

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Dear Newcomers,

As October arrives in Montgomery, it brings crisp mornings, colorful leaves, and less humidity! As author L.M. Montgomery said, "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." Between pumpkins on porches, cozy sweaters, and comfy jeans coming out of closets, fall gives us a reason to smile at life's simple joys.

Our October calendar is full of opportunities to connect. On October 23rd, we're honored to welcome the president of Women of Hope as our guest speaker to talk about breast cancer health awareness. And then, the very next day, on October 24th, we'll celebrate all things fun and spooky at our Halloween Party. Costumes, food, drinks, laughter, and maybe a little candy corn...what's not to love?

However you join in this month, whether at the luncheon, the party, or your favorite activity group, I hope you find plenty of friendship, fun, and fall spirit.

Kathy Weimar
President, 2025-2026





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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 *November* newsletter, please send the information to Lori Doyal (lorigoyal@gmail.com) by October 10th. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

OCTOBER NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

**** Thursday, October 23rd ****

Luncheon Details:

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery
When: Thursday, October 23, 2025
Time: 11:30 am - social time / 12:00 noon - meeting begins
Cost: \$27.00 (new price ... see letter below; 2ND notice)
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 20th**, 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, Monday, October 20th.
Extra Note: Please **WEAR PINK** to the luncheon for **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**.

Arrowhead Luncheon Price Increase Update:

Dear Members,

Arrowhead Country Club has let us know that, due to rising food costs, the price of our monthly luncheon buffet will increase by **\$5** beginning with the **SEPTEMBER luncheon**. The new price will be **\$27 per person**. This pricing covers the buffet, service fee, tax, and gratuity. We asked Arrowhead management if a smaller increase was possible, but they explained that the price adjustment was unavoidable and applies to all of Arrowhead's luncheon groups.

This price increase also affects a few related items:

- 1. New Member Welcome Gift** – New members who join will now receive a reusable canvas tote featuring the Newcomers logo, along with our newsletter, directory, and other welcome items. This gift replaces the former “free luncheon” offer and also helps raise our visibility in the community.
- 2. Standing Reservations** – Members with a “Standing Reservation” will be moved to “Will Call” if they are a “no-show,” unless their absence is reported to Sandy Buchanan by 12:00 noon the Monday before the luncheon. As always, any confirmed “Will Call” member who is a “no-show” will be required to pay for her reservation.

We appreciate your understanding, as these changes reflect the same rising costs affecting us all. Thank you for your continued support of our luncheons and the Club.

Kathy Weimar, President



OCTOBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM:

“Breast Cancer Awareness”

Guest Speaker: Carol Golsan, President of Women of Hope, will update us on the latest research on breast cancer.

Women of Hope is a compassionate group dedicated to educating, raising awareness, and offering hope to those affected by breast cancer.

(from www.thewomenofhope.org)



FOR YOUR 2025-2026 DIRECTORY ...

New Member:

Jana Michaud

1252 Autumn Ridge Rd., Montgomery, AL 36117

Phone: 334-782-5978 / Email: antiquesbloom@yahoo.com

Birthday: June 10th

Address Change:

Carolyn Preston

4124 West 4th St., Apt 1306, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Correction:

Lori Doyal's email address on page 11 (under “Newsletter Guidelines”) should be:

loridoyal@gmail.com. Also add her spouse's name (Lee) in the member section.





<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
			1	2 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	3 TGIF 6:30 pm	4
5 Arts Alive! to Wetumpka for "Young Frankenstein" and Dinner	6	7 Meals on Wheels Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am	8	9 Cooking Club 11:30 am	10	11
12 Social at ASF: 2:00 pm Murder on the Orient Express. After Party at Bonefish Grill	13 COLUMBUS DAY	14 Book Club 10:00 am	15 Arts & Crafts Club 10:00 am- 12:00 pm	16 Explorers Club to Birmingham Botanical Grdns	17 Contract Rummy 10:00 am-1:00 pm	18
19	20 Noon Deadline to make/cancel luncheon reservations.	21 Meals on Wheels Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am	22	23 Newcomers Luncheon at Arrowhead Country Club	24 Social: Halloween Party Deer Creek Clubhouse	25
26	27 Bunco 1:00-3:00 pm	28	29	30	31	



A Community of Friends ...



Happy October Birthday



- 1 Donna Marietta
- 1 Jeanne Sellers
- 5 Kate Wanschek
- 15 Chela Kaplan
- 18 Cynthia O'Mara
- 21 IMO Vivian Ordonio
- 24 Pat Watkins
- 28 Ginny Anderson



Friendship News



Mary Taylor Perry is recovering from foot surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

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Carolyn Preston has a new address: 4124 W. 4th Street, Apt. #1306, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

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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.*

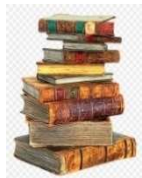


ARTS ALIVE!

Jeanne Sellers (jsellersmgm@outlook.com) 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 and Cheryl Sundberg (co-chairs). Contact Sandy – 757-718-1577 / sndbuchanan@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. *Date change in October to Wednesday, October 15th at Sandy Buchanan's home.



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 – 757-718-1577 / 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.



COOKING CLUB

Cindy Russell – 603-490-5490 / crrussell2006@yahoo.com. Come enjoy a fun time with our club 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.



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 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. 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 Cyn.



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.

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 & Crafts: Wednesday, October 15th, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sandy Buchanan. Project: decorative plate. The cost of \$7.00 includes the plate, fabric (many fall patterns to choose from), paint (color of your choice) and decorative accessories. If you would like to make the bottle, you must bring your own. Any type of bottle can be used (wine bottle, etc.) The bottle project cost of \$5.00 includes paint and decorative accessories (not limited to fall colors.) Limit of 6 crafters. Sign up at the September 25th luncheon or by contacting Sandy.

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**Arts Alive:** On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we will enjoy a matinee of “Young Frankenstein” at the Wetumpka Depot Players. This is Mel Brooks’ classic comedy musical, so prepare to have a fun-filled time! After the performance, we will have dinner at the Wharf (in Wetumpka) and enjoy lively conversations about the play.  
Next ... Save the Date for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., to enjoy the Joe Thomas, Jr. Guitar Pull, at the Cloverdale Playhouse. More details to follow!  
Contact Co-Chairs, Jeanne Sellers, [jsellersmgm@outlook.com](mailto:jsellersmgm@outlook.com) and Ginny Anderson [tiger4268@gmail.com](mailto:tiger4268@gmail.com), for information and to sign up for these events.

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Book Club: Tuesday, October 14th, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Janine Koslofsky.
Address: 2150 St. Charles Ave., Montgomery, 36117.
Book: The Covenant of Water, by Abraham Verghese.

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**Cooking Club:** Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. at the home of Shannon Ippolitto.  
Address: 3447 Southview Ave., Montgomery.  
Theme: Barbeque. Shannon will prepare a Boston Butt. Attendees bring sides.  
Contact Chair, Cindy Russell, no later than October 7<sup>th</sup> to participate,  
603-490-5490 / [crrussell2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crrussell2006@yahoo.com)

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Explorers Club: Thursday, October 16th. Trip to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.
More information to come.

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**Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30 a.m., at First Watch, 2920 Zelda Rd., Suite E.  
RSVP by Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, to Sandy Buchanan, [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com)

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TGIF: Friday, October 3rd, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Russell.
Address: 8812 Ryan Ridge Loop, Montgomery, 36117
RSVP to Cindy by Monday, September 29th, 603-490-5390 / crrussell2006@yahoo.com.
Note: TGIF hostesses are needed for: January 2, February 6, March 6, and April 3.
Without a volunteer hostess for a month, that month’s TGIF will be canceled.
Please contact Janet Williamson to volunteer, 334-235-9418 / pauljan48@gmail.com.

Club Wide Social Events

Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Murder on the Orient Express

Enjoy the mystery of a whodunit with world-famous detective Hercule Poirot.



Alabama Shakespeare Festival

1 Festival Drive, Montgomery

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## After Party

at Bonefish Grill, Eastchase

Join us for Happy Hour and a casual dinner.

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Tickets for the play*: \$30. Payment deadline: September 29, 2025

(Spouses & friends are welcome to join us.)

*Dinner is not included in the ticket price.

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*Dress the part!* If you're inspired, come in your best 1930s attire and add to the fun.

We've reserved a block of seats together in an area with wheelchair access. Tickets are \$30 each and can be paid by cash or check at our September 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

If paying by check, please make it payable to *Newcomers Club* and note "For Orient Express." (Checks are preferred as they're easier to track.) You may also mail your check to: Newcomers Club of Montgomery, PO Box 241946, Montgomery, AL 36124-1946

**RSVP:** Please email [Judith.provencher@yahoo.com](mailto:Judith.provencher@yahoo.com) if you'll attend the play only, or the play AND the after party. We have three wheelchair spaces reserved—please note in your RSVP if you need one.



Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>



## Halloween Party at the Deer Creek Clubhouse



A team of Halloween-loving ladies is busy planning a spooktacular evening. Costumes are encouraged—whether sewn, bought, borrowed, stolen, or recycled! Spouses & Friends Welcome!

More details coming soon.



## August 28<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Weimar at 12:01 p.m. in the Grand Ball Room at Arrowhead Country Club. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain Janine Koslofsky. President Kathy Weimar welcomed all members present and introduced two new members, Kim Tilley and Jana Michaud. The guest speaker, Carol Bridgers of Carol's Excursions, was introduced. Table decorations by Pam Stephan and Susan Beacham were noted with appreciation.

A motion was made by Jackie St. Clair to approve the July luncheon minutes and seconded. Motion passed. A motion was made by Janine Koslofsky to accept the July Treasurer's report and seconded. Motion passed. A motion was made by Cindy Russell to accept the Proposed Budget for 2025-2026 and seconded. Motion passed. All members in attendance with August Birthdays were asked to stand.

President Kathy Weimar asked members to thank Membership Vice President Sandy Buchanan and her husband for all their work creating the 2025-2026 Newcomers Club Directory. Copies were available to all attending members and will be distributed at the All-Members Coffee on September 17<sup>th</sup> and at the September 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

In Friendship News, the passing of former President and fellow member, Vivian Ordonio, was announced.

The following upcoming events were announced: the All-Members Coffee at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and the Halloween Party on Friday October 24, 2025, at the Deer Creek Neighborhood Clubhouse (announced by Judith Provencher, Social Events Vice President). Sign-up sheets for both events were available at the events table in the back.

President Kathy Weimar explained the luncheon price increase to \$27.00, which will begin with the September 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting.

All activity chairs were introduced and offered information about their activities.

Chaplain Janine Koslofsky gave an inspirational reading and blessing before the meal. Ladies needing extra time or assistance were asked to lead the buffet line, followed by the guest speaker.

The guest speaker, Carol Bridgers, of Carol's Excursions, gave an informative talk on travel tips, and was given a gift on behalf of the Club from one of our sponsors, Vintage Olive.

Door Prizes were awarded. The 50/50 raffle of \$93.00 was won by Kathy Weimar.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.





## August 2025 Treasurer's Report



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| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>                               | <b>\$4039.41</b>  |
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| <b>INCOME</b>                                          |                   |
| Membership Dues                                        | 50.00             |
| August 50/50                                           | \$93.00           |
| August Luncheon Receipts                               | \$990.00          |
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| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                    | <b>\$1133.00</b>  |
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| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                        |                   |
| Ck #3289 - J.H. Morgan Library, Sip & Social           | \$25.00           |
| Ck #3290 - Void                                        | \$0               |
| Ck #3291 – R. Kehler, Directory Printing Reimbursement | \$175.46          |
| Ck #3292 – Arrowhead CC, August Luncheon               | \$940.00          |
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| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                  | <b>-\$1140.46</b> |
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| <b>ENDING BALANCE</b>                                  | <b>\$4031.95</b>  |
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Montgomery, AL 36117

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Montgomery, AL 36117  
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