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Newcomers Club of Montgomery

President's Message

The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight
the water mirrors a still sky.
… William Butler Yeats

The fall season has always been my favorite. I love the change in the air which predictably begins the very first days of October. The crisp air, the bright hues of orange, red and yellow surrounding us, and the anticipation of the sights of pretty pumpkins and bales of hay transformed into funny faces and figures.

And what better way to celebrate all of these wonderful joys of the fall season than by visiting the zoo! The Montgomery Zoo is a real treat with amazing animals living in beautiful natural habitats. We are fortunate to have a representative from the Montgomery Zoo come and speak to us at our October luncheon. Please join us to learn all about the zoo's new and exciting additions and renovations.

We look forward to seeing you in October …

Always grateful,
Diane Widmer
President, 2026-2027

Please consider wearing something pink at our October luncheon to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Executive Board 2026-2027

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** If you have any "Friendship News" that you wish included in the *November* newsletter, please send the information to the Club President or Secretary by October 10th. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

OCTOBER NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

~ Thursday, October 22nd ~

Luncheon Details:

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: Thursday, October 22, 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, October 19th, 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, by noon on Monday, October 19th.

Program:

THE MONTGOMERY ZOO



We know it's October when we wake up and step outside and the humidity is gone! We can water our flower gardens without the sweat pouring down our faces and needing another shower! Oh, and the Fair is in town! It is also the perfect time to visit the Montgomery Zoo!

When did you last visit our zoo? Did you know that The Montgomery Zoo encompasses 42 acres and is home to over 500 animals from five continents in open, natural habitats?

The Montgomery Zoo had very humble beginnings and started in 1920 as a small children's zoo in Oak Park before moving to its current location off the Northern Blvd. in 1972.

When the zoo moved in 1972, one of its major features was a flight cage designed after the famous 1906 St. Louis World's Fair. In 1991, the zoo celebrated a historic milestone by welcoming the birth of the first African elephant ever born in the state of Alabama. In 2013, the zoo made history again by welcoming the first Indian rhinoceros ever born via artificial insemination.

The grounds are organized into distinct geographic regions representing Africa, Asia, Australia, North and South America, and featuring barrier-free interactive spaces.

We have a beautiful zoo! The perfect place to have a picnic, take out-of-town guests, or just a wonderful place to get away and spend the day.

There is always something happening at the zoo. Help me welcome our speaker, who will tell us about the new renovations and other exciting events coming up at The Montgomery Zoo.

See you there! Programs VP, Mary Taylor-Perry







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 **Lunch Bunch** 11:30 am	2 **T.G.I.F.** 6:30 pm	3
4	5 **Mah-jongg** 10:00 am	6 **MOW** **Meal Makers** 7:30-9:30 am	7	8 **Cooking Club** 11:30 am	9	10
11	12 **Arts & Crafts Club** 10:00 am	13 **Book Club** 10:00 am	14 **Welcome Coffee** 10:00 am	15	16 **Contract Rummy** 10:00 am	17
18 **Arts Alive!** "Little Shop of Horrors" & Dinner 2:00 pm	19 **Noon deadline** to make/cancel luncheon reservations.	20 **MOW** **Meal Makers** 7:30-9:30 am	21 **Soil Sisters** 10:00 am	22 **Luncheon** Arrowhead CC 11:30 am	23	24
25	26 **Bunco** 1:00-3:00 pm	27	28	29	30 **Social Event:** **Halloween Spooktacular** 7:30 pm	31 **Halloween**



A Community of Friends



Happy October Birthdays



01 … Donna Marietta
01 … Jeanne Sellers
05 … Kate Wanschek
15 … Chela Kaplan
18 … Cynthia O'Mara
23 … Mollie Isaacson
24 … Pat Watkins
28 … Ginny Anderson

Friendship News



Please keep **Marlene Harrington** and **Janet Beard** in your thoughts and prayers due to their ongoing health issues.

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Congratulations to **Cindy and Bill Russell** on the birth of their great grandson, to **Barbara Anderson** on the birth of her great granddaughter, and to **Kate Wanschek** on the birth of her 13th granddaughter.

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Our deepest condolences go out to **Chela Kaplan** on the passing away of her father-in-law and to **Diane Widmer** on the death of her sister-in-law.

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Please let the Club President or Secretary know of any Friendship News as soon as possible.
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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 - jsellersmgm@outlook.com and Ginny Anderson - 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 – 757-718-1557/ sndbuchanan@gmail.com and Robin Agnoli *(New Co-Chair!)* – 410-294-0867 / rjagnoli@gmail.com - Come and make a craft (payment up front). Sign-up sheet at luncheons. We meet the 2nd 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. A lively discussion of the book selection of the month is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 am, at member's homes.

BUNCO:

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1557/ sndbuchanan@gmail.com. Join us the 4th 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. **Please RSVP** to Sandy by the Friday prior to Monday's game.





COOKING CLUB:

Cindy Russell – 603-490-5490 / crrussell2006@yahoo.com. Come enjoy a fun time with our club on the 2nd 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. Meets on the 3rd 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. **NOTE:** There are currently no openings for players. Contact Sandy if you want to add your name to a substitutes list.



Activity Clubs, continued …





EXPLORER'S CLUB:

Carol Jean Jernigan – 773-339-1921 / 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 quarter, you'll have an opportunity to explore. Sign up at luncheons or contact Carol.

LUNCH BUNCH:



Irene Wetzel – 661-972-1334 / ijwetzel@msn.com.
Come and meet other Newcomers as we enjoy lunch together at various area restaurants. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30 am. RSVP is required by noon on the Tuesday prior.



MAH-JONGG:

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

MOVIE MAVENS:



Robin Kehler *(New Chair!)* – 334-797-1596 / meece.kehler@gmail.com. Often on the 3rd 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 Robin.



SOIL SISTERS:

Chela Kaplan – 334-718-7539 / chelakaplan@gmail.com and
Helene Bilyk – 609-376-1811 / hbilyk50@me.com.
For those who love plants, outdoor projects, or swapping gardening tips. We meet the 3rd 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.

TGIF:



Janet Williamson – 334-235-9418 / 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.



October Happenings in the Activity Clubs

Arts Alive!: Sunday, October 18th, 2:00 pm,

Production of Little Shop of Horrors

Comedy, Music, Mayhem, And a VERY hungry plant!

- Our afternoon will begin with the unforgettable musical comedy that blends horror, romance, and catchy tunes to create an experience that you won't want to miss!

We will enjoy the thrilling and hilarious production of the cult classic, Little Shop of Horrors. at the Pike Road Theatre Company, located at the Faulkner University Theatre, 5346 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery.

- Afterwards, we'll meet at 5:00 pm for dinner at Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q, 6415 Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery.

To join us for Little Shop of Horrors and/or dinner at Jim 'N Nicks, please sign up at the September 24th Newcomers Luncheon, listing your name (and any guests joining you), choose the events you will attend, and provide, to either Jeanne Sellers or Ginny Anderson, cash/check for $22.00, made payable to the Newcomers Club of Montgomery. Enjoy this exciting and hilarious musical that is perfect for an afternoon with friends or family!

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Arts & Crafts Club: Monday, October 12th, 10:00 am-12:00 noon

Craft: Spa Skeleton Candle

Location: Home of Robin Agnoli, 19 Chapel Hill St., Pike Road

(rather than the Pike Road library since we will be handling hot wax)

Limit of 15 people

Contact Co-Chair, Robin Agnoli, to sign up. Phone/Text: 410-294-0867 or email: rjagnoli@gmail.com. You may also sign up and pay at the September 24th luncheon.

Cost: $5, payable in advance.

Checks payable to Robin Agnoli or Venmo her @Robin-Agnoli

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Book Club: Tuesday, October 13th, 10:00 am

Book: The River Is Waiting, by Wally Lamb

Host: Janine Koslofsky

Address: 2150 St. Charles Ave., Montgomery, 36107 | Phone: 334-391-2875

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Bunco: Monday, October 26th, 1:00-3:00 pm

Location: Venue 901, 901 South Hull Street, Montgomery

RSVP to Sandy Buchanan by Friday, October 23rd.

Phone: 757-718-1557 | Email: sndbuchanan@gmail.com
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October Happenings, continued …



Cooking Club: Thursday, October 8th, 11:30 am

Theme: Spooky Recipes
Home of Pat Roberts
Address: 9143 Thetford Way, Montgomery

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Soil Sisters: Wednesday, October 21st, 10:00-11:30 am

We will celebrate fall with a visit to Sandy Buchanan's award-winning garden. Gather at 10:00 am at 1203 Perry St, Montgomery, AL 36104. Bring something to share - seeds, cuttings, or just gardening tips.

CLUB-WIDE SOCIAL EVENTS

WELCOME COFFEE



Wednesday, October 14th, 10:00 am.

Location: Sandy Buchanan's Home,
Address: 1203 S. Perry St., Montgomery
Please join us as we welcome our newest members.
Coffee and refreshments will be provided by the board.
You may RSVP to Sandy by Friday, October 9th or sign up at the September luncheon.
All members are welcome.
Contact Sandy Buchanan, Membership V.P., if you need additional information.

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HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR



Friday, October 30th, 7:30 pm

Location: Woodland Creek Clubhouse,
Address: 8800 Lodge (Crescent Lodge) Drive, Pike Road
Cost: $10.00 per person to cover food and decorations.
Food: Catered Mexican
Costumes, Games, Prizes!
Contact Judith Provencher, Social V.P.,
if you need additional information.



August 27th Luncheon Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at noon.

Janine Koslofsky led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After a unanimous vote by the board, all club business will be conducted after our guest speaker's presentation.

Our guest speaker was Mac Cornwell, CEO of Noble Investment.

Janine Koslofsky gave us words of inspiration and blessed our meal.

Our guest speaker, Mac Cornwell, spoke about investing in our community.

August birthdays were announced.

Friendship News: Janet Beard's health has declined. Marlene Harrington, Vicki Strickland, and Jackie St. Clair have ongoing health issues. Barbara Anderson has a new great-granddaughter.

Membership V.P, Sandy Buchanan, presented our octogenarians, Elouise Brooks and Donna Robins, with special nametags and free luncheon vouchers. They are our "celebrated" members.

The following upcoming events were announced: Our Sip 'N Social will be held on September 15 at Akay's Cafe in Pike Road from 10-12. Our Chili Cook Off will be held on September 19 at Sweet Creek from 3-5.

The following was presented: There is a need for more table decoration volunteers. A Thank You was given to Janine Koslofsky for today's wonderful table decorations.

A motion was made by Janine Koslofsky to approve the July Luncheon Minutes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Sandy Buchanan to accept the July Treasurer's Report. Motion passed. Door prizes were awarded.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Ginny Anderson. The meeting adjourned at 1:27p.m.



August 2026 Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	**$4,917.80**
INCOME	
Membership Dues	$350.00
Missed Luncheon	$27.00
August Luncheon	$1,215.00
August 50/50 Raffle	$88.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$1,680.00**
EXPENSES	
Check #3350: Diane Widmer (Misc. to include bags, roses, copies, hats)	$129.33
Check #3351: Kwik Kopy (Member Directories)	$226.11
Check #3352: Arrowhead CC (Luncheon)	$1,175.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**-$1,530.44**
ENDING BALANCE	**$5,067.36**

Welcome New Member

JANET HUTCHERSON

Email: janetmhutcherson@gmail.com
Phone: 205-499-0328
Birthday: July 12

Club Directories

2026-2027 Directories are still available. If you haven't received yours, you may pick it up at the next luncheon. If you are unable to attend, you may designate someone to pick it up for you.

Support & Visit Our Generous Sponsors

Chairperson for Sponsors and Door Prizes:
Carol Brensing

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)

Explore Media
(Pamela Greer)
7956 Vaughn Rd. #331
Montgomery, AL 36116

Marquirette'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



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 (June1 to the following May 31) - $25.00. Dues from January 1 to May 31- $12.50. Please return this completed form no later than July 31st for full year membership with your check made out to "Newcomers Club" and mailed to the following address:

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