

# Newcomers Club of Montgomery



## *President's Message*

### **“Let Freedom Ring!”**

Happy 250 years of the founding of our great nation!

Many of us Newcomers and our families have served our country dearly and honorably, and we cherish that and give thanks!

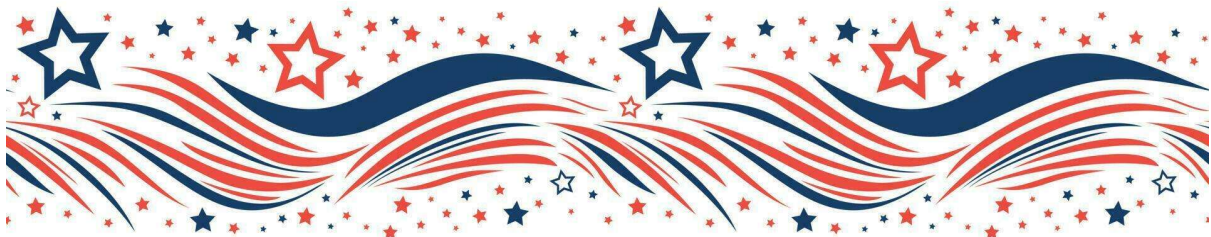
Montgomery and the surrounding communities have many outdoor festivities planned for the Fourth of July, and I hope you get the chance to enjoy some of them with Newcomer friends!

We look forward to seeing you at our July luncheon! It is going to be a very fun activity. The topic is “Getting to Know You, Show and Tell!” Please read Mary Taylor Perry’s Program notes in this newsletter for further details!

Always grateful,

Diane Widmer

President, 2026-2027





## *Executive Board 2026-2027*

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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 *August* newsletter, please send the information to Lori Doyal ([loridoyal@gmail.com](mailto:loridoyal@gmail.com)) by July 10<sup>th</sup>. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.



## JULY NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:



~ Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> ~

### Luncheon Details:

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

**When:** Thursday, July 23, 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, July 20<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, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Program:

#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU! SHOW AND TELL!**

Hello Newcomer Friends! We are excited about the new year ahead!

Our first program for the year is all about getting to know each other a little better.

Let us know something about you that we may not know!

Bring a “show & tell” article like a photograph, something you have made, a family heirloom, a newspaper clipping, a hat, a piece of jewelry, etc., that you will share with your table mates.

Many stories and experiences make up our lives. What is your story?



### **JOIN NEWCOMERS OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

Dues must be paid **before July 31<sup>st</sup>** to be included in the 2026-27 Membership Directory.

Dues are \$25.00

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

Newcomers Club of Montgomery

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

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



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
			1	2	3	
5	6 <b>Mah-Jongg</b> 11:00 am	7 <b>MOW Meal Makers</b> 7:30-9:30 am	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 <b>Contract Rummy</b> 10:00 am	18
19	20 <b>Noon deadline</b> to make/cancel luncheon reservations.	21 <b>MOW Meal Makers</b> 7:30-9:30 am	22 <b>Arts Alive!</b> ASF: <b>BEAUTIFUL:</b> <b>Carole King The Musical</b> 1:30 pm	23 <b>Luncheon</b> Arrowhead CC 11:30 am	24	25
26	27 <b>Bunco</b> 1:00-3:00 pm	28	29	30	31 <b>Deadline to pay dues and submit renewal membership form.</b>	



# A Community of Friends ...



## Happy July Birthdays



- 01 ... Emily Allen
- 08 ... Norma Moore
- 13 ... Connie Carraway
- 14 ... Tara Carter
- 19 ... Jeanette Gueret
- 22 ... Carol Brening
- 29 ... Elouise Brooks



## Friendship News



Thoughts and prayers for **Lori Doyal and her family**, in the loss of her father.



**Janie Kennett's** husband, Dave, has been diagnosed with cancer. They appreciate your prayers.



**Marlene Harrington** appreciates your prayers and cards.



Congratulations to **Carol Jean Jernigan** and **Kim Tilley** as both their grandsons made baseball all-stars.



Congratulations to **Kate Wanschek** on her son's college graduation and move to Huntsville. She also has a grandbaby on the way.



*Please let the Club President or Secretary know of any Friendship News as soon as possible.*

# Activity Clubs

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



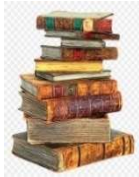
## **ARTS ALIVE!** *See July Activity Announcement.*

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:** *Will resume in September.*

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1557 / [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com) and Robin Agnoli (*New Co-Chair!*) – 410-294-0867 / [rjagnoli@gmail.com](mailto:rjagnoli@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:** *Will resume in the fall.*

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:** *Meeting during the summer.*

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.

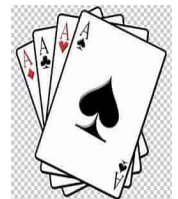


## **COOKING CLUB:** *Will resume in September.*

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:** *Meeting during the summer.*

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. 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:** *Will resume in the fall.*

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 quarter, you'll have an opportunity to explore. Sign-ups at luncheons or contact Carol.

**GARDENING CLUB:** *Will resume in the fall.*

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:** *Meeting during the summer.*

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:** *Will resume in the fall.*

Robin Kehler (*New Chair!*) – 334-797-1596 / [meece.kehler@gmail.com](mailto:meece.kehler@gmail.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 Robin.



**LUNCH BUNCH:** *Will resume in the fall.*

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:** *Will resume in September.*

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.





# July Happenings in the Activity Clubs

**Arts Alive!** Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30 p.m.

We will be attending the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's performance of **BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical**, the smash Broadway musical packed with pop hits that defined a generation. Join us at ASF (1 Festival Drive) to experience music hit-maker Carole King's journey from teenage songwriter to chart-topping solo artist. After the performance, we will meet at Sommer's Place (7972 Vaughn Road) at 5:00 pm for dinner.

Ticket price to **BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical** is \$30.00. To reserve seats, make arrangements with Co-Chairs Jeanne Sellers ([jsellersmgm@outlook.com](mailto:jsellersmgm@outlook.com)) or Ginny Anderson ([ginny@anderson100.com](mailto:ginny@anderson100.com)) no later than July 5, 2026.



**Bunco:** Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at Venue 901.

Address: 901 South Hull Street, Montgomery

Bunco will continue to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Contact Sandy Buchanan for information.



## SOCIAL EVENTS for 2026-2027 FROM YOUR SOCIAL VP, JUDITH PROVENCHER

To the all the Social Ladies of the most popular Social Club in Montgomery:

We are delighted to share a fun-filled lineup for the coming season, beginning with a spirited **Chili Cook-Off**. Bring the heat in August and show off your best secret recipe. If Montgomery Whitewater is flowing, we'll return to that popular spot for a **Sunday Jazz Brunch** with a beautiful view in September. Autumn brings the ever-favorite **Halloween Party** at the Deer Creek Clubhouse in October, and once again the Buchanans have generously agreed to open their lovely Garden District home for a **Cocktail Party** and a visit to the **Governor's Mansion** in December. We will also bring back the **Valentine Dinner at Vintage Olive**, which may soon become a beloved tradition. Spring will open with a trip to cheer on the **Biscuits** at a ballgame in April and will bloom into full elegance with an **Afternoon Tea at Hillcrest Manor** in May.



# May Treasurer's Report

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4302.90</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Luncheon Receipts	\$1215.00
May 50/50	\$77.00
Missed Lunch	\$27.00
Tea Social Payments	\$416.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1735.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Ck #3338 – Hillcrest Manor: Tea Social	\$832.00
Ck #3339 – K. Weimar: Board Transition Lunch	\$123.75
Ck #3340 – D. Widmer: Gift Bags, Supplies	\$48.95
Ck #3341 – J. Koslofsky: Scrapbook Supplies	\$39.51
Ck #3342 – Mad Hatter Gift Cards	\$100.00
Ck #3343 – USPS: PO Box Rental	\$196.00
Ck #3344 – Wetumpka Depot Players: Charity Donation	\$350.00
Ck #3345 – T. Carter: May Table Décor	\$30.00
Ck #3346 – K. Weimar: Appreciation Luncheon	\$431.89
Ck #3347 – Arrowhead CC: May Luncheon	\$1150.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$3302.10</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$2735.80</b>



# PROPOSED BUDGET

## 2026-2027

### Income

June 1, 2026, Beginning Balance	\$ 2,735.80
Membership Dues	\$ 2,100.00
Cash Box	\$ 100.00
Luncheon Receipts	\$ 9,500.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 800.00
Social payments for tickets & functions	
Member Payments Internal	\$ 500.00
Social External Payments	\$ 3,500.00

**Total Proposed Budget** **\$19,235.80**

### Expenses

Activities Luncheon	\$ 9,000.00	
Lunch for guest speakers	\$ 300.00	
Internal Social Payments	\$ 500.00	
External Social Payments	\$ 3,500.00	\$13,300.00
President Office Supplies	\$ 75.00	
Joint & Traditional Meetings	\$ 150.00	
Appreciation Meeting	\$ 425.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	\$ 700.00
Program VP Supplies & Door Prizes	\$ 365.00	
Table Decorations	\$ 120.00	
Guest Speaker Gifts	\$ 150.00	
Raffle Ticket Supplies	\$ 15.00	\$ 650.00
Social VP - Club Rentals	\$ 300.00	
Decoration, Food Supplies	\$ 350.00	\$ 650.00
Membership Gifts	\$ 100.00	
Postage & Office Supplies	\$ 100.00	
Directories with Postage	\$ 250.00	
Coffee	\$ 125.00	\$ 575.00
Secretary - Internet	\$ 275.00	
Friendship Cards & Postage	\$ 60.00	\$ 335.00
Historian – Scrapbook	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Treasurer Post Office Box Rental	\$ 200.00	
Charitable Donations	\$ 400.00	
Checks & Deposit Slips	\$ 100.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 30.00	\$ 730.00

**Total Proposed Expenses** **\$ 17,090.00**

**Proposed Year End Balance** **\$ 2,195.80**



# May 28<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the introduction of these guests was announced: Susie Moore, Eva Weiser and Ellie Balto.

The centerpieces were created by Tara Carter and donated for the door prize drawing.

A motion was made by Chela Kaplan to approve the April luncheon minutes and was seconded. Motion approved. A motion was made by Jan Burdette to accept the April Treasurer's report and was seconded. Motion accepted.

May and June birthday announcements were made.

Marlene Harrington is in rehab and is missing everyone. Vicki Stricklin is recovering from surgery. Cards with well wishes can be sent to their homes. Carol Jean Jernigan and Kim Tilley have grandchildren who have been recognized on softball teams.

Most activity groups will break until the fall except for Bunco and Mah Jongg. Arts Alive will be attending ASF's performance of "Beautiful" on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the back table.

Janine Koslofsky gave the reading and devotion before lunch.

The Mad Hatters Parade was judged by Nancy Hilburn, the GM of Arrowhead CC. The Kentucky Derby Hat winners were Donna Marietta for Most Elegant, Sharon Baker for Most Fun, and Mary Taylor Perry for Most Creative. In the Homemade Hats category, Carol Brensing won for Most Whimsical and Robin Agnoli for Most Creative. The winners received \$20 gift cards to Dillards.

Kathy Weimar delivered a heartfelt farewell speech as outgoing President. Janine Koslofsky created two lovely scrapbooks and presented them to Kathy, thanking her for her service this past year.

Parliamentarian Kate Wanschek administered the oath of office to the new Executive Board Members. Outgoing Board Members were recognized for their service.

The new President, Diane Widmer, announced the door prize and centerpiece winners. The 50/50 raffle winner was Carol Jean Jernigan, who won \$72.00. The next luncheon is Thursday July 23, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.



# *Support & Visit Our Generous Sponsors*

Chairperson for Sponsors and Door Prizes:

Carol Brenging

**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 July 31<sup>st</sup>** for full year membership with your check made out to "Newcomers Club" and mailed to the following address:

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