



Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Holiday Greetings, Members!

December is here and we're wrapping up another wonderful year together, including celebrating Newcomers of Montgomery's 60th Anniversary since 1965. Thank you to everyone who participated in our luncheons, activity groups, and volunteer efforts throughout 2025. Your participation and enthusiasm are what makes our Club so special!

We hope you'll take part in our upcoming activities before we all pause for the holidays:

Holiday Luncheon & Giving Back

Join us for a festive afternoon Thursday, December 18th with good food, fun games, and a bit of sparkle. We'll have holiday-themed décor, door prizes, and plenty of cheer. We'll also be collecting unwrapped gift items* for women and children served by the Family Sunshine Center, Montgomery's domestic abuse support center. Thank you in advance for helping to brighten someone else's season. *Suggested gift items to bring are listed further in the newsletter.

Growing Activity Groups

Our special interest groups are still going strong. Whether it's dining out, book club, or exploring something new around town together, there's always a way to stay active. If you're not in a group yet, this is the perfect time to try one out. Contact the Activity Chair to get your name on their monthly email list to stay informed.

As we look ahead to 2026, we encourage you to stay engaged, bring a friend, and share ideas for what you'd like to see in the new year. Feel free to email me with ideas! Newcomers is for everyone who wants community, and we're excited to keep growing together.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!

Kathy Weimar and The Newcomers Board Members

Fun December Facts

- Americans bake more than 2 billion cookies during the holiday season with Iced Sugar Cookies taking the top spot.
- Poinsettias are named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, who brought the plant home in 1828.





Executive Board 2025-2026

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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 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 *January* newsletter, please send the information to Lori Doyal (loridoyal@gmail.com) by December 5th. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

DECEMBER NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

~ Thursday, December 18th ~

Luncheon Details:

- Where:** Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery
When: Thursday, December 18, 2025
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, December 15th**, 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, December 15th.



Luncheon Program: Christmas Project



Please bring an unwrapped gift item for the Family Sunshine Center, a local organization helping women and children affected by domestic abuse.

Your generosity will make the season brighter ✨ for those who need it most.

**** See the Holiday Giving Wish List of what to bring to the December Luncheon ****

IF NOT ATTENDING THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON,
PLEASE CONTACT DIANE WIDMER, PROGRAMS VP.



'Tis the Season of **HOLIDAY GIVING**

Holiday Giving Wish List for Santa's Workshop

When you donate items from the list below, it gives our clients the joy of picking out something special for each other. Please limit shopping to new items only and if possible, ones from this list. Thank you in advance for assisting with our mission! Happy Holidays to you and yours!

GENERAL NEEDS:

Wrapping paper, tape, boxes, and name tags for gifts for children and adults. Also, please include batteries in gifts that require them.




GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS:

Popular themes right now are Angry Birds, The Avengers, Frozen, Dora the Explorer, Go Diego Go, Air Hogs, Batman, Transformers, and Shopkins. Other ideas include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Fisher Price Toys<input type="checkbox"/> V-Tech Toys<input type="checkbox"/> Shape Sorters<input type="checkbox"/> LEGO blocks<input type="checkbox"/> Leap Frog or Leap Pads<input type="checkbox"/> Infant Toys<input type="checkbox"/> Hero action figures<input type="checkbox"/> Styling heads<input type="checkbox"/> Barbie<input type="checkbox"/> Paw Patrol<input type="checkbox"/> Handheld electronic games<input type="checkbox"/> Portable game unit/plug-ins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Board games
(Life, American Girl, 300
wishes, Pie Face, Apple to
Apples)<input type="checkbox"/> Balls (football,
soccer, basketball)<input type="checkbox"/> Nail salon sets<input type="checkbox"/> Kids cooking sets<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion sketch
pads<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & craft sets
(inc. jewelry
making)<input type="checkbox"/> Selfie Sticks<input type="checkbox"/> Fidget Spinners<input type="checkbox"/> Model car/planes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Teen Purses<input type="checkbox"/> Watches (girls and boys)<input type="checkbox"/> Bath & body sets<input type="checkbox"/> Remote control cars<input type="checkbox"/> Small electronic tablets<input type="checkbox"/> Best Buy, Walmart,
Target, Game Stop, or Pre-
paid VISA-gift cards<input type="checkbox"/> Diaries<input type="checkbox"/> Art supply kits for teens<input type="checkbox"/> Robots<input type="checkbox"/> Hatchables<input type="checkbox"/> Fingerlings<input type="checkbox"/> Playdough Touch<input type="checkbox"/> Scooter |
| <h3>GIFTS FOR WOMEN:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Prepaid gas cards<input type="checkbox"/> Bath towel sets<input type="checkbox"/> Robes & gowns (especially
large sizes)<input type="checkbox"/> Lounge Wear<input type="checkbox"/> House slippers or
slides<input type="checkbox"/> Lotion sets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Brush sets<input type="checkbox"/> Journals<input type="checkbox"/> Fleece throws<input type="checkbox"/> Hair Dryers<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry baskets
(large plastic)<input type="checkbox"/> Umbrellas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Calendars<input type="checkbox"/> Gift Certificates (restaurant,
grocery, movie)<input type="checkbox"/> Gift Cards or pre-
paid cards for nail
salons<input type="checkbox"/> Shower baskets |

If you are purchasing items from the wish list, please deliver them UNWRAPPED



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
	1 Board Meeting 10:00 am Robin Kehler's Home	2 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am	3	4 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	5 TGIF 6:30 pm	6
7	8	9 Book Club 10:00 am	10	11 Cooking Club 11:30 am	12	13
14 	15 Noon Deadline to make/cancel luncheon reservations.	16 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am ~~~~~ Movie Mavens TBA	17	18 Newcomers Luncheon Arrowhead Country Club	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS 	26	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 			



A Community of Friends ...



December Birthdays



4 Kim Tilley
23 Barbara Anderson
24 Rona Reder
25 Ellen Clute
29 Shirley Nance
29 Pam Williamson



Friendship News



WELCOME to New Member, Barbara Anderson! Please add her to your Directory.

Address: 1240 Autumn Ridge Road | Montgomery, AL 36117

Phone: 334-306-8042 | Email: jcafire@gmail.com

Birthday: 12/23 | Husband: Johnny

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Ed Hunneyman, husband of **Karen Day Hunneyman**, passed away recently.  
Karen is a Past President of Newcomers and a long-time friend to many members.

Our condolences go out to Karen and her family.

Karen's address: 5680 Corsica Place, Vero Beach, FL 32967

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Former member, **Barbara Brienza**, passed away recently.

Our condolences go out to Barbara's family.

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.*

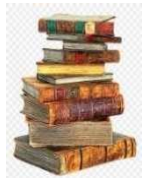


ARTS ALIVE!

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 – *NO MEETING in DECEMBER*

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 – *NO MEETING in DECEMBER*

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 – *NO MEETING in DECEMBER*

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 – *NO ACTIVITY in DECEMBER*

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.

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 Wetzel – 661-972-1334 / ijwetzel@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.



December Happenings in the Activity Clubs



Arts Alive! Friday, December 12th – Dinner and ASF Production

Join us for dinner at **Sommer's Place** followed by **Disney's Frozen - The Broadway Musical**

We'll meet at Sommer's Place (7972 Vaughn Road) for dinner at 5:00 pm and then go to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (Festival Drive) for the 7:00 pm performance of **Disney's Frozen - The Broadway Musical**. Tickets: \$30.00 per person.

Based on Disney's Academy Award-winning animated film, **Frozen** is the beloved story of sisters, courage, and re-discovered love bursting to life under the snow-laden skies of a kingdom in danger. Don't miss this enchanting performance of the magical story that will melt even the iciest of hearts!

To reserve your seat for FROZEN, contact Jeanne Sellers (jsellersmgm@outlook.com) or Ginny Anderson (ginny@anderson100.com) NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19. Bring your check, made out to The Newcomer's Club of Montgomery, to the Newcomers Luncheon OR make other arrangements with Jeanne and/or Ginny to pay for your ticket BEFORE Thursday, November 20. Guests are welcome, space permitting.

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**Book Club:** Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Janie Kennett.

Address: 9291 Springwood Court, Montgomery, 36117

Book: Fifteen Dogs, by Andre Alexis.

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Cooking Club: Thursday, December 11th, 11:30 a.m., at the home of Sandy Buchanan.

Address: 1203 S. Perry Street, Montgomery, 36104

Theme: Christmas Cookie Exchange. Bring a finger food dish to share.

Contact Chair, Cindy Russell, 603-490-5490 / crussell2006@yahoo.com, to participate.

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**TGIF:** Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., at the home of Janie Kennett.

Address: 9291 Springwood Court, Montgomery, 36117

Contact Janie: 813-309-0300 / [jmkennett12@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkennett12@yahoo.com), to participate.



# ~~~ *Club Wide Social Event* ~~~



## GOVERNOR'S MANSION CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS TOUR

DECEMBER 15, 2025 at 5:00pm

Hosted by Sandy Buchanan  
1203 S. Perry St, Montgomery AL

Meet at Sandy's for drinks and nibbles at 5pm and  
then we'll walk across the street to tour the mansion.  
Please bring a snack or appetizer to share.

Parking at Sandy' House or at Bellinger Hill School 1152 S. Lawrence St.

The tour is FREE, but we need the RSVP for you and your guest by December 5th to order tickets.  
Email: [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com) or [Judith.provencher@yahoo.com](mailto:Judith.provencher@yahoo.com)





# October 23<sup>rd</sup> Luncheon Meeting

**Note 1:** The following Minutes were taken by Janie Kennett, in Secretary Camille Ross' absence.

**Note 2:** The meeting was led by Diane Widmer, in President Kathy Weimar's absence.

The meeting was called to order at 11:51 a.m. by Diane Widmer.

In Parliamentarian Janine Koslofsky's absence, Gay Foster led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our guest speakers were Carol Golsan, President of Women of Hope, and Barbara Samuels, who updated us on the latest research on breast cancer.

Thank you's were given to Sandy Buchanan for her beautiful table decorations.

A motion was made by Janie Kennett to approve the September Luncheon Minutes.  
Motion passed.

A motion was made by Sandy Buchanan to accept the September's Treasurer's Report.  
Motion passed.

October birthdays were announced.

In Friendship News: Karen Day's husband passed. She was a former member and President. The service will be held at Frazier Church on November 14. She asked that the club members be notified as soon as possible. Her address is: 5680 Corsica Place. Vero Beach, FL. 32967. Also a former member Barbara Brienza passed recently.

The upcoming Halloween Party details were given.

Gay Foster blessed our meal.

Door prizes were awarded. The 50/50 raffle was won by Jackie St. Clair.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.







# October Treasurer's Report



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| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>                                | <b>\$4380.31</b>  |
|                                                         |                   |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                           |                   |
| October Luncheon Receipts                               | \$675.00          |
| October 50/50                                           | \$47.00           |
| Missed Luncheon Payments                                | \$27.00           |
| Halloween Party                                         | \$460.00          |
|                                                         |                   |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                     | <b>\$1209.00</b>  |
|                                                         |                   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                         |                   |
| Ck #3300 – J. Provencher: Play Tickets                  | \$420.00          |
| Account Deduction, Bank Deposit Slips                   | \$95.41           |
| Ck #3301 – Deer Creek Clubhouse Rental: Halloween Party | \$300.00          |
| Ck #3302 – S. Buchanan: 2 Guest Speaker gifts           | \$40.00           |
| Ck #3303 – Arrowhead CC: October Luncheon               | \$675.00          |
|                                                         |                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                   | <b>-\$1530.41</b> |
|                                                         |                   |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE</b>                                   | <b>\$4058.90</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

**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



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