



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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Texas Longhorn Singers and Election of 2019-20 Officers

May Luncheon



The University of Texas Longhorn Singers (UTLS) will be re-joining us in May. We had "a failure to communicate" regarding their performance in December. So, we have invited them back to entertain us again with a fuller program in May. They will perform popular tunes as well as a more Texas repertoire.

UTLS is the official show choir of the University of Texas. The choir has 34 members who represent many different degree programs at UT. They perform 15 to 20 times a year in and around Austin as well as going 'toe to toe' with the OU Glee Club in Dallas on the weekend of the Red River shoot out.

Formerly a part of the Butler School of Music, UTLS is now independent. They do fund raising in order to pay for their director, music, hall rentals and other expenses. They also gladly accept donations.



May 15

Chez Zee Bistro

5406 Balcones Lane

11:00 a.m. - social hour

12:00 p.m. - lunch & program

\$30/person

*Register and pay online before noon,
May 13, or mail check and reservation form
(page 14) by May 4.*

We will be voting on our 2019-20 Newcomers' officers. The slate of proposed officers appears on page 14 and will also be available to view on each table at our May luncheon. Nominations from the floor will be taken, but only if the nominee has been asked and has agreed to serve.

What's New in the May *Welcome Mat*?

Some of you have recently experienced difficulties registering for events by using the web links provided in the *Welcome Mat*. We don't want you to miss any opportunities so beginning in May here is how to register for your favorite activities.

Follow the RSVP instructions in the *Welcome Mat* event article and do one of the following:

- If you are asked to RSVP online, go to Austinnewcomers.com, log in, click on "social calendar" link located on the home page, select an event and complete the registration form.

Or

- Call or email the person who is listed in the RSVP line.

In addition, you can always call or email the Interest Group Chairperson listed at the end of the article.

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May Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 1
10 a.m. - social
10:30 a.m. - meeting

Host: Valerie Ojeman
12700 Ridgeline Blvd. No.6202

RSVP: valerie.ojeman@gmail.com

President's Message

Welcome May -

*May you be happy
May you be well and safe
May you have joy
and May you be blessed today and always.*
Unknown



This month I want to brag about the Welcome Mat.

Each month upon opening the Welcome Mat, I am delighted by the inviting, bold and beautiful colors that frame every page. Then I read each page, and I am thankful for the detailed information about all the Newcomer activities for the month. Color makes me happy and the Welcome Mat is bursting with wonderful graphics depicting each Interest Group. Each month there are inviting, appropriate graphics advertising the monthly luncheon. My favorite feature is the page that introduces and celebrates our new members. Each month I print the calendar page which I use as a one page reminder of all the events I have registered to attend.

I hope you will enjoy the Welcome Mat as much as I do. If you are reading this message and opened the Welcome Mat online, why don't you take a moment to schedule your month and RSVP for all the activities you are planning to attend this month.

My sincere thanks to all the past, present and future Welcome Mat editors for this beautiful newsletter. The Welcome Mat is essential to planning our lives.

Remember to RSVP to attend our May Luncheon and vote for our new club officers.

Hugs and Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers in our club.

Valerie

HELLO AUSTIN!**Chair: Pattie Schieck, pattie@pattiewebster.com, 512-924-9923****The Great "Grandparents and Grandchildren Bike Tour"****Saturday, May 4****Online Registration Closes April 26**See details online or contact Susi Spies, susi.spies@gmail.com.**Chaetura Canyon Bird Sanctuary Tour****When:** May 11, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**Where:** Chaetura Canyon**Host:** Bernie Mayoff, Bernie@mayoff.com**Cost:** \$10 per person (minimum donation to Travis Audubon for Chaetura Canyon).**RSVP:** Online by May 9. Maximum 12 persons.

Details: Chaetura Canyon is a Travis Audubon preserve spanning a deep cleft that drains into the Colorado River just below Mansfield Dam in far northwest Austin. It is home to more than 30 nesting avian species. In all more than 150 species of resident and migratory birds have been documented. The sanctuary is world renowned for research and conservation of Chimney Swifts. Eighteen Chimney Swift Towers dot the

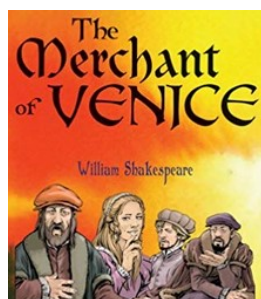
property, including a large roost that regularly hosts hundreds of Chimney Swifts from spring until fall. A guided tour will emphasize the history of Chaetura Canyon, plants, geology, birds, habitat restoration and (of course) Chimney Swifts!

Feel free to bring breakfast bars or snacks. Water and soft drinks will be provided. We will begin with a short orientation, and then hit the trails. Trails are well-developed and we'll go at a modest pace with frequent stops, but a stretch of the main lower trail is moderately strenuous with:

- A very narrow path
- A 100-foot drop-off
- Loose rocks
- Many steps going down, then up back up again

This tour is not recommended for children under seven (7) years of age or people with balance problems. Sturdy shoes or boots are required (no sandals, flip-flops or flats!). A walking stick, binoculars, insect repellent and a water bottle are recommended. Walking sticks and binoculars are available for loan. Cameras are also welcome.

All donations benefit the maintenance of and projects at Chaetura Canyon. Location: Far northwest Austin near Lakeway and Steiner Ranch. Details will be provided after you register. More information at travisaudubon.org/sanctuaries/chaetura-canyon or contact Bernie Mayoff, bernie@mayoff.com

Shakespeare in the Park**When:** May 16th, 8:00 p.m.**Where:** Zilker Park Hillside Theater
(across from Barton Springs Pool)**Host:** Paul Parrish**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** Online by May 14

Details: Join us for the 35th year of free Shakespeare productions in Zilker Hillside Park. The Merchant of Venice is a 16th-century play written by William Shakespeare in which a merchant in Venice must default on a large loan provided by a Jewish moneylender, Shylock. Believed to have been written between 1596 and 1599, it is Shakespeare's controversial take on justice, revenge and betrayal featuring two of his most memorable characters, Shylock and Portia.

For more information, please contact Paul Parrish at 979-739-2608 or p-parrish@tamu.edu.

**Hello Austin! Planning Party
May 19, 5:00 p.m.****Pattie & David Schieck's Home
10212 Banks Court, Austin 78739**

Dust off your thinking caps and let's decide what we are going to do for 2019-2020. We do so many fun events that we can't wait to see our next year's roster. All ideas are welcome!

Dinner will be barbecue. Bring your favorite beverage and an appetizer or a side. Please contact Pattie (512-924-9923, pattie@pattiewebster.com) or David (512-699-4063 or deschieck@yahoo.com) to let them know what dish you are bringing.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

RSVP: Please register online by May 17 so we know how many to expect. See you there!

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Austin 101



When: Sunday, May 19
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Where: Texas Farmers' Market
at Mueller
4209 Airport Blvd.

Cost: No admission fee. Your costs are determined by how many products you purchase, either to eat or take home!

RSVP: Online by Wednesday, May 15.

Details: Voted Austin's favorite farmers' market for the past five years, Texas Farmers' Market at Mueller is a gem of a place to shop, eat, and enjoy fresh foods and other goods from local vendors and farmers. They even offer free community composting on Sundays. Its picturesque lakeside location is a lovely place to stroll around, shop for food to eat and/or take home, and sip some interesting libations! Please note the earlier time for this event. We'll meet at 12 noon sharp to allow ample time before the market closes at 2 p.m.

Chair: Janna Smith, jannaks55@gmail.com, 314-477-3618

Art Treks

When: Friday, May 17, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Alison and Roger
Seaman's home
10337 Salida Drive, Austin
78749

Cost: Optional cost of lunch at
Cafe Malta, 3421 West
William Canyon and the
intersection of Brodie Lane

RSVP: Online by May 15

Details: This is an opportunity to bring your favorite work of art from home and tell the group what captivates you about that piece. It can be a small item from your home, a picture or anything you consider art. This is a great way to get to know each other and get different perspectives on what is meaningful art to each of us. We will also have the opportunity to see Roger's art which Karen and Linda found of great interest. This is the final meeting until the end of summer so come and celebrate our shared experiences.

Chairs: Linda Poyser, 713-291-7545
lindap@sprintmail.com
Karen Werner, 817-896-4905,
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Live Music
Chubby Knuckle
Choir

When: Saturday,
May 11, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Hill Country Galleria Central Plaza Lawn
12700 Hill Country Boulevard, Bee Cave

Cost: Music is free but tips for musicians are appreciated.

RSVP: N/A

Details: Bastrop's Chubby Knuckle Choir plays everything from bongos and banjos to scrub boards. Their range includes R&B, county, bluegrass and swamp blues.

Chair: Ellen Honey, eshoney10@mac.com



Live Music!

At

Evangelines

Daytrippers
Reminder for April Trip to Schulenburg, TX
Next Event - Early Summer

A complete "itinerary" of the April 30th outing can be found in the April, 2019 Welcome Mat. There won't be a Daytrippers trip in May, but we'll be putting something fun together for early summer, so stay tuned and keep watching your Welcome Mat!

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

FOOD/SOCIAL

In Vino Veritas - May 4

RSVP: By April 30 to Antra Getzoff. (See April Welcome Mat). The June meeting date is June 8.

Details: Created by wine lovers for wine lovers, In Vino Veritas is a monthly wine-themed social gathering to share, taste and enjoy wines from all over the world. There will be two types of events, depending on the time of year and weather:

- ♦ Hosted late afternoon or early evening tasting events at members' homes.
- ♦ Planned outings to local wineries. Since most tasting rooms close at 5 or 5.30 p.m., the winery visits will be planned for mid-day.
- ♦ For more information, contact Antra or Sharon.



Co-Chairs: Antra & Tim Getzoff, antrrra@gmail.com, 214-235-8014
Sharon Arffa & Tom Collins, arffasharon@gmail.com, 412-401-2611

ATTENTION

*The Welcome Mat has
Ceased Publication!!!!*

ATTENTION

Well, actually not yet.. But if we do not find a volunteer for the position of 2019-20 Welcome Mat editor, there will be no August Welcome Mat.

Interested in volunteering? Turn to page 9 for more information.



TGI Social! (Thank Goodness It's Social!)

When: Saturday, May 25
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Host: Barbara McCollum
129 Clear Pond Cove

Cost: \$1 per person for paper goods

RSVP: By May 24 online or email
tgisocial@austinnewcomers.com

Details: Spring is springing and it is time to relax, kickback, mingle with old friends and make new friends at TGI Social. Couples bring a drink (wine, beer, lemonade, tea, etc.) and a hearty appetizer to share. Singles bring a drink (wine, beer, lemonade, tea, etc.) or a hearty appetizer to share. We have a space limit of 32. Sign up early and if you can't come, please email me at the URL below so I can fill your space with someone on the wait list.

Chairs: Janie and Jim McClam, jlmccclam@icloud.com
512-301-9230

Happy Hour

When: Tuesday, May 21,
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Ciclo
The Four Seasons
Hotel

98 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, 78701

Cost: Separate checks for cost of food and drinks.

RSVP: Register online by May 19.

Details: Ciclo is a modern TEXAS kitchen with a Latin flair located on the shores of the Lady Bird Lake under the Congress street bridge in the heart of downtown Austin. Stay until dusk and watch the famous Mexican bats from the best viewing spot in town. Free valet or self-parking is available with a validated parking ticket from the restaurant.

Chair: Saj Maqsood,
sajidmaqsood268@gmail.com
(972) 679-2268



FOOD/SOCIAL

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

When: Friday, May 24th
11:30 a.m.

Where: Paris in a Bite
3801 N. Capital of Texas
Highway
Ste D0180
Davenport Ranch)

Cost: Separate checks
RSVP: Online by May 22..

Details: Davenport Ranch is more or less across from the Jack Allen's on 360, but the owners of this new restaurant are from much, much further away. French citizens of the world, they've lived in five different countries and visited another fifty. They are macaron, chocolate and champagne addicts who have quite recently opened this darling new restaurant dedicated to bringing high-end, European style fine treats to Austin and Texas.

Whether as simple as a jambon-beurre or as sophisticated as French Organic farmed caviar, the menu here is inspired by France and the Mediterranean countries. From a smoked-salmon plate to caprese to charcuterie to a variety of baguette sandwiches to the finest wines and champagnes, this is a menu that starts with the best of France and ends with macarons and French pastries that will make you weep with pleasure.

I urge you to spend a few delightful minutes perusing Paris in a Bite's menu at parisinabite.com/menu. (Click on the pdf. version at the top of the page.)

You'll sigh. You'll die. You'll drool. Then, I know you'll get right on making a reservation to join us for this delightful May Lunch Bunch outing. Mais Oui!!!

Chair: Susi Spies, susi.spies@gmail.com, 310-291-4150



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 the fourth Saturday of the month, and each guest brings a dish based on a menu selected by the host. In July and August we meet in a restaurant.

Contact the chair to be placed on the list to receive the monthly invitation, which is sent out early in the month. Click the Yes or No box in this email to RSVP, and your name will be added to the attendee list. Once the guest list is complete, the hostess sends out menu information and the address and directions to attendees.

When you join the list and come to dinner, we expect your commitment to be a host or co-host at least once every 12-18 months.

RSVP: Contact Lynne to be placed on email list.

Chair: Lynne Marcus, Lmarcus08@gmail.com

Hello Austin!

Events in June & August

For events in **red**, you can obtain additional information and register now by going to the social calendar at austinnewcomers.com.. Information will also be posted in future issues of the *Welcome Mat*.

June 19 & 23 - Zack Performance, "Immortal Longings"

August 4 & 7- Zack Performance - "Ann"

August - Lake Travis Boat Tour

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

Friends Connection

Friends Connection is for singles (or not). We get together about every other month for a late Sunday brunch. A leisurely brunch is a great time to make and renew friendships. We will not be meeting in May; however, we hope you will join us for our next brunch in June. Watch for details next month.

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

MOVIES

Cinema South**When:** Friday, May 10 & 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 online. Meetings fill up fast so RSVP as soon as possible. First timers please sign up online and you will be added to the email list.**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.**Chairs:** David/Joan Saidel, dpsaidel@gmail.com
512-666-7704
David/Pattie Schieck, deschieck@yahoo.com
512-924-9923**Art House Cinema North****When:** Friday, May 10 at 7:15 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 on the 2nd Friday 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.**Chair:** Beth Knight,
knightfe57@hotmail.com, (806) 368-1088**Critics' Corner****When:** Friday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.**RSVP:** Online by May 4.**Details:** Critics' Corner meets at 7:30 on the second Friday of each month. 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, tomtaylor9@gmail.com
214-642-3873

BOOK GROUPS

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

Books for the year (January-December) are nominated and chosen by vote by the Bluebonnet & Yellow Rose members. Most chosen books or authors have won literary awards. Members are allowed to attend either book group if proximity is a problem. We meet at different members' homes having a half hour social time then a lively discussion for approximately one and a half hours. The two groups have a joint author-presenting luncheon party during the holidays, along with a book exchange. Come and join us. The more the merrier! To join, email Gayle Cannon at gayle.cannon70@gmail.com.

May 23

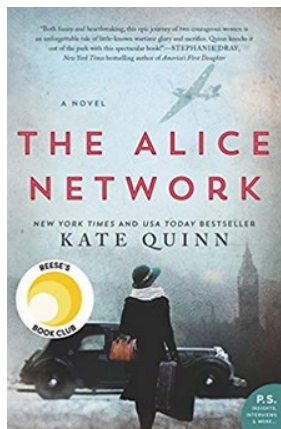
10:00 a.m. (social), 10:30 a.m. (lively discussion)

Bluebonnet

Host: Vella Gregoire
11800 Sterlinghill Drive
Naomi Ritchie is the facilitator.

RSVP: By May 22 online.

Chairs: Jayne Polly, jpolly3838@gmail.com
Alison Seaman, alisonseaman@yahoo.com



Yellow Rose

Host: Lynn Davis
3702 Terrina St. Unit 14 78759
Facilitator - Mimi Rhea

RSVP: To Lynn at 512-368-5660 or elcda-vis@sbcglobal.net

Co-Chairs:
Gayle Cannon, gayle.cannon70@gmail.com
Lou Blemaster, loublemaster@gmail.com

Men's Book Club

When: Tuesday, May 28, 2:00 p.m.

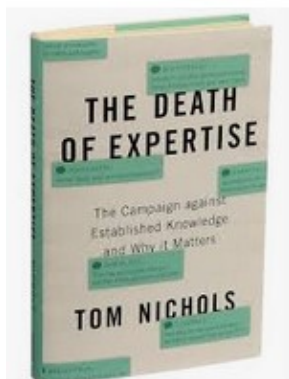
Host: Hector Barrio
4704 Hickory Hollow

Cost: Free

RSVP: Online, not required.

Details: The book to be discussed is *"The death of expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters"* by Thomas Nichols.

Chair: Hector Barrio
hebate@gmail.com, 512-633-2103



Afternoon Mystery Book Group

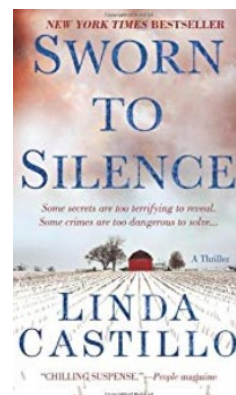
When: Wednesday, May 8, 1:00 p.m.

Host: Bronwyn Bowen
8019 Raintree Pl., Austin 78759

RSVP: RSVP by Monday, May 6 to bbowen60@gmail.com.

Details: We will be discussing the book *Sworn to Silence* by Linda Castillo

Chair: Susan Nichols, sunichols222@gmail.com
512-346-9859



HOBBIES

Knit 'n Stitch

When: Thursday, May 2, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Host: TBD Directions provided with confirmed reservation.

RSVP: Space is limited and an RSVP is required to attend; please RSVP by Monday, April 29, online or to Deborah Marks, 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



Photography - Chair: Bernie Mayoff, bernie@mayoff.com (972) 670-2099

PhotoShoot

When: May 14, 10:00 a.m.

Where: J. Lorraine, TX. Ghost Town
 14219 Littig Road Manor, TX.
 78653

Cost: Free

RSVP: Not required but appreciated. Email Bernie at bernie@mayoff.com

Details: If you have any kind of camera, including cellphone cameras, you're welcome to join us as we visit the J. Lorraine Ghost Town. Tripods are permitted. We'll meet at 10:00 and then regroup for lunch about 11:30 in The Ghost Town Bar. For more information and directions see www.ghosttownaustin.com.



PhotoShare

When: May 28, Conversation 10:30 am, Share 11:00.
 We often adjourn to lunch afterwards

Where: Precision Camera
 2438 W. Anderson Lane

Cost: None

RSVP: Submission information will be sent to Photography members in mid-May.

Details: Join us as we share photos from this month's PhotoShoot. 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. Information on submitting pictures will be sent to our e-mail list in mid-April. To join our email list, send a note to Bernie.

Welcome Mat Editor Position Open for 2019-20 Year

Are you interested in becoming a vital part of ANC leadership? The position of Welcome Mat Editor is open for the 2019-20 calendar year beginning in July.

Requirements are:

- strong computer, writing and design skills,
- previous experience with desktop publishing or willingness to learn Publisher,
- adequate time to produce Welcome Mat each month
- willingness to serve on Executive Board of Directors.

If interested, please contact Lynne Marcus , chairman, ANC nominating committee, at lmarcus1819@gmail.com.

LANGUAGES/EXPATS



French Conversation

When: Wednesday, May 8, 12:30 p.m.

Host: Joel Longstreth
13400 Briarwick Drive, Unit 1804

RSVP: Members' responses are required by the Friday prior to the meeting. Please respond to Joel at jplcin@juno.com. Also, please cc the chair.

Details: This is a group for intermediate or advanced speakers of French. We meet monthly in one another's homes for lunch and conversation on a preselected topic, so there is a practical limit to the group's size. New members are welcome when space allows. Francophones interested in membership should contact the chair.

May's conversation topic: Your favorite French cheeses - history, regions, wine pairings, etc.

Our host, Joel, lives in north Austin near 620 and Parmer Lane. If you're using GPS, the complex may not be in all systems, so be careful. You can set it for Lifetime Fitness on 620, which will put you near Briarwick Drive, or just follow instructions below:

Take 183 North (toward the west) until you see signs for 620. Go right on the 620 feeder access road (which means you'll be driving parallel to TX 45 north). Go about 1-1/2 miles, to the second Amber Oaks sign; that is Briarwick Drive, and you turn right. A little further, when you see the stop sign at Parmer Village, take a right. Go about 80 feet; parking is on the right. Walk another 100 feet to #1804.

Chair: Deborah Cavin, dccavin@hotmail.com
512-401-3831

Expats

When: May 18, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Hosts: Cindy Clarke & Tom Walker
5325 Tortuga Trail, Austin, TX. 78731

RSVP: Online by May 11.

Details: Expats is a friendly group of people who have lived overseas or enjoy traveling the world. We meet at each others houses and share our experiences with one another. We bring an appetizer and a drink and have fun eating and socializing. We can enrich each others lives and open our eyes to new experiences by sharing our travel journeys. If you feel adventuresome, please join us. You are always welcome.

Chair: Sharon King, sharonktraveler@gmail.com

Spanish Conversation

When: May 20, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Trianon Coffee
3654 Bee Cave Rd, Suite A, Austin 78746

Cost: Free

RSVP: Online by May 19.

Details: For intermediate or advanced Spanish. Contact Susana for more information

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

Kitchen Bridge

Chair: Hansa Nasta, hnasta@yahoo.com
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Chair: Marsha Hoffer, mhoffer@gmail.com
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Chair: Connie Gardner
peplett@aol.com, 915-203-4522

FUN AND GAMES

Mexican Train**When:** May 8, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**Where:** Jack Allen's Kitchen
3600 N. Capital of Texas Hwy**Host:** Eugenie Whalen**Cost:** \$2.00 (separate checks for lunch)**RSVP:** Online by May 6.**Details:** We start at 11 a.m., break for lunch, and finish by 2 p.m. Mexican Train is fun, easy to learn, but has some challenges. Low/high scores split the pot. Please sign-up in advance so I can let the venue know the head count. Questions or comments? Email Eugenie.**Chair:** Eugenie Whalen, eswhalen@sbcglobal.net
512-608-0010**Second Sunday Scrabble****When:** Sunday, May 12, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**Where:** Russell's Bakery
3339 Hancock Drive Austin 78731**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** Email Sandy by May 9.**Details:** Join us for some fun and sample some great food and pastry at this independent Austin business.**Chair:** Sandy Longstreth, sandytzone@juno.com

Welcome! New Members

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Hearty Hikers

When: Wednesday, May 22, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Turkey Creek Trail
1401-1711 City Park Road

Hosts: Laurie Zahn and Dana Thor

Cost: No Charge

RSVP: By Monday, May 20, to Laurie and Dana.

Details: This is a moderate hike through shaded woods with some creek crossings. As always, and especially with the water, please wear sturdy, perhaps waterproof, hiking shoes and carry a stick or 2. Sunscreen, a hat and water are also recommended. No dogs, please. After the hike we will meet for lunch at Newk's: 9722 Great Hills Trail in the shopping strip with Trader Joe's.

Chairs: Laurie Zahn, laurdon@flash.net, 214-769-2388
Dana Thor, danathor@gmail.com



Happy Trails



When: Saturday, May 18
9:00 a.m.

Where: Ladybird Johnson
Wildflower Center
4801 La Crosse Avenue
78739

Cost: Regular admission \$12;
Seniors \$10; Members
free

RSVP: Online by May 15

Details: Let's celebrate Spring in style at one of the nation's premier native plant botanic gardens and research centers. We will meet at the Admissions Kiosk promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will then proceed to the Savannah Meadow Trail and check out the

wildflowers in bloom. Then we will walk through the Luci & Ian Family Garden. We will cross the karst bridge and pass the McDermott Learning Center on our way to the Theme Gardens. Then we will venture out to the Texas Arboretum, a collection featuring the diversity of Texas trees (especially oaks). The Hall of Texas Heroes is a collection of live oaks descended from famous trees from historical Texan sites. Finally we will visit the swings of Cathedral Oaks. After our walk, you are free to roam and explore the beauty of this place on your own. There is a café and a gift shop for your enjoyment. Come and experience nature in full pageantry! As always, dress for the weather and bring water.

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer
donnadau@hotmail.com, (512) 584-5834

Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, May 6.

Where: Course to be determined

Cost: Green fees vary, each individual pays at the course.

RSVP: Online by Sunday, April 28.

Details: May 6 will again be a 'best ball' scramble played at a local area course. Since it's our practice to take the summer off and not play during the hot months of June, July and August, this is a reminder that May 6 will be our last scheduled play date of the season. We'll resume playing again in September. If you have any questions about the ANC golfing group or playing golf in Austin in general, please feel free to contact me.

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



Taking Care of Business.....



Luncheon/Program Reservation - May 15- Chez Zee

Price: \$30 per person payable online. Deadline is noon, May 13. 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 May 4.

Name _____

Phone _____

Guest _____

Members with dietary restrictions: An alternative menu option is available at regular monthly luncheon meetings. Notice is required with your RSVP. Please include specific information regarding your restrictions. You are financially responsible for menu substitutions made at the event.

Proposed Slate of Officers

for

2019-2020

Submitted by Nominating Committee: Lynne Marcus, chair,
Dolores Carpenter, Marsha Hayden, Ellen Honey, Karen
Werner

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President: Dolores Carpenter

1st VP Membership: Marsha Hayden

2d VP Program Director: Pamela Craig

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Treasurer: Linda Poyser

Welcome Mat Editor: TBD

Interest Group Coordinator: Judy Largent

Communications Director: Lynne Marcus

Parliamentarian: appointed by president

Standing Committees

Weekly Bulletin Editor: Susana Surbek

Calendar: Bonnie Woodard

Member Services: Colette Simko Knauss/Dianne Dahm

Historian: Beth Hernandez

Publicity: Beth Oliver

Greeter: Lynne David/Marie Anstine

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Board Transition: Emily Kochanski

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ANC FAQs

Where do I find the Welcome Mat and how do I find out when the new one is uploaded?

The Welcome Mat for each month is posted around the 15th of the previous month. You can find it in the Members Only section by clicking on Welcome Mat Newsletters on the left-hand column. The weekly email will also include a link to the Welcome Mat and will alert you when the new one has been posted.

What if I forgot my password?

We hope you wrote it down somewhere, but if you didn't do that, then contact webmaster@austinnewcomers.com and she will assign you a new password.

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Login and then go to Members Only at the top of the page. Select Welcome to the Members Only Section at the top of the page. Then go to Manage Account on the left side of the Members Only page. Login for access to information in your profile.

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Login to your profile. Select the Profile tab. Scroll down to Profile Gallery. Click on the box that says Click or drop files here to upload image and then follow directions. You can either drag a picture from another open window or look up the picture on your hard drive and select it to upload it. Click on "Learn More" for a short video on how to do this.

May 2019

For online registration, go to austinnewcomers.com and access the social calendar.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 ANC Board Meeting	2 Knit & Stitch	3	4 Hello Austin! Bike Ride In Vino Veritas
5	6 Golfing Around Austin Canasta	7	8 Mexican Train Mystery Book Club French Conversation	9 Mah Jongg	10 Critics' Corner Cinema South Arthouse Cinema North	11 Hello Austin! Bird Sanctuary Tour Live Music!
12 Second Sunday Scrabble	13 Canasta	14 Photo Shoot	15 ANC Monthly Meeting	16 Third Thursday Bridge Hello Austin! Shakespeare in Park	17 Art Treks	18 Happy Trails ExPats
19 Austin 101 Hello Austin! Planning Party	20 Canasta Spanish Conversation	21 Bunco Happy Hour	22 Hearty Hikers Kitchen Bridge	23 Bluebonnet Book Club Mah Jongg Yellow Rose Book Club	24 Cinema South Lunch Bunch	25 Come to Dinner Bring a Plate TGI Social
26	27 Canasta	28 Photo Share Men's Book Club	29	30	31	



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Welcome Mat

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