



Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Happy New Year, Ladies!

January always feels like a clean notebook, and we're ready to start filling the pages with another year of fun and friendship together. Whether you attended an activity group or social event, welcomed a new member, or simply showed up with a smile, it all matters.

As we move into the new year, I'll be forming a Nominating Committee to put together our board member slate for 2026–2027, which starts in June. If you'd like to flex your leadership skills and join the nominating committee, please contact me to discuss what's involved.

January Happenings

Join us at Prevail Union Coffee House (1/15) for our **Sip & Socialize Welcome Coffee** for potential new members.

Meet our January luncheon guest speaker **Kristy Meanor**, the lively and engaging Executive Director of the Wetumpka Depot Players.

February Sneak Peek

Save the Date! The annual **President's Valentine Coffee** on February 11th always gets a great turnout. More details to come!

Our next social event in February will be at **Vintage Olive**. It's a member favorite, and a great chance to mingle while trying something new. Keep an eye out for more details—this one fills quickly.

Here's to a fresh start, a full calendar, and a fun new year ahead!

Kathy Weimar, President 2025-2026
Newcomers Club of Montgomery





Executive Board 2025-2026

PRESIDENT:

Kathy Weimar, <https://newcomersofmontgomery.com>

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Sandy Buchanan

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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 Page: <https://newcomersofmontgomery.com>

Contains previous newsletters, etc. Add us to favorites!

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

JANUARY NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

~ Thursday, January 23rd ~

Luncheon Details:

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: Thursday, January 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, January 19th, 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, January 19th.



Luncheon Program:

What's New at the Wetumpka Depot Players! with Kristy Meanor, Executive Director

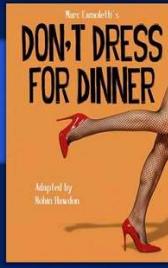
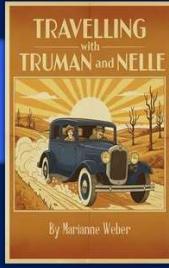
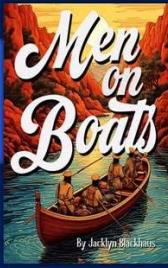
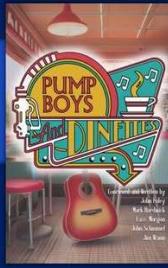
Kristy will share what's new and what's ahead for their upcoming season.

She is a fun and dynamic speaker and has spent 35 years directing, acting, and designing with the Depot Players.

Kristy has served as Executive Director for the past decade and oversees marketing, educational outreach, and the artistic programs that keep the Depot Theatre thriving.

At the Depot...

Every season is a new journey - 46 and still counting!



www.wetumpkadepot.com 334-318-2538



January

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3
4	5	6 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am ~~~~~ Board Meeting 10:00 am	7	8 Cooking Club 11:30 am	9	10
11	12 Arts & Crafts Club 10:00 am	13 Book Club 10:00 am	14	15 Sip & Socialize 10:00-11:30 am Prevail Union Coffee	16 Contract Rummy 10:00 am	17
18	19 MLK, JR. DAY ~~~~~ Explorers Club 11:00 am AL Dept of Archives ~~~~~ Noon Deadline for luncheon reservations.	20 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am	21	22 Newcomers Luncheon Arrowhead Country Club	23	24
25	26 Bunco 1:00 pm	27	28	29	30	31 Arts Alive! Troy Two-fer



A Community of Friends ...



Happy January Birthday



2 Kathy Manning
10 Judy Heinzman
27 Rhonda Rendon



Friendship News



Elouise Brooks is recovering at home from rehab where she spent time for her hip injury.

Cards of encouragement can be sent to her at:

Address: 3509 McGehee Place Court | Montgomery, AL 36111
Phone: 334-281-3776

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**Donna Robins** had a heart attack and has been in the hospital for the past couple of days. She is on the road to recovery and will be home by the time you receive this newsletter.

Notes/cards of encouragement can be sent to her at:

Address: 3134 Knightsbridge Curve | Montgomery, AL 36111

*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 / [snedbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:snedbuchanan@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 / [snedbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:snedbuchanan@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 / [snedbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:snedbuchanan@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.

## 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.





# January Happenings in the Activity Clubs

**Sip & Socialize (ALL Newcomers activity):** Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

at **Prevail Union Coffee**, 39 Dexter Ave., Montgomery, 36104

We would love your support! Join us for a free cup of coffee and pastries as we chat with potential new members.

RSVP to Sandy Buchanan, VP Membership, [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com), if you'd like to attend.

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**Arts Alive!**: Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – Troy Two-fer

1) Visit the **International Arts Center (IAC)** *AND*

2) Enjoy the **Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival**, all on the Troy University campus in Troy, Alabama.

**Times:**

- 10:30 am - Tour of the **International Arts Center (IAC)**, 158 International Blvd., Troy University
- 12:00 n - Lunch at the Trojan Food Court in the Trojan Center, 231 Adams Center, Troy University
- 1:30 pm – Pre-show musical performance at the Trojan Center
- 2:00 pm - **Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival** at the Trojan Center

**Cost:**

Admission to the IAC is free; lunch on your own; \$15.00 for the **Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival**. Reservations and payment for the **Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival** due to Jeanne or Ginny no later than December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**Arts & Crafts:** Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – Blue and White Vase

Address: Pike Road Library, 9585 Vaughn Road, Pike Road, AL

Project Cost: \$6.00. Lunch afterwards.

Sign up at December Luncheon or email Sandy or Cheryl.



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**Book Club:** Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

The book and location will be announced.

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**Cooking Club:** Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., at the home of Janie Kennett.

Address: 9291 Springwood Court, Montgomery, 36117

Theme: Favorite Comfort Foods for Cold Weather.

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

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**Explorers Club:** Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.

Tour of the Alabama Department of Archives.

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**TGIF:** To date, there is no TGIF scheduled for January, February, nor March as no one has volunteered to host the event in her home. If you would like to host one of these months, please contact Chair, Janet Williamson, 334-235-9418 / [pauljan48@gmail.com](mailto:pauljan48@gmail.com).

# ~ Upcoming February Events ~

## Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. PRESIDENT'S VALENTINE COFFEE



At the home of Carol Luehrs, 7160 Wyngrove Drive, Montgomery, 36117  
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  
Mark your calendar and plan ahead! More details to come.



## PROSPECTIVE NEW ACTIVITY CLUBS FOR 2026

### MAH JONGG CLUB (NEW!)

We're looking for ladies who enjoy Mah Jongg or want to learn. If there's enough interest, we'll start a new group and need one volunteer to serve as chair. The role is simple: send a monthly email with meeting details. If you'd like to join the group or take the lead, please reach out to Kathy Weimar. We'll also have a sign-up sheet at the December luncheon.



### GARDENING CLUB (NEW!)

If you love plants, outdoor projects, or swapping tips, we'd love to form a Gardening Club. We need a chairperson to help coordinate by sending a monthly email with dates and plans. If you're interested in being part of the group or serving as chair, contact Kathy Weimar. We'll also have a sign-up sheet at the December luncheon.



## November 20<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by President Kathy Weimar in the main dining room at Arrowhead Country Club.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Janine Koslofsky. President Kathy Weimar welcomed the membership and introduced our two guests, Lovetta Churchill and Hope Church. Our guest speaker, Brinkley Jones, from the Family Sunshine Center, was also introduced. Kathy thanked Camille Ross for today's table decorations.

A motion was made by Linda Smitherman to approve the October Luncheon Minutes and seconded. Motion passed. A motion was made to accept the October Treasurer's Report by Pam Stephan and seconded. Motion passed.

All November birthday attendees were asked to stand. In Friendship News, a longtime member, Barb Brienza, passed away in early October. Louise Brooks has a fractured hip and is now recuperating from surgery. Feel free to send her a card at her home address.

Our annual Governor's Mansion Christmas Tour is Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Sandy Buchanan's home at 5:00 pm and bring a snack to share. Spouses are welcome to attend. Speak with Sandy Buchanan or Judith Provencher for details. President Kathy Weimar thanked everyone for their generous donations to Meals on Wheels.

Janine Koslofsky gave an inspiring reading and blessing before the meal.

Program VP Diane Widmer introduced the guest speaker, Brinkley Jones. After an informative slide show she was presented with a \$20.00 Bates Turkey gift card from the club. Brinkley will provide Kathy a Christmas list of gift donations for the Center's Christmas party. Our members can bring their unwrapped gifts to the December 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

Door prizes were given out and the 50/50 raffle winner of \$63.00 was Pam Stephan.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.





# November

## Treasurer's Report



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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>                                      | <b>\$4058.90</b>  |
|                                                               |                   |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                                 |                   |
| November Luncheon Receipts                                    | \$1026.00         |
| November 50/50                                                | \$63.00           |
| Missed Luncheon Payments                                      | \$54.00           |
| Halloween Party                                               | \$40.00           |
| Membership Dues                                               | \$25.00           |
| ASF Frozen Tickets                                            | \$330.00          |
|                                                               |                   |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                           | <b>\$1538.00</b>  |
|                                                               |                   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                               |                   |
| Ck #3304 – J. Provencher: Halloween Party, Food, Decor        | \$520.27          |
| Ck #3305 – K. Weimar: Website Renewal                         | \$224.27          |
| Ck #3306 – Arrowhead CC: November Luncheon                    | 1100.00           |
| Ck #3307 – J. Sellers: ASF Frozen Tickets                     | \$330.00          |
| Ck #3308 – I. Wetzel: Raffle Tickets, Replace voided Ck #3296 | (\$12.58)         |
|                                                               |                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                         | <b>-\$2174.54</b> |
|                                                               |                   |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE</b>                                         | <b>\$3422.36</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

**Marquierette'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

**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 | 36124-1946



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the Greater Montgomery Area**  
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Montgomery, AL 36124