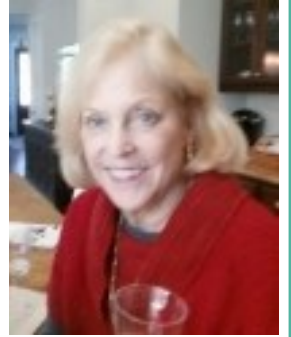




Welcome Mat

President's Message



Here it is October already and the temperatures are finally lightening up. And hopefully, so is the virus.

This will probably be a very different Halloween for our grandchildren. But we can still decorate our houses and carve pumpkins. Will your pumpkin be wearing a mask?

I have been reading lately about the effects of not having social interaction. It is reported that it compounds itself, making it harder and harder to do anything. We have been home alone so much, it takes extra effort to connect with others, join a chat room or a Zoom call. Especially for those, like myself, who live alone. We have to make a conscious effort to sign on to a Zoom Happy Hour or Interest Group. We need to guard ourselves from the temptation just to keep watching TV or making excuses. The old Murphy's Law that work expands to fill the time available is true. I have many fewer things to do, but they seem to take up the whole day.



So, what to do? Fight that ennui dragging you down! Pursue the opportunity to engage, laugh, and share with other members. If you have a neighbor, new to Austin, please reach out to them. They are cut off from the usual ways of integrating themselves into a community. Introduce a new person to Austin Newcomers.

The Board is working hard to create new Interest Groups for our members. Watch the Weekly Emails carefully because NEW ones are being added every week. We now have two new Zoom Interest Group Socials, just so that folks can get to know each other better. One is the ANC Morning Sunshine Social held the second Wednesday of each month at 11 am, and the other is the ANC Afternoon Social Hour the last Friday of each month at 4 pm. Just RSVP ahead to marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com for either one.

Consider volunteering to learn how to run a Zoom Interest Group. We'll teach you how. Increase your skills, meet new people and help your ANC move into the Zoom era. It's our new way to stay connected. Contact Lynne Davis at elcdavis@sbcglobal.net.

We are also asking those who have picked up take-out foods from or eaten at local Austin restaurants to send suggestions to our new "Austin Food Favorites" column, which will appear in a future Welcome Mat. What restaurant did you go to or order from, what food items did you especially enjoy? Send your restaurant take-out tips to Pamela Craig at pmcraig448@gmail.com.

If you have been participating in an ANC Zoom Interest Group, like one of our Book Clubs, please consider writing a short article about that experience, and we will publish it in our monthly Welcome Mat newsletter. Contact Susana.surbeck@hotmail.com.

Please help us keep ANC vigorous and relevant as our reordered world finds structure and new ways of interacting. I encourage each of you to try a new Zoom Interest Group this month or volunteer to be a Zoom Host for a new Interest group. We are all learning and sharing together.

Have a great October!

Your President, Pamela Craig



Why I Like Austin Newcomers Club



Denese, with granddaughter Ella Sanders

My name is Denese Davis. I must say that without "Austin Newcomers" my life sure would have been much more boring. Just to mention a few things that stand out for me:

Tour of the Governor's mansion, the many galleries we viewed with a docent who accompanied us, the many Historic Homes which all had their own stories. For many years I've enjoyed playing Hand & Foot Canasta with the greatest group of ladies; we meet on each Monday. Every month we have had a luncheon including a speaker, which have all been interesting. We've enjoyed eating food and seeing friends. Then when the Holidays roll around, this club knows how to celebrate. Whatever your interest is, you can find it at Austin Newcomers. These days all ANC activities are ZOOM Interest Groups, so check them out!

Denese Davis has been a member since 2013. She moved here from Fallbrook, C

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It's Fall!



October Board Meeting

When: October 7, 10:00 am

Where: Zoom

SOCIAL

Tired of your own company?

ANC Morning Sunshine Social

When: October 14, 11:00 am

Cost: Free

RSVP: By the day of the event.

Details: This social is monthly on the Second Wednesday at 11 a.m. It is for everyone! It is a great opportunity to get acquainted with new friends and stay connected with old ones! It is very casual! In order to allow everyone time to participate, we will limit the group to 8 people. Grab your cup of coffee and join us!

To attend, call or email me, and I will send a Zoom invite prior to the meeting.

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



ANC Afternoon Social Hour

When: October 30, 4:00 pm CHECK THIS!!

Cost: Free

RSVP: By the day of the event

Details: This social is monthly on the last Friday at 4 p.m. It is a great opportunity to get acquainted with new friends and stay connected with old ones! It is very casual! In order to allow everyone time to participate, we will limit the group to 8 people. Grab your cup of coffee and join us!

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



To attend, call or email me, and I will send a Zoom invite prior to the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members!

Victor Mazzaraco
vicmazzaraco@gmail.com

Luana and Ron Zellner
9106 Caira Cove
Austin, TX 78750
979-739-6849
louie3324@icloud.com



BOOK GROUPS

Afternoon Mystery Book Group

When: October 14, 1 — 3 pm

Coordinator: Melody Chatelle

Cost: Free, with ANC Membership

RSVP: No deadline

Details: Lynne Marcus will lead us in a discussion of *The Ruin, a Novel*, by Dervia McTiernan. If new to the group, contact Melody for Zoom access information.

Chair: Melody Chatelle (512) 922-4622
melody@chatelleandassociates.com

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

When: October 22, 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)

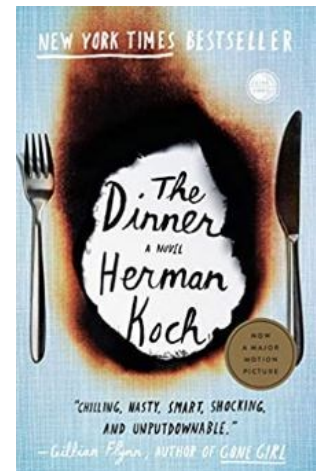
RSVP: By the day before the meeting to the appropriate coordinator (Jeanette or Gayle)

Details: The selection for October is *The Dinner*, by Herman Koch. Discussion will be led by Gayle Cannon (Yellow Rose) and Jeanette Swenson (Bluebonnet). You will be invited into the Zoom meeting by the coordinator the morning of the meeting.

Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose groups: please send your nominations for 2021 to Jeanette Swenson.

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



Men's Book Club

When: October 27, 2:00 pm

Coordinator: Saj Maqsood

RSVP: No deadline

Details: The book to be discussed is: *A Framework For Understanding Poverty*, by Ruby K. Payne. We will send a Zoom link to join the meeting to all those interested.

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

MUSIC

Armadillo Music Group

When: Wednesday, October 21, 5:00 — 6:30 pm

Cost: None

RSVP: Friday, October 16

Details: NEW 10/21/2020. Are you interested in the Austin music scene? ANC's Music Interest Group, chaired by Ellen Honey, has moved to ZOOM, and will be held every 3rd Wednesday from 5-6:30. The "ANC Armadillo Music Group" will be hosted on Zoom by Jim Kochanski. This group will

focus on new, original Austin rock musicians and bands, which in Austin often includes elements of blues, country, folk, club, soul, and lounge music. The group will be watching and listening to songs from two different artists each month, with time for discussion before the first set, in the intermission, and after the second set. The sign-up will be limited to the first 20 people who RSVP. In order to participate in this Interest Group, members need to email Jim Kochanski by October 16.

Zoom Host/DJ: Jim Kochanski, jameskochanski@gmail.com
512-599-7735

Chair: Ellen Honey, eshoney10@mac.com
737-703-5248

MOVIES

Cinema South

When: Friday, October 16, 7:30 pm

Host: Zoom Meeting.

RSVP: ASAP

Cost: None

Details: The movies this month will be decided at our September 11, meeting. All members currently on the Cinema South email list will receive an email with details about the October 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, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2:00 p.m.

RSVP: By 48 hours before the meeting, to Susana

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

Spanish Conversation

When: Mondays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:00 p.m.

RSVP: By 48 hours before the meeting, to Susana

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



HOBBIES

Photography Photoshare

When: October 27, 11:00 am

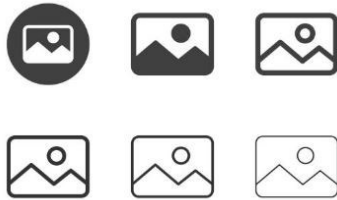
Host: George McCane via Zoom

Cost: No Cost

RSVP: October 25

Details: The photography group is still going strong and is holding their Photoshare via Zoom. Because so many members of our group enjoy shooting different things, we shoot what we want. Some of our members enjoy having a challenge. For the month of October, our challenge is "Adding mystery to your photograph". How do you do this? I am glad that you asked:

Hide the face,
Work with shadows,
Only show hands, legs and
feet, or face
Shoot a silhouette,
Add a soft focus vignette,
Get up close,
Add an object, and
Blur the scene



Here are the important dates for our group for the month of October:

October 17th, deadline to submit your photographs to be processed. You are welcome to submit two photographs for other members of the group to process and show you the interpretation they had of your photograph. Every photograph tells a story. How the interpreter tells the story in their mind can be interesting. Submit your photos to George McCane at photoman401@gmail.com. I will send you an email that I received your photographs for processing.

October 25th, deadline to submit all photographs for our photoshare. Each person is welcome to submit a total of six photographs. If you submitted photos to be processed, then you are welcome to submit four more pictures. Submit your photographs to George McCane at photoman401@gmail.com. I will confirm the number of photographs that I received from you.

October 25th, deadline to request a link to our zoom meeting. Please send your request to George McCane at photoman401@gmail.com

October 27th, our Photoshare happens at 11:00 A.M. Our meetings last for approximately one hour, but can go longer depending on how many photographs are submitted.

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



Knit 'n Stitch

When: Thursday, October 1, 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

October 2020

All meetings listed on the calendar are Zoom meetings

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

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