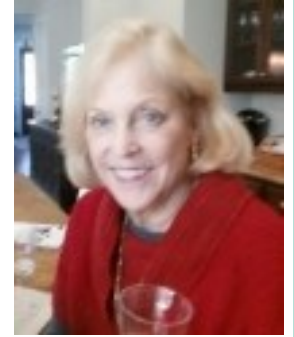




President's Message



June has many special days, I am learning. There is **Father's Day**, of course, on June 20. And **Flag Day**, June 14. But did you also know about **National Doughnut Day** (6/4)? And **Hot Air Balloon Day** (6/5)? And there is also **National Yo Yo Day** (6/7).



The CDC has put out guidelines stating that groups of vaccinated individuals can meet safely indoors, even unmasked! That is great news! Groups that have been meeting virtually via Zoom now have the option of actually gathering in person with each other. Clearly, choosing to be vaccinated or not is a personal choice. And non-vaccinated individuals can certainly opt to continue group participation in their Interest Groups via Zoom. I know that the Interest Group members will want to discuss their options going forward.

And there is **National Chocolate Ice Cream Day** (6/7). Now I can get behind that!

Typically, many interest groups do not meet during the summer at all. Those Interest Group chairs should discuss with their membership when they want to resume gathering.



There is **International Picnic Day** (6/18) and **World Rainforest Day** (6/22).

We have noted that our proposed slate of new officers does not yet have a Vice President for Programs. This individual is responsible for identifying, recruiting and coordinating with speakers who will present at the regular luncheons each month. The monthly luncheons were discontinued in March of last year as the pandemic first began. The ANC Board has decided to begin having luncheons with speakers again in September of this year. However, we no longer have a VP of Programs. So, at least for a while, we will need to do this by committee. I am asking club members to suggest possible speakers for next year. If you have heard someone speak or know of an interesting presenter, please contact me, or another member of the Board with the name and contact information. We will reach out to them and discuss the possibility of them being an ANC luncheon presenter.



There is **National Food Truck Day** (6/25) and **National Canoe Day** (6/26). Suppose I could go kayaking instead? One that we may need to delay a little longer is **National Handshake Day** (6/24).

I know as the Summer gets rolling many of you will be planning to travel, at least regionally, to visit family and friends. Please be sure and check other states' travel rules and recommendations and plan your routes accordingly.



And there is **Best Friends Day** (6/8) and perhaps the best of all, **Smile Power Day** (6/15)

Enjoy June and enjoy the growing freedom to once again share life with your friends and family.

~Pamela

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June Board Meeting**When:** June 2, 10:00 am**Where:** ZoomNational yo-yo day
June 6**LANGUAGES***French and Spanish are spoken widely throughout the world. Choose one (or both)!***French Conversation****When:** Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2:00 p.m.**Spanish Conversation****When:** Mondays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:00 p.m.

Flag of Niger

RSVP: By 48 hours before the meeting, to Susana.**Chair:** Susana Surbek 512-740-2349
susana.surbek@hotmail.com

Flag of Bolivia

FOOD/SOCIAL**ANC Morning Sunshine Social****When:** June 9, 11:00 am**Cost:** Free**RSVP:** By the day of the event.**Details:** This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and stay connected with old ones! It is very relaxed and casual with great conversation. Bring your coffee and join us!To RSVP email marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com. She will send you a Zoom link ahead of time. It's just that easy! If you need help with Zoom please contact her in advance. Hope to see you there!!**NOTE:** We will be taking the months of July and August off and resume in September.**Chair:** Marcia Clark (512) 619-8310
marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.comNational food truck day
June 25International picnic day
June 18

ANC Afternoon Social Hour

When: June 25, 4:00 pm

Cost: Free

RSVP: By the day of the event

Details: This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and stay connected with old ones! It is very relaxed and casual with great conversation. Come join us!

To RSVP email marcia@livingandlastinglegacy.com . She will send you a Zoom link ahead of time. It's just that easy! If you need help with Zoom please contact her in advance. Hope to

see you there!

NOTE: We will be taking the months of July and August off and resume in September.

Chair: Marcia Clark (512) 619-8310
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Grandparents' Connection

When: June 8, 10:00-11:30 am

Host: Marcia Clark on Zoom

Details: NOTE: We will be taking the months of July and August off and resume in September.

- *Are you looking for ways to stay connected with your grandkids?
- *Would you like new ideas and fun activities?
- *Do you have ideas, projects, etc., that you would like to share with other grandparents?



Join us for the Grandparents' Connection – a casual and interactive small group! We would love to have you!

What to expect:

- Host will share a "Tip of the Month"
- Focus will be on connecting from a distance via technology and in person
- Gain new grandparent friends

Attendees: ANC Grandparents...or Aunts, Uncles, significant adult who loves kids

Sign Up: If you would like to join our group, email Marcia Clark, and she will send you a Zoom link to join. If you need help with Zoom, just email or give her a call.

Tip of the Month: 4th of July – always a fun time! Help your grandkids paint patriotic stars on your and/or their yards. If they live away from you....coach them through it and see the smiles on their faces! You may need to enlist some adult help though...depending on their ages of course. Have fun!

Chair: Marcia Clark (512) 619-8310
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THE FOOD CORNER

Sala & Betty

Sala & Betty is located at 5201 Airport Blvd, Austin, 78751, and they offer farm to table New American and Vegetarian food prepared from scratch. In addition to the quality food, they also offer wine and craft beer that is wonderful on its own but elevated with food pairings. They are local and family owned and have over 40 years in the hospitality business. You can always expect warm, friendly and professional service.

Eating is on the patio which can be covered to keep out the elements. The atmosphere is casual. During Covid they are providing groceries and prepared food baskets for sale until they are sold out for the day.



They take great pride in working with some of Texas' finest ranchers and farmers. They try to honor their hard work in producing quality meats, dairy, eggs, and vegetables by making tasty food with them. You can check their website for a list of their suppliers.



The food is wonderful. The menu is limited but very varied. Any of the salads can have a protein added. I particularly liked the Asian Chop Salad with added sliced Wagyu Beef. I also tried the Chicken Tortilla soup. One night Mike and I went for dinner and I had the Wagyu Beef dinner and Mike had the Martinez Burger. Everything we have eaten there has been so tasty. They also offer Plant Based menu items. You can't miss the dessert. They do two, Crème Brulé and Bread Pudding. We shared one of each and they are delicious! They change the flavor offered when they make it each day. You can see more about this restaurant at salaandbettyatx.com.

— submitted by Beth Hernandez

Austin Newcomers hopes you are enjoying the monthly "Food Corner" feature. We encourage and welcome our members to share their experiences with restaurants they have enjoyed during the pandemic. Just send your article to Beth Oliver at beth@betholiver.com



Flag Day
June 14

HOBBIES

Photography

Photoshare

When: June 22, 11:00 am

Where: Your phone, tablet, or computer

Host: George McCane via Zoom

Cost: None (Zoom meeting)

RSVP: June 20

Details: The photography group is still going strong and is holding their Photoshare Meetings 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 June, our challenge is "Color or Lack Thereof."

Many of us are enamoured by certain colors. Colors can be contrasting, or complementary. We can see a lush green valley surrounded by massive boulders. Many of us have "favorite colors". Whatever the case, this is the time to bring that out and keeping with the idea of "we shoot what we want".

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

June 12th, 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 me (see below), and I will send you an email that I received your photographs for processing.

June 20th, 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 me (see below), and I will confirm the number of photographs that I received from you.

June 20th, deadline to request a link to our zoom meeting. Please send your request to me (see below).

June 22nd, 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. We typically start letting people in five minutes early to the Photoshare.

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

Knit 'n Stitch

When: Thursday, June 3, 10:30 am - 12:00

Cost: None (Zoom)

RSVP: No deadline. Register online or email Arlene.

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

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

GAMES

Mah Jongg

When: Thursday, June 10 and 24, 1:00 pm

Host: Lynne Davis (via zoom)

Details: Join us for an exciting game(s) of Mah Jongg on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Whether you

are an experienced player or fairly new to the game, we hope you will be part of our group. We are playing online using "realmahjongg.com." It's easy and fun to play. We also merge our phones (again, easy to do) and talk to each other as we play. It's almost like being together again - in person. For more information contact Lynne Davis.

Chair: Lynne Davis, elcdavis@sbcglobal.net

BOOK GROUPS

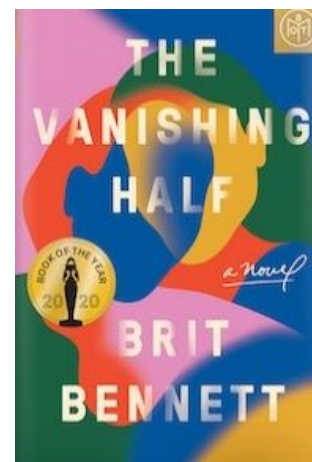
Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

When: Thursday, June 24
 10:00 am Social time
 10:30 — 12:00 Discussion

Zoom Host: Jeanette Swenson (Bluebonnet)
 Gayle Cannon (Yellow Rose)

RSVP: By June 23, to Jeanette or Gayle (see addresses below)

Details: We will discuss the book: *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett



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



June 20

MOVIES

Cinema South

When: Friday, June 18, 7:30 pm

Host: Zoom Meeting.

RSVP: ASAP

Cost: None

Details: The movie this month will be chosen at the May 21 meeting. Netflix is our source for movie selections. All members currently on the Cinema South email list will receive an email with details about the June event. Please let us know (see below) if you would like to be placed on our member list.

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



June 2021

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
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Welcome Mat

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and how to become a member.

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