



# Newcomers Club of Montgomery



## *President's Message*

As we wrap up the Club year, May also brings the end of my term as President.

It's been an honor to serve and watch our membership grow from 79 to 96 members (and counting!). I'm especially proud and grateful for members who have stepped up as Activity Chairs for Arts Alive!, Mah Jongg, and the Gardening Club, giving even more ways to learn, connect, and enjoy time together. And we continue to give back to the community with our wonderful Meals on Wheels "Meal Maker" volunteers.

We also reached out into the community with Membership Coffees at Prevail Union, Joe Muggs at Books-A-Million, and the Juliette Hampton Morgan Library where we met wonderful ladies who have since joined our group.

Since the Newcomers Club began in 1965, each president has been a keeper of the flame, helping it burn brightly, then passing the torch to the next group of leaders who will guide the Club forward. I'm grateful for my board members, who shared their time, energy, and ideas, and provided support all year long.

When I moved to Montgomery in 2018, I knew no one. Finding the Newcomers Club changed and enriched my life. Serving as your President has been a huge opportunity to give back the joy, connection, and friendships I've gained over the years.

I'm excited to cheer on our new leadership team who will be installed at our May 28<sup>th</sup> "Kentucky Derby Mad Hatters" Luncheon. The Club is in great hands, and I can't wait to see where we go next.

Lastly, I hope you'll renew your membership this month. Let's keep the fun and friendships going in the year ahead!

Kathy Weimar  
President, Newcomers Club





## *Executive Board 2025-2026*

**PRESIDENT:**

Kathy Weimar, [newcomersmontgomery@gmail.com](mailto:newcomersmontgomery@gmail.com)

**VICE PRESIDENT - PROGRAMS, SPONSORS, & DOOR PRIZES:**

Diane Widmer

**VICE PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP:**

Sandy Buchanan

**VICE PRESIDENT - SOCIAL:**

Judith Provencher

**SECRETARY:**

Camille Ross

**TREASURER:**

Robin Kehler

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

Kate Wanschek

**CHAPLAIN:**

Janine Koslofsky



## *Connections and Contact Information*

**Facebook:** See the latest photos from our luncheons, club activities, and social events. Search for "Newcomers of Montgomery Inc." and click "LIKE" to follow our page and stay up to date!

**Web Site:** [www.newcomersofmontgomery.com](http://www.newcomersofmontgomery.com)

**Email:** [newcomersmontgomery@gmail.com](mailto:newcomersmontgomery@gmail.com)

**Address:** Newcomers of Montgomery | P.O. Box 241946 | Montgomery, AL 36124-1946

\*\*\*If you have any "Friendship News" that you wish included in the *June* newsletter, please send the information to Lori Doyal ([loridoyal@gmail.com](mailto:loridoyal@gmail.com)) by May 10<sup>th</sup>. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

# MAY NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

~ Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> ~

## Luncheon Details & Program:

**Where:** Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

**When:** Thursday, May 28, 2026

**Time:** 11:30 am - Social Time / 12:00 noon - Meeting Begins

**Cost:** \$27.00

**Important:** If you RSVP that you will attend or you are on the standing reservations list, and you do not **CANCEL** by **NOON** on **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, then **YOU are responsible for the \$27.00 luncheon fee if you do not show.**

To make reservations or to cancel a standing reservation – contact Membership VP Sandy Buchanan, 757-718-1577, [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com), by noon on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## May is Mad Hatter month and Kentucky Derby time!



Let's have fun donning our favorite, fancy, Kentucky Derby hats at our May luncheon.

We will be awarding Dillard's gift cards for the best hat in each of these 3 categories:

- Most Creative
- Most Humorous
- Most Elegant

Make your reservation now and come join your Newcomer friends to celebrate the fun month of May!

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We will also be installing our officers for the 2026/2027 Executive Board.





| SUNDAY                 | MONDAY                                                                               | TUESDAY                                                                                         | WEDNESDAY                            | THURSDAY                                                                                         | FRIDAY                                  | SATURDAY |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
|                        |                                                                                      |                                                                                                 |                                      |                                                                                                  | 1<br><br>T.G.I.F.<br>6:30 pm            | 2        |
| 3                      | 4<br><br>Mah-jongg<br>11:00 am                                                       | 5<br><br>MOW<br>Meal Makers<br>7:30-9:30 am<br>~~~~~<br>Board/Transition<br>Meeting<br>11:00 am | 6                                    | 7<br><br>Lunch Bunch<br>11:30 am<br>~~~~~<br>Arts Alive!<br>5x7 Arts Show<br>& Dinner<br>4:30 pm | 8                                       | 9        |
| 10<br><br>MOTHER'S DAY | 11<br><br>Bunco<br>2:00-4:00 pm                                                      | 12<br><br>Book Club<br>10:00 am                                                                 | 13                                   | 14<br><br>Cooking Club<br>11:30 am                                                               | 15<br><br>Contract<br>Rummy<br>10:00 am | 16       |
| 17                     | 18<br><br>Explorers Club<br>Tour of Hyundai<br>Plant<br>9:30 am                      | 19<br><br>MOW<br>Meal Makers<br>7:30-9:30 am                                                    | 20<br><br>Gardening Club<br>10:00 am | 21                                                                                               | 22                                      | 23       |
| 24                     | 25<br><br>MEMORIAL<br>DAY<br>~~~~~<br>Noon Deadline<br>for luncheon<br>reservations. | 26                                                                                              | 27                                   | 28<br><br>Newcomers<br>Luncheon<br>11:30 a.m.<br>Arrowhead<br>Country Club                       | 29                                      | 30       |
| 31                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                                 |                                      |                                                                                                  |                                         |          |



# *A Community of Friends ...*



## *Happy May Birthdays*



May 29 ... Mary Lou Stevenson

May 31 ... Sheri Green



## *Friendship News*



If you have any Friendship News, please let the Club President or Secretary know as soon as possible. The club membership will be notified and the Newsletter Editor will put a notice in the following month's newsletter (if the subject gives permission.)

Friendship News can include a fellow member (or you) that is ill, recovering from surgery, has lost someone close, is moving, celebrating the birth of a grandchild, graduation, or engagement, etc.



*Thank you for showing the kindness and community that makes Newcomers special!*

# Activity Clubs

*For additional information on an Activity Club, contact the chair(s).  
Check the announcements, calendar, and Facebook for monthly information.*



## ARTS ALIVE!

Jeanne Sellers ([jsellersmgn@outlook.com](mailto:jsellersmgn@outlook.com)) and Ginny Anderson ([tiger4268@gmail.com](mailto:tiger4268@gmail.com))  
Arts Alive! invites you to experience live concerts, captivating plays, and immersive visual art exhibitions! With both day and evening activities, this monthly club offers a variety of cultural arts experiences here in the River Region and beyond.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

Sandy Buchanan and Cheryl Sundberg (co-chairs). Contact Sandy – 757-718-1577 / [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com). Come and make a craft (payment up front). Sign-up sheet at luncheons. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 10:00 am-12:00 noon. Location: Pike Road Library, 9585 Vaughn Rd., Pike Road, AL 36064.



## BOOK CLUB

Rona Reder – 334-318-1883 / [ronareder@hotmail.com](mailto:ronareder@hotmail.com). A lively discussion of the book selection of the month is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 am, at member's homes.

## BUNCO

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1557 / [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com). Join us the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday\* of each month, from 1:00-3:00 pm, for a fun game. The cost is \$5 per person. We are currently meeting at Venue 901 at 901 South Hull Street, Montgomery.

\*Date changes: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (2-4 pm) and Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> (1-3 pm).



## COOKING CLUB

Cindy Russell – 603-490-5490 / [crrussell2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crrussell2006@yahoo.com). Come enjoy a fun time with our club the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. We meet at 11:30 am at members' homes, with a different theme each month.

## CONTRACT RUMMY

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1577 / [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com). Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at Sandy's home at 1203 South Perry Street, Montgomery from 10:00am-1:00 pm. Sandy will provide dessert and drinks. Bring a sandwich if you're hungry.



# Activity Clubs, continued ...



## EXPLORER'S CLUB

Carol Jean Jernigan – 773-339-1921 / [firstbornmj1979@gmail.com](mailto:firstbornmj1979@gmail.com).

Discover must-see destinations in Montgomery and beyond! Whether visiting a museum, enjoying a river cruise, or checking out a local winery, each month you'll have an opportunity to explore. Sign-ups at luncheons or contact Carol.

## GARDENING CLUB

Chela Kaplan – 334-718-7539 / [chelakaplan@gmail.com](mailto:chelakaplan@gmail.com) and

Helene Bilyk – 609-376-1811 / [hbilyk50@me.com](mailto:hbilyk50@me.com)

For those who love plants, outdoor projects, or swapping gardening tips. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 10:00-11:30 am at member's homes. We'll discuss goals, gardens, successes, and failures. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes.



## MAH-JONGG

Robin Agnoli – 410-294-0867 / [ragnoli@gmail.com](mailto:ragnoli@gmail.com). Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, at 11:00 a.m. Location: Woodland Creek Clubhouse, 8800 Crescent Lodge Drive, Pike Road.

## MOVIE MAVENS

Cyn O'Mara – 334-320-1795 / [cyngar6@aol.com](mailto:cyngar6@aol.com). Often on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, the days and times may be different depending on the movie offerings that month. We usually meet for dinner afterwards. Watch your email or contact Cyn.



## LUNCH BUNCH

Irene Wetzal – 661-972-1334 / [ijwetzal@msn.com](mailto:ijwetzal@msn.com).

Come and meet other Newcomers as we enjoy lunch together at various area restaurants. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:30 am. RSVP is required by noon on the Tuesday prior.

## TGIF

Janet Williamson – 334-235-9418 / [pauljan48@gmail.com](mailto:pauljan48@gmail.com). Join us for TGIF (Thank God, It's Friday) the first Friday each month at 6:30 pm. Spouses are welcome. Bring a dish to share. BYOB. Hostess provides non-alcoholic drinks, plates, etc. Please RSVP to hostess the Monday prior.





# May Happenings in the Activity Clubs

**Arts Alive!** Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m., Dinner and the 5x7 Art Show & Sale, Pike Road

Forget the "6-7, 6-7" trend. Think of the "5-7, 5-7, 5-7" trend.

Join us for the Pike Road Arts Council's **5x7 Art Show & Sale**. All artwork is no larger than 5x7 (or 35 square inches) and priced at no more than \$57. With around 200 pieces available, each piece of artwork is not just a purchase, it's a tiny treasure.

Come see what a big impact a small piece of art can make in your life.

**Dinner** beforehand will be at 4:30 pm at **San Marcos-Pike Road**

(9593 Vaughn Road), followed by the **5x7 Art Show & Sale** at the **Pike Road Arts Center** (944 Wallahatchie Road).

Sign up at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Newcomers Luncheon or notify Arts Alive! Co-chairs

Jeanne Sellers ([jsellersmgm@outlook.com](mailto:jsellersmgm@outlook.com)) and Ginny Anderson ([tiger4268@gmail.com](mailto:tiger4268@gmail.com))

that you are planning to join us.



**Book Club:** Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Pam Stephan.

Address: 9419 Winfield Place, Montgomery, 36117

Book: The Briar Club, by Kate Quinn



**Cooking Club:** Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., at the home of Pat Roberts.

Address: 9143 Thetford Way, Montgomery, 36104

Theme: Mom's Favorite Dish

Contact Chair, Cindy Russell, 603-490-5390 / [crrussell2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crrussell2006@yahoo.com),

by Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, to participate.



**Explorers Club:** Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

Tour of Hyundai Plant

Contact Chair, Carol Jean Jernigan, 773-339-1921 / [firstbornmj1979@gmail.com](mailto:firstbornmj1979@gmail.com), to sign up.



**TGIF:** Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Janet Williamson.

Address: 8104 Mossy Oak Drive, Montgomery, 36117

Contact Chair, Janet Williamson, 334-235-9418 / [pauljan48@gmail.com](mailto:pauljan48@gmail.com), to participate.



## **\*\* 2026 - 2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD \*\***

The following slate of officers has been recommended by the Nominating Committee. They will be presented for a vote at our April 23<sup>rd</sup> luncheon and installed at the May 28<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>PRESIDENT:</b>                 | Diane Widmer      |
| <b>PROGRAMS VICE-PRESIDENT:</b>   | Mary Taylor-Perry |
| <b>DOOR PRIZES/SPONSORS:</b>      | Carol Brening     |
| <b>SOCIAL VICE-PRESIDENT:</b>     | Judith Provencher |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP VICE-PRESIDENT:</b> | Sandy Buchanan    |
| <b>SECRETARY/FRIENDSHIP NEWS:</b> | Janie Kennett     |
| <b>TREASURER:</b>                 | Pam Stephan       |
| <b>CHAPLAIN &amp; HISTORIAN:</b>  | Janine Koslofsky  |
| <b>PARLIAMENTARIAN:</b>           | Kate Wanschek     |

Please note that while most positions require a formal vote, the roles of Parliamentarian – Kate Wanschek and Chaplain – Janine Koslofsky are not elected positions. Instead, these roles are appointed by the President in accordance with our bylaws. Therefore, they will not be included in the voting process.



## **\*\* ACTIVITY CHAIR OPENINGS AVAILABLE \*\***

### **Movie Mavens:**

Choose a movie for the group to enjoy at a local theater, then arrange a restaurant gathering afterward based on the number attending. A fun and easy way to bring members together for a great outing!

### **Explorers Club:**

Plan monthly or quarterly outings to interesting destinations in Montgomery and surrounding areas. Think museums, gardens, historic sites, day trips, and hidden gems waiting to be discovered.

*Don't let these fun clubs disappear! Step up and become an Activity Chair starting in June!*

If you'd like to learn more about either opportunity,  
please contact Kathy Weimar at [kweimar@icloud.com](mailto:kweimar@icloud.com).



# March Treasurer's Report

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>                                                                    | <b>\$3916.98</b>  |
|                                                                                             |                   |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                                                               |                   |
| March Luncheon Receipts                                                                     | \$837.00          |
| March 50/50                                                                                 | \$68.00           |
| Biscuits Tickets                                                                            | \$100.10          |
|                                                                                             |                   |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                                                         | <b>\$1005.10</b>  |
|                                                                                             |                   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                                                             |                   |
| Ck #3327 – C. Ross: Canvas Bags, Valentine's Coffee, Hostess Gifts                          | \$62.56           |
| Ck #3328 – K. Weimar: Valentine's Coffee Prizes                                             | \$40.34           |
| Ck #3329 – Void                                                                             |                   |
| Ck #3330 – D. Widmer: Feb. Guest Speaker Gift                                               | \$15.79           |
| Ck #3331 – J. Sellers: Arts Alive! Tickets, Check Adjustment (already deducted in February) | (\$40.00)         |
| Ck #3332 – J. Koslofsky: Scrapbook Supplies                                                 | \$86.37           |
| Ck #3333 – Arrowhead CC: March Luncheon                                                     | \$800.00          |
| Ck #3334 – C. Ross: Table Décor                                                             | \$26.59           |
|                                                                                             |                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                                                       | <b>-\$1031.65</b> |
|                                                                                             |                   |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE</b>                                                                       | <b>\$3890.43</b>  |





# March 26<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by President Kathy Weimar in the Fairway room at Arrowhead Country Club.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the introduction of a guest, Sharon McNiel was done. The Guest Speaker, Laura Goudreau, from the Montgomery Emergency Management Agency, was introduced. A special thank you to Camille Ross who made the table decorations and donated them as door prizes.

A motion was made by Lynda Smitherman to approve the February Luncheon Minutes and seconded. Motion passed. A motion was made by Janie Kennett to accept the February Treasurer's Report and seconded. Motion passed. March Birthday announcements were made.

The March Social Event is the Caftans & Cocktails Potluck Party on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m., at the home of Robin Kehler. The April Luncheon will feature a Fashion Show with members as models and clothing coordinated by Dillard's at Eastchase. The Arts Alive! group has a trip planned to Sylacauga for the Magic of Marble Festival on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The Biscuits Game is Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> with tickets available. The Explorer's Club has planned an Old Alabama Tour on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers. Please see the Sign-up table in the back for info on all these events and activities.

Janine Koslofsky gave an inspirational reading and blessing.

The presentation by the guest speaker was informative followed by door prizes and the 50/50.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

## JOIN NEWCOMERS OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Dues must be paid before June 30<sup>th</sup> to be included in the 2026-27 Membership Directory.  
Dues are \$25.00

You may pay at the May Newcomers Luncheon or by mail to...

Newcomers Club of Montgomery

P.O. Box 241946 | Montgomery AL. 36124-1946

Forms will be available at the May luncheon or can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

# Support & Visit Our Generous Sponsors



## **Alabama Dance Theater**

(Kate Smith)  
1018 Madison Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104

## **Alabama Shakespeare Festival**

(Leigh Owen)  
1 Festival Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36117

## **Angel Nails Spa**

(Phuong Nguyen)  
2988 Carter Hill Road  
Montgomery, AL 36106

## **Arrowhead Country Club**

(Nancy Hilburn, GM)  
50 Ocala Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36117  
*(Inquire about membership)*

## **Bates House of Turkey**

(Keri Hartley)  
2938 Carter Hill Road  
Montgomery, AL 36106

## **Explore Media**

(Courtney Lowry)  
7956 Vaughn Rd. #331  
Montgomery, AL 36116

## **Marqurette's Exquisite Jewelry**

(Lyle Fields)  
8163 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

## **Montgomery Cardiovascular Associates Health & Fitness Center**

(Wilson Scott)  
7917 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

## **Montgomery Whitewater**

(Sam Marsal)  
1100 Maxwell Boulevard  
Montgomery, AL 36106

## **Peppertree Steaks and Wines**

(Allison Norton)  
8101A Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

## **Periwinkle Distinctive Gifts**

(Caryn Davis)  
8193 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

## **Prevail Union Coffee Shop**

(Tim Pinkham)  
39 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104

## **Sommers Place Restaurant**

(Brian Stilwell)  
7972 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

## **Tea Town**

(Brandy Trieu)  
7929 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

## **Tipico de Mexico**

(Jose Vazquez)  
3441 Malcolm Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36116

## **Tucker Pecan Company**

(David Little)  
1935 Mulberry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36106

## **Vintage Olive**

(Carly Gannon)  
8101B Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116



{Check# \_\_\_\_\_} or {Cash}

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

## **THE NEWCOMERS CLUB OF MONTGOMERY, INC.**

### **Membership Form/Renewal Form**

**Club Year 2026-2027**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY (month/day): \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: The information provided above will be printed in the membership directory)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Check here ONLY if you are a prior member rejoining.**

### **LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS**

(Please check one)

\_\_\_\_ **STANDING RESERVATION: I will attend every luncheon** unless I notify the reservation chairperson no later than NOON the Monday prior to the luncheon.

\_\_\_\_ **I WILL CALL:** I will notify the reservation chairperson **IF I wish to attend** no later than NOON the Monday prior to the luncheon.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Notifying the reservation chairperson **AFTER the Monday NOON deadline** that you are unable to attend the luncheon **will result in a charge of the price of the luncheon** regardless if you are on the Standing Reservation list (we are expecting you) or on Will Call (reservation called in by you). After one missed Standing Reservation, you will be moved to the Will Call list.

### **ACTIVITIES**

(Please check the activities that you would like to participate in)

\_\_\_\_ ARTS ALIVE \_\_\_\_ ARTS & CRAFTS \_\_\_\_ BOOK CLUB \_\_\_\_ BUNCO \_\_\_\_ CONTRACT RUMMY  
\_\_\_\_ COOKING CLUB \_\_\_\_ EXPLORERS CLUB \_\_\_\_ LUNCH BUNCH \_\_\_\_ MOVIE MAVENS \_\_\_\_ TGIF  
\_\_\_\_ MAH JONGG \_\_\_\_ GARDENING

### **HOBBIES and INTERESTS**

What sort of hobbies or special interests do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in starting a special interest Activity Group? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of group would that be? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in serving on a future Newcomers Board? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

### **NEW MEMBERS ONLY**

Where did you move from? \_\_\_\_\_ When did you move? (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Newcomers? \_\_\_\_\_

### **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Dues for the full year (June 1 to the following May 31) - **\$25.00**. Dues from January 1 to May 31 - \$12.50.

Please return this completed form **no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>** for full year membership with your check made out to "Newcomers Club" and mailed to the following address:

Newcomers Club of Montgomery  
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the Greater Montgomery Area**  
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