

# Welcome Mat

## President's Message

I am honored to have been elected your 2022-2023 President of Austin Newcomers Club. All the volunteer Board of Directors, Standing Committee and Group Chairs are in place, and my thanks go out to the 2021-2022 Board for all their hard work and dedication during a trying time, especially Pamela Craig, who took the helm during difficult circumstances.



If you didn't renew your membership until the club started doing activities again, feel free to join in the fun, as we're back to a full roster of activities.

I am originally from Central PA and met my husband, Mike at Penn State. After college, we married and moved to central Ohio where we raised our family. We lived there for 22 years and as soon as the last one left for college, we moved to Pittsburgh, PA. We lived there for six years where I joined a Newcomers Club and then found ourselves moving to Denver, CO. After two years we left Denver and found ourselves following our children who had tech jobs, to Austin, as many of you have told me you have done.

My husband, Mike, is the Chief Data Officer for Texas Mutual Insurance and loves his job. That leaves me with time to acquaint myself with my new city. We have lived here since June of 2018, and I joined Newcomers soon after arriving. I became Historian for the 2019-2020 year and then Treasurer for 2020-2021 to present.

Thanks to the many interest groups and monthly luncheons with speakers, I am always learning, always discovering somewhere interesting and making new friends along the way. We welcome you to Newcomers and to Austin.

~Beth Hernandez

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**There will be no Board Meeting in July. Enjoy the summer**

# Welcome New Members!

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## MOVIES

### Cinema South

**When:** Friday, July 8, 22, 7:00 pm

**Host:** TBD

**RSVP:** NA

**Cost:** \$1 per person

**Details:** Vaccination and booster required. Two live meetings for July. To join our list, email us at the address below.

**Chairs:** Paul Miller  
 Pattie & David Schieck  
[CinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:CinemaSouth@austinnewcomers.com)

## BOOK GROUPS

### Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Book Clubs

**When:** Thursday, July 28, 10:00 am

**Book for June:** *Sweet Tooth*, by Ian McEwan

#### Bluebonnet Details

**Where:** Home of Mary McAllister  
 3322 Far View Dr, Austin 78730

**Facilitator:** TBD

**RSVP:** To [mary\\_mcallister@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_mcallister@hotmail.com) 1 week prior

**Chairs:** Alison Seaman [alisonseaman@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonseaman@yahoo.com)  
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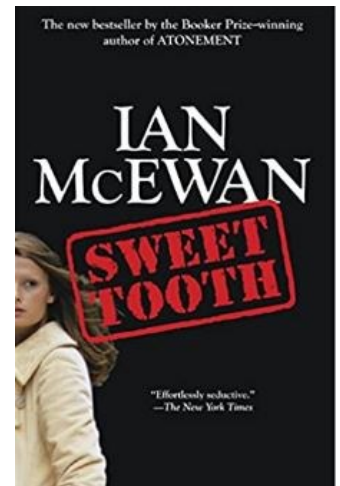
#### Yellow Rose Details

**Where:** Home of Judy Parken

**RSVP:** By July 26

**Details:** Contact Judy at  
[japarken@aol.com](mailto:japarken@aol.com)

**Chairs:** Karen Rankin  
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## FOOD/SOCIAL

**June event****Lunch Bunch**

**When:** Friday, June 24,  
11:30 am

**Host:** Susi Spies/Doc B's Restaurant and Bar

**Address:** 301 Palm Way, Austin 78758, 512-672-8400

**Cost:** Separate checks

**RSVP:** Wednesday, June 22, by noon

**Details:** Lunch Bunch was here several years ago and everybody loved this terrific Domain restaurant. Great food,



friendly service, and it has both nice inside seating as well as a huge patio. I've booked inside space thinking it will be hot, but if the new Covid variant re-rears its ugly head, we

can eat outside. Lots of parking, too, in the purple garage across and up the street and in the Nordstrom's lot next door. Both are free.



Note to all Lunch Bunchers: It's getting harder and harder to

book restaurants out the two months required to make the Welcome Mat deadline. So if you're at all interested in joining us, but you've never been and aren't already on my invite list, make sure you send me your email so that I can add your name to my list in case I miss the WM deadline.

Also, we don't usually meet over the summer, but everyone seems so eager to go out to lunch these days, that while I can't promise every month, I will try to offer an outing as often as possible. More reason to send me your email.

**Chair:** Susi Spies [susi.spies@gmail.com](mailto:susi.spies@gmail.com)  
310-291-4150

**Come to Dinner - Bring a Plate**

**When:** July 23, 6 - 9 pm

**Host:** Varies monthly

**Cost:** See the monthly email from the chair.

**Details:** Come to Dinner – Bring a Plate is a monthly dinner group for single ANC members who enjoy cooking and socializing. A member hosts a dinner for group members the fourth Saturday of the month. The host determines how many guests she can host, the theme, and dishes to bring. Each guest signs up for a dish to prepare. We have a lot of fun while we share dinner.

Contact Lynne Marcus to be placed on the list to receive the monthly invitation, which is sent out early in the month.

When you RSVP, your name is added to the guest list. Once the guest list is complete, the hostess sends out menu information, with or without recipes, and the address and directions. We often have a waiting list.

When you come to dinners, we expect your commitment to host or co-host (if you have a small space) a dinner at least once every 12-18 months. Also, every attendee must be vaccinated.

**Chair:** Lynne Marcus, [lmarcus08@gmail.com](mailto:lmarcus08@gmail.com)



**Come to Dinner gathering, April 2022**

## EXPATS

### ExPats

**When:** July 1, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Home of Kathy & Brandon Jones  
10916 Range View Drive, Austin 78730

**Cost:** None

**RSVP:** By June 27 to [kajones510@gmail.com](mailto:kajones510@gmail.com) or  
512-484-4636

**Details:** Have you ever lived overseas? Do you like to travel and explore cultures from other parts of the world? Would you like to connect with others who have done the same? Join us at the Ex-Pat interest group to gather with others who share these interests and common experience.

Ex-Pats is a diverse group of Austin Newcomers made up of people who have lived overseas or are from other countries now living in Austin either long-term or temporarily. We are from various ethnic and religious back-grounds, married or single, with diverse avocations and vocations. Our common experience is living in or exploring countries and cultures different from our native ones.

The Ex-Pats meet in members' homes at 7:00 pm on the first Friday of every other month. Our next meeting will be in July. Guests bring an appetizer and an adult beverage for a stand-up, mix and mingle evening. Our goal is simple - meet new people, get to know each other, and have fun.

All attendees must be fully vaccinated and boosted.

Please RSVP so the host will know how many to expect.  
[Kajones510@gmail.com](mailto:Kajones510@gmail.com) or 512-484-4636

**Chair:** Charlotte Bentch [cbentch@gmail.com](mailto:cbentch@gmail.com)  
512-695-1083



## GAMES

### Canasta - Hand and Foot

**When:** July 11, July 25, 10am - 1pm

**Where:** TBD

**Cost:** \$0

**RSVP/Registration:** July 10, July 24

**Details:** Let's play Hand and Foot Canasta! It's a fun, easy card game that you play with teams. All level of players are



welcome. We play on the second and fourth Mondays. Instructions/cheat sheet will be sent when you register. Each player will be charged \$10 (cash only) at their initial game to cover the cost of the cards. Please Do Not pay online! Please bring your own drink and small snack to share. Space is limited to 10 players. Please RSVP 24 hours prior to game.

Vaccinated Austin NewComer members only.

**Chair:** Beverly Tallinger [canasta@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:canasta@austinnewcomers.com)  
408-836-0645

### Game Night

**When:** July 9, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Susan and Dick Klusman's home  
9914 Silver Mountain Dr, Austin 78737

**Cost:** \$0

**RSVP/Registration:** July 8

**Details:** Game Night will be an evening filled with fun and games: cards, dice, board games, etc. None will be too com-

plicated! Game Night will be held once a month on the second Saturday of the month at 7 pm. The Tillingers have hosted the first few events and we are asking for other volunteers for hosting each month. Please bring a snack to share and your own drinks. All fully vaccinated Austin Newcomers are welcome.

**Chair:** Jerry Tallinger [gamenight@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:gamenight@austinnewcomers.com)  
408-829-0645

## GAMES

## Monday Morning Mah Jongg

**When:** July 18, 10am-1pm

**Where:** TBD

**Cost:** \$0

**RSVP/Registration:** July 17

**Details:** There will be NO GAME on July 4th.

What better way to start your week than with a game of American Mah Jongg? It's a friendly game and we welcome new players who want to learn as well as experienced players.



Lessons and coaching will be ongoing as needed. We will play with the current National Mah Jongg league card (please purchase the 2022 card from [Nationalmahjonggleague.org](http://Nationalmahjonggleague.org)). Please bring change to pay the winning hands. Please bring your own drink and small snack to share. Please RSVP to [btallinger@att.net](mailto:btallinger@att.net) 24hours prior to game. All vaccinated Austin Newcomers are welcome.

**Chair:** Beverly Tallinger [btallinger@att.net](mailto:btallinger@att.net)  
408-836-0645

## Thursday Afternoon Mah Jongg

**When:** Second and fourth Thursdays  
July 14, June 28, 1:00 pm

**Where:** To be determined

**Cost:** Minimal

**RSVP/Registration:** 24 hours in advance to Lynne

**Details:** If you enjoy playing Mah Jongg, we hope you will join our group. We play the American version of Mah Jongg and use the National Mah Jongg League card.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Lynne Davis.

**Chair:** Lynne Davis, [elcdavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elcdavis@sbcglobal.net)

## Mexican Train



**When:** July 13, 11:00 am

**Address:** Jack Allen's Kitchen 360  
3600 N. Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin 78746

**Cost:** \$2 for prizes plus the cost of your lunch

**Registration deadline:** July 11

**Details:** Join us for a fun game and delicious lunch. New co-chair is June Overstreet.

**Chairs:** Priscilla Gabbi [priscilla@planetgabbi.com](mailto:priscilla@planetgabbi.com)  
June Overstreet [overstjt@gmail.com](mailto:overstjt@gmail.com)



## HOBBIES

**Photography: Photoshare****When:** July 26, 11:00 am**Where:** Wherever it's convenient for you to be at the time**Host:** George McCane (via Zoom)**Cost:** None**RSVP:** July 24

**Details:** While the pandemic may be slowing down and many clubs are starting to meet in a common location so they can intermingle with people, the photography group has chosen to meet via zoom. Zoom is working well for us and with the ups and downs of different variants of Covid, has been very convenient for us.

We have recently taken a new twist to our format in that we are now having part of our session be a learning session on how to do various aspects of photography. Each session, a member of our group will demonstrate how to do something related to photography, whether it be shooting or processing. One session was to embed your copyright into your photographs when you import them into Lightroom. At the time of this writing a topic has not been selected, but if you email me, I will be happy to keep you informed of what our sessions are going to be on for each month.

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 July the challenge is "Blue Hour, Golden Hour/Golden Hour, Blue Hour".

Typically in July the temperatures are nothing short of hot. So if you are an early riser or a late riser, you should be able to take part in this. As many know, photography's actual definition is "Writing with Light".

Blue hour The blue hour occurs when the Sun is far enough below the horizon so that the sunlight's blue wavelengths dominate due to the Chappuis absorption (the absorption of electromagnetic radiation by ozone) caused by ozone. Since the term is colloquial, it lacks an official definition such as

dawn, dusk, or the three stages of twilight. Rather, blue hour refers to the state of natural lighting that usually occurs around the nautical stage of the twilight period (at dawn or dusk).

Golden hour is also sometimes called the "magic hour," especially by cinematographers and photographers. During these times, the brightness of the sky matches the brightness of streetlights, signs, car headlights and lit windows.

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

**July 16th**, 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. Email your photos to me, and I will respond that I received your photographs for processing.

**July 24th**, 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. Email your photographs to me, and I will confirm the number of photographs that I received from you.

**July 24th**, deadline to request a link to our zoom meeting. Please email your request to me.

**July 26th**, 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. Because of the restrictions of Zoom Meetings, we must start at 11:00, so please be prompt.

**Chair:** George McCane  
[photoman401@gmail.com](mailto:photoman401@gmail.com) 512-981-0196

**Knit 'n Stitch** Knit 'n Stitch will not meet in July. Watch this space for details of the next meeting.

**Chair:** Barbara Story [barbstory@hotmail.com](mailto:barbstory@hotmail.com)

# July 2022

For online registration, go to [austinnewcomers.com](http://austinnewcomers.com), sign in, and access the calendar.

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## Welcome Mat

Email [vpmembership@austinnewcomers.com](mailto:vpmembership@austinnewcomers.com) for address corrections or changes.

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*).

Members may not make commercial solicitations at any meeting or activity, nor use our directory for any commercial solicitations.

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