



Community Policing and Public Safety in Austin



Austin Police Chief Brian Manley grew up in Austin and went to Johnson High School. Chief Manley was inspired to become a policeman after taking a high school class called 'Street Law'. He was 'blown away' by learning about law enforcement and thinking about how it impacts communities. He was 'sold' on being a cop as a teen after an opportunity to ride along with an APD officer.

He attended the University of Texas at Austin earning a Bachelor of Business Administration. Additionally he earned a Master of Science from St. Edward's University. Manley served as adjunct professor in the St. Edward's University Criminal Justice program.

Manley's upbringing here in Austin has given him a strong connection to the community and has aided him in building relationships across Austin's diverse neighborhoods and groups. As Police Chief, Manley believes in actively engaging the community to set priorities, sustain open lines of communications and maintain transparency.

Chief Manley joined the Austin Police Department in 1990 and has served as Chief of Police since June of 2018. There are 2,500 sworn law enforcement and support personnel and the APD has an annual budget of \$400 million. As chief he has reengineered the department to better align operations with his commitment to community policing and improving the quality of life for all in Austin.

The APD recently released a new motto, "One Austin, Safer Together." To Chief Manley this epitomizes the city being comprised of many people and communities; the immigrant community, the minority community, the LGBTQ community, the college community, and more. "We have to look past our differences and recognize that we are stronger, safer and more compassionate together."

Please join us on Wednesday, January 15 to meet and hear Chief Manley discuss Community Policing.

January 15, 11 am — 1 pm

**Chez Zee American Bistro
5406 Balcones Dr.
Austin 78731**

\$30/person

**Register and pay online before January
13, or mail check and reservation
form
(page 2) by January 6**

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January Board Meeting

When: January 8, 10:00 am

Where: Lynne Davis
3702 Terrina St. #14
Austin 78759

"We are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
— C.S. Lewis

See page 1 for details

President's Message



WOW, 2020.....first year of 2020's decade, leap year, and government census. Every person in America counts, and so do all the wonderful members of Austin Newcomers. And to show you how much you mean to ANC, we are having an "all member" party. It's going to be a Mardi Gras cocktail party February 15th from 5 to 9pm, and you don't want to miss out on the fun. Sign up and dig out your Mardi Gras paraphernalia to wear. We even have live entertainment by Charles Thibodeaux & the Austin Cajun Aces.

Whether you are new to Austin, or just had a change in your life and want new friends and activities, Austin Newcomers is here for you. I personally am not from Austin, but I got here as soon as I could, and I am loving everything Austin has to offer. ANC has given me a plethora of new friends as well as games, entertainment, and just plain fun! I hope you are taking advantage of the many activities ANC plans for its membership. I can hardly wait for the Welcome Mat to come out each month so I can schedule my social calendar.

Another aspect of ANC that I have thoroughly enjoyed is being a member of the board, after retiring from work, being a board member has given me a new purpose in life. You might want to think about it as well, we will be looking for new board members so check out the different positions under Board Documents on the website. It is the very best way to make friends immediately and is also a lot of fun.

Welcome to 2020,

Luncheon/Program Reservation — January — Chez Zee

Price: \$30 per person payable online. Deadline is January 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 January 6.

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.

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Hello Austin

Christmas Pops Concert "Lush Life"

When: December 28th or 29th, 8 pm

Where: Palmer Event Center
900 Barton Springs Rd., Austin 78704

Hosts: Sandy Lake & Pattie Webster

Cost: Pay online:
<http://www.austinsymphony.org/events/lush-life/>

RSVP: Deadline: December 24

Details: "Lush Life"

Music of Duke Ellington & Billy Strayhorn
Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn collaborated on some of the most beloved jazz standards of all time, including "Take The A Train," "Satin Doll" and the legendary Ellington/Strayhorn adaptation of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite. This orchestra-centered concert features both Ellington hits and

the elegant and sophisticated music of Billy Strayhorn. All full orchestra arrangements by Jeff Tyzik.

You don't want to miss this amazing night of music featuring two legends, Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn!

Bring your favorite food dish and enjoy this concert in a cabaret style setting.

Table Seating Available for purchase on November 25, 2019 Group Sales has set us up with a Promo code (NEWCOM15) for the event. It will be active on November 25 when ticket sales begin. Ticket prices are \$47 or \$38 plus Palmer Event Center fees. If possible, we are trying to group our newcomer ticket purchases on Row 9, Table Numbers 113 thru 117. You will need to purchase your tickets directly on the web-site. <http://www.austinsymphony.org/events/lush-life/> Use the promo Code: NEWCOM15. Please fill out the registration for the event here on the Newcomers Website so that we know you are coming.

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

Daytrippers



When: Thursday, January 30, all day, start time TBD

Where: Johnson City

Hosts: Susi Spies & Dale Truitt

Cost: Lunch and required admissions

RSVP: Monday, January 27, end of day

Details: Since January's weather is unreliable, we're doing an indoor kind of day seeing the wonderful Science Mill in Johnson City along with the colorful, old west charms of the The Buggy Barn in Blanco. Lunch is the piece d' resistance: Tillie's is the new restaurant out at Camp Lucy in Dripping Springs that EVERYBODY is talking about and planning to visit. It's a grand destination and one that Matthew Odam's review in the "Statesman" says that the drive to get there (across one-lane bridges and creekside roads) "almost equals the (restaurant's) beauty on arrival." It's an amazing place with soaring wooden columns supporting the thatched ceiling of a century-old building that was once a town hall in Vietnam. Honest! Tillie's, in its former state, was disassembled and shipped back to Texas by Camp Lucy owner and former antique dealer, Whit Hanks.

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

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Austin Newcomers Club Mardi Gras Party

Join us for an all-member party Saturday, February 15, 2020, 5-9 PM

\$35 per person (limit 2 tickets)

RSVP and buy tickets online by February 1

Lady Bird Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave

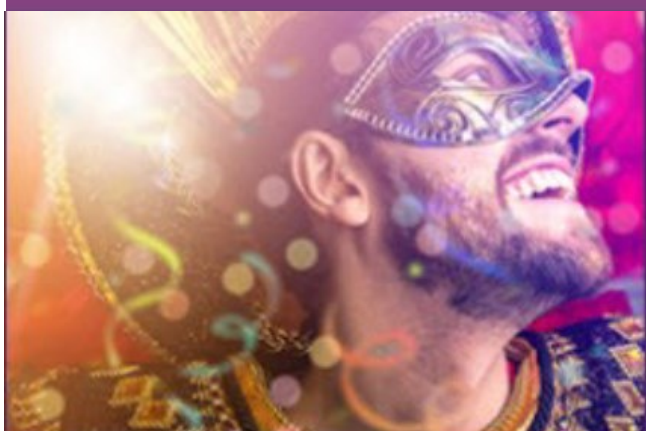
You're Invited

Join us for a special evening of:

- ◆Catered hors d'oeuvres
- ◆Wine, beer, and hurricane punch
- ◆Music from Charles Thibodeaux and the Cajun Aces Band
- ◆King cakes
- ◆Photo wall and masks, hats, etc. for your selfies
- ◆Beads, beads, and more beads and LOTS of fun



Mardi
GRAS



Party the Night Away

Limited to 200 guests

Come dressed in your best feathers and masks
(visit www.mardigrasoutlet.com)

Carpool with your ANC friends or schedule an
Austin Ride, Uber, or Lyft

AROUND AND ABOUT AUSTIN

Hello Austin

Hill Country Tasting Room Event

When: Sunday, January 26, 2020, 2-5 pm

Where: 18992 FM 150, Suite 101, Driftwood, TX 78619

Host: Roni Seemann & Cindy Johnson
Hill Country Tasting Room

Cost: \$21.00 through online registration

RSVP: Deadline: Saturday, January 25

Details: HELLO AUSTIN invites you to an afternoon of music and tasting Texas made beer, mead, cider, and wine at HILL COUNTRY TASTING ROOM in Driftwood, TX.

Hill Country Tasting Room was founded on a simple idea:

support local businesses by drinking local. Hill Country Tasting Room, therefore, provides locally crafted beers, wines, meads, and ciders. They provide a rotating menu of each, so there's likely something new from Texas for you to try each time you come in. Check them out!

www.hillcountrytastingroom.com

Cost of \$21 per person includes a tasting of a Texas made beer, mead, cider, and wine or a combo of the 4. What a better way to gain great tastes and new experiences from our big and gracious state of Texas! And gather with your ANC friends!

Please register online only at Austinnewcomers.com

Questions: Roni Seemann robosiem@msn.com or
Cindy Johnson cindylwjohnson@gmail.com

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

Live Music

Bob Wills Night w/ Al Dressen's Super Swing Review

When: January 14, 7:00 pm

Where: Sam's Town Point
2115 Allred Drive, Austin 78748

Cost: \$5 at the door. Please generously tip the musicians!!

RSVP: Not necessary

Details: Let's celebrate Bob Wills music and dance to a big all-star western swing band: Al Dressen's Super Swing Revue. Ah Haaa! 7-9:30 pm.

Italian food available for a donation (amount of your choice)

Chairs: Dona Reynolds, grdr@hotmail.com
713-651-7899
Ellen Honey, eshoney10@mac.com
737-703-5248

Art Trek

Flower Hill Urban Homestead

When: January 17, 10:00 am — 2:00ish

Where: 1316 W. 6th St, Austin 78703

Host: Katalin Russay

Cost: \$10 per person for groups of 10 or more, limit of 15 persons

RSVP: January 10

Details: Join us in visiting one of the oldest homes in Austin, right downtown on 6th street, Flower Hill Homestead and Museum. This is where generations of the influential Smoot family lived and participated in creating early Austin. See their fascinating estate and hear Robin Soto, director of Flower Hill Foundation, tell the stories of their lives. (She was our speaker at the October ANC Luncheon.) Limited number of spaces, so sign up soon. See you there! Lunch: afterward at Lin Asian Bar + Dim Sum, 1203 6th St.

Chair: Katalin Russay, drzs2006@yahoo.com

FOOD/SOCIAL

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.

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

In Vino Veritas

Syrah: New World vs Old, Who Brings it Home?

When: Saturday, January 11, 5 pm

Where: 7800 Southwest Pkwy, Unit 1413 Austin 78735

Host: Tom Collins

RSVP: January 5

Cost: \$20 per person at the door

Details: In January, we will be tasting one of the world's richest, boldest wines - Syrah/Shiraz. It will be a perfect drink for cooler winter days.

Syrah grape is widely planted in all major wine regions (France, Spain, Italy, Australia, United States, South America)



that leads to a variety of styles and flavors. This is the aspect we will be exploring. The theme, therefore, is: Syrah: New World vs Old, Who Brings It Home?

We will meet on Saturday, January 11, at Tom Collin's house. The address is 7800 Southwest Parkway, Unit 1413, and the tasting will begin at 5 pm.

We will make the wine selection to have a good representation of the distinctive styles. All guests will be asked to pay a tasting fee of \$20 per person, plus bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Ideas for the best pairings will be provided a week before the event.

Please, register ONLINE and do not postpone till the last minute if you would like to attend. Due to space and parking limitations, we will only be able to accept the first 22 registrants. In case of being late and not seeing open spots anymore, send an e-mail to antrrra@gmail.com. We will maintain a waiting list in case someone needs to cancel.

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



Happy Hour



When: January 21, 3:30 to 6:30 pm

Where: Salt Traders Coastal Cooking — Zilker
1101 S Mopac Expressway, Austin 78746

Cost: Separate checks for cost of food and beverage

RSVP: January 20

Details: South Austin's newest restaurant, with a laid back environment featuring the seafood created by Chef Jack Gilmore, is a sister restaurant to Jack Allen's, which has hosted many of our happy hours. Come join your friends to welcome in the New Year and discover new places in town for happy hours. Free parking and valet parking are available on site.

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

FOOD/SOCIAL

Friends Connection



SECOND
BAR + KITCHEN

RSVP: January 1

Details: Enjoy brunch with us and relax after the busy holiday festivities.

Located in the Second Street District, Second Bar + Kitchen combines seasonal ingredients with local artisan products to create a sublime experience. It offers small plates for sharing, locally-recognized salads, delicious pizzas, entrees and desserts. Second Bar + Kitchen is open for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch.

From the bar, Second Bar + Kitchen offers a wide selection of finely crafted cocktails, an approachable wine program, and a selection of local and eclectic beers.

Street or garage parking

Chairs: Sandy Lake & Ann Fenerty
wine55travel@yahoo.com, 510-410-5889
annfenerty@gmail.com, 203-913-9534

When: January 5, 1:00 pm

Where: Second Bar + Kitchen
200 Congress Avenue, Austin 78701
512-827-2750

Cost: Separate checks, Medium Priced

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

(one exit past the 5th Street exit off Mopac going South).

When: Friday, January 24, 11:30 am

Where: Sway Westlake
3437 Bee Caves Rd., Westlake, TX 78746

Cost: Separate checks for a special \$22 fixed-price lunch

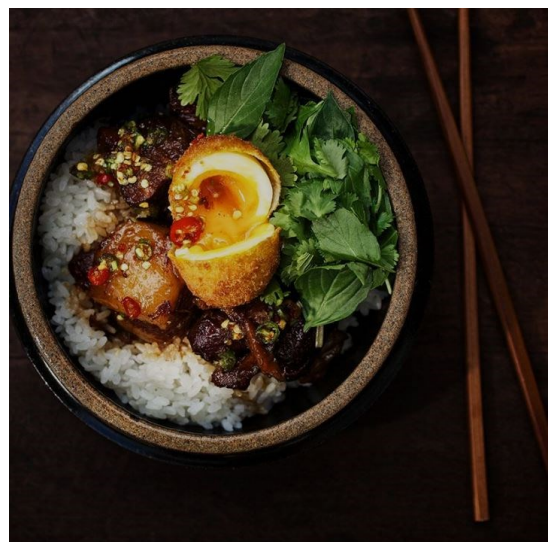
RSVP: Tuesday, January 23 at noon, for both reservations and cancellations

Details: Winner, Winner, Winner! This bright, beautiful food chain has won it all. It was voted one of Bon Appetit's 50 best new restaurants in America in 2013 and was most recently voted 2019's Best Brunch in Austin and Best Happy Hour in Austin by "Austin Monthly". Icing on the cake was Sway's recognition as Austin's Best Thai Food restaurant for 2019 by the Austin American Statesman.

There are three Sway locations in Austin, so make sure you have the address straight on January 24th. We'll be going to the newest Sway which is on Bee Caves Rd in Rollingwood

The place is pretty, the food's clearly sublime, and I think we all know that your dining companions will be exceptional. So all ya'all come join us for more Lunch Bunch food fun!

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



FOOD/SOCIAL

TGI Social! (Thank Goodness It's Social)**When:** Sunday, January 12, 5-7 pm**Hosts:** Jim and Janie McClam
7113 Doswell Ln Circle C West, Austin 78739**Cost:** \$1.00 per person for paper goods**RSVP:** January 11**Details:** T.G.I. Social! Is back to celebrate the New Year. We will kick back and relax, reconnect with old friends and make new friends. Couples bring a hearty appetizer and a drink to share (wine, beer, sodas, ice tea etc.) singles bring a hearty appetizer or a drink to share (wine, beer, sodas, ice tea, etc.). RSVP on line for T.G.I. Social! Hope to see you there.**Chairpersons:** Janie and Jim McClam
512-771-1170, Jlmccclam@icloud.com

MOVIES

Cinema South**When:** Friday, January 10 & 24, 7 pm**Hosts:** January 10 — Eileen & Gary Grass
garygrass4@gmail.comJanuary 24—Ruth Gura & Bill Ham
rgura1@austin.rr.com**Cost:** \$1 per person. Pay at door.**RSVP:** See Details**Details:** Host address will follow by email to those who have RSVP'd.

We meet at homes of members and discuss and rate two movies selected the previous month. 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
512-554-9841
Robert Nutt, jrobertnutt@gmail.com
512-554-9841
David/Pattie Schieck, deschieck@yahoo.com 512-**Art House Cinema North****When:** Friday, January 10, 7:15 pm**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

NEW MEMBERS

New Member Welcome Party



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

Welcome New Members!

Parimal and Jyoti Parimal
3907 Bailey Lane
Austin, TX 78756
917-385-3534
jyoti.parimal5@gmail.com

Mandy Madraso
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Austin, TX 78750
541-974-4634
mandy_apm@yahoo.com

Betsy Pain
411 W Saint Elmo Rd, #27
Austin, TX 78745
405-550-0250
bepain@gmail.com

Linda Esper
300 Bowie Street
Austin, TX 78703
217-652-9371
esper1714@gmail.com

Jill Berkel
4500 Steiner Ranch Blvd #3112
Austin, TX 78732
512-822-3346
jill.berkel@gmail.com

Will and Suzanne Davis
1813 Sea Eagle View
Austin, TX 78738
512-632-1737
mysuzannedavis@gmail.com

Linda Gore
12925 Bright Sky Overlook
Austin, TX 78732
512-413-3417
lindaafaegore@icloud.com

BOOK GROUPS

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

January 23

10:00 a.m. (social), 10:30 a.m. (book 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.

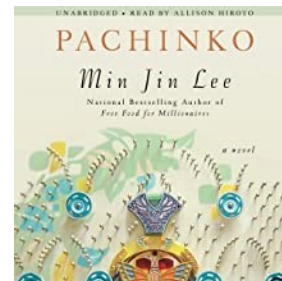
Members are allowed to attend either book group if proximity is a problem. We meet at different members' homes, having a half hour social time, then a lively discussion for approximately one and a half hours.

To join, email Gayle Cannon at gayle.cannon70@gmail.com.

January selection: *Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee*

*Please note this is a change from what was previously announced.

In February 2020 we will discuss *Rules of Civility*, previously scheduled for January.

**Bluebonnet**

Host: Mary Kevorkian
4200 Jackson Avenue, Austin 78731

Facilitator: Volunteer needed

RSVP: January 22

Chairs: Jeanette Swenson 512-627-1295
jeanetteswenson64@gmail.com
Nikki Faulkner 512-994-5677
faulhome2@aol.com

Yellow Rose

Host: Lou Blemaster
5612 N. Scout Island Circle, Austin 78731

Facilitator: Lou Blemaster

RSVP: January 22

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

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

When: January 8, 1:00 pm

Where: Home of Doreen Hyde
3205 Desert Willow Cove, Austin 78735

Cost: Free

RSVP: Online, or to
kkirmis@gmail.com & doreen1963@gmail.com

Details: Lynne Marcus will lead us in a discussion of *Curious Minds*, by Janet Evanovich & Phoebe Sutton. Response to your RSVP will be directions to 3205 Desert Willow Cove.

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

Men's Book Club

When: January 28, 2:00 pm

Where: TBA

Cost: Free

RSVP: Not required

Details: The Book to be discussed is *Stony the Road*, by Henry Louis Gates. Best book on race in America and its evolution since the Civil War. A profound new rendering of the struggle by African Americans for equality after the Civil War and the violent counterrevolution that resubjugated them. Gates has won many awards for his studies on race reconstruction.

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

HOBBIES

Photography — Process My Photo**When:** Sometime before January 17 at 3:00 pm**Where:** At your computer**Cost:** None**Deadline:** January 17 at 3:00 pm

Details: Often, we look at a photograph and think, "I wish my photos looked like that". Now you will have the opportunity! We are looking for between nine and fifteen photographs (some of the photographs will be done during the month of February as well). The photographs will be submitted to the members that enjoy processing using Photoshop, Lightroom or another photo processing program to process. With the number of people in our group that enjoy processing photographs, there may be several creative takes on the photographs that are submitted.

I will inform the people who submit photographs of when their photograph will be shown at our Photoshare either on January 28th or February 25th, so that they can see the results of the members work and give their reaction as well.

Please submit your photographs to Photoman401@gmail.com. I will send you a return email upon receipt of your photograph. It is requested that you submit your photograph in RAW format (different manufacturers have different endings to their picture settings (i.e., Canon CR2, Nikon NEF and Sony ARW, etc.). You may submit your

photograph in JPEG format (normal for the internet), but we may not be able to do as much with it as we can if it is in a RAW format.

Photography — Photoshare**When:** January 28
10:30 socialization; 11:00 meeting starts**Where:** Precision Camera
2438 W. Anderson Lane, Austin 78757**Cost:** None**RSVP:** Not necessary

Details: Since we did not have a Photoshare in December, we are combining our December and January Photoshares into this one for the month of January. For the month of December our suggested shoot was to shoot how you celebrate the holidays and the month of January is Process My Photo.

Please submit 3 photos to Photoman401@gmail.com no later than Sunday, January 26th. This way we can make you part of our slide show. Our Photoshare will be Tuesday, January 28th at Precision Camera on Anderson Lane. People start arriving at 10:30 and the meeting begins at 11:00.

Chair: George McCane
photoman401@gmail.com, 512-981-0196**Knit 'n Stitch****When:** Thursday, January 2, 10 am to 12 noon**Host:** Barbara McCollum
129 Clear Pond Cove, Austin 78737**Cost:** None**RSVP:** Register online or email Arlene Agree,

aagreezell@gmail.com by Monday, December 30. 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**When:** Wednesday, January 8, 12:30 pm**Host:** Debbie Cavin
5604 Terravista Dr., Austin 78735**Cost:** No cost**RSVP:** Sunday, January 5**Details:** Please RSVP to Verena Wilson:
wilsontrav@aol.com
and
Debbie Cavin
dccavin@hotmail.com**Chair:** Verena Wilson, wilsontrav@aol.com
512-296-3262**Expats****When:** January 18, 6:00 pm**Hosts:** Tom Taylor
9518 Bully Hill Cove, Austin 78759**RSVP:** Online RSVP required**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. (Note — the next meeting has been rescheduled from Feb. 15 to Feb. 22. Details will be published in the February Welcome Mat.)**Chairs:** Shashi Ambiee, shashi24.ambiee@gmail.com
512-514-1565
Jill Speasmaker, jspeasmaker@verizon.net
757-375-7528**Spanish Conversation****When:** January 20, 10:00 am**Where:** Trianon Coffee
3654 Bee Caves Rd, Suite A, Austin 78746**Cost:** No cost**RSVP:** January 20, online**Chair:** Susana Surbek, 512-740-2349
susana.surbek@hotmail.com**Happy Trails**

There will be no Happy Trails walk in January. Happy New Year to all!

Chair: Donna Dauenhauer
donnadau@hotmail.com, (512) 584-5834**Proposed Addition to Austin Newcomers Bylaws**

The following language has been proposed by the Austin Newcomers Board to be added to the Bylaws, Article III, section 6 as (d):

"All participation by club members in any event sanctioned by the Club is strictly voluntary and the Club assumes no liability of any kind. Members assume all liability for their conduct, behavior and its consequences."

This addition to the bylaws will be voted on at the January member meeting.

FUN AND GAMES

Kitchen Bridge**When:** Wednesday, January 22, 10:00 am**Host:** Suzanne Coldwell
Tahama Ct., Austin 78738**Cost:** \$1.25 for prize money**RSVP:** On or after January 1, to Suzanne Coldwell
512-771-4406, sgcoldwell@austin.rr.com**Chair:** Hansa Nasta, hnasta@yahoo.com
512-328-1886**Bunco****When:** January 21, 10:30 — 1:00 pm**Host:** Jackie Morris-Henrickson
jacqueline_morris@usa.com
Directions will be given when you respond.**Cost:** \$5**RSVP:** January 17**Details:** Please contact Connie Gardner if you are interested in becoming a Bunco substitute player.**Chair:** Connie Gardner, peplett@aol.com
915-203-4522**3rd Thursday Bridge****When:** Thursday, January 16, 10 am**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, January 6, 13, 20, 27
11:00 am**Where:** Café Blue
12800 Hill Country Blvd., G-115
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave, TX 78738**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 night before play date.**Details:** You only have to sign up once on line. After joining us and paying a one time \$15.00 fee for supplies, we get in contact through an invitation on the computer to keep track of weekly play.**Chair:** Beth Hernandez, beth8021@gmail.com
720-549-3770**Mah Jongg****When:** Thursdays, January 9 & 23, 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

Mexican Train**When:** January 8, 11:00 am**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**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

HEALTH & FITNESS

Golfing Around Austin**When:** Monday, January 13**Where:** Course to be determined**Cost:** Fees vary, each individual pays at the course .**RSVP:** January 5**Details:** We play a select best ball scramble tournament at a different Austin area golf course each month. Golfers of all abilities are welcome. If you have any questions about the ANC golf group, please contact me.**Chair:** John Cates, jwcates3@gmail.com, 832-814-8402**Hearty Hikers
Reimers Ranch Park****When:** Wednesday, January 22, 9:30 am**Where:** 23610 Hamilton Pool Road
Dripping Springs, TX 78620**Hosts:** Laurie Zahn/Dana Thor**Cost:** No fee if vehicle accommodates a senior over 62**RSVP:** January 20**Details:** This is a moderately difficult hike along trails

with some elevation changes and slopes. As always: sturdy shoes, water and a walking stick are recommended. Sunscreen and a hat are also advised. No dogs, please.

Directions can be found on your GPS. Reimers Ranch Park is on Hamilton Pool Road, 11.7 miles from the intersection with Texas-71.

Once through the check-in station, follow the road to Remiers Pavilion, the first parking lot on the left...approximately 2 miles. Flush restrooms are available.

After the hike we'll go into Dripping Springs for lunch at Pieous: 12005 US-290, Austin, Texas 78737

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