

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Dear Members,

As my time as president ends, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your part in making this year a success and trusting me with this leadership role. I'm thankful for your support, friendship, and involvement throughout this journey. It has been an honor and a joy to serve such a vibrant and welcoming group.

Thank you to our wonderful Executive Board. These leaders have worked with dedication and commitment to move our Club forward. All members are commended and appreciated for your active involvement and positive energy in luncheons and activities. It is the member who makes the real difference for Newcomers.

The Newcomers Club of Montgomery is all about bringing women together-to laugh, to share, and to enjoy each other's company. It's been such a pleasure to see the camaraderie develop among the members through our activity clubs, coffees and socials. Though I'm stepping down from the leadership role, I'll still be around, supporting and participating from the sidelines. This club is a special place, and I know it will continue to thrive as a warm, welcoming space for women to connect and enjoy life together. As we move ahead, I encourage each of you to stay engaged and keep making a positive impact in each other's lives.

I am confident that under the new leadership and new board officers, our club will continue to provide enriching experiences for all members. I look forward to the exciting initiatives and events they have planned for the upcoming year.

Fondly,

Tara Carter / President 2023-2025



Check us out on 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! Check out our webpage also. It is **newcomersofmontgomery.com** (contains previous newsletters, etc.). Add us to favorites!

***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 May 10th for the June 2025 newsletter. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

MAY PROGRAM

A fun and fabulous theme for our May Luncheon – the Roaring 1920s!

Wondering what the most popular hats of the 1920s were?

You're not alone. This fascinating era has captured the imagination of history buffs, fashionistas, and regular people everywhere. All were symbolic of an age that brought such dramatic change to our nation. These hats not only became the eras most popular but became a symbol of the decade. What's your 20's hat going to be?

This is your chance to channel the glamour and excitement of the Jazz Age by sporting your best 1920s-inspired hats! To make it even more exciting, we will be hosting a hat contest during the luncheon, with three categories:

BEST FASCINATOR

BEST FLAPPER HAT

BEST CLOCHE HAT



MAY LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: May 22nd Thursday at 11:30 am for social time. Meeting starts at 12 noon

Cost: \$22.00 – if you RSVP that you will attend or you are on the standing reservations list and do not **CANCEL** by Monday May 19th **NOON** then ***YOU are responsible for the \$22 luncheon fee if you do not show.***

For reservations or to cancel a standing reservation – contact Membership VP Camille Ross, 334-220-8544, bookworm1101@gmail.com.

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2024-2025

President: Tara Carter, 334-224-6479, taralbcarter@gmail.com

Program Vice-President: Cindy Russell, 603-490-5390, crrussell2006@yahoo.com

Sponsors and Door prizes: Diane Widmer, 334-467-9448, dianewidmer@bellsouth.net

Membership Vice-President: Camille Ross, 334-220-8544, bookworm1101@gmail.com

Social Vice-Presidents: Robin Agnoli, 410-294-0867, rjagnoli@gmail.com and

Irene Wetzel, 661-972-1334, ijwetzel@msn.com

Treasurer: Robin Kehler, 334-797-1596, Meece.Kehler@gmail.com

Secretary: Janie Kennett, 813-309-0300, jmkennett12@yahoo.com

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

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



SLATE OF OFFICERS 2025-2026

I am pleased to announce the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee. These candidates will be presented for a vote at our April 24th luncheon.

Slate of Officers:

President: Julie Burns

Program Vice Presidents: Jeanne Sellers, Janie Kennett, Diane Widmer

Social Vice President: Judith Provencher

Membership Vice Presidents: Sandy Buchanan and Vivian Ordonio

Secretary: Camille Ross

Treasurer: Robin Kehler

Please note that while most positions require a formal vote, the roles of **Parliamentarian – Kathy Weimar** and **Chaplain - Janine Koslofsky** are not elected positions. Instead, these roles are/or appointed/volunteer in accordance with our bylaws. Therefore, they will not be included in the voting process.

Birthdays

Barbara DeMichels 5/19
Mary Lou Stevenson 5/29
Sheri Green 5/31



Friendship News







I'm excited to announce Lori Doyal is our new Newsletter Editor starting with the June issue. Thank you, Lori!



MAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Arts & Crafts Project 5/14 SEE DETAILS BELOW</p>				1 Lunch Bunch 11:30am RSVP required	2 TGIF Hostess: Robin Agnoli	3 Biscuits Baseball Game 6:05pm Fireworks after the game
4	5 	6 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am ----- Explorers Club Tour Mtgy. Museum Of Fine Arts 10:00am	7 Board/Transitional Meeting 10am Tara Carter's	8 ***Cooking Club/Hostess: Sandy Buchanan "Cinco De Mayo"	9	10
11 	12	13 *Book Club 10 am Hostess: Mary Lou Stevenson	14**Arts & Crafts 10 am Hostess: Sandy Buchanan See details below	15	16 Contract Rummy 10- 1pm Hostess: Sandy Buchanan	17
18	19 Deadline to RSVP or CANCEL for luncheon is NOON!	20 Movie Mavens ----- Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	21	22 Arrowhead Luncheon 11:30am "Roaring 20s Hats"	23	24
25	26 Bunco 1-3pm Meet at Venue 901 	27	28	29	30	31

***Book Club:** Hostess: Mary Lou Stevenson "Her Hidden Genius"

****Arts & Crafts** – 5/14 Hostess: Sandy Buchanan's home 1203 S. Perry St. Montgomery.

No charge for this project. Learn how to make a vase from a book (we will learn together). There will be a sign-up sheet at the April luncheon, or you can contact Sandy—sndbuchanan@gmail.com. You will need to bring (1) Hardback Book—preferably 9 inches tall—at least 400 pages (these can usually be found in thrift stores, or you can use one of your own) faux florals—mix of flowers, greenery, or other items to add interest (enough to fill your vase). Ribbon is optional. Photo on calendar above.

*****Cooking Club** – Hostess: Sandy Buchanan "Cinco De Mayo"



Explorers Club - Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, May 6th 10:00am

Activity Clubs

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. No longer meeting at the church. 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. She'll 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

Kathy Weimar – 646-321-2931, email: kweimar@icloud.com. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for the reduced-price afternoon matinee. We usually meet for dinner afterwards. Want to be on the email list, contact Kathy Weimar.



LUNCH BUNCH

Cynthia O'Mara – 334-320-1795, email: cyngar6@aol.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 beforehand Tuesday by noon.

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.



March Luncheon Minutes

The regular luncheon of Newcomers Club of Montgomery was called to order at 12:07pm on March 27, 2025 with President Tara Carter presiding and Secretary Janie Kennett recording minutes. Chaplain Janine Koslofsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Tara Carter welcomed new member Pat Watkins and guest speaker Sam Marsal, Director of Sales and Community Liaison for the Montgomery Whitewater Park.

Janine Koslofsky blessed our meal.

BUSINESS MEETING

A motion was made by Janine Koslofsky to approve March luncheon minutes. Motion passed. A motion was made by Lynda Smitherman to accept February Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Carolyn Preston, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the slate officers for 2025-2026. President – Julie Burns, Program VP's – Jeanne Sellers, Janie Kennett and Diane Widmer, Social VP – Judith Provencher, Membership VP's – Sandy Buchanan and Vivian Ordonio, Secretary – Camille Ross, Treasurer – Robin Kehler. Voting will take place on April 24, 2025.

The following announcements were made: March birthdays, Friendship news, acknowledgement of Robin Agnoli for table decorations, Arts & Crafts venue will change, Explorers Club tour of Tuskegee National Historic Site April 22nd 11am; 60th Anniversary Jubilee luncheon April 24th; Roaring Twenty's Hat contest May 22, Get Acquainted Coffee April 14th at Joe Muggs inside Books A Million, Wine Tasting event on April 29th 5:30-7pm, at Arrowhead Country Club and Biscuits Game Social May 3rd 6:05pm.

Pam Stephen won the 50/50 raffle.

Door prizes were awarded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27pm.



March Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE

\$3404.48

INCOME

March Luncheon Receipts	\$726.00
Missed Lunches - 4	\$86.00
March 50/50	\$76.00
2024-25, 1/2-yr. Memberships, 2	\$25.00
Tea and Crumpets Payments	\$250.00
Biscuits Baseball Payments	\$198.00
Wine Tasting Payments	\$300.00

TOTAL

\$1661.00

EXPENSES

Ck #3260, C. Ross, 60 th Ann. Supplies	\$40.18
Ck#3261, R. Agnoli, 60 th Ann. Supplies	\$45.03
Ck#3262, Hillcrest Manor, Tea&Crumpets pay	\$750.00
Ck#3263, Arrowhead CC, Mar Luncheon	\$740.00
Ck #3264, C. Preston, Thank U cards/postage	\$61.03

TOTAL

-\$1636.24

ENDING BALANCE

\$3429.24





RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP by JUNE 30th to be included in the directory!!!!

Please fill out the membership form (last page of newsletter) and submit with **\$25.00** and mail to Newcomers Club of Montgomery PO Box 241946 Montgomery, AL 36124-1946

VALUE VS. COST: 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: 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: Club serves as a gateway to understanding and integrating into the local culture and community

Opportunity to Try Something Brand New:

Ten Activity Clubs to join – Arts & Crafts, Book Club, Bunco, Cooking Club, Lunch Bunch, Movie Mavens, TGIF, Contract Rummy, Explorer's Club and Arts Alive or an opportunity to start a New Club

Make New Friends – 87 members!

To sum it up, where can you meet new people, access exclusive facilities, improve your health and well-being, learn new skills, get support from your community, feel like you belong somewhere, hear great speakers, win a door prize and/or raffle, socialize with friends at a monthly scheduled luncheon, attend several pre-planned social activities and receive a newsletter and 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, learn a hobby, or 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.

DEADLINE FOR DUES - JUNE 30TH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY! RENEW AT LUNCHEON!

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

As we continue to plan our upcoming luncheons, I want to remind everyone 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 to CAMILLE ROSS by the specified deadline. **You will receive a confirmation from Camille.**

DEADLINE HAS ALWAYS BEEN MONDAY NOON PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY SINCE 1981

NOTICE ON: Second page of each newsletter, page 7 of current directory, every email Camille Ross Membership VP sends regarding luncheon reservations

If Camille Ross (Membership VP) 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 unforeseeable events occur but unfortunately, Arrowhead charges Newcomers with **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

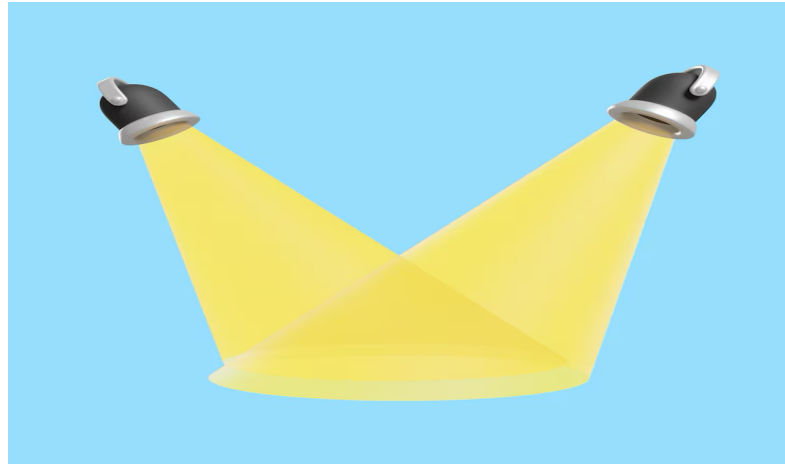
We greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Executive Board

Spotlight on the Arts!

NEW ACTIVITY CLUB



Introducing *Arts Alive!* A new activity club, which will premiere in August, 2025. If you enjoy diverse cultural experiences, including live concerts, captivating plays, and immersive art exhibitions, this club will be of interest to you! A variety of performances across different genres will be offered monthly, bringing together music, theatre, and visual arts to inspire creativity and foster an appreciation for the arts. We will attempt to schedule one or more activities per month, which may be offered in the daytime and/or evening. Chosen activities will be based upon activities available in the area. Carpooling will be encouraged. Members are welcome to invite guests to join them for performances.

To Join us for amazing performances and exhibits, sign up at the monthly Newcomers luncheons. A sign-up sheet at each luncheon will highlight our activities, the location, and fees. Some activities will have a fee for which the member will be responsible, while other activities will be free of charge. For more information, please contact [Jeanne Sellers \(334-782-6208 or \[jsellersmgm@outlook.com\]\(mailto:jsellersmgm@outlook.com\)\)](tel:334-782-6208) or [Ginny Anderson \(334-202-1285 or \[tiger4268@gmail.com\]\(mailto:tiger4268@gmail.com\)\)](tel:334-202-1285)

Thank You to Our 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
Montgomery, AL 36116



THE NEWCOMERS CLUB OF MONTGOMERY, INC.
Membership Form/Renewal Form
Club Year 2025-2026

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTHDAY (month/day): _____ SPOUSE'S
NAME: _____

(Note: The information provided above will be printed in the membership directory)

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.

____ **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 (reservation automatically made) or on Will Call (reservation called in by you).

ACTIVITIES

(Please check the activities that you would like to participate in)

____ ARTS & CRAFTS ____ BOOK CLUB ____ BUNCO ____ COOKING CLUB
____ CONTRACT RUMMY ____ EXPLORERS CLUB ____ LUNCH BUNCH
____ MOVIE MAVENS ____ TGIF ____ ARTS ALIVE

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 the 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 to the following May) - **\$25.00** - Dues after December - \$12.50

Please return this completed form no later than June 30th for full year membership with your check made out to "Newcomers Club" to the following address:

Newcomers Club of Montgomery
PO BOX 241946
Montgomery, AL 36124

{Check# _____} or {Cash} Date received: _____



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Montgomery, AL 36124
