



Welcome Mat

We are staying in touch!!



See inside for some virtual meetings this month.

President's Message



Hello fellow Newcomers. I hope you are all making it through these trying times due to Covid. I am sure you are getting bored, as I certainly am. Hopefully this will soon be over, at least for the most part.

Thank you for voting for the 2020-2021 board. I have considered this past year as your President an honor and a privilege. But instead of saying goodbye, I am pleased to be your President for a second term.

I hate that we are having to put so much on hold, but hope we can start the new season with a bang in September with the Dillard's style show and luncheon at River Place Country Club. A lot of the Interest Groups are still meeting via Zoom, etc. I applaud you for finding ways to stay in touch. We all love Austin, and Austin Newcomers has been a wonderful way to make new and lasting friendships. We are all in this together and will get through it together.

I would like to thank the volunteer members of the 2019-2020 board. This club could not run without its volunteers, and I appreciate the fact that most of the new board is made up of the same people. You have done a wonderful job, especially during this pandemic, while not really knowing what tomorrow will bring. Don't hesitate to let someone with ANC know if you need something; we care about you.

Here's hoping that some of the best days of our lives haven't happened yet. Keep your chins up, take care of yourself, and be safe.

Mickey

Here's our Board, hard at work at the May meeting.

There will be no Board meeting in June.



SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETINGS

Please contact the chairs for specific information about the zoom meetings you would like to attend.

Spanish Conversation — Mondays
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 5:00 pm. Susana Surbek 512-740-2349 susana.surbek@hotmail.com

Bluebonnet Book Group — Date TBA Nikki Faulkner 512-994-5677 faulkhome2@aol.com
Yellow Rose Book Group — Date TBA Gayle Cannon 214-236-9436 gaylecannon70@gmail.com

The assigned book for June for these book groups is *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens. Members may attend either group. The chairs report: "Our April meeting discussions were vigorous, although the meetings did not last as long as usual. If you haven't used Zoom, call one of us and we will walk you through it. It's best to use a tablet or a computer. Smart phone screens are too small."

Photography — June 23, 11:00 am. George McCane 512-981-0196 photoman401@gmail.com
George writes: "If anyone would like to see their pictures processed by the members of our group, they can email them to me no later than June 12th. This will allow me to send out your pictures to our members so they have time to process them. If you have pictures that you would like to show, they need to be to me no later than Sunday, June 21st. Also, if you want to attend our Zoom meeting, you need to send me a request to join our meeting also, no later than Sunday, June 21st. Depending on the number of submissions, our meeting may go longer than one hour. It is best to view our Zoom meeting on a computer or tablet so that you can see the picture we are showing at the time."

French Conversation — Wednesdays
June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2:00 pm. Susana Surbek 512-740-2349 susana.surbek@hotmail.com

Cinema South — May 22, June 19, 7:30 pm. Robert Nutt jrobertnutt@gmail.com

Knit 'N Stitch — June 4, 10:30 am. Arlene Agree 617-759-1464 aagreezell@gmail.com
Arlene reports: "We had about 7 participants join us for our last meeting and would love to see more at the next one."

BREAKING NEWS

Daytime Buddy Bridge Finale

1st	Team 4	Andi Reeves and Rebecca Douglas	(\$95.00 total)	14,530
2nd	Team 6	Gayle Herring and Judy Broderson	(\$57.00 total)	11,830
3rd	Team 8	Diane McIntyre and Annette Copeland	(\$38.00 total)	11,120
Slams:	Team 2	Joyce Stouder and June Beck	(\$5.00 each)	
	Team 3	Sara Harrison and Marilyn Calhoun	(\$5.00 each)	

Congratulations to all winners!!

Outgoing chair Marilyn Calhoun writes: "No one has volunteered to Chair this group next year. That may be understandable given the pandemic we are experiencing. But I know we will all miss the people, the play, and the good times we have had. I know we all hope for another opportunity to get together and meet new people as well."



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