



Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

March always feels like a breath of fresh air. The days are getting longer, spring is just around the corner, and our Newcomers calendar is full of opportunities to gather and have fun together.

Caftans & Cocktails Social

This month we're adding a little retro flair with our Caftans & Cocktails social. It's time to channel your inner Mrs. Roper and fully embrace the fun of the 70s. We'll enjoy classic 70s-inspired bites, festive cocktails, music, and plenty of laughter. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to wear their favorite Hawaiian shirts and join the party. Find more details in this newsletter.

Plan to Be Prepared

Our March Luncheon will feature Laura Goudreau, Deputy Director of the Montgomery Emergency Management Agency. Laura will lead an informative discussion on public safety and preparedness, with a focus on what older adults should know and consider. It's a valuable opportunity to learn practical steps we can all take to feel more confident and prepared, both at home and in our community.

Fashion Show Update

I'm happy to share that we are in talks with Dillard's to bring back our popular fashion show for the April luncheon. Stay tuned next month for more details as plans come together.

Board Member Nominees

Several members have stepped forward as nominees for the 2026–2027 Board and we are grateful for their willingness to serve. The slate of nominees is included in this newsletter with voting taking place at the April luncheon.

As always, our 12 activity groups continue to offer wonderful ways to get involved. If you've been thinking about trying something new, March is a great time to jump in. Reach out to an activity chair to join, attend a meeting, and introduce yourself to someone new. That's the welcoming magic of our Newcomers Club.

I look forward to seeing many of you in March, whether at the luncheon or dressed in your brightest flowy caftan. Let's make March a fun, memorable month!

Kathy Weimar
President, Newcomers Club





Executive Board 2025-2026

PRESIDENT:

Kathy Weimar, newcomersmontgomery@gmail.com

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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 Site: www.newcomersofmontgomery.com

Email: 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 *April* newsletter, please send the information to Lori Doyal (loridoyal@gmail.com) by March 10th. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

MARCH NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

~ Thursday, March 26th ~

Luncheon Details:

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: Thursday, March 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, March 23rd**, 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, March 23rd.



Luncheon Program:

Our March speaker is:

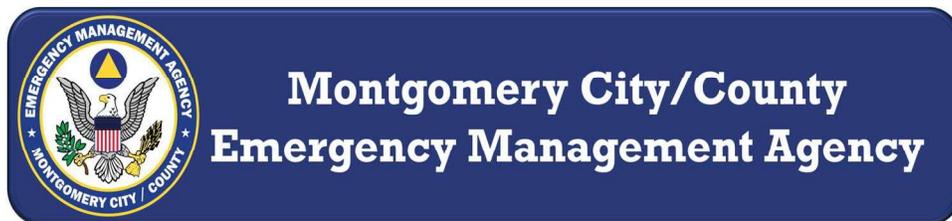
Laura Goudreau, Deputy Director

Montgomery Emergency Management Agency

Spring has sprung and so have weather alert days!

Please join us in welcoming Laura Goudreau to our March luncheon.

She will discuss effective planning to minimize the effects of disasters in the River Region.



The mission of the Montgomery City/County EMA is to serve the residents of Montgomery through effective planning to minimize the effects of all disasters. EMA manages and coordinates efforts toward a rapid recovery from disasters and is committed to effective actions to prevent the disasters we can and to reduce the impact of those over which we have no control.



March

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1	2 Mah-jongg 11:00 am	3 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am ~~~~~ Explorers Club 10:00 am	4	5 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	6 T.G.I.F. 6:30 pm	7
8	9 Arts & Crafts Club 10:00 am	10 Book Club 10:00 am ~~~~~ Board Mtg. 11:00 am Eddy's MGM Whitewater	11	12 Cooking Club 11:30 am ~~~~~ Arts Alive! Wetumpka Depot 1:30 pm	13	14
15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY ~~~~~ MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am	18 Gardening Club 10:00 am	19	20 Contract Rummy 10:00 am	21
22	23 Noon Deadline for luncheon reservations. ~~~~~ Bunco 1:00 pm	24	25	26 Newcomers Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Arrowhead Country Club	27	28 Caftans & Cocktails Potluck Party 3:00 pm
29 PALM SUNDAY	30	31				



A Community of Friends ...



- 4 Eden Esmero-Ray
- 4 Mary Anne McDowell
- 7 Cynthia Russell
- 10 Gay Foster
- 11 Barbara Anderson
- 19 Wanda Laird
- 20 Kathy Lane
- 24 Judy Bailey
- 26 Ildi Andrews
- 30 Robin Kehler
- 31 Shannon Ippolito



March BIRTHDAYS



Friendship News

Patty Roberts is slowly recovering from surgery.
She is looking forward to possibly attending
a luncheon in the near future.

"Flowers are like friends; they
bring color to your world."
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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.



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.

GARDENING CLUB (NEW)

Chela Kaplan – 334-718-7539 / chelakaplan@gmail.com and

Helene Bilyk – 609-376-1811 / hbilyk50@me.com

For those who love plants, outdoor projects, or swapping gardening tips. We meet the 3rd 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 (NEW)

Robin Agnoli – 410-294-0867 / ragnoli@gmail.com. Join us on the 1st 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. 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 Wetzal – 661-972-1334 / ijwetzal@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.





March Happenings in the Activity Clubs

Arts Alive! Thursday, March 12th, 1:30 p.m., at the Wetumpka Depot.

A presentation of “At Wit’s End – Erma Bombeck”. This one-woman show, starring Kristy Meanor, (our speaker at the January Newcomers Luncheon) brings the beloved columnist, humorist, and writer to life with warmth, wit, and heart-felt honesty. It’s a funny, touching celebration of a woman who helped generations find humor in the ordinary.

Afterwards (3:45 p.m.), we’ll go to Dairy Queen for dessert!

To reserve your ticket, bring a check for \$20.00 (payable to Newcomers of Montgomery) to the February 26th luncheon or make arrangements with the Co-Chairs,

Jeanne Sellers, jsellersmgm@outlook.com or Ginny Anderson, ginny@anderson100.com.

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**Arts & Crafts:** Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at the Pike Road Library.

Project: Cute Bunny (just in time for Easter). Cost: \$6.00 due before the start of class.

Limit: 10 people. Sign up at the February 26<sup>th</sup> luncheon or contact Sandy Buchanan.

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Book Club: Tuesday, March 10th, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Barbara Anderson.

Address: 1650 S. Perry St., Montgomery, 36104

Book: Theo of Golden, by Allen Levi

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**Cooking Club:** Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., at the home of Irene Wetzel.

Address: 7224 Greenfield Rd., Montgomery, 36117

Theme: Irish Food

Contact Chair, Cindy Russell, 603-490-5390 / [crrussell2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crrussell2006@yahoo.com), by March 9<sup>th</sup> to participate.

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Explorers Club: Tuesday, March 3rd, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a trip to the W.A. Gayle Planetarium. Cost: \$7.50.

Address: 1010 Forest Ave., Montgomery

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

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**Gardening Club:** Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Chela Kaplan.

Address: 403 Larkwood Dr., Montgomery, 36109

We’ll discuss our goals, gardens, flowers, and vegetables. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. If you have seeds to share, bring them.

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TGIF: Friday, March 6th, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Sandy Buchanan.

Address: 1203 S. Perry St., Montgomery, 36104

Contact Chair, Janet Williamson, 334-235-9418 / pauljan48@gmail.com, to participate.

~ MARCH SOCIAL EVENT ~



Caftans & Cocktails Potluck Party

Saturday, March 28th

3:00 p.m.

**At the home of Robin Kehler
8806 Oak Meadow Court, Montgomery, 36116**

Don a colorful caftan, marvelous muumuu or sunny Hawaiian shirt (or come as you are and just have fun!) sipping cocktails and savoring classic 70s-style dishes and music.

Volunteers are needed for the décor and menu committees.

We're also seeking someone to channel their inner DJ to keep the party lively.

Don't miss your chance to be the best-dressed couple or to indulge your ultimate island vibe.

When you combine vacation vibes, mumus, caftans,
and 70's food and music, there truly are no rules!

Think about your favorite 70's dish and plan a cocktail to enjoy or share.

Sign up at the next luncheon or contact Social VP, Judith Provencher.



~ SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR THE 2026-2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD ~

Thank you to Nominating Committee Chair, Tara Carter, and committee members,

Dottie Blair and Carol Jean Jernigan for their thoughtful work in completing the
Slate of Nominees for 2026-2027 Executive Board positions.

We thank the ladies listed below who have stepped up and agreed to serve, if elected.

In keeping with our Constitution, additional nominations may be made from the floor
by any member in good standing at the appropriate time.

We will vote at the April luncheon and install new Board Members at the May luncheon.

PRESIDENT:	Diane Widmer
PROGRAMS VICE-PRESIDENT:	Mary Taylor-Perry
DOOR PRIZES/SPONSORS:	Donna Marietta
SOCIAL VICE-PRESIDENT:	Judith Provencher
MEMBERSHIP VICE-PRESIDENT:	Sandy Buchanan
SECRETARY/FRIENDSHIP NEWS:	Janie Kennett
TREASURER:	Pam Stephan
CHAPLAIN & HISTORIAN:	Janine Koslofsky
PARLIAMENTARIAN:	Kate Wanschek

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.

Emily Allen

Address: 6424 Chaprice Lane | Montgomery, AL 36117

Ph: 334-557-9167

Email: ronnie.rosen@yahoo.com

Birthday: July 1



Sharon Baker

Address: 161 Landmark Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

Ph: 334-202-6121

Email: shbaker53@icloud.com

Birthday: September 15

Linda Becker

Address: 64 Woodridge Avenue | Pike Road, AL 36064

Ph: 334-819-6060

Email: lindahbecker@me.com

Birthday: June 20

Husband: Alvin



Carol Brensing

Address: 71 Lake Forest Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

Ph: 334-391-4606

Email: cbrensing@gmail.com

Birthday: July 22

Debra Evans

Address: 676 Keeneland Way | Montgomery, AL 36109

Ph: 334-467-7452

Email: debevans@hotmail.com

Birthday: December 30

Husband: Rick



Ronda Scott

Address: 9133 Castle Pines Circle | Montgomery, AL 36117

Ph: 334-312-7661

Email: scott.ronda@yahoo.com

Birthday: September 25

Husband: Paul



January Treasurer's Report



BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3426.56
INCOME	
January Luncheon Receipts	\$1323.00
January 50/50	\$103.00
Missed Luncheon Payments	\$27.00
Valentine's Dinner Tickets	\$220.00
ASF Tickets	\$330.00
Membership Dues	\$100.00
Brundidge Festival – Arts Alive	\$150.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2253.00
EXPENSES	
Ck #3315 – C. Ross: Christmas Luncheon Crafts	\$42.46
Ck #3316 – K. Weimar: Christmas Luncheon Game Prizes	\$51.24
Ck #3317 – Arrowhead CC: January Luncheon	\$1250.00
Ck #3318 – D. Widmer: Stamps, Thank You Cards	\$22.48
Ck #3319 – K. Weimar: January Sip and Social Snacks	\$44.28
Ck #3320 – K. Weimar: Go Daddy Domain Renewal	\$37.18
Ck #3321 – G. Anderson: ASF Tickets – Arts Alive	\$330.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$1777.64
ENDING BALANCE	\$3901.92





January 23rd Luncheon Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by President Kathy Weimar in the main dining room at Arrowhead Country Club with 50 attendees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Janine Koslofsky. President Kathy Weimar introduced the guests Sharon Baker, Emily Allen, Sue Beth Jordan, and Carol Brensing. The new members introduced were Amanda Fieder, Cheryl Scheierman and Shirley Brown. The Guest speaker, Kristy Meanor, of the Wetumpka Depot Players was also introduced.

A special thank you to Gay Foster and Janine Koslofsky for the theatre-themed table decorations.

A motion was made by Jackie St. Clair to accept the December Treasurer's Report and seconded. Motion passed. (No Luncheon Minutes for December Christmas Party)

Members celebrating January Birthdays were announced.

In Friendship news, Dawn Wiggins is recovering at home from her recent hospitalization. Patty Roberts is having open heart surgery this month. Mary Taylor Perry thanked all members for their cards, calls and prayers while she dealt with health issues.

Announcements made: February Valentine's Day Dinner at Vintage Olive. Check the sign-up sheet for details. Club Sponsor, Arrowhead CC GM Nancy Hilburn spoke on types of membership available to Newcomers. Nominating Committee introductions were made that included Tara Carter, Chairperson, along with members Carol Jean Jernigan and Dottie Blair.

Janine gave an inspirational reading and a blessing followed by lunch.

Diane Widmer introduced the Guest Speaker.

The 50/50 raffle tickets were sold by Judith Provencher, and the winner was Pat Watkins in the amount of \$97.00. Door Prizes were given out.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.



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**
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Montgomery, AL 36124