

**Active Newcomer Small Groups. These small groups are available for MEMBERS ONLY**

**Wine**

- This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at a host's home.
- All members (a couple is 2 members) are **required** to host in their home at least once during the year. You will notify the leader the number of guests you feel comfortable hosting in your home.
- The minimum number is 8 guests (plus hosts). Feel free to accept more guests.
- Any member not willing to host will be dropped from the wine group.
- Group leader picks hosts, arranges the groups and notifies hosts and guests.
- Hosts email guests with time and theme of event (i.e. French wine, funny label etc.). Hosts ask guests to provide a bottle of wine and an appetizer.
- There should be no price point requirement on the wine guests are asked to provide.
- Hosts provide a bottle of wine, an appetizer, bottled water, paper product and utensils.
- **Guests must RSVP** to their assigned host or will be dropped from the group.

**Dinner**

- This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at a local restaurant.
- All members are **required** to coordinate/host dinner groups during the year.
- Any member who is not willing to host a group during the year, will be dropped from the group.
- Group leader picks hosts, arranges the dinner groups and notifies via email, hosts and members. Leader tries to keep groups together for a 2-month period.
- Host picks a restaurant, emails guests with restaurant choice and time of dinner reservation to be made. Reservations should not be earlier than 5:30, and later if restaurant of choice is a distance from OTOW (start time between 6pm and 6:30pm).
- **Guests are required to RSVP** to their assigned host so the host may schedule the dinner reservation. If you do not reply, you will be dropped from the group.
- Host makes a reservation at the restaurant with the number attending.

**Lunch**

- This group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at a local restaurant.
- All members are **required** to coordinate/host lunch groups during the year.
- Any member who is not willing to host a group during the year, will be dropped from the group.
- Group leader picks hosts, arranges the lunch groups and notifies via email, hosts and members.
- Host picks a restaurant, emails guests with restaurant choice and time of lunch reservation to be made.
- **Guests are required to RSVP** to their assigned host, so host may schedule the reservation. If you do not reply, you will be dropped from the group.
- Host makes a reservation at the restaurant with the number attending.

### **Foodies**

- This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month in members' homes.
- All members are **required** to host groups during the year. You will notify the leader of number of guests you feel comfortable hosting and months you are available to host.
- Members must host a minimum of 6 guests in addition to yourselves, (or more).
- New members are not included until they respond to the leader regarding availability to host.
- Group leader picks the hosts and guests monthly and notifies hosts and guests.
- As a host you are required to provide the main course and an appetizer. Host asks guests to provide a side dish or dessert.
- All members are required to bring a home cooked meal and not a store-bought item.
- **Guests must RSVP** to their assigned host. Those not responding are dropped from the group.

### **Gourmet**

- This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month in members' homes.
- All members are **required** to host groups during the year on a rotating basis. You are required to host a minimum of 6 guests in addition to yourselves, (or more).
- Members need to identify any food allergies they have.
- Each month the group leader assigns hosts and guests.
- Hosts determine a theme, contact their guests with contact information, theme, main course and a food category each guest is to provide.
- Hosts prepare the main course and any other dishes needed to fill in the menu not assigned to guests.
- Guests will notify for host with the food item they will bring, no later than 7 days prior to the dinner. Guests will also need to provide the host a copy of the recipe. All recipes will be distributed during the event.
- **Guests must RSVP** to their assigned host. Those not responding are dropped from the group.

### **Hiking**

- This group usually meets for 2 hikes a month over a weekend (weather permitting).
- Leaders organize a hike and email members with location and information regarding distance and difficulty of hike. Hikes are typically 3-5 miles long. Leaders try to pick a paved trail at least once a month.
- Hikes are typically a 30–50-minute drive from OTOW, restrooms and parking will be available.
- Leaders post hike information on the Active Newcomer Facebook page.
- Hiking will take a hiatus during the hot summer months.
- All members of Active Newcomers may participate in the hikes; RSVP is not required.

## Mahjong

- This group meets weekly, on Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons.
- Friday's group meets from 1p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Arbors card room 2. Both Siamese and American mahjong will be played.
- Tuesday's group meets every week at the Arbors card room 3, at 6:15 p.m. American and Siamese will be played
- Leaders will email members weekly.
- **Members are required to RSVP.**
- **Members must know how to play mahjong, know the rules and own the current Mahjong card. Notify the small group director if lessons are needed. Both American and Siamese will be taught**

## Bunco

- This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at the Arbors card room 3 from 6:00– 9 p.m. Members socialize and share snacks the first 15-20 minutes
- Snacks and beverages are permitted.
- The group leader will email members monthly.
- Members are required to respond each month if they plan on playing. The card room has the capacity for 24 players ONLY. A roster of replies will be kept.
- Leaders post bunco reminders on the Active Newcomer Facebook page.
- The club is not allowed to play for monetary prizes
- The club is looking for a larger room.

## Games

- This group has 2 leaders and members will be contacted by both.
- 1 group meets the last Saturday of the month from 6p.m. – 9p.m. and are hosted in the leader's home.
- Leader emails members monthly with games to be played, the first 12 members to reply are invited to play.
- Guests may bring a snack to share and BYOB.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> leader hosts games on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month in Candler Community Center from 6p.m. – 8p.m. Only water is allowed.
- Leader emails members with games to be played, the first 16 people to respond are invited to play.
- **Members are required to RSVP.**

## Golf

- Group is open to men and women
- 2 outings/events a month are planned, most likely on Thursday but flexible.
- Tee times: as early as we can get from Pro Shop
- The Links, Tortoise and the Hare and Candler Hills are played and on occasion an offsite course.

### **Book**

- Meetings are hosted in member's homes. Homes are rotated throughout the year
- 1 group, women only, meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 4p.m.
- Another group, women only, meets the first Thursday of the month at 3p.m.
- A co-ed group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month 5-7pm.
- Members are asked to give input on books to be read.

### **Bocce**

- This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 11am at the Arbor's bocce courts.
- The leaders email members the week before each scheduled game, the first 32 to reply are invited to play.
- A wait list will be kept in case of last-minute cancellations.
- This group will take a hiatus during the months of June, July and August.