



# Newcomers Club of Montgomery



## *President's Message*

Happy February, Ladies! We hope your year is off to a great start and you're finding your favorite ways to be involved in the Club.

### **February Luncheon**

Our February luncheon is just around the corner, and we'd love to see you there. This month our guest speaker is tourism consultant Ashley Jernigan who will share what's happening around Montgomery. Watch for the separate luncheon invitation with all the details and RSVP information.

### **New Activity Groups**

Our 12 activity groups continue to be one of the best ways to have fun and make connections. Here are the new additions:

- **Mah-jongg** has officially launched and is off to a great start under the leadership of Chairperson Robin Agnoli.
- **Gardening Club** is growing nicely and already has ten members. We are still looking for a Chairperson or two Co-Chairs to send monthly emails to the group with meeting details. Contact me if interested in getting this group blooming!

### **Welcome to Our New Members**

We're excited to welcome our newest members Amanda Fieder, Helene Bilyk, Shirley Brown, Elizabeth Loewecke, and Cheryl Scheierman! If you see a new face at an event, please say hello. A friendly conversation goes a long way in making someone feel at home.

As always, thank you for being such a warm and welcoming community. If you have questions, ideas, or would like to get more involved, feel free to reach out.

Kathy Weimar  
President, Newcomers Club





## *Executive Board 2025-2026*

**PRESIDENT:**

Kathy Weimar, [newcomersmontgomery@gmail.com](mailto:newcomersmontgomery@gmail.com)

**VICE PRESIDENT - PROGRAMS, SPONSORS, & DOOR PRIZES:**

Diane Widmer

**VICE PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP:**

Sandy Buchanan

**VICE PRESIDENT - SOCIAL:**

Judith Provencher

**SECRETARY:**

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Robin Kehler

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

Kate Wanschek

**CHAPLAIN:**

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

# FEBRUARY NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

~ Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> ~

## Luncheon Details:

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

**When:** Thursday, February 26, 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, February 23<sup>rd</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, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## Luncheon Program:



Our February speaker is  
**Ashley Jernigan, CEO of JDB Hospitality.**  
She will discuss upcoming events and tourism efforts  
in conjunction with the  
Montgomery Chamber of Commerce.  
You won't want to miss this inspiring presentation!





<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1	2 <b>Mah-jongg</b> 11:00 am	3 <b>MOW</b> <b>Meal Makers</b> 7:30-9:30 am ~~~~~ <b>Explorers Club</b> 10:30 am	4	5 <b>Lunch Bunch</b> 11:30 am	6 <b>Board Meeting</b> 10:00 am Arrowhead CC ~~~~~ <b>T.G.I.F.</b> 6:30 pm	7
8	9 <b>Arts &amp; Crafts Club</b> 10:00 am	10 <b>Book Club</b> 10:00 am	11 <b>President's Valentine Coffee</b> 10:00 am	12 <b>Cooking Club</b> 11:30 am ~~~~~ <b>Arts Alive!</b> Dinner & "Unforgettable" Concert	13	14 <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> ~~~~~ <b>Dinner</b> The Vintage Olive
15	16 <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b>	17 <b>MARDI GRAS</b> ~~~~~ <b>MOW</b> <b>Meal Makers</b> 7:30-9:30 am ~~~~~ <b>Movie Mavens</b> (tentative)	18 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	19	20 <b>Contract Rummy</b> 10:00 am	21
22	23 <b>Noon Deadline</b> for luncheon reservations. ~~~~~ <b>Bunco</b> 1:00 pm	24	25	26 <b>Newcomers Luncheon</b> 11:30 a.m. Arrowhead Country Club	27	28



# A Community of Friends ...



## Happy Birthday



5 .... Vicki Stricklin  
8 .... Carol Jernigan  
19 .... Carol Hudgins  
24 .... Marlene Harrington  
25 .... Margie Warden



## Friendship News



After experiencing some recent health issues, **Wendy Fernaays** will be moving back to Florida to be closer to her family and great-grandchildren. She'll be settling in to Parasol Melbourne, a 55+ community with lots of activities. If you'd like to wish Wendy well on her new home, feel free to send her a note or card:

Wendy Fernaays  
4881 Dairy Road | Melbourne, FL 32904



*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.*

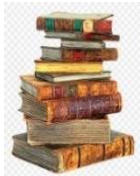


## ARTS ALIVE!

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.

## GARDENING CLUB (NEW)

For those who love plants, outdoor projects, or swapping gardening tips.

Chair(s) needed! If you are interested in serving as chair or co-chair, contact Kathy Weimar.



## MAH-JONGG (NEW)

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

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.





## February Happenings in the Activity Clubs

**Arts Alive!** Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

*The Arts Alive! activity group has just the thing to cure your “winter blues!”* Join us for dinner and an “Unforgettable” concert honoring the legendary crooner, Nat King Cole, and sung by John-Mark McGaha, acclaimed singer, storyteller, and multi-instrumentalist.

- 5:00 p.m. – Dinner at Sinclair’s East (7847 Vaughn Road)
- 7:00 p.m. – “Unforgettable” Concert at Alabama Shakespeare Festival

Concert ticket price: \$30.00. To reserve your seat, bring a check (payable to Newcomers of Montgomery) to the 1/22 luncheon or make arrangements before then with the Co-Chairs: Jeanne Sellers, [jsellersmgm@outlook.com](mailto:jsellersmgm@outlook.com) or Ginny Anderson, [ginny@anderson100.com](mailto:ginny@anderson100.com).

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**Book Club:** Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Deborah Dias.

Address: 5857 Red Barn Road, Montgomery, 36116

Book: The Giver of Stars, by Jojo Moyes.

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**Cooking Club:** Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., at the home of Judy Bailey.

Address: 9029 Green Chase Drive, Montgomery, 36117

Theme: U.S. Presidents’ Favorite Foods

Contact Chair, Cindy Russell, 603-490-5490 / [crrussell2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crrussell2006@yahoo.com), to participate.

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**Explorers Club:** Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a trip to the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Church.

Address: 454 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery

Cost: \$10.00

Contact Chair, Carol Jean Jernigan, 773-339-1921 / [firstbornmj1979@gmail.com](mailto:firstbornmj1979@gmail.com), to sign up.

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**Mah-jongg:** This new and fun activity club will launch in February and will meet on the first Monday of each month. The first game day is:

Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m.

Address: Woodland Creek Clubhouse, 8800 Crescent Lodge Drive, Pike Road, 36064

Contact Chair, Robin Agnoli, 410-294-0867 / [rjagnoli@gmail.com](mailto:rjagnoli@gmail.com), to participate.

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**TGIF:** Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Robin Agnoli.

Address: 19 Chapel Hill Street, Pike Road, 36064

A hostess is needed for the March TGIF.

Contact Chair, Janet Williamson, 334-235-9418 / [pauljan48@gmail.com](mailto:pauljan48@gmail.com), to participate in February’s TGIF and/or to host in March.



# ~ February Social Events ~

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

## PRESIDENT'S VALENTINE COFFEE



At the home of Carol Luehrs, 7160 Wynngrove Drive, Montgomery, 36117.  
Open to all members as we welcome our newest members and guests for a fun, festive time.  
Coffee and entrees will be provided by the Executive Board.

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Time TBA

## DINNER AT THE VINTAGE OLIVE



Treat your loved one—or yourself—to a delightful evening!  
Skip the crowded restaurants with mediocre food and poor service.  
Instead, enjoy an intimate gathering with friends, savoring **great food, wine, and conversation** in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Guests: Limited to 12–20 people.

Contact Social VP, Judith Provencher, 201-427-0419, to sign up.



## JOIN THE 2026-27 NEWCOMERS BOARD

Members - Looking for a meaningful way to give back to Newcomers?

We have several open board positions and welcome members  
who want to share their talents, skills, and ideas.

If a role speaks to you, please contact Tara Carter or a committee member to learn more.

**Tara Carter**, Nominating Committee Chair

**Dottie Blair**, Nominating Committee Member

**Carol Jean Jernigan**, Nominating Committee Member

## Open Board Positions from June 2026- May 2027

President – Presides over monthly luncheons and leads board meetings.

VP Programs – Plans and coordinates engaging luncheon programs.

Treasurer – Collects dues and payments and manages club expenses.

Secretary – Takes notes at board meetings and luncheons; manages Friendship News

# Welcome New Members



We are delighted to have the following ladies join us!  
Veteran Newcomers ... Please add the following new members to your directories and introduce yourselves to them at the next luncheon meeting and activity gathering.

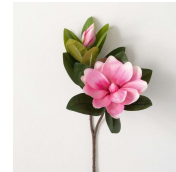
## Helene Bilyk

Address: 476 Caldwell Place | Montgomery, AL 36109

Ph: 609-376-1811

Email: [hbilyk50@me.com](mailto:hbilyk50@me.com)

Birthday: June 20



## Shirley Brown

Address: 9166 Thetford Way | Montgomery, AL 36117

Ph: 334-201-3303

Email: [szbrown92@yahoo.com](mailto:szbrown92@yahoo.com)

Birthday: January 28

Husband: Jimmy



## Amanda Fieder

Address: 3201 Carter Hill Road | Montgomery, AL 36111

Ph: 334-546-0885

Email: [chewy832@hotmail.com](mailto:chewy832@hotmail.com)

Birthday: December 28



## Elizabeth Loewecke

Address: 115 Bridge Street | Pike Road, AL

Ph: 404-936-1061

Email: [elizabeth.loewecke@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.loewecke@gmail.com)

Birthday: August 24

Husband: Brian



## Cheryl Scheierman

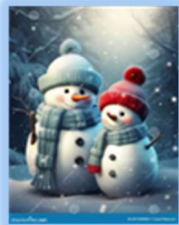
Address: 3121 Malone Drive | Montgomery, AL

Ph: 904-703-3132

Email: [cheryl.scheierman@comcast.net](mailto:cheryl.scheierman@comcast.net)

Birthday: December 3





# December Treasurer's Report



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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>                                           | <b>\$3422.36</b>  |
|                                                                    |                   |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                                      |                   |
| December Luncheon Receipts                                         | \$1080.00         |
| December 50/50                                                     | \$86.00           |
| Missed Luncheon Payments                                           | \$54.00           |
| Orient Express Ticket                                              | \$30.00           |
| Membership Dues                                                    | \$25.00           |
|                                                                    |                   |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                                | <b>\$1275.00</b>  |
|                                                                    |                   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                                    |                   |
| Ck #3309 – S. Buchanan: Underpayment                               | \$10.00           |
| Ck #3310 – K. Weimar: Wireless microphone                          | \$49.79           |
| Ck #3311 – D. Widmer: Gift bags/cards, November guest speaker gift | \$31.01           |
| Ck #3312 – R. Rendon, December table decor                         | \$30.00           |
| Ck #3313 – Arrowhead CC: December luncheon                         | \$1000.00         |
| Ck #3314 – Brundidge Historical Society: Arts Alive tickets        | \$150.00          |
|                                                                    |                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                              | <b>-\$1270.80</b> |
|                                                                    |                   |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE</b>                                              | <b>\$3426.56</b>  |



# 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

## **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 2025-2026**

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 June 30th** for full year membership with your check made out to "Newcomers Club" and mailed to the following address:

Newcomers Club of Montgomery  
P.O. Box 241946 | Montgomery, AL | 36124





**The Newcomers Club of  
the Greater Montgomery Area**  
P.O. Box 241946  
Montgomery, AL 36124