

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Dear Members,

"We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year...we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential." (Ellen Goodman) The new year is not just about a change in the calendar; it's about setting fresh goals and embracing new opportunities. January 1, 2025 is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one!

The best way to "bloom where you are planted" is to make friends in your community. There are multiple ways for you to meet new people in the Club. For example, I will be forming a Nominating Committee to work on Newcomers' leadership slate for 2025-2026 which begins in June. I urge you to consider becoming part of the team. Positions to be filled are President, Social VP, Program VP and Membership VP. These positions can include a CO VP. Also, become involved with an activity group (details page 5), attend coffees (President's/Valentine Coffee 2/10), socials (Tea & Crumpets 2/19), luncheons (2/27), and participate in various volunteer openings such as Meal Makers with Meals on Wheels or help with future Sip and Socialize Welcome Coffees for potential members or create the monthly Newsletter (Editor needed). Get connected. Get with interesting people. Get to know your community.

Happy New Year!

Fondly, Tara Carter

President

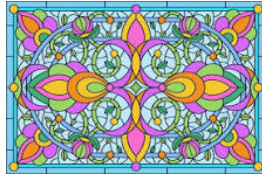
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Check us out on Facebook. See the latest photos from our luncheons, club activities, and social events. Search for "Newcomers of Montgomery Inc." and click "LIKE" to follow our page and stay up-to-date! Check out our webpage also. It is **newcomersofmontgomery.com** (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 Tara Carter email: taralbcarter@gmail.com prior to January 10th for the February 2025 newsletter. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

JANUARY PROGRAM



Meet Susan Marie Pieri: Portrait Artist and Stained-Glass Designer. Hear how Susan captures life in a casual pose and setting. A common theme in Susan's work is the love between individuals and their relationships with pets and nature. Her love of color and illuminated stained glass inspires Susan to try new techniques.

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: January 23rd 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 January 20th 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

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Socials



President's Valentine Coffee

Monday, February 10th at 10:00am

Tara Carter's Home

1480 South Perry Street, Montgomery, 36104

*Join us for a cup of coffee and delicious food provided
by the Board. Bring a guest! Sign up at the luncheons*

TEA & CRUMPETS "An Affair to Remember"

at HILLCREST MANOR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - March 20th at 10:00am

Birthdays

Kathy Manning	1/02
Edra Patrick	1/03
Wendy Ostlund	1/19



Friendship News



For the third time, Vicki Stricklin had bypass surgery on her right leg for no circulation and blood clots. Please keep her in your thoughts & prayers.

Wendy Ostlund is moving to Madison, WI to be closer to family. She will be missed!



JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	3 TGIF Hostess: Janie Kennett	4
5	6 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	7 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	8 **Arts & Crafts 10-noon Mardi Gras Wreath \$15	9***Cooking Club 11:30am Hostess: Irene Wetzel "Southern Cooking"	10	11
12	13	14 *Book Club 10 am Hostess: Robin Agnoli	15	16 Explorers Club The City of St. Jude 11:00am	17 ****Contract Rummy 10- 1pm Hostess: Sandy Buchanan	18
19	20 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR LUNCHEON BY NOON!	21 Movie Mavens Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	22	23 Arrowhead Luncheon 11:30 Artist: Susan Marie Pieri	24	25
26 	27 Bunco 1-3pm Meet at Venue 901	28	29	30	31	

*Book Club – Hostess: Robin Agnoli “Plainsong” by Kent Haruf

**Arts & Crafts – Mardi Gras Wreath - \$15.00

***Cooking Club – Hostess: Irene Wetzel – “Southern Cooking”

**** Contract Rummy – Contact Sandy Buchanan (see activity clubs for more information)



Explorers – The City of Saint Jude

Saint Jude was the final stop for the Selma to Montgomery Marchers before arriving at the State Capitol on March 24, 1965. Join us January 16th at 11:00am.

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 at the Providence Presbyterian Church 2130 Bell Road, Montgomery with lunch out afterwards.



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 the Hilton “Tracy” Larkin Community Center, 814 E. Claremont Ave., Montgomery as the Crump Center is closed for repairs. Once the center re-opens there is a \$20 yearly membership fee for the center.



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. 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.



November Luncheon Minutes

The regular luncheon meeting of the Newcomers Club of Montgomery was called to order at 12:01pm with President Tara Carter presiding and Secretary Janie Kennett recording minutes. Chaplain, Janine Koslofsky led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Tara Carter welcomed guest Ruth Covan and guest speaker Marlin “Scooter” Dyess. Marlin was a running back at the University of Alabama in 1958 and played under Coach Bear Bryant.

A motion was made by Lynda Smitherman to approve October luncheon minutes. Motion passed. A motion was made by Diane Widmer to accept October Treasurers report. Motion passed.

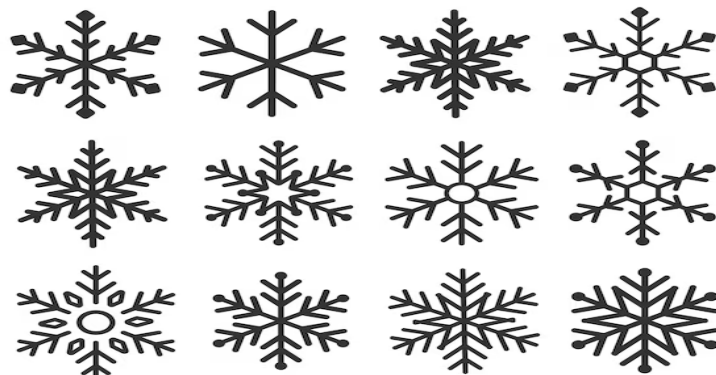
The following items were announced: thank you to Janine Koslofsky for providing our beautiful table decorations; December birthdays, former member Dorothy Boyer passed away on November 5th; Explorers Club trip to Old Cahawba Archaeological Park on December 3rd; Governor’s Mansion Tour on December 9th; the first Sip and Socialize Welcome Coffee on December 10th Christmas Project for the Humane Society December 12th; 60th Diamond Anniversary luncheon on April 24th volunteer opportunities at Meals on Wheels; and Venue 901 will be the new meeting place for Bunco beginning January 2025.

Janine Koslofsky blessed our meal.

Door prizes were awarded.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Janet Williamson.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26p.m.



November Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE

\$2761.21

INCOME

November Luncheon Receipts	594.00
November 50/50	\$53.00
No-show lunch reimbursements	\$66.00
(Ck #3220, Boo Bash deposit check returned	\$300.00)

TOTAL \$1013.00

EXPENSES

Ck #3243, C. Ross, directory mailings, \$6.40	\$39.94
New Member gift supplies, \$33.54	
Ck #3244, R. Agnoli, Boo Bash gift card prizes	\$50.00
Ck #3245, C. Ross, Banner sign	\$107.45
Ck#3246, I. Wetzel, 50/50 tickets roll	\$12.58
Ck#3247, Arrowhead CC, Nov Luncheon	\$679.72

TOTAL -\$889.69

ENDING BALANCE

\$2884.52



MONTGOMERY AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

NEWCOMERS TURN MEAL MAKERS

Transforming meals, transforming lives!



**1st & 3rd Mondays and Tuesdays of each month
7:30 - 9:30 am**

115 East Jefferson Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

- **Enter on the Lawrence Street side through the garden gate.
334-263-0532**

Help assemble and package meals that are distributed every weekday to 455+ homebound seniors by volunteers. This program allows **Newcomers** an opportunity to give back, make a difference and be visible in the community.

*Proper attire: closed-toe, slip-resistant shoes; pants, or knee-length shorts or skirts. (NO CROCS)

*Will be required to wear hairnets, gloves, and apron. These items are provided. Volunteer forms are required. See Camille Ross for a form.

*Leave all belongings (EXCEPT YOUR PHONE) in your car.

*If you choose, you can purchase a Newcomers Club t-shirt for \$10.00 paid in advance from Camille Ross to wear that day.

**ENSURING NO SENIOR GOES HUNGRY IN MONTGOMERY!
VOLUNTEER AND GET INVOLVED!**

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 2024-2025

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 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

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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