



Austin Newcomers Welcome Mat

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President's Message

I'd like to introduce myself as the ANC New President:

Welcome to September, I am Pamela Craig, and I am the new ANC President.

We are all saddened by the sudden passing of our creative, imaginative, and energetic President, Dolores Carpenter. As Vice President of Austin Newcomers, I have been asked to assume the job of president, a role I am glad to embrace. Although Dolores' sparkly fun shoes will surely be hard to fill.

For those of you in ANC that do not know me, I am originally from Austin. I went to school here through the University of Texas Nursing School. Then I moved and lived many years on the East coast and in the Midwest working as a nurse. After my husband of 30 years passed away, I returned to Austin in 2016. But what a different Austin from 1972!

I joined ANC within a month of my arrival to reacquaint myself with my hometown after so many years. Thanks to the many offerings and Interest Groups, I have developed a wonderful circle of friends and have participated in so many activities. I have been on the ANC Board for two years.

ANC will pick back up in September:

As we move into September, a month normally filled with the return of monthly luncheons, book clubs, lunch outings, Happy Hours, exploration of new events and places, wine tastings, card games and so much more, things are different now. Due to Covid-19, it will be a challenge to resume these activities that we all enjoy.

The Board and Interest Group chairs are working hard to develop new strategies for engagement. We are exploring Zoom options for gatherings, as many of you know because you are already participating in them. We are investigating ways that ANC, the club, can support the pursuits of the groups. As the city of Austin reopens, we will determine the advisability of actual in person gatherings. As the weather cools, outside gatherings may become an option. The safety of our members, however, will be our paramount concern.

Send Us Your Suggestions:

Please communicate with your Interest Group Chairs and members of the Board to offer your suggestions for keeping ANC an active, welcoming Austin organization. If you have specific suggestions, you'd like to send, please email me at pmcraig448@gmail.com or Lynne Davis, Interest Group Chair at elcdavis@sbcglobal.net

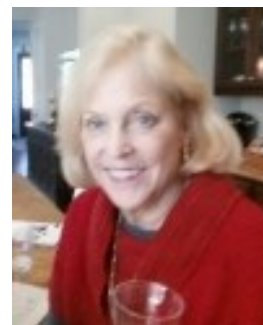


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Dolores Carpenter
January 16, 1937 - July 30, 2020
President, Austin Newcomers Club, 2019-2020

The following are some remembrances of Dolores from her son and her Austin Newcomers Club friends:

A little history from son Tommy Miers:

She was born Dolores Evelyn Smith in Anahuac, TX, a very small town in Southeast TX, once labeled as the alligator capital of TX, and very close to where the Battle of San Jacinto occurred. She grew up in San Angelo, the daughter of Ruth Hill, a rural mail carrier, and Boyd Smith, a roofer and World War II Veteran and Golden Gloves Champion. She attended Robert E. Lee High School and was active in dance, cheer, diving, and singing.

She grew up on the Concho River where the river was her back yard, so you could only imagine where she got her love of swimming and frolicking in the water. While attending San Angelo State she was nominated Miss San Angelo and Miss West Texas. My mother was an extremely beautiful lady, not only in looks but in heart and soul! She met my father Thomas Miers, Jr., after transferring to Texas Tech in Lubbock, eventually getting married and planting roots in Lubbock.

She and my dad had a baby who was born with a hole in his heart (my big brother) who didn't live long enough to even receive a name, and after many years of trying came, you guessed it (yes, it's me!). Two years later came my brother Cory Boyd Miers. We were both born Aries, and mom used to tell us that any mother who was bestowed an Aries son is being punished by God, and she had two of them. She also called us little stinkers quite a bit too.

We lived in a middle-class neighborhood in Lubbock, and Mom worked as an office manager for a children's dentist. Mom got a divorce from my father when I was in the 3rd grade and there, for a few years, it was just Mom, Cory and me until she met John Randall Carpenter. Funny story: the 1st time Randall came to pick Mom up for their 1st date, I met him in the driveway and yelled at him to go away and he can't have my mother. Well, they married and shortly after she changed careers to become a travel agent, and she loved that job and got to travel all around the world.

Mom stayed a travel agent until she retired and stayed married to Randall till he passed in 2017. Shortly after that we moved her to Austin, where she began her final journey in life, and she attacked it full steam ahead.

In Memory of Mom, the greatest mother and friend I was blessed to have. Love you, Mom!

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Comments from members:

This is too sad. We only recently attended a music awards concert at ACL and she was so full of life. She will be sorely missed.

Richard Brown



Miss San Angelo

We have been getting together almost every week since the virus. Wearing masks and social distancing, of course. We'd bring a lunch, cool off in the pool, and just visit. She always said, "I'm not going to stop living because I haven't got that much longer to live, and no virus is going to stop me." Oh, how she so enjoyed her life.

I can't stop crying as I write this. She was such a beautiful person inside and out. Oh, how I am going to miss her. Please God, take this angel in your wings and take her peacefully to heaven.

Marsha Hayden

I sat next to Dolores at the very first monthly luncheon she attended, when she carried her oxygen tank with her. I was so taken with her friendliness and her enthusiasm about having discovered Newcomers.

She was such a fireball and a great asset to this club, and she became a friend to all of us.

Beth Oliver

I am so saddened to learn of Dolores' passing. She was the epitome of "living your best life every day."

Suzanne Coldwell

Antra and I are so sorry to hear this tragic news. Dolores was a vibrant, active, thoughtful, and very helpful person to talk to. She did so much for the club. We shall miss her.

Tim and Antra Getzoff

There will never be another one like her. She was smart and savvy, she was gorgeous, she was a great planner, she had just the right amount of self-confidence, she was full of joy and laughter, and she made everybody feel special. I had asked her to run for President of the United States because of everyone I've known she was the most qualified. She declined. Thank you Dolores for everything you did for everybody.

Mary Fitzpatrick

She was such a beautiful person, full of life, so much fun to be with. She always had great stories and jokes to tell. I'll miss her laughter, her pretty smile, and most of all, I'll miss my dear friend.



Go-cart, 84th birthday

NEW ZOOM INTEREST GROUPS

These two new Interest Groups were proposed by Dolores Carpenter before her untimely passing last month. Marcia Clark has graciously volunteered to take over

ANC Morning Sunshine Social

When: September 9, 11:00 am

Cost: Free

RSVP: September 7

Details: This social is monthly on the Second Wednesday

at 11 a.m. It is for everyone! A great opportunity to get acquainted with new friends and stay connected with old ones. It is very casual. Grab your cup To attend, call or email me, and I will send a Zoom invite 2-3 days prior to the meeting. Grab your cup of coffee and join us!

Chair: Marcia Clark (512) 619-8310
marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com

ANC Afternoon Social Hour

When: September 25, 4:00 pm

Cost: Free

RSVP: September 23

Details: This social is monthly on the last Friday at 4 p.m. It is for everyone! A great opportunity to get acquainted with new friends and stay connected with old ones. It is very casual. Hope you can join us! To attend, call or email me, and I will send a Zoom invite 2-3 days prior to the meeting.

Chair: Marcia Clark (512) 619-8310
marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com



Beth Oliver (ANC Publicity Chair) zooming, with blouse and headdress from Russia

A recent Zoom Happy Hour



BOOK GROUPS

Afternoon Mystery Book Group**When:** September 9, 1:00 — 3:00 pm**Coordinator:** Melody Chatelle**Cost:** Free, with ANC Membership**RSVP:** No deadline**Details:** Melody will lead us in a discussion of *The Witch Elm*, by Tana French. Contact Melody for Zoom access information.**Chair:** Melody Chatelle (512) 922-4622
melody@chatelleandassociates.com**Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs****When:** August 27, 10:00 am
September 24, 10:00 am

These two book clubs meet simultaneously and discuss the same book every month. During normal times, members could choose which club to attend based on proximity to the host. Now that we are meeting via zoom, proximity is not an issue. Please contact one of the coordinators to let them know which meeting you'd like to attend and to get Zoom access information.

Coordinators (see contact information below)
 Jeanette Swenson (Bluebonnet)
 Gayle Cannon (Yellow Rose)

RSVP: By the day before the meeting to the appropriate coordinator (Jeanette or Gayle)

Details: For the August 27 meeting, the selection is *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson. Facilitator (Yellow Rose) will be Karen Rankin. For the September 24 meeting, the selection is the novel *The Nickel Boys*, by Colson Whitehead. Facilitator (Yellow Rose) will be Susan Stein. The chairs report that the zoom meetings have been doing well, and all are welcome!

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

Yellow Rose
 Gayle Cannon gaylecannon70@gmail.com
 Lou Blemaster loublemaster@gmail.com

MOVIES

Cinema South**When:** Friday, September 11, 7:00 pm**RSVP:** ASAP**Details:** The movie this month will be decided at our August meeting (August 21). All members currently on the

Cinema South email list will receive an email with details about the September Zoom event. If you are new, email us (see below) to be placed on our member list.

Chairs: Susan Holland & Robert Nutt
 Pattie & David Schieck
 CinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com

LANGUAGES



French Conversation

When: Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2:00 p.m.

RSVP: By 48 hours before the meeting, to Susana

Chairs: Verena Wilson, wilsontrav@aol.com
512-296-3262
Susana Surbek, susana.surbek@hotmail.com
512-740-2349



Spanish Conversation

When: Mondays, September 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:00 p.m.

RSVP: By 48 hours before the meeting, to Susana

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



HOBBIES

Knit 'n Stitch

When: Thursday, September 3, 10:30 am

Cost: None

RSVP: Register online or email Arlene Agree, aagreezell@gmail.com by Monday, August 31.

Details: We meet on the first Thursday of each month to knit, crochet, or do laptop needlework projects. Join us (via Zoom) for coffee, crafting, and conversation.

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

HOBBIES

Photography

Learn to process your photos in Snapseed

When: September 8, 11:00 am

Host: George McCane via Zoom

Cost: No Cost

RSVP: September 6, to photoman401@gmail.com

Details: The Photography Interest Group is trying to gain new members. Almost everyone has a camera these days, it is in your cellphone whether that be an Android device, iPhone, iPad or another device that you can access. Many people simply post their pictures to social media sites, but would you like to find an app that is free and would make your images look amazing, like those done by professional photographers?

Now you can! Snapseed is a free app that comes on your iPhone or iPad and you can obtain from the Google Play Store for Android at absolutely no cost. The best part is that it does not require a stylus like an Apple pencil to use it.

We will be showing three videos that came off of YouTube that go from being a beginner and not knowing anything about the app, to giving your photographs a dramatic touch. Plus, we will point you to other videos that you can use to go further into the app, so you can give your pictures some pizzazz.

We ask that you join us for this hour long presentation via Zoom Meetings (another free program) and get to meet other members. Best part of this is that you don't need to load Snapseed onto your device, but you will be better off if you do because you can follow along with one of your pictures to see just how simple the app is to use.

Photoshare

When: September 22, 11:00 am

Host: George McCane via Zoom

Cost: No Cost

RSVP: September 20, to photoman401@gmail.com

Details: Things start cooling down in Austin, but not until about the middle of the month. To play things safe, we are still "Social Distancing" until the end of the year.

To give our members a bit of a challenge, we are encouraging people to do "contrast" for the month of September. This is not as difficult of a challenge as it seems. There are a number of things around us that give us the opportunity to see contrast in our lives; New vs Old, Black vs White, Blue vs Orange, and one could go on and on. What is important is to look past the obvious and see what is there.

Here are important dates to remember:

September 8th, Learn to Process your pictures in Snapseed. All Austin Newcomers Members are invited to this.

September 12th, people who would like to have their pictures processed for our monthly photo challenge should have their pictures submitted to photoman401@gmail.com so your pictures can be sent out to our members who enjoy processing photos. Please submit only two pictures per person.

September 20th, deadline for all photos to be submitted. If you submitted pictures to be processed, you may submit up to four more pictures. If you did not submit pictures to be processed you may submit up to six photos for our Photoshare. Please submit your photographs to photoman401@gmail.com

September 20th, a link will be sent out for people who wish to attend our Zoom Meeting so that they can attend our meeting on September 22nd at 11:00 A.M.

September 22nd at 11:00 A.M. our Zoom Meeting will happen. We will be letting people in five minutes prior to the meeting so we can give everyone access to the meeting.

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

ANC LEADERSHIP

BOARD MEMBERS (2020-2021)

Pamela Craig	President
Marsha Hayden	VP Membership
Pamela Craig	VP Programs
Monica Boyle	Secretary
Beth Hernandez	Treasurer
Linda Poyser	Luncheon Director
Lynne Davis	Interest Group Chair
Lynne Marcus.....	Communications
Marj Lowe.....	Parliamentarian
Susi Spies.....	Member-at-large



Next Board Meeting (Zoom)

When: Wednesday, September 2, 10:00 am

ANC LEADERSHIP

STANDING COMMITTEE (2020-2021)

Beth Oliver	Publicity
Bonnie Woodard	Calendar
Ellen Honey.....	Member Services
Suzanne Coldwell.....	Member Services
Emily Kochanski	Board Transition
Belen Benavides.....	Historian
Betsy Pain	Greeter
Gail Wilson.....	Name Tags
Marcia Clark	Name Tags
Susana Surbek.....	Weekly Bulletin Editor
Beth and Wes Grantham.....	Welcome Mat Co-Editors



September 2020

All meetings listed on the calendar are Zoom meetings

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 ANC Board Meeting French	3 Knit 'n Stitch	4	5
6	7 Spanish Conversation	8 Photography (Snapseed)	9 Morning Sunshine Social French Conversation Afternoon Mystery Book Club	10	11 Cinema South	12
13	14 Spanish Conversation	15	16 French Conversation	17	18	19
20	21 Spanish Conversation	22 Photography (Photoshare)	23 French Conversation	24 Bluebonnet Book Club Yellow Rose Book Club	25 ANC Afternoon Social Hour	26
27	28 Spanish Conversation	29	30 French Conversation			

Austin Newcomers Budget vs Actual Report

	2019 - 2020 Actual	2020 - 2021 Budget	Actual as of July 1, 2020	2020 - 2021 Variance
Income				
Event Income	4,557			-
Monthly Luncheon Income	-	6,000		(6,000)
50/50 Receipts	222	252		(252)
Reservation Income	6,064			-
Total Monthly Luncheon Income	10,843	6,252	-	(6,252)
Other ANC events	410	200		(200)
Hello Austin!	202			-
Total Other ANC events	612	200	-	(200)
Total Event Income	11,455	6,452	-	(6,452)
Membership Dues	17,060	12,795		(12,795)
Service/Fee Income	2	2		(2)
Total Income	\$ 28,517	\$ 19,249	\$ -	\$ (19,249)
Gross Profit				
Expenses				
Communications	-	-		-
Internet consulting	704	1,100		1,100
Membershipworks	942	950		950
Welcome Mat Postage	38	50		50
Welcome Mat Printing	1,395	1,200		1,200
Total Communications Expenses	3,079	3,300	-	3,300
Event Expenses	-			-
All MemberParty Expenses	16,330	2,500		2,500
Hello Austin Expenses	231	-		-
Misc Events Expenses	493	-		-
Total Event Expenses	17,054	2,500	-	2,500
Monthly luncheon Expense 50/50 and office needs	163	-		-
Luncheon Program Expense	462	400		400
Luncheon Speaker Costs	200	200		200
Monthly Meal Cost	7,199	7,200		7,200
Total Monthly Luncheon Expense	8,025	7,800	-	7,800
Presidents Gift		250		250
President's Discretionary Fund	1,145	1,400		1,400
Sunshine Fund		100		100
Presidents Scrapbook		165		165
Other Donations & Gifts	1,000	1,500		1,500
Total Donations, Gifts and Board Appreciation	2,145	3,415	-	3,415
PO Box Rent		150		150
Office Supplies	782	850		850
Banking supplies/checks/deposit slips	315	-		-
Liability Insurance	804	804		804
Total Office/General Administrative Expenses	1,901	1,804	-	1,804
Publicity	82	200		200
Austin Board of Realtors	74			-
Total Publicity Expense	156	200	-	200
Total Expenses	\$ 32,360	\$ 19,019	\$ -	\$ 19,019
Net Operating Income				
Net Income	\$ (3,843)	\$ 230	\$ -	\$ (230)



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Welcome Mat

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Please submit your *Welcome Mat* articles or information about your interest group online by the first of the month preceding the publishing month (ex. January 1 is the deadline for the February *Welcome Mat*).

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for information about our activities
and how to become a member.