

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Dear Newcomers,

As the air turns crisp and the holidays draw near, we're grateful for the friendships that continue to grow within our Newcomers community. November is a month for gratitude...and we have much to be thankful for!

Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day is November 11th, and we're proud to honor the brave men and women who've served our country. Many of our members are veterans or part of military families, and we're so grateful for your service and sacrifice.

Small Business Saturday

As you start your holiday shopping, please consider supporting our **Newcomers Sponsors** as well as local **Montgomery businesses** on **Small Business Saturday November 29th**. Every purchase helps our community thrive and keeps our favorite neighborhood shops going strong.

Looking Ahead

Heading into the holiday season, keep an eye on your inbox, our website, newsletter, and Facebook page for updates on November and December events and opportunities to celebrate together.

Wishing everyone a wonderful November filled with warmth, gratitude, and good company!

Kathy Weimar
President 2025-2026

Fun November Facts:

Birth Flower: The **chrysanthemum**, a symbol of friendship, joy, and well-being.

Birthstone: **Topaz**, representing love and affection, and **Citrine**, known for bringing positivity and energy.

Name Origin: November is named from "novem," the Latin word for "nine," because it was originally the ninth month of the year in the Roman calendar before January and February were added.

Did You Know? The first Thanksgiving feast in 1621 lasted three days. I can't imagine washing all those dishes!



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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

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***If you have any "Friendship News" that you wish included in the *December* newsletter, please send the information to Lori Doyal (loridoyal@gmail.com) by December 10th. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

NOVEMBER NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

~ Thursday, November 20th ~

Luncheon Details:

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery
When: Thursday, November 20, 2025
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, November 17th**, 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, November 17th.



Luncheon Program:



Director, Brinkley Jones, of the Family Sunshine Center will discuss the vision of this well-known and important program fostering hope and healing here in Montgomery.



"At the Family Sunshine Center, we're a beacon of hope and healing for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking across Central Alabama. We offer crisis intervention, safe shelter, advocacy, and supportive services—all free of charge. Our mission is to empower survivors to build safe, violence-free lives, and to foster a community where healing and resilience thrive. Together, we can create a brighter future, one story at a time".

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am ~~~~~ Explorers to Eleven86 Water Plant	5	6 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	7 TGIF 6:30 pm	8 Arts Alive! to Guitar Pull 7:00 pm
9	10 Arts & Crafts Club 10:00 am	11 VETERANS' DAY Book Club 10:00 am	12	13 Cooking Club 11:30 am	14	15
16	17 Noon Deadline to make/cancel luncheon reservations.	18 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am ~~~~~ Movie Mavens TBA	19	20 Newcomers Luncheon Arrowhead Country Club	21 Contract Rummy 10:00 am	22
23	24 Bunco 1:00 pm	25	26	27 	28	29
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A Community of Friends ...



Happy November Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOUUUUUUUW



- 1 Priscila Jaffri
- 1 Camille Ross
- 1 Diane Widmer
- 7 Susan Beacham
- 9 Sandy Buchanan
- 12 Carol Shaw
- 14 Cheryle Doss
- 15 Janine Koslofsky
- 26 Irene Wetzel



Friendship News



A longtime member of the Newcomers Club, Barbara Brienza, passed away in early October.
Our condolences go out to her family.

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*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.*

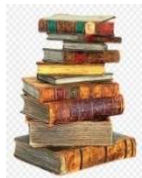


## ARTS ALIVE!

Jeanne Sellers ([jsellersmgm@outlook.com](mailto:jsellersmgm@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 – 757-718-1577 / [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.



## 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.

## 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 Wetzel – 661-972-1334 / [ijwetzel@msn.com](mailto:ijwetzel@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.





# November Happenings in the Activity Clubs



**Arts Alive!** On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., join us for the Joe Thomas, Jr. Guitar Pull at the Cloverdale Playhouse. \$10.00 admission. The general vibe is what is considered "singer-songwriter". So, not exactly rock n roll, not folk, and not blues or bluegrass, but maybe some elements of all of these. Original songs that have been crafted by each musician will be performed. Scheduled performers are: Katie Martin, Amelia Ray, and Montgomery native, Patrick Cross.

Contact Co-Chairs, Jeanne Sellers, [jsellersmgn@outlook.com](mailto:jsellersmgn@outlook.com) or Ginny Anderson [tiger4268@gmail.com](mailto:tiger4268@gmail.com), for information and to sign up for this event.

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Book Club: Tuesday, November 11th, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Kathy Manning.

Address: 9145 Berrington Place, Montgomery, 36117

Book: The Mitford Affair, by Marie Benedict.

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**Cooking Club:** Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., at the home of Cindy Russell.

Address: 8812 Ryan Ridge Loop, Montgomery, 36117

Theme: Thanksgiving. Cindy will prepare a turkey. Attendees bring the fixings and dessert.

**Note:** Limit of 16 participants. \*\*As of this publication, the November event is full.

Contact Chair, Cindy Russell, to get on the waitlist.

603-490-5490 / [crrussell2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crrussell2006@yahoo.com)

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Explorers Club: Tuesday, November 4th. Trip to the Eleven86 Water Plant.

Address: 276 County Road 165, Autaugaville, AL 36603. Plant phone: 844-423-1186.

Contact Chair, Carol Jean Jernigan, 773-339-1921 / firstbornmj1979@gmail.com

From their website: "Eleven86' means life, and like all things in life nothing is perfect, it is the imperfections that make life worthwhile. Our name is one of the examples of our imperfections, but we at Eleven86 Real Artesian Water found the beauty in our mistake. Our name comes from the chapters of the bible and ends with a 6 being the creation of mankind".

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## September 25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Kathy Weimar in the Fairway Room at Arrowhead Country Club.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Janine Koslofsky. President Kathy Weimar greeted the membership and welcomed the guest speaker, Brenda Mitchell, Chief of Police at AUM. Fall table decorations, provided by Cheryl Sundberg, were noted and much appreciated. Kathy announced the sign-up sheet for monthly table decorations is on the back table.

A motion was made by Carol Jean Jernigan to approve the August Luncheon minutes and seconded. Motion passed. A motion was made to accept the August Treasurer's report by Jackie St. Clair and seconded. Motion passed. All September Birthdays were announced and attending members recognized.

In Friendship News, Tara Carter's husband, Chip, had foot surgery last week. Mary Taylor Perry also had foot surgery and is recovering.

The deadline for buying tickets to the matinee, "Murder on the Orient Express", is Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Social VP Judith Provencher spoke about the Halloween Party at the Deer Creek Clubhouse on Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It is BYOB and costumes are encouraged. There is no price set yet, but it will be catered. Judith is looking for decorating help for this event. Jeanne Sellers with Arts Alive! announced the new date for "Young Frankenstein" is October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A 4:30 p.m. dinner at Coaches Corner will precede the play.

The Explorers' Club has 2 events planned. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, a tour of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and on November 4<sup>th</sup>, a tour of the water plant. Sign-up sheets are on the back table. Also, Sandy Buchanan announced Bunco at Arrowhead is on Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> so see her for more details.

Chaplain Janine Koslofsky presented a reading and blessing. Members needing extra time to get their lunch led the way first along with the guest speaker. The AUM Police Chief gave a lively talk and was given a \$20 gift card from Tipico de Mexico Restaurant.

Door prizes were awarded and the 50/50 raffle was won by Ginny Anderson.

A final announcement was made, reminding everyone about the sign-up table to attend events.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17pm.





# September Treasurer's Report



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| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>                                       | <b>\$4031.95</b> |
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| <b>INCOME</b>                                                  |                  |
| Membership Dues                                                | 25.00            |
| September 50/50                                                | \$60.00          |
| September Luncheon Receipts                                    | \$756.00         |
| Missed Luncheon Payments                                       | \$44.00          |
| Orient Express Tickets                                         | \$390.00         |
| Halloween Party                                                | \$40.00          |
|                                                                |                  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                            | <b>\$1315.00</b> |
|                                                                |                  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                                |                  |
| Ck #3293 – C. Ross: Canvas Bags                                | 4.38             |
| Ck #3294 – K. Weimar: Floral Arr. for Vivian's Funeral Service | \$98.17          |
| Ck #3295 – D. Widmer: Gift Bags & Copies                       | \$21.25          |
| Ck #3296 – Raffle Tickets                                      | \$12.58          |
| Ck #3297 – K. Weimar: Welcome Totes & Guest Speaker Gift       | \$61.17          |
| Ck #3298 – Arrowhead CC: September Luncheon                    | \$725.00         |
| Ck #3299 – S. Buchanan: Postage & Invitations                  | \$44.09          |
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| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                          | <b>-\$966.64</b> |
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| <b>ENDING BALANCE</b>                                          | <b>\$4380.31</b> |



# *Support & Visit Our Generous Sponsors*

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## **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

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(Lyle Fields)  
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### **Health & Fitness Center**

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Montgomery, AL 36116

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(Sam Marsal)  
1100 Maxwell Boulevard  
Montgomery, AL 36106

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

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8193 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

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39 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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(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

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(David Little)  
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Montgomery, AL 36106

## **Vintage Olive**

(Carly Gannon)  
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