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ANC December Luncheon Welcomes The University of Texas Longhorn Singers



The final ANC luncheon of the year on December 12 will be a fun event for us as we will be entertained again this year by the University of Texas Longhorn Singers (UTLS). The UTLS are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year.

The Longhorn Singers are the official show choir of the University of Texas at Austin. They number 34 members and average between 15 and 20 performances a semester.

Each fall they travel to Dallas for the UT vs OU game and sing multiple gigs over three days. The Friday before the game, they are on local radio opposite the OU Men's Glee Club for their own Red River Rivalry.

They are a diverse group, not limited to voice majors, and have vocalists from almost every college at UT. In the past they were a part of the Butler School of Music, but for the last few years, they have been an independent organization and are entirely student-led. UTLS pay their director, pay for performance space, travel and handle administration fees; raising funds through donations, performances and dues.

Several members of ANC have sung with UTLS in the past. They and the rest of us will certainly enjoy hearing these talented young people at our December luncheon.

Where: Chez Zee Bistro

5406 Balcones Dr. Austin 78731

When: December 12, 2018

11:00 a.m. - social hour

12:00 p.m. - lunch & program

Cost: \$30/person

Pay <u>online</u> before noon, December 7, or mail in your check and reservation form (page 14) by December 5.

President's Message

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December Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, December 5

10 a.m. - social

10:30 a.m. - meeting

Host: Judy Largent

7009 Mitra Drive Austin 78739

RSVP: <u>valerie.ojeman@gmail.com</u>

judylargent@gmail.com



Greetings Friends,

Aren't we lucky to live in Austin because of the live music and because Austin draws iconic performers like Paul McCartney? Did you know that Austin was one of two US cities he performed in this year? I was at the

ACL music festival for Paul's performance. The evening was so memorable because it carried me away to 1964 when I watched the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show. Thinking about this recent experience reminds me that music is a venue that brings us all together...



If you hunger to gather with friends to share great food and great music, be

sure to sign up for our monthly luncheon, showcasing the UT Longhorn Singers. What a treat to be entertained by these young adults with so much talent. We enjoyed their performance so much last year we invited them back. Let's all come together on December 12th and enjoy magical moments. I encourage everyone that attends the December Luncheon to get into the spirit of the season by wearing a "holiday" sweater.

I hope you have a wonderful December by spending time with people you love and that you look forward to 2019 with excitement and more ANC fun times.



AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Daytrippers - Gonzales, TX

When: Saturday, December 1

Hosts: Susi Spies and Dale Truitt

Cost: Pay individually for lunch, fees, etc.

RSVP: Email to express interest ASAP to Susi.

Details: Is anybody up for a mini "Daytripping" adventure to Gonzales to partake in their annual historic homes tour? We can also hit the town's fabulous architectural salvage shop and do lunch and maybe tour the Gonzales jail. At one point, Gonzales was the capital of Texas and probably the state's wealthiest city. Its citizens built big, beautiful homes that still exist and are featured during the annual home tour. If enough people are interested and have time in early December, we'll go. Otherwise, we will wait for a jaunt in January or February.



Chairs: Susi Spies, susi.spies@gmail.com, (310) 291-4150 Dale Truitt, daledtruitt@gmail.com

Live Music!

The Long Center Presents: "Graham Reynolds Ruins the Holidays, Part Deux"

When: December 11, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Rollins Studio Theater/ The Long Center

701 W. Riverside Drive, Austin 78704

Dona and George Reynolds

1403 Walnut Avenue, Austin 78702

Cost: Tickets are \$25. Purchase from the <u>Long Center</u>.

Purchase ASAP as this event will sell out.

RSVP: If joining the Reynolds at their home for a holi-

day drink after the performance, contact Dona.

Details: Composer and bandleader, Graham Reynolds, along with some of Austin's best musicians wreak musical havoc with an explosive set of holiday favorites. By playing most of them in a minor key, Reynolds and his band bring a new perspective to these season standards for the second year in a row at the Rollins Theatre. Get ready for a set that is raucous, rocking, beautiful, introspective—and everything in between.

Chair: Dona Reynolds

grdr@hotmail.com, 713-560-9663



Called "the quintessential modern composer" by the London Independent, Austin-based composer-bandleaderimproviser Graham Reynolds creates, performs, and records music for film, theater, dance, rock clubs, and concert halls with collaborators across a multitude of disciplines.

HELLO AUSTIN!

Chair: Pattie Schieck, pattie@pattiewebster.com, 512-924-9923



New Year's Pops Concert "Ella & Louis"

December 30, 8 p.m. Palmer Event Center 900 Barton Springs Road

Host: Pattie Webster Schieck

Cost: \$49 per person. Register and pay <u>online</u> at ANC website by November 25. These tickets must be paid in full in advance. Patti must purchase all the tickets for our group on November 26th. These tickets will sell out within days of the opening of ticket sales.

Come join us! This is our 5th year to attend the pops event. Byron Stripling and Carmen Bradford will take you on a journey through the most famous duets and solos recorded by two of jazz's greatest legends - Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald. Featuring hits of the Great American Songbook, they recreate one of the most memorable collaborations in



music history while entertaining and capturing everyone's heart along the way.

Bring your favorite food dish and enjoy this concert in a cabaret-style setting. We will sit at tables of 10, so bring a large dish to pass around and share. There is a cash bar for wine, beer, and soda onsite.

Please come when doors open at 7 p.m. or soon after. This will give us time to enjoy our appetizers/deserts before they turn down the lighting.

Our seats will be in the second half of the cabaret seating section. Pattie will pick up the tickets at Will Call and distribute in the lobby of the Palmer Event Center. If you arrive after 7:30, you will need to text Patti to pick up your ticket @ 512-924-9923 as she will have taken her seat.



Dixieland Jazz

When: Sunday, January 6th, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Cap City Comedy Club

8120 Research Blvd, Suite 100

Host: Glynda Eschle

Cost: Pay at the door \$8.00 per person.

RSVP: By January 3 to Glynda Eschle, 512-288-1503 or

glynda.eschle @sbcglobal.net.

Details: Come join us for some great Dixieland Jazz presented by the Austin Traditional Jazz Society. The band is *Hal Smith's On The Levee Jazz Band*. The setting is casual with social visiting between songs. Swing or slow dance to suit your style on the dance floor. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. Band will play 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tables will be reserved for our group. Please RSVP to Glynda. She has to give a headcount to the Comedy Club for food preparation and table set up. See details at <u>austinnewcomers.com</u> and in the next issue of the *Welcome Mat*.



Texas Advanced Computing Center Tour

When: January 15th, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Where: Pickle Research Campus, Burnett Road
Host: A.E.Martin, 512-301-9070, aemar-

tin@austin.rr.com, or text 512-940-1434

Cost: \$3.00 for parking/ pay at meet up area

RSVP: By January 12th. Tour is limited to 20 people. All

names must be submitted 2 days before the visit.

Details: In 2018, a new National Science Foundation-funded petascale computing system, Frontera, was awarded for deployment at the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC). When deployed, Frontera will be one of the most powerful supercomputers in the world, and the fastest supercomputer on a university campus. More information at austinnewcomers.com and in the January issue of the *Welcome Mat*.

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Save the Date

Welcome Party for New Members

Sunday, January 27th, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Questions? Contact memberservices@austinnewcomers.com.

FOOD/SOCIAL

Holiday Happy Hour

Cost:

When: Tuesday, December 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: Driskill Hotel Bar (upstairs)

604 Brazos Street Separate checks.

Cost of food, drinks and parking.

RSVP: Online by December 17.

Details: Named one of the 10 Best Hotel Bars in America

by USA Today and The Best Bar in Texas by Southern Living. Downtown parking & valet parking. (Possible discount on valet parking with

validated bar ticket.)

Chairs: Charlie Brown,

512-994-6709, <u>charlieb7127@gmail.com</u> Saj Maqsood, <u>sajidmaqsood268@gmail.com</u>



Friends Connection Brunch

When: Sunday, December 9th

at 1:30 p.m.

Where: 1886 Café, Driskill Hotel

604 Brazos St, 78701

Cost: Separate checks, medium price range

RSVP: Online by Friday, December 7th

Details: Our December brunch will be at the 1886 Cafe in the Driskill Hotel. The quaint Victorian-style cafe serves delicious traditional Texas comfort foods that combines time honored original recipes with contemporary preparation.

Friends Connection is for singles (or not), but couples are always welcome too. We hope you will feel the holiday spirit and join us for another fun time together with old and new friends.

There is free street parking downtown on Sundays; if that's not available, there are parking garages on Brazos to the north and to the south of the hotel and the Driskill has valet parking (for a fee).

Chair: Lynne Davis

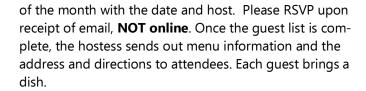
elcdavis@sbcglobal.net, 512-368-5660

Come to Dinner Bring a Plate

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.

Contact the chair to be placed on the list to receive a monthly invitation. You will receive an email after the first



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, Lynne Marcus, Lynne Lynne Lynn

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

No Lunch Bunch in December. We'll definitely be lunching in the new year so stay tuned. Enjoy the holidays and get ready for lots of Lunch Bunch fun in the year ahead!

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

TGI Social - (Thank Goodness It's Social)

There will be no TGI Social for December. Hope to see everyone in January, 2019!

Chairs: Janie and Jim McClam, jlmcclam@icloud.com

MOVIES

Art House Cinema North

When: Saturday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$1/person at the door

RSVP: RSVP to email sent to group each month. No deadline but there is a limit to meeting size. If you are new, please sign up online.

Details: Each month the group selects a film to see before the next meeting. We see the film and then discuss and rate it as a group as well as select a film for the following month. This is our annual holiday meeting so the date and time have changed to Saturday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. Details of the 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, (806) 368-1088

Cinema South

When: Friday, December 14, 7 p.m.,

Only one meeting date in December.

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 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 <u>online</u> and have been added to the email list.

Chairs: David/Joan Saidel, dpsaidel@gmail.com

512-666-7704

David/Pattie Schieck, deschieck@yahoo.com

512-924-9923



Critics' Corner

When: Friday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

Details: Critics' Corner meets at 7:30 on the second Friday of each month. Our next meeting will be on the 14th of December at 7:30pm. Details of the upcoming gathering, including meeting location and movie selection, are emailed to group participants prior to the meeting. Members see the movie on their own, then meet at the designated member's house for a discussion of the movie. All attendees are asked to bring a hearty appetizer or dessert and a beverage. Visitors are welcome. Email Tom Taylor for information.

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

When: Wednesday

December 12, 12:00 p.m.

Host: Doreen Hyde

3205 Desert Willow Cove

78735

RSVP: By Monday, December

10, to doreen1963@gmail.com

Details: Please note that this December meeting will start an hour earlier - 12:00 Noon. This month we will have a pot-luck lunch, a white elephant book exchange and our regular meeting. Book: *A Curious Beginning* by Deanna Raybourne.

Chair: Susan Nichols

sunichols222@gmail.com

512-346-9859

Men's Book Club

There will be no meeting of the Men's Book Club in December

Chair: Hector Barrio

April

hebate@gmail.com, 512-633-2103



Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

We do not meet in December. Next meeting is on January 24. The title of the book to be reviewed is *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid

Bluebonnet Chairs:

Jayne Polly, jpolly3838@gmail.com
Alison Seaman, alisonseaman@yahoo.com
Dina Steiner, dinasteiner@gmail.com

Yellow Rose Chairs:

Gayle Cannon, gayle.cannon70@gmail.com Lou Blemaster, loublemaster@gmail.com



April Bocce **Hello Austin! 2019 Events** Kayak-Paddleboard April Detailed information about these events will be posted Chaetura Canyon Bird May 11 online and in future issues of the Welcome Mat. Sanctuary Tour May Shakespeare in the Park January 31 Esther's Follies Top Golf May **February** Governor's Mansion Tour June or July Roller Derby **February** UT Makers Lab (3D Lab) Tour

March SXSW Zack Performance

March Rodeo "Fire and Air"

Bike Tour for Members

August 4, 7 Zack Performance - "Ann"

& Grandchildren August Lake Travis Boat Tour

HOBBIES

Knit 'n Stitch

When: Thursday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Host: Sheila Daily

2305 Barton Creek Blvd., Unit 5, Austin 78735

RSVP: Register online or email Deborah by Tuesday, December 4.

Details: Space is limited and an RSVP is required to attend.

Chair: Deborah Marks, dmarksny@aol.com





Photography

Photo Shoot

When: December 11, 10:30 a.m.

Host: Bruce Lande

13409 Crystal Way Austin 78737

Cost: Free

RSVP: Not necessary

Details: This month Photography Group member Bruce Lande will provide some instruction on architectural photography for MLS type listings and then we will practice what we learned. Participants should have a tripod, wide angle lens, and a camera with the capability of shooting bracketed exposures at differing exposure values.

Photo Share

No PhotoShare in December. Photos from the December Photo Shoot will be shown in January. Happy Holidays!

Chair: Bernie Mayoff

bernie@mayoff.com, (972) 670-2099



Send your event photos to George Lowe at historian@austinnewcomers.com and we will publish them online and in the *Welcome Mat*.

LANGUAGES/EXPATS

French Conversation

The French Conversation Group will not meet at the usual time in December. Watch for an email (or contact the chair at: dccavin@hotmail.com) to get details of our meeting.

Details: This is a monthly lunch and conversation time, on a topic designated in advance, for those who already speak intermediate or advanced French. We rotate hosting the group in our homes, so there is a practical limit to its size, but francophone new members are accepted whenever space allows. Newcomers interested in joining us are asked to email the chair, Deborah Cavin. RSVPs for our monthly meetings are required, and the hostess then shares detailed directions.

Chair: Deborah Cavin, dccavin@hotmail.com

512-401-3831





Expats

When: December 15, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Hosts: Inge & Jorg Eichberg

221 Trading Bend, Austin 78735

RSVP: December 8th to sharonktravel@gmail.com

Details: We enjoy sharing our overseas experiences and being with members who are from outside the US. If you are curious about other cultures, while sharing yours or your overseas travel experiences, please join us at our monthly gatherings. Each individual or couple is requested to bring a large appetizer and a bottle of wine for a stand-up, mixand-mingle supper.

If you have questions, email

expats@austinnewcomers.com.

Chair: Sharon King, sharonktraveler@gmail.com

Spanish Conversation

No meeting in December.

Chair: Susana Surbek, 512-740-2349

susana.surbek@hotmail.com

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FUN AND GAMES

Kitchen Bridge

When: Wednesday, December 12 at 10 a.m.

Host: Deidre Brightman

18705 Waltz Court, Austin 78738

Cost: \$2.25 paid at meeting

RSVP: No deadline.

Details: Please RSVP with Deidre,

deidre1025@gmail.com or

512-750-3948, on or after December 1st.

Chair: Hansa Nasta

hnasta@yahoo.com 512-328-1886

3rd Thursday Bridge

When: December 20, 10 a.m.

Where: IHOP

1101 South Mopac

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

RSVP: Email Nancy Cosby by December 13.

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

Second Sunday Scrabble

When: Sunday December 9, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Russell's Bakery

3339 Hancock Drive Austin 78731

Cost: Free

RSVP: Email Sandy by December 7.

Details: Join us for some fun and sample some great

food and pastry at this independent Austin busi-

ness.

Chair: Sandy Longstreth, <u>sandytzone@juno.com</u>



Daytime Buddy Bridge

Details: Welcome 2018-2019 Buddy Bridge teams! Signup 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 choose 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

512-250-9339



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: Sunday before gameday

canasta@ austinnewcomers.com

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

FUN AND GAMES

Mah Jongg

When: December 13 & December 27, 1:00 p.m. **Where:** Central Market, 4001 N Lamar (upstairs)

Cost: Free

RSVP: No Deadline

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

Bunco

When: December 18, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Host: Priscilla Gabbi

Where: Location will be given when you respond

Cost: \$5

RSVP: By December 14 to priscilla@planetgabbi.com

Details: Please contact Connie Gardner if you are interested in becoming a regular playing member or

substitute.

Chair: Connie Gardner

peplett@aol.com, 915-203-4522

Mexican Train at Jack Allen's

Mexican Train is cancelled in December due to a conflict in scheduling. See you in January.

Chair: Eugenie Whalen, eswhalen@sbcglobal.net, 512-608-0010

Photos from Hello Austin! TX State Cemetery Tour October 29









HEALTH & FITNESS



Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, December 10

Where: Course to be determined

Cost: Green fees vary, each individual pays at the

course .

RSVP: Online by Sunday, December 2.

Details: Please register online by Sunday, December 2, 2018. We play a select best ball scramble each month, and so every golfer regardless of ability can enjoy playing. We also play a different course each month to introduce the many fine golf courses in the local area to new members. If you have any questions about the ANC golfing group or golfing in Austin in general, please feel free to contact me.

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





Happy Trails

When: Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m.

Where: Greenbelt at Reunion Ranch

415 Jacksdaw Drive, Austin 78737

RSVP: Online

Details: Diane Gallagher is kindly stepping in for me to lead this Saturday walk. I am having a knee replacement soon, so I am happily accepting Diane's kind invitation to lead. Let's celebrate the holidays with a leisurely walk on the greenbelt trails of the beautiful southwest Austin development of Reunion Ranch. You will begin the hike in front of Diane and Carl Gallagher's home, 415 Jacksdaw Drive, and walk about 3/4 mile in the neighborhood before entering the paved trail. The 2.5 mile wooded trail features man-made ponds and area wildlife. Following the one-hour hike, we will gather at Diane and Carl's for coffee, cocoa and cookies. As always, please bring water and dress for the weather. I wish you all a very happy holiday season. I hope you continue walking the lovely trails in Austin. I will resume sharing more Happy Trails with you in the Spring.

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer

donnadau@hotmail.com, 512-852-9535

Taking Care of Business......

Luncheon Reservation



Price: \$30 per person payable <u>online</u>. Online deadline is noon, December 7.

or

Send this reservation form and a check payable to **Austin Newcomers Club**.

Mail to Pamela Craig, 7313 Wolverine Street, Austin, TX 78757. Mail should be posted by December 5.

Name(s) ______

Phone _____

Guest

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.

Member Directory Now Available

Members can now access online a printable members-only directory. Please contact communications director Lynne Marcus at lmarcus1819@gmail.com to receive instructions and a password that will enable you to access this PDF file.



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