



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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August Newcomers Members Meeting Combined With Happy Hour



We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and feeling like things are relaxed and a little less structured (maybe).

The monthly program for August is once again going to share the stage with the Happy Hour Event. That will be on August 20, 5-7:00 PM at the Vince Young Steakhouse. VYS is located downtown at 301 San Jacinto St, Austin 78701

You do not have to register in advance, but it helps the Happy Hour organizers if they can give an approximate head count to the restaurant.

The monthly luncheons will return in September with a great roster of speakers and programs.

Try to stay cool and we'll see you on August 20 at the Vince Young Steakhouse.



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President's Message



I hope everyone had a Happy Independence Day, and that you are enjoying your summer. We would love to see you at more of the Austin Newcomers activities. Whether you are new in town or newly retired, we have something for everyone. Check out our newly "remodeled" Welcome Mat and see all the fun things you can get involved in to have fun and make new friends. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have accepted positions on the 2019-2020 board and interest group chairs. Let's give a big HOORAY to these members who are willing to give their time for your enjoyment.

Be sure to go to the About link on the website and take a look at the photo gallery, at the bottom of the drop down, to see the fun your friends, as well as the new friends you are going to make, are having at all the exciting events.

There isn't a July Luncheon Program, but we will celebrate July at Happy Hour instead. It will be at Grand Lux in the Domain on Tuesday July 16, 4 to 6 PM. Sometimes the most ordinary things could be made extraordinary, simply by doing them with the right people.....quote by Nicholas Sparks.

Roberta

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

HELLO AUSTIN! - ANN

When: Sunday August 4 at 2:30 p.m. & Wednesday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Zach Topfer Theater

202 S. Lamar Blvd. Austin, 78704

Host: Pattie Webster Schieck/Zach Topfer Theater

Cost: \$46 to \$76 per seat, depending on your seating selection. Purchase thru Group Sales Zach Theater (see details)

RSVP: Monday, July 22



Details: Don't miss the return of the theatrical event bigger than Texas. ANN is an intimate, no-holds-barred portrait of Ann Richards, the legendary late Governor of Texas. This inspiring and hilarious play brings us face to face with a complex, colorful, and captivating character bigger than the state from which she hailed. Written and originally performed by Emmy Award-winner Holland Taylor, ANN takes a revealing look at the impassioned woman who enriched the lives of her followers, friends, and family.

To Purchase Tickets: Group Sales is offering a generous group discount and are holding seats for a limited time, don't wait. Even though the deadline is June 2019, the tickets on the last run sold out completely weeks before the performance. The deadline to buy your tickets, with the discount, is Monday, July 22, 2019. Group rates range from \$46 to \$76 per seat, depending on your seating selection. Call Alyson Mintz, Group Sales Associate at 512-476-0594 x245 or e-mail amintz@zachtheatre.org.

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

Daytrippers

A Cool Day in Wimberley



When: July 31, 10:00 a.m.

Cost: About \$20 for tours

RSVP: Online by noon, July 29

Details: It's too hot to go far in the Texas July heat, so Daytrippers has planned a fun, low key trip to not-so-far-away Wimberley. We'll start at 10:00 at Wimberley Glass Works for a surprisingly in-depth glass blowing demon-

stration (Murano has nothing on this demo!) and a peek at the beautiful glassware they have for sale in their shop. Then, on to the very cute Leaning Pear for lunch (unless I hear about someplace new that's even cuter).

After lunch, we'll head to The Bella Vista Ranch for a tour of their fabulous olive, grape and fig orchards and a little wine tasting if you'd like. Bella Vista is a very special place and yes, sells their artisanal oils, wines, and the best balsamic vinegar you've ever tasted.

We can't offer you cool weather, but we sure can promise cool fun, cool shops, cool tours, and cool Newcomer friends. Come join us!

PS: Since Wimberley is near, some of you may not want to bother with carpooling. If you DO want to carpool, please let me know when you RSVP. Thanks.

Chairs:

Susi Spies, susi.spies@gmail.com, (310) 291-4150

Dale Truitt, daledtruitt@gmail.com

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Live Music**Graham Reynolds****When:** August 12, 8:00 pm**Where:** Dive Bar
1703 Guadalupe Street
Austin**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** N/A**Details:** Graham Reynolds will play a variety of music. Seats are very limited. You can come early and bring your dinner. Hope to see you there!**Chairs:** Dora Reynolds grdr@hotmail.com 713-651-7899
Ellen Honey eshoney10@mac.com 737-703-5248**Art Treks**

Art Treks will be back in the fall. We look forward to seeing all of you for a great calendar of events!

Chair: Kathy Russay,
drzsu2006@yahoo.com

FOOD/SOCIAL

In Vino Veritas - Wines of Spain**When:** Saturday, August 10, 5 p.m.**Hosts:** Scott & Lee Whestphal
408 Hurst Creek Rd., Lakeway**RSVP:** August 3, ONLINE, one week before the event**Cost:** \$15 per person, cash at the door

Details: On August 10, we will be hosted by Scott and Lee Whestphal in their gorgeous home overlooking Lake Travis in Lakeway. Scott and Lee have a wonderful wine cellar, and we will have an exclusive opportunity to taste some wines from it. The hosts have chosen Wines of Spain as the theme for the tasting. It will include Cava (Spanish Champagne), followed by a line-up of whites and reds, from lighter to richer. Spain has so much to offer - famous wine regions, like Rioja, and beautiful varietals, from Albarino to Tempranillo. It will be a treat!

The hosts will provide the wines to taste; therefore, we will not be bringing our own bottles this time. Instead, we will ask for a tasting fee of \$15 per person (payable in cash at the door), like if we were visiting a tasting room. We will also

bring tapas. In Spanish tradition, it's a small appetizer or a snack to share.

Please, register ONLINE before August 3 by going to the Calendar and clicking on the event link. E-mail Antra (antrrra@gmail.com) in case of trouble doing so. The number of registrants is limited to 20. We look forward to experiencing this very important aspect of Spanish culture with you.

Chairs: Antra & Tim Getzoff
antrrra@gmail.com, 214-235-8014



FOOD/SOCIAL

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

When: Friday, August 23, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Be More Pacific
7858 Shoal Creek Blvd.,
Austin 78757

Cost: Separate checks

RSVP: Online by Wednesday,
August 21, NOON



Details: Be More Pacific is the delicious new Filipino Kitchen and Bar that went in on the corner of Anderson and Shoal Creek Blvd. next door to District Kitchen and where the old Suzi's China Grill used to be. (Right off Mopac at Anderson.)

This is a casual place that seems perfect for summer. You'll climb a few stairs to get there, then be treated to a huge, sun-lit room and absolutely the most fantastic food. Every dish that went by me looked better than the last- YUM! PS. I'm sure there's the plenty of spice for those of you who like your Asian food "hot", but I don't and the shrimp dish I had (after requesting "not hot"), was delicious and perfect. In fact, it was so good, I ordered a second to take home for dinner!

Come join us for another fun lunch. We promise good food--and even better company!

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. 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

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

T.G.I. Social will not meet in July or August. We will be meeting on September 8 at the new home of Karen and Don Kermis. Look for details in the September *Welcome Mat*. Stay Cool and Happy Summer!

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

Happy Hour (see page 1)

When: Tuesday, August 20, 5-7 p.m.

Details: See page 1. The Vince Young Steakhouse in downtown Austin is a perennial favorite for our happy hour crowd. Come join your friends, or make new ones, and remember the glory days of the National championship UT football team led by Vince Young. Valet parking is available in front of the restaurant.

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Members!

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Out-to-Lunch Bunch at 68 Degrees Kitchen,
June 28

MOVIES

Cinema South

When: Friday, August 9 & 23, 7 p.m.

Hosts: August 9 - Mary Pat & Greg Bolton
marypatbolton@icloud.com
August 23 - Bob & JoAnn Schultz
nanasmenagerie@verizon.net

Cost: \$1 per person. Pay at door.

RSVP: See Details

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.

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 at www.austinnewcomers.com and mark Cinema South in the interest group selections of your profile or email us to be placed on our member list. Meetings fill up fast so RSVP as soon as possible.

Chairs: Susan Holland, susan_holland2@yahoo.com
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David/Pattie Schieck, deschieck@yahoo.com,
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Art House Cinema North

When: Friday, August 9, 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: Harry Polly, harry.polly@hotmail.com
214-598-5071

Critics' Corner

When: Friday, August 9, 7:30 p.m.

RSVP: Online by August 3.

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 Joel for information.

Chair: Joel Longstreth, sandytzone@juno.com
513-293-5523

BOOK GROUPS

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

Thursday, August 22

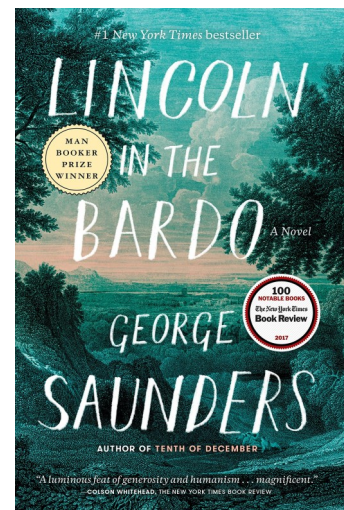
10:00 a.m. (social), 10:30 a.m. (lively discussion)

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.



August Selection

Bluebonnet

Host: Jayne Polly
11105 Scotland Well Dr. 78750
Facilitator needed

RSVP: To Jayne Polly, by August 20
214-598-5071 jpolly3838@gmail.com

Chairs: Jeanette Swenson, jeanetteswenson64@gmail.com, 512-627-1295
Nikki Faulkner, faulkhome2@aol.com, 512-994-5677

Yellow Rose

Host: Susan Stein
8230 Spicewood Springs Road, No. 3, 78759
Facilitator - Susan Van Lew

RSVP: Contact Lou at loublemater@gmail.com or 512-551-2659.

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

When: September 11, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Home of Melocy Chatelle

Details: Monthly meetings resume in the Fall. We will discuss our September selection, *Smilla's Sense of Snow* by Peter Hoeg. More detailed information will be provided in the September Welcome Mat.

Chair: Karen Kirmis kkirmis@gmail.com (701) 570-5472

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will not meet in August..

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

HOBBIES

Photography: PhotoShare**When:** August 27, 10:30 am**Where:** Precision Camera
2438 W. Anderson Ln., Ste B-4, Austin**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** Not necessary

Details: It is said these days, "Everyone has a camera". We post to social media sites and send pictures on a frequent basis to our friends. Why not come out with a group of friendly people and go somewhere and have some friendly company while taking pictures?

Our members use all sorts of cameras from the one on our cell phone to Dslr cameras. You don't have to be a whiz at processing your photos either. Oftentimes, the simple act of sharing the back story of the photograph is therapeutic.

After we take pictures, we often go to lunch. Lunch is optional, but if you don't go, you will miss out on some great conversations.

On the fourth Tuesday of the month, we get together and share our pictures. We are in the classroom toward the back of the store near where you drop your pictures off or pick them up from getting them processed.

For the month of August, we are sharing our vacation/ staycation pictures, or you can submit pictures that you have recently taken. Submit your pictures no later than Sunday August 25th to photoman401@gmail.com. This way, we can make you part of our slide show.

Our meeting will be on August 27th at Precision Camera on Anderson Lane. People start arriving at 10:30 and the meeting begins at 11:00. Some of our members may make suggestions of how you might improve your picture. Don't be offended, it is our way to help you take your pictures from "that's nice" to "WOW".

Chair: George McCane, photoman401@gmail.com, 512-981-0196

Knit 'n Stitch**When:** August 1, 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon**Host:** Susie Stix
6007 Lost Trail Cove, Austin 78730**Cost:** None**RSVP:** Register online or email Arlene Agree, aagreezell@gmail.com by Monday, July 29. Space is limited, so you must RSVP to attend.

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: Arlene Agree, aagreezell@gmail.com, 617-759-1464



LANGUAGES/EXPATS



French Conversation

The French Conversation will not meet in August.

Bonne vacances!

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



Spanish Conversation

No meetings during the summer months. We will resume our meetings this Fall.

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

Expats

When: Saturday, August 17, 6:00 pm

Hosts: Roz Stephensen
4101 Gandara Bend, Austin 78738

RSVP: On-line please.

Cost: Free

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: Shashi Ambiee, shashi24.ambiee@gmail.com
512-514-1565



FUN AND GAMES

Kitchen Bridge**When:** Wednesday, August 28, 10:00 am**Host:** TBD**Cost:** \$2.25 paid at meeting**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Hansa on or after August 1**Chair:** Hansa Nasta, hnasta@yahoo.com, 512-328-1886**3rd Thursday Bridge****When:** Thursday, August 15, 10 a.m.**Where:** IHOP
1101 South Mopac**Host:** Nancy Cosby**Cost:** \$3.00/person at the door**RSVP:** Email Nancy Cosby ASAP.**Details:** This is a group of average to expert bridge players who enjoy 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**Canasta****When:** Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**Where:** Café Blue (new location)
12800 Hill Country Blvd., G-115
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave**Cost:** New players pay a one-time fee of \$15 when they join to cover the cost of cards and supplies.**RSVP:** RSVP online by the Friday before play date.**Details:** We meet most Mondays 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.**Chair:** Tricia Sinclair, plslucy@yahoo.com, 832-566-1868**Mah Jongg****When:** Thursdays, August 8 & 22, 1:00 p.m.**Where:** Central Market, 4001 N Lamar (upstairs)**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** Online by the Tuesday before game day.**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
(409) 351-4074

FUN AND GAMES

Daytime Buddy Bridge

Partnerships schedule play with other partnerships in each other's home each month from September through May except for December. Although the deadline for partnerships signing up to play for the year is past, you can still sign up as a substitute. Call Marilyn at 512-331-8385 if interested.

Chairs: Marilyn Calhoun, calron1@att.net, 512-331-8385
Cathy Cotter, catcot72@gmail.com 512-465-9472



Mexican Train

When: August 14

Where: Jack Allen's Kitchen
3600 N. Capital of Texas Hwy

Host: Eugenie Whalen

Cost: \$2.00. Separate checks for lunch.

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.

Chairs: Eugenie Whalen, eswhalen@sbcglobal.net
512-608-0010
Shelley Smith, agenomore01@aol.com
512-608-9264

Bunco

When: August 20, 10:30—1:00 pm

Where: Directions will be given when you respond.

Host: Connie Gardner

Cost: \$5

RSVP: By August 16.

Details: Please contact Connie Gardner if you would like to be a sub or permanent monthly player.

Chair: Connie Gardner
peplett@aol.com, 915-203-4522



Golfing Around Austin

When: Monday, September 23.

Where: Course to be determined

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

RSVP: Online by Sunday, September 15.

Details: After taking summer off, Golfing Around Austin will resume play on Monday, September 23, 2019. We typically play a best ball, scramble tournament usually on the second Monday of each month at various Austin area golf courses. Men and women golfers of all skill levels are welcome to play with us and join in the fun. If you are new to Austin and have any questions about the ANC golfing group or about golfing in Austin in general, please feel free to contact me.

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



Happy Trails

There will not be a Happy Trails activity in August. See you in September.

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

Hearty Hikers

Hearty Hikers won't be meeting over the summer months. Stay cool and see you in the Fall.

Chair: Laurie Zahn, laurdon@flash.net, 214-769-2388



Member Information



Bring a Plate at the Greek Festival



Combined North and South Cinema Groups BBQ

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Marsha Hayden
10402 Treasure Island Dr.
Austin, TX 78730

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Welcome Mat

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