



# Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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## WE ARE STAYING ACTIVE!



Rousing discussion at the June meeting of Bluebonnet Book Club

## Two New Zoom Events!

### ANC Sunshine Social Hour

Wednesday, August 12, 11:00 am

### ANC Get Acquainted Happy Hour

Friday, August 28, 4:00 pm

Please join us! To attend, call or email me, and I will send a Zoom invite 2-3 days prior to the meeting.

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ANC member Babette Stephenson turns 90!

# President's Message

Hello fellow Austin Newcomers, I am sure it's no surprise to you that your board has cancelled all but virtual activities until the end of September, and will hopefully be able to do something starting in October, but will keep you posted. We, like you, are just taking things month by month. I love ANC and look forward to our getting together again, without it, I would have very few friends in Austin. I just moved here three years ago and joined online before I even arrived.....best move I ever made, both in moving to Austin. and in joining ANC.!!



In the meantime, we want to stay connected, so in trying to come up with ways to do that, I am inviting you to attend one or both of the Zoom meetings I have set up: The ANC Sunshine Social Hour will be at 11:00am the second Wednesday of each month, and the ANC Get Acquainted Happy Hour will be at 4:00pm the fourth Friday of each month. Please call or email me if you want to attend these meetings, and I will send you an invite 2 or 3 days prior to the meeting. This is to give us an opportunity to visit, get to know each other better, and maybe even make new friends, while actually seeing faces. I invite you to add these Zoom meetings to your calendar now. One can never have enough friends. I personally need this since I have read dozens of books, "finished" Netflix & Hallmark, and re-watched all 7 seasons of The Golden Girls. Time to do something different and let our choices reflect our hopes, not our fears (Nelson Mandela).

We are also sending out weekly E-Blasts letting you know what is going on. We all want to stay positive through this difficult year and watch for the light at the end of the tunnel. Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain (Vivian Greene).

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## August Board Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, August 5, 10:00 am

**Where:** In the comfort of your own home (via Zoom)



July 2020  
Board  
Meeting

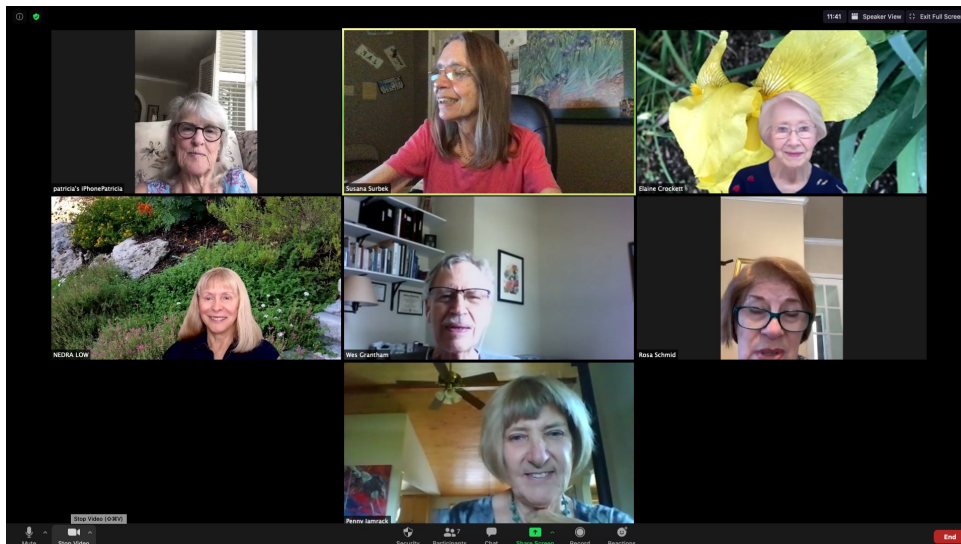
## ZOOM MEETINGS

## French Conversation

**When:** Wednesdays, 2pm (August 5, 12, 19, 26)

**News:** We took the liberty to invite Rosa Schmid, an ex-chair of the group who moved to Houston a couple of years ago, to a recent Zoom meeting. It is nice to meet old friends!

**Chair:** Susana Surbek  
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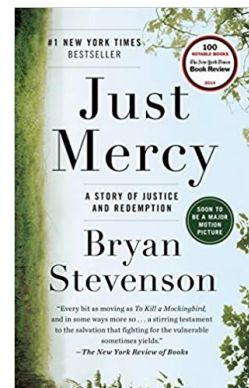


## Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

**When:** Thursday, August 27, 10:00 am

**Details:** Zoom, hosted by Nikki Faulkner (Bluebonnets). We will discuss *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson. Contact host by August 27, 9:30 am.

**Chairs:** Gayle Cannon, gayle.cannon70@gmail.com (Yellow Rose)  
Nikki Faulkner, faulkhome2@aol.com, 512-994-5677 (Bluebonnet)



## Afternoon Mystery Book Club

**When:** Wednesday, September 9, 1:00 — 3:00 pm

**Discussion Leader:** Melody Chatelle

**Details:** Zoom, coordinated by Melody Chatelle (melody@chatelleandassociates.com or (512) 922-4622). We will discuss the novel *The Witch Elm*, by Tana French. Contact Melody for Zoom access information. See the July issue of *The Welcome Mat* for a list of our books chosen for 2020-2021.

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



## MORE ZOOM MEETINGS

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

<b>Spanish Conversation</b> — Mondays August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, at 5:00 pm.	Susana Surbek 512-740-2349	susana.surbek@hotmail.com
<b>Cinema South</b> — Friday, August 21, 7:30 pm. If a member is not on our email list they should contact one of us.	Robert Nutt Davic Schieck	jrobertnutt@gmail.com deschieck@yahoo.com
<b>Knit 'N Stitch</b> — Thursday, August 6, 10:30 am.	Arlene Agree 617-759-1464	aagreezell@gmail.com



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