

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Dear Members,

Newcomers Club of Montgomery was organized in 1965 as a lady's social club. Our 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee luncheon is **April 24, 2025**, at Arrowhead Country Club. This milestone is a testament to the strength, resilience, and community spirit that has defined our club since its inception. Over the past six decades, we have welcomed hundreds of ladies into our community, fostering connections, creating lasting friendships, and making a real impact on the lives of each member. From our humble beginnings to the vibrant, diverse group we are today, Newcomers Club has always been a place of support, warmth, and camaraderie. Our continued success reflects the passion and dedication of every individual who has been part of our journey--from our founding members to those who have joined us more recently. As we celebrate this incredible anniversary, let us take a moment to reflect on the many friendships we've built, the experiences we've shared, and the sense of belonging we've fostered. Whether you've been with us for a year or decades, you are a vital part of our club's story, and we are grateful for your presence. Looking forward, I am excited about the opportunities to continue growing, evolving, and connecting with more newcomers in the years to come. Together, we will continue to make Newcomers Club a place where everyone feels at home, no matter where they come from or how long they've been here. Thank you for being a part of this amazing journey. Cheers to many more years of friendship, laughter, and support.

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 Tara Carter email: taralbcarter@gmail.com prior to April 10th for the May 2025 newsletter. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

APRIL PROGRAM

THERE WILL NOT BE A SPEAKER BUT A TIME OF
FELLOWSHIP AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE PAST AND A
LOOK TO THE FUTURE!



You are cordially invited to

THE NEWCOMERS CLUB OF MONTGOMERY 1965-2025

60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Luncheon

April 24, 2025

11:30am - \$22.00

Arrowhead Country Club

RSVP to Camille Ross at 334-220-8544 or

bookworm1101@gmail.com

DEADLINE TO RSVP or CANCEL - April 21st by Noon!

Volunteers Needed

Newsletter Editor, Chairs for Cooking Club,
Explorers Club and Lunch Bunch – Contact Tara Carter 334-224-6479

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: April 24th 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 April 21st **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



SOCIALS



Montgomery Biscuits Baseball Game

Biscuits vs. Chattanooga Lookouts

Montgomery Riverwalk Stadium

Saturday, May 3rd 6:05pm / Fireworks afterwards

RSVP BY APRIL 16 - \$13.20 per ticket

Sign up at luncheon or call Irene Wetzel – 661-972-1334

Birthdays

Claudia Graham	4/02
Jackie St. Clair	4/03
Alexandra Wong-Ioffreda	4/04
Dawn Wiggins	4/05
Janet Williamson	4/05
Patricia Roberts	4/07
Lori Doyal	4/07
Jeanette Bibb	4/10
Janet Beard	4/19
Eura Owens	4/21
Emerine Sweeney	4/21
Carolyn Preston	4/22



Friendship News



For all those going through rough times, please know our thoughts are with you!

Carol Jean Jernigan's grandson Michael Jernigan III is nominated to the National Society of Leadership and Success at Alabama A&M University. Congrats!



APRIL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30	2	3 Lunch Bunch 11:30am RSVP required	4 TGIF Hostess: Janet Williamson 6:30pm	5
6	7 Board Meeting 10am Janie Kennett	8 *Book Club 10 am Hostess: Deborah Dias	9 **Arts & Crafts 10-Noon Stone vase w/ bouquet \$10.00	10 ***Cooking Club/Hostess: Marlene Harrington 11:30am	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14 Sip & Socialize 10:30-12pm Books-A-Million Shoppes at Eastchase	15 Movie Mavens TBD Meal Makers 7:30-9:30	16 Deadline to sign up/pay for Biscuits Baseball Game on May 3rd \$13.20 per ticket	17	18 ****Contract Rummy 10-1pm Hostess: Sandy Buchanan	19
20 Easter 	21 Deadline to RSVP or CANCEL for luncheon is NOON! ----- Deadline for Wine Tasting	22 Explorers Club Tuskegee Airmen Nat'l Historic Site 11:00am Admission - free	23	24 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Luncheon Arrowhead  11:30am	25	26
27	28 Bunco 1-3pm Meet at Venue 901 	29 Wine Tasting 5:30-7pm Arrowhead \$30 per person	30			

*Book Club: Hostess: Deborah Dias – “Guilt of Souls” by Phyllis Biffle Elmore

**Arts & Crafts – Stone vase complete with a spring bouquet. \$10 RSVP to Sandy Buchannan

***Cooking Club – Hostess: Marlene Harrington “Spring Dinner”

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

Explorers Club



Before 1940, African Americans were barred from flying for the U.S. military. Civil rights organizations and the black press exerted pressure that resulted in the formation of an all-African American pursuit squadron based in Tuskegee, Alabama, in 1941 known as The Tuskegee Airmen. They overcame segregation and prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II. **Explore Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site April 22 at 11:00am. No Charge**

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 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.



February Luncheon Minutes

The regular luncheon meeting of the Newcomers Club of Montgomery was called to order at 11:53am on February 27, 2025 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 new member Linda Erving, guest Pat Watkins and guest speaker, Cardiologist Dr. Wynne Crawford.

Chaplain Janine Koslofsky blessed our meal and lunch was served.

A motion was made by Lynda Smitherman to approve the January luncheon minutes. Motion passed. A motion was made by Sandy Buchanan to accept the January treasurer's report. Motion passed.

The following items were announced: February birthdays; Explorers Club tour of Fort Toulouse on March 4th; Arts & Crafts will meet March 12th; Tea and Crumpets Social at Hillcrest Manor on March 20th; Newcomers 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee luncheon April 24th at Arrowhead Country Club; Biscuits Game Social May 3rd at 6:05pm at Riverwalk Stadium; theme for our May 22nd luncheon is "Hats from the Roaring 20's"; Jeanne Sellers gave details of a new club entitled "Arts Alive."

Door prizes were awarded.

Cheryl Hiatt won the 50/50 raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28pm.



February Treasurer's Report

<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	\$3117.20
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INCOME

February Luncheon Receipts	\$792.00
January 50/50	\$73.00
2024-25, 1/2-yr. Memberships, 1	\$12.50
Tea and Crumpets Payments	\$375.00

<u>TOTAL</u>	\$1252.50
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EXPENSES

Ck #3253, D. Widmer, Gift bags/door prizes	\$16.51
Ck#3254, K. Weimer, Baked good, Sip/Social	\$19.60
Ck#3255, T. Carter, Coffee, Sip/Social	\$19.59
Ck#3256, R. Agnoli, 60 th Ann Wine glasses	\$58.97
Ck#3257, Arrowhead CC, Feb Luncheon	\$780.00
Ck#3258, J. Koslofsky, Scrapbook Photos	\$46.46
Ck#3259, C. Russell, Vint. Olive speaker gift	\$24.09

<u>TOTAL</u>	-\$965.22
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<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	\$3404.48
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Newcomers Wine Tasting Event



Tuesday, April 29th 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Arrowhead Country Club

DEADLINE TO RSVP – APRIL 21ST

Uncork an evening of sipping, swirling, and learning. **\$30/pp ticket** includes 5-6 wines to taste, charcuterie board table, list of wines, and one raffle ticket for a chance to win a premium bottle of wine. Spouses, family & friends are invited to attend! Contact Kathy Weimar to reserve at kweimar@icloud.com

Checks payable to Newcomers Club of Montgomery

Sip & Socialize

Newcomers Coffee



BREWING CONNECTIONS, ONE CUP AT A TIME!

JOE MUGGS COFFEE at Books-A-Million

The Shoppes at Eastchase

Monday, April 14th

10:30 am – 12:00 noon

Enjoy a cup of coffee!

Meet and Greet Potential New Members

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 by the specified deadline.

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

NOTICE ON: FRONT PAGE OF EACH NEWSLETTER, PAGE 7 OF CURRENT DIRECTORY, EVERY EMAIL CAMILLE ROSS SENDS REGARDING LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

If Newcomers does not receive your CANCELLATION by the deadline, you will be considered in arrears and, unfortunately, will not be able to attend the next luncheon unless payment is received in full.

Please note 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

Newcomers Club of Montgomery

NEWCOMERS TURN MEAL MAKERS

Transforming meals, transforming lives!



1st & 3rd 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!**

MONTGOMERY AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

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

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: _____



P.O. BOX 241946
Montgomery, AL 36124
