free

Registration: No registration necessary.

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: Marsha Hoffer

mhoffer@gmail.com

Mexican Train



Details: Mexican Train will resume in September. 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 the head count . Questions or comments e-mail Eugenie below.

Chair: Eugenie Whalen

eswhalen@sbcglobal.net

Second Sunday Scrabble

When: Sunday, August 12, 3 - 5 p.m.

Where: Russell's Bakery & Coffee Bar

3339 Hancock Dr., 78731

RSVP: By August 10 to Sandy at 513-293-5523

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 -

When: There will be no Happy Trails in August. See you

in September.

Where: Your favorite trail

Cost: Free **RSVP:** TBD

Details: Take some time to visit your favorite trails.

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer

donnadau@hotmail.com



Hearty Hikers



When: Hearty Hikers won't be hiking over the summer. In September, the day will change to the fourth Wednesday of the month. The first hike will start at 9:30 in Travis Country and go to Barton Creek. After the hike, all are invited to have lunch at a nearby restaurant. Specific details will be in the September Welcome Mat. We look forward to some hearty hiking.

Where: Nearby trails

Cost: Free **RSVP:** TBD

Chair: Laurie Zahn, laurdon@flash.net

Dana Thor, danathor@gmail.com

Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, September 10

Where: Course to be determined

Cost: Greens fees vary, pay at course

RSVP: By Sunday, September 2, Online



Details: Having taken the long, hot summer months off from golf, we will now resume our normal monthly play on Monday, September 10, 2018. Please register online by Sunday, September 2. Upcoming play dates for the fall (best ball scrambles) are October 15, November 19 and December 10. If you have any questions about the ANC golfing group or in general about playing golf in Austin, please e-mail or call me.

Chair/Information: John Cates

<u>iwcates3@gmail.com</u>

832-814-8402

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LUNCH RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED FOR AUGUST.

General membership meetings and luncheons will resume in September.

Name(s)								
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.								



Incoming Austin Newcomers president Valerie Ojeman accepts gavel from outgoing president Donna Withrow.



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Please submit your Welcome Mat articles or information about your interest group online.

Members may **not** make **commercial solicitations** at any meeting or activity, nor use our directory for any commercial solicitations.

Thank you.