

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Dear Members,

I'm thrilled and honored to serve as your new President of the Newcomers Club! When my husband's job moved us from New York City to Montgomery seven years ago, I didn't know a soul. Discovering this club was truly a lifesaver—offering instant connection, friendship, and a sense of belonging that I'll always be grateful for.

This year, our goal is to grow our membership so that even more women can experience the joy and support this wonderful club provides. We hope you'll help us spread the word and share this "hidden gem" with friends, neighbors, and other women in the community. You are our best ambassadors!

Our board has got a fantastic lineup of guest speakers, lively social events, and meaningful opportunities to connect. Whether you're a brand new member or have been with us for a while, there's a place for you here.

Please Note: As always, there is no luncheon in June. We look forward to seeing you at our first luncheon on Thursday, July 24th at Arrowhead Country Club.

Here's to a year of fun, friendship,
and new beginnings!

Warmly,
Kathy Weimar
President, 2025-2026





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 upcoming newsletter, please send the information to Lori Doyal (loridoyal@gmail.com) prior to June 10th for the July 2025 newsletter. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.



JUNE



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1	2	3 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	18	19	20	21
22	23 Bunco 1-3pm Meet at Venue 901	24	25	26 No Luncheon this month.	27	28
29	30					

Activity Clubs

The Activity Clubs do not meet during the summer. Bunco is an exception and meets on the 4th Monday of each month. Other clubs may decide to meet on occasion, so check the newsletters for information.



ARTS ALIVE! (a new club beginning in August)
 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.

Activity Clubs, continued

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. Meeting place to be announced.



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

NEW CHAIR! Irene Wetzel – 661-972-1334, email: 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, 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.



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS:

There is no luncheon in June.

Our next luncheon will be held on Thursday, July 24th!

JULY LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: Thursday, July 24th

Time: 11:30 am - social time / 12:00 noon - meeting begins.

Cost: \$22.00*

***If you RSVP that you will attend or you are on the standing reservations list, and you do not **CANCEL** by **NOON** on **Monday, July 21st**, then **YOU** are responsible for the **\$22** 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

June Birthdays

1 – Wendy Fernaays
3 – Linda Irving
3 – Kathy Weimar
15 – Deborah Dias
27 – Donna Robins



Friendship News

Our thoughts continue to be with Bobbie McAdams, in the loss of her beloved husband, Craig.



April 24th Luncheon



60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee (1965-2025)

The meeting was called to order at noon on April 24, 2025.

Janine Koslofsky led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President, Tara Carter, introduced new members: Lucy Davis and Wanda Laird as well as visitors: Pat Powell, Evelyn Malabonga, and Veta Robinson.

President, Tara Carter, gave an opening statement about our 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Chaplain, Janine Koslofsky, blessed our meal.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING:

A motion was made by Sandy Buchanan to approve the March luncheon Minutes. Motion passed. A motion was made by Lynda Smitherman to accept the March Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

April birthdays were announced. The Biscuits game is our last social of the year on May 3rd.

May 22nd luncheon is Roaring 20's hat contest.

A new activity group, "Arts Alive", is starting in August.

Lori Doyal is our new Newsletter Editor. Friendship news was announced.

60th ANNIVERSARY DIAMOND JUBILEE ACTIVITIES:

Introduction of former presidents: Janine Koslofsky, Vivian Ordonio, Camille Ross, Michelle St. Clair, and Tara Carter, our current president.

The 20+ year members present were Rona Reder, Mary Taylor-Perry, Emerine Sweeney, Cynthia O'Mara, and Shirley Nance.

History of the club presented by President Tara Carter followed by a video.

The lighting of a candle and reading of the names of deceased members (2018-2025) was read by Robin Agnoli and Irene Wetzel followed by a moment of silence.

Door prizes were awarded. Robin Agnoli won the 50/50 raffle.

Closing Remarks by President, Tara Carter.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

April Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE

\$3429.24

INCOME

April Luncheon Receipts	\$1056.00
Missed Lunches - 2	\$44.00
April 50/50	\$111.00
Biscuits Baseball Payments	\$145.20
Wine Tasting Payments	\$300.00

TOTAL \$1656.20

EXPENSES

Ck #3265, D. Widmer, Postage, copies	\$38.88
Ck#3266, Arrowhead April Luncheon	\$1000.00
Ck#3267, I Wetzel, 60 th Ann. Supplies	\$134.18
Ck#3268, K. Weimar, Sip and Social	\$20.03
Ck #3269, Void	\$0.00
Ck#3270, Arrowhead Wine Tasting	\$400.00
Ck#3271, Montgomery Biscuits	\$369.60

TOTAL -\$1962.69

ENDING BALANCE

\$3122.75



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



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





RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP by JUNE 30th to be included in the Membership Directory!!!!

Complete the Membership Form (last page of newsletter) and submit it with \$25.00 *(address below)

COST vs. VALUE: HOW DO OUR DUES COMPARE TO MEMBER VALUE?

Newcomers of Montgomery provides a fantastic opportunity for members seeking connection and engagement with others, without the burden of logistics. The beauty of Newcomers lies in the pre-planned, diverse activities, alleviating members from the stress of finding and planning events themselves. This shift of responsibility allows YOU to focus solely on your own enjoyment and experience.

BENEFITS OF THE CLUB

Builds Connections: The Club provides a space for people with shared interests to unite.

Emotional Support: Being a part of the Club means having a support network.

Sense of Identity: Being a Club member can give you a sense of identity and purpose.

Cultural Integration: The Club serves as a gateway to understanding and integrating into the local culture and community.

Opportunity to Try Something New: Ten Activity Clubs to join – Arts Alive!, Arts & Crafts, Book Club, Bunco, Cooking Club, Lunch Bunch, Movie Mavens, TGIF, Contract Rummy, and Explorer's Club. There is also an opportunity to start a New Club!

In Summary: Participating in Newcomers provides opportunities to meet new people, access exclusive facilities, improve your health and well-being, learn new skills, get support from your community, feel like you belong, hear great speakers, win door prizes and/or raffles, socialize with friends at luncheons and activities, and receive newsletters and a directory to stay connected. Newcomers of Montgomery is more than just a place to have fun. It can help you lead a healthier, happier, and more connected life. Whether you want to meet new friends (91 members at the end of the 2024-2025 club year), learn a hobby, and always have a good time, Newcomers offers a lot for **\$25.00 a year**. Take advantage of these fantastic opportunities. What you put into the Club is what you get out of the Club.

***Renew at the May 22nd luncheon or mail your Dues and Membership Form to:
Newcomers Club of Montgomery
P.O. Box 241946 | Montgomery, AL 36124-1946**

THE NEWCOMERS CLUB OF MONTGOMERY, INC.

Membership Form/Renewal Form

Club Year 2025-2026

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

PHONE#: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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.

____ **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 \$22 regardless if you are on the Standing Reservation list (we are expecting you) or on Will Call (reservation called in by you).

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 31st) - **\$25.00**. Dues from Jan. 1st to May 31st \$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:

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{Check# _____} or {Cash} Date received: _____



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