

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Dear Newcomers,

Our new Executive Board held its first meeting in June, and I'm happy to report: we hit the ground running! With a flurry of fresh ideas, great energy, and a shared commitment to the Club, we're setting the stage for a wonderful year ahead.

With an exciting calendar of socials, guest speakers, and activity groups in the works, there's something for everyone, whether you're eager to jump in and get involved or just dipping in a toe to check things out.

While some of the activity groups take a summer break, it's the perfect time to renew your membership (by June 30th!) and look ahead to all that's coming. I hope you'll say "yes" to something new. An outing with Lunch Bunch, a good discussion at Book Club, or a fun film with Movie Mavens, —sometimes all it takes to be known is showing up!

Can't wait to see you soon!

Kathy Weimar
President, 2025-2026

**Congratulations
to our May Luncheon
Roaring 20's Hat Winners!!**

Camille Ross - Best Fascinator
Deborah Dias - Best Cloche
Mary Taylor Perry - Best Flapper





Executive Board 2025-2026

President:

Kathy Weimar, 646-321-2931, kweimar@icloud.com

Vice President – Programs & Sponsors and Door Prizes:

Diane Widmer, 334-467-9448, dianewidmer@bellsouth.net

Co-Vice Presidents - Membership:

Sandy Buchanan, 757-718-1577, sndbuchanan@gmail.com

Vivian Ordonio, 334-322-0996, vivlynord@gmail.com

Vice President - Social:

Judith Provencher, 201-427-0419, judith.provencher@yahoo.com

Secretary:

Camille Ross, 334-220-8544, bookworm1101@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Robin Kehler, 334-797-1596, meece.kehler@gmail.com

Parliamentarian:

Kate Wanschek, 256-508-0967, kate@otelco.net

Chaplain:

Janine Koslofsky, 334-391-2875, janinekoslofsky@yahoo.com



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 Page: <https://newcomersofmontgomery.com>

Contains previous newsletters, etc. Add us to favorites!

Email: 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 upcoming newsletter, please send the information to Lori Doyal (loridoyal@gmail.com) prior to July 10th for the August 2025 newsletter. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

NEXT NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON:

**** THURSDAY, JULY 24th ****

LUNCHEON DETAILS:

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: Thursday, July 24th

Time: 11:30 am - social time / 12:00 noon - meeting begins.

Cost: \$22.00*

*If you RSVP that you will attend or you are on the standing reservations list, and you do not **CANCEL** by **NOON** on **Monday, July 21st**, then **YOU** are responsible for the **\$22** luncheon fee if you do not show.

Important: To make reservations or to cancel a standing reservation – contact Membership Co-VP Sandy Buchanan, 757-718-1577, sndbuchanan@gmail.com, by noon, Monday, July 21st.



JULY LUNCHEON PROGRAM:



“Life is Better on the Court”

Dream Court Montgomery is a non-profit organization and provides an adaptive tennis program for individuals with special needs. Their mission is to teach the lifetime sport of tennis and life skills to children with physical and/or intellectual disabilities striving for inclusion and acceptance.

Come join us at our July luncheon to learn all about this wonderful program from Jessica Weyreuter, Executive Director and Founder of Dream Court!



ATTENTION MEMBERS!

~ RESERVATION POLICY ~

As we continue to plan our upcoming luncheons, please be reminded of the importance of adhering to our reservation policy.

To ensure we have accurate numbers for each luncheon, it is essential that you RSVP and/or CANCEL for luncheons by the specified deadline to:

Membership Co-VP, Sandy Buchanan, 757-718-1577 or sndbuchanan@gmail.com.

You will receive a confirmation from Sandy.

**SINCE 1981, THE DEADLINE HAS ALWAYS BEEN BY NOON,
MONDAY PRIOR TO THE THURSDAY LUNCHEON.**

THIS NOTICE IS ALWAYS: in each monthly newsletter, on page 7 of the current Directory, and in every email the Membership Co-VP, Sandy Buchanan, sends regarding luncheon reservations.

If Membership Co-VP, Sandy Buchanan, does not receive your CANCELLATION by the deadline, you will be counted as attending. Therefore, you will owe for your lunch. **If you do not pay for your lunch, you are considered in arrears and, unfortunately, will not be able to attend the next luncheon unless payment is received in full.**

Newcomers Club does not have a budget to cover the costs of luncheons for members who do not attend after confirming their reservation. As such, we rely on timely payments from all attendees to ensure we can continue hosting luncheons at Arrowhead.

We understand that unforeseeable events occur but, unfortunately, Arrowhead charges Newcomers Club with **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Executive Board

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	2	3	4  Happy Independence Day!!	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am Movie Mavens (Following Meal Makers)	16	17	18 Contract Rummy 10:00am-1:00 pm	19
20	21 Deadline (by noon) to make or cancel luncheon reservations.	22	23	24 Newcomers' Luncheon at Arrowhead Country Club	25	26
27	28 Bunco 1:00-3:00pm	29	30	31		

Activity Clubs

The activity clubs do not meet during the summer, unless otherwise posted on the calendar, or through announcements.



ARTS ALIVE! (a new club beginning in August)
 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.

Activity Clubs, continued

ARTS & CRAFTS

Sandy Buchanan and Cheryl Sundberg co-chairs. Contact Sandy – 757-718-1577, email: sndbuchanan@gmail.com. Come and make a craft (payment up front), sign-up sheet at luncheons. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10 am to noon. Meeting place to be announced.



BOOK CLUB

Rona Reder – 334-318-1883, email: ronareder@hotmail.com. A lively discussion of the book selection of the month is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at member's homes at 10 am.

BUNCO

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1577, email: sndbuchanan@gmail.com. Join us the 4th Monday of each month for a fun game from 1 to 3 pm. The cost is \$5 per person. We are currently meeting at Venue 901 at 901 South Hull Street, Montgomery.



COOKING CLUB

Cindy Russell – 603-490-5490, email: crrussell2006@yahoo.com. Come enjoy a fun time with our club the 2nd Thursday of each month. We meet at 11:30 am at member's homes, with a different theme each month.

CONTRACT RUMMY

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1577, email: sndbuchanan@gmail.com. Meets each month at Sandy's home at 1203 South Perry Street, Montgomery from 10:00-1:00pm. Sandy will provide dessert and drinks. Bring a sandwich if you're hungry.



EXPLORER'S CLUB

Carol Jean Jernigan – 773-339-1921, email: 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 call Carol.

MOVIE MAVENS

NEW CHAIR! Cyn O'Mara – 334-320-1795, email: cyngar6@aol.com. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for the reduced-price afternoon matinee. We usually meet for dinner afterwards. If you want to be on the email list, contact Cyn O'Mara.



LUNCH BUNCH

NEW CHAIR! Irene Wetzel – 661-972-1334, email: 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.

TGIF

Janet Williamson – 334-235-9418, email: pauljan48@gmail.com. Please 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.



Because We Care ...



Happy July Birthday



8 – Norma Moore
14 – Tara Carter
19 – Jeanette Gueret
19 – Bobbie McAdams
29 – Elouise Brooks



Friendship News



Bobbie McAdams is settled in her apartment in Mississippi and is near family. Please send her a note/card when you can. **Address: 6630 Crumpler Blvd., Apt. 221, Olive Branch, MS 38654**

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**Mary Jane McCracken**, a longtime member, is recovering from knee surgery and is now facing a difficult infection. She's currently quarantined so a cheerful card or kind note would go a long way to lift her spirits during isolation. She welcomes prayers also.

Cards and notes may be mailed to:

**Mary Jane McCracken / Arabella Health & Wellness**  
**4490 Virginia Loop Road, Montgomery, AL 36116**

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Our Treasurer, **Robin Kehler**, is recuperating from serious leg surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery.

Address: 8806 Oak Meadow Ct., Montgomery, AL 36616

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Longtime member and board member, **Carolyn Preston**, will be moving to Mississippi in July to be closer to family. All members are invited to attend her farewell luncheon on Tuesday, July 8th, 11:30am, at the home of Tara Carter. Please bring a dish of your choosing to share. RSVP to Tara Carter at [taralbcarter@gmail.com](mailto:taralbcarter@gmail.com) or 334 224-6479.

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



## *May 22<sup>nd</sup> Luncheon*

The regular luncheon meeting of the Newcomers Club of Montgomery was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Tara Carter. Secretary Janie Kennett recorded the minutes. Chaplain Janine Koslofsky led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Tara Carter welcomed members to the “Roaring 20s Hats” luncheon and introduced special guest and hat contest judge, Nora Cammazk, a friend of Programs Vice President Cindy Russell.

The following guests were warmly welcomed: Rhonda Rendoe, Kristi Hindman, Judy Heinzman, Mary Hampton, and Donna Marietta.

The 2024–2025 Board Members were recognized for their service.

### **Approval of Minutes and Treasurer’s Report**

A motion to approve the April Luncheon Minutes was made by Lynda Smitherman.  
The motion passed.

A motion to accept the April Treasurer’s Report was made by Sandy Buchanan.  
The motion passed.

### **Nominating Committee and New Officer Slate**

The members of the Nominating Committee were recognized and thanked for their dedication and hard work.

The proposed slate of officers was originally presented on March 27, 2025.  
A revised slate was emailed to President Tara Carter on April 27, 2025.  
All members were notified of the updated slate via email the same day.

President Tara Carter read the slate of officers for the 2025–2026 Board, as presented by the Nominating Committee, and called for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

A motion was made to accept the following slate of officers:

**President:** Kathy Weimar

**Programs Vice Presidents:** Jeanne Sellers, Janie Kennett, and Diane Widmer

**Social Vice President:** Judith Provencher

**Membership Vice Presidents:** Sandy Buchanan and Vivian Ordonio

**Secretary:** Camille Ross

**Treasurer:** Robin Kehler

The motion was seconded by Robyn Agnoli and passed unanimously.



## *Meeting Minutes, continued*

President-Elect Kathy Weimar appointed Kate Wanschek as Parliamentarian and Janine Koslofsky as Chaplain.

### **Special Acknowledgments**

May birthdays were announced and celebrated.

Two commemorative scrapbooks were presented to outgoing President Tara Carter: one honoring her 2024–2025 term and the other documenting the Newcomers Club's 60th Anniversary Luncheon.

Janine Koslofsky gave the blessing before lunch.

### **Transition of Leadership**

Outgoing President Tara Carter delivered a farewell message and expressed gratitude to all club chairs.

The official installation ceremony for the 2025–2026 board followed.

Kathy Weimar was welcomed as the new President and assumed leadership of the meeting.

### **Luncheon Highlights**

Door prizes were distributed.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Lynda Smitherman.

Hat Contest Winners:

Best Fascinator: Camille Ross

Best Flapper: Mary Taylor-Perry

Best Cloche: Deborah Dias

### **Announcements**

- There will be no luncheon in June.
- The next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, July 24th at Arrowhead Country Club.
- A sign-up sheet for table decorations was circulated. A \$30.00 budget will be available for each decorating group.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.



# May Treasurer's Report

An end of year review of Newcomers' financials for 2024-2025 was successfully completed by Treasurer - Robin Kehler, President - Kathy Weimar, and Past President - Tara Carter on June 9, 2025, as stated in ARTICLE SEVEN in our Constitution. After examining all records, Newcomers' books are in order.



## **BEGINNING BALANCE**

**\$3122.75**

## **INCOME**

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| May Luncheon Receipts      | \$880.00 |
| Missed Lunches - 1         | \$22.00  |
| May 50/50                  | \$78.00  |
| Biscuits Baseball Payments | \$26.40  |

**TOTAL \$1006.40**

## **EXPENSES**

|                                                                      |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Ck#3272, USPS PO Box annual rental                                   | \$192.00   |
| Ck#3273, R. Kehler, copy paper, stamps                               | \$25.11    |
| Ck#3274, C. Ross, Sip & Social coffee                                | \$20.59    |
| Ck#3275, Donation, City of St. Jude Brick                            | \$100.00   |
| Ck#3276, K. Weimar, Wine Tasting<br>gifts/decorations                | \$41.57    |
| Ck#3277, Reissue Check to Arrowhead for<br>Mar luncheon #3263, \$740 | (\$704.00) |
| Stop check fee for #3263                                             | \$36.00)   |
| Ck#3278, T. Carter, Appreciation and<br>Transition Luncheons, Roses  | \$494.24   |
| Ck#3279, Arrowhead CC, May luncheon                                  | \$820.00   |
| Ck#3280, D. Widmer, gift bags, door prize                            | \$26.56    |
| Ck#3281, C. Russell, Hat Contest gift cards                          | \$80.00    |
| Ck#3282, J. Koslofsky, Scrapbook supplies                            | \$76.27    |
| Ck#3283, Charity donation, Meals on Wheels                           | \$125.00   |
| Ck#3284, Charity Donation, Holt St. Baptist<br>Church Museum         | \$125.00   |

**TOTAL -\$2126.34**

## **ENDING BALANCE**

**\$2002.81**





**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP by JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Membership Directory!!!!**

**Complete the Membership Form (last page of newsletter) and submit it with \$25.00 \*(address below)**

## **COST vs. VALUE: HOW DO OUR DUES COMPARE TO MEMBER VALUE?**

**Newcomers of Montgomery** provides a fantastic opportunity for members seeking connection and engagement with others, without the burden of logistics. The beauty of Newcomers lies in the pre-planned, diverse activities, alleviating members from the stress of finding and planning events themselves. This shift of responsibility allows YOU to focus solely on your own enjoyment and experience.

## **BENEFITS OF THE CLUB**

**Builds Connections:** The Club provides a space for people with shared interests to unite.

**Emotional Support:** Being a part of the Club means having a support network.

**Sense of Identity:** Being a Club member can give you a sense of identity and purpose.

**Cultural Integration:** The Club serves as a gateway to understanding and integrating into the local culture and community.

**Opportunity to Try Something New:** Ten Activity Clubs to join – Arts Alive!, Arts & Crafts, Book Club, Bunco, Cooking Club, Lunch Bunch, Movie Mavens, TGIF, Contract Rummy, and Explorer's Club. There is also an opportunity to start a New Club!

**In Summary:** Participating in Newcomers provides opportunities to meet new people, access exclusive facilities, improve your health and well-being, learn new skills, get support from your community, feel like you belong, hear great speakers, win door prizes and/or raffles, socialize with friends at luncheons and activities, and receive newsletters and a directory to stay connected. Newcomers of Montgomery is more than just a place to have fun. It can help you lead a healthier, happier, and more connected life. Whether you want to meet new friends (91 members at the end of the 2024-2025 club year), learn a hobby, and always have a good time, Newcomers offers a lot for **\$25.00 a year**. Take advantage of these fantastic opportunities. What you put into the Club is what you get out of the Club.

**Mail your Dues and Membership Form to:  
Newcomers Club of Montgomery  
P.O. Box 241946 | Montgomery, AL 36124-1946**

# THE NEWCOMERS CLUB OF MONTGOMERY, INC.

## Membership Form/Renewal Form Club Year 2025-2026

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

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

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 if you are a previous member

### 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 \$22** regardless if you are on the Standing Reservation list (we are expecting you) or on Will Call (reservation called in by you).

### 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

### 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 31st) - **\$25.00**. Dues from Jan. 1st to May 31st- \$12.50. Please return this completed form **no later than June 30th** for full year membership with your check made out to "Newcomers Club" and mailed to the following address:

Newcomers Club of Montgomery  
PO BOX 241946  
Montgomery, AL 36124

{Check# \_\_\_\_\_} or {Cash} Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

## *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



**Bates House of Turkey**  
(Michelle Sloane)  
2938 Carter Hill Road  
Montgomery, AL 36106

**ExploreMedia**  
(Jina Miniard)  
7956 Vaughn Rd. #331  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**MCA Health and Fitness Center**  
(Wilson Scott)  
7917 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**Los Jalapeños Restaurant**  
(Mr. Lalo)  
8157 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116



**Marquiette's Exquisite Jewelry**  
(Mr. Lyle Fields)  
8163 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**Fleet Feet**  
(Abby Hancock)  
8107 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**Tea Town**  
(Brandy Trieu)  
7929 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116



**Peppertree Steaks and Wines**  
(Kim Westfall)  
8101A Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**Periwinkle Distinctive Gifts**  
(Caryn Davis)  
8189 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**Sommers Place Restaurant**  
(Brian Stillwell)  
7972 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**Tucker Pecan Company**  
(David Little)  
1935 Mulberry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36106

**Velvet Pumpkin Gift Shop**  
(Christine Lester)  
8185 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**Vintage Olive**  
(Carly Gannon)  
8101B Vaughn Road  
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