

# Newcomers Club of Montgomery



## President's Message

Dear Members,

### EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, AND NOBODY

Anonymous British

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

This poem speaks to the opportunities available within The Montgomery Newcomers Club for our 86 members to volunteer, serve on the board, host an event, create the newsletter, work on the directory, and/or chair an activity club etc. Get Involved! The Club works when you do! **YOU ARE THE CLUB!**

At the March luncheon, Carolyn Preston, Chairman of the Nominating Committee along with Kathy Manning and Kate Wanschek will present the slate of officers for 2025-2026. At the April luncheon, the election will take place. At this time, nominations for any office may be made from the floor by any member in good standing.

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](http://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](mailto:taralbcarter@gmail.com) prior to March 10<sup>th</sup> for the April 2025 newsletter. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

# MARCH PROGRAM

Montgomery Whitewater is Alabama's premier outdoor destination, inviting all ages to be outside, challenge themselves, discover new activities, and enjoy their surroundings.

Montgomery Whitewater Sales Director Heather Watts will share what Whitewater has to offer to our community. Come join us as Heather enlightens us on how it's not just about rafting!



**Where:** Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

**When:** March 27th 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 March 24th 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](mailto:bookworm1101@gmail.com).

## Executive Board 2024-2025

**President:** Tara Carter, 334-224-6479, [taralbcarter@gmail.com](mailto:taralbcarter@gmail.com)

**Program Vice-President:** Cindy Russell, 603-490-5390, [crrussell2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crrussell2006@yahoo.com)

**Sponsors and Door prizes:** Diane Widmer, 334-467-9448, [dianewidmer@bellsouth.net](mailto:dianewidmer@bellsouth.net)

**Membership Vice-President:** Camille Ross, 334-220-8544, [bookworm1101@gmail.com](mailto:bookworm1101@gmail.com)

**Social Vice-Presidents:** Robin Agnoli, 410-294-0867, [rjagnoli@gmail.com](mailto:rjagnoli@gmail.com) and Irene Wetzel, 661-972-1334, [ijwetzel@msn.com](mailto:ijwetzel@msn.com)

**Treasurer:** Robin Kehler, 334-797-1596, [Meece.Kehler@gmail.com](mailto:Meece.Kehler@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** Janie Kennett, 813-309-0300, [jmkennett12@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkennett12@yahoo.com)

**Parliamentarian:** Kathy Weimar, 646-321-2931, [kweimar@icloud.com](mailto:kweimar@icloud.com)

**Chaplain:** Janine Koslofsky, 334-391-2875, [janinekoslofsky@yahoo.com](mailto:janinekoslofsky@yahoo.com)



# Socials



## Tea & Crumpets

March 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

10:00am / \$25.00 per person

Join our March social event and enjoy tea service at the beautiful Hillcrest Manor located at 1632 South Court Street Montgomery, a stately Georgian-style mansion circa 1915. Contact Social VP's Robin Agnoli 410-294-0867 or Irene Wetzel 661-972-1334 or sign up at the February luncheon. Checks payable to "Newcomers Club of Montgomery."  
**Deadline to RSVP and PAY is March 10<sup>th</sup> - NO REFUNDS after March 10<sup>th</sup>!**

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## Birthdays

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Eden Esmero-Ray     | 3/04 |
| Mary Anne McDowell  | 3/04 |
| Michelle St. Clair  | 3/05 |
| Cynthia Russell     | 3/07 |
| Mary Jane McCracken | 3/09 |
| Gay Foster          | 3/10 |
| Barbara Anderson    | 3/11 |
| Julie Burns         | 3/15 |
| Kathy Lane          | 3/20 |
| Judy Bailey         | 3/24 |
| Ildi Andrews        | 3/26 |
| Sue Gill            | 3/28 |
| Robin Kehler        | 3/30 |
| Shannon Ippolito    | 3/31 |



## Friendship News



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

*Looking for Newsletter Editor*  
*Contact Tara Carter*

*Save the date!*



*60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Luncheon*

*April 24, 2025 at 11:30am*

*Arrowhead Country Club*

*Newcomers Club of Montgomery 1965-2025*



*Montgomery Biscuits Baseball Game*

*Biscuits vs. Chattanooga Lookouts*



*Montgomery Riverwalk Stadium*

*Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:05pm / Fireworks afterwards*



# MARCH



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|----------|
|   |  |   |   |  |  | 1        |
| 2   | 3  | 4 Meal Makers<br>7:30-9:30am<br><br>Explorers- Ft.<br>Toulouse 11am   | 5 Executive Board<br>Meeting<br>10:00am<br>Janine<br>Koslofsky's<br>home  | 6 Lunch Bunch<br>11:30am<br>RSVP required  | 7 TGIF<br>Hostess: Patty<br>Roberts                                      | 8        |
| 9<br><br>Daylight<br>Savings Time<br>Begins   | 10<br><b>DEADLINE TO<br/>RSVP &amp; PAY FOR<br/>TEA &amp;<br/>CRUMPETS<br/>SOCIAL</b>                                  | 11<br>*Book Club<br>10 am<br>Hostess:<br>Barbara<br>Anderson  | 12<br>**Arts & Crafts<br>10-Noon<br>Double-sided<br>holiday sign<br>St. Patrick's/<br>Easter<br>\$10.00<br><b>Location change</b> | 13   | 14   | 15       |
| 16  | 17<br><br><br><br>St. Patrick's Day | 18<br><b>***Cooking<br/>Club/</b> Hostess:<br>Shannon<br>Ippolito<br>11:30am<br>"Italian"<br><br>Meal Makers<br>7:30-9:30am | 19<br><br>Movie Mavens  | 20<br><b>Tea &amp; Crumpets<br/>Social<br/>10:00am<br/>Hillcrest Manor<br/>\$25 RSVP</b> | 21<br><b>****Contract<br/>Rummy</b> 10-1pm<br>Hostess: Sandy<br>Buchanan | 22       |
| 23<br><br><hr/> 30 | 24 Bunco 1-<br>3pm Meet at<br>Venue 901<br><hr/> 31  | 25  | 26  | 27<br><b>Arrowhead<br/>Luncheon<br/>11:30am</b>  | 28   | 29       |

\*Book Club: Hostess: Barbara Anderson "The Thread Collectors" by Shaunna J. Edward & Alyson Richards

\*\*Arts & Crafts – Meet @ Cheryl Sundberg's home / 66 Homewood Ct. Millbrook, AL 36054 / double sided sign for St. Patrick's Day / 10:00-noon / \$10.00

\*\*\*Cooking Club – **NOTE DATE CHANGE** Hostess: Shannon Ippolito "Italian Dishes"

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

## Explorers Club



Fort Toulouse played a role in the **Creek War of 1813-1814**. Come and explore this historic National Landmark March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 located in Wetumpka, AL.

## Activity Clubs

### ARTS & CRAFTS

Sandy Buchanan and Cheryl Sundberg co-chairs. Contact Sandy – 757-718-1577 email: [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com). Come and make a craft (payment up front), sign-up sheet at luncheons. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ronareder@hotmail.com). A lively discussion of the book selection of the month is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at member's homes at 10 am.

### BUNCO

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1577, email: [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com). Join us the 4<sup>th</sup> 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: [cerrussell2006@yahoo.com](mailto:cerrussell2006@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 member's homes, with a different theme each month.

### CONTRACT RUMMY

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1577, email: [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 call Carol.

### MOVIE MAVENS

Kathy Weimar – 646-321-2931, email: [kweimar@icloud.com](mailto:kweimar@icloud.com). Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cyngar6@aol.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 beforehand Tuesday by noon.

### TGIF

Janet Williamson – 334-235-9418, email: [pauljan48@gmail.com](mailto: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.





## January Luncheon Minutes

The regular luncheon of the Newcomers Club of Montgomery was called to order at 12:01pm on January 23, 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 Wendy Fernaays, guest Linda Erving and guest speaker Susan Marie Pieri, portrait artist and stained-glass designer.

A motion was made by Lynda Smitherman to approve the December luncheon minutes. Motion passed. A motion was made by Robin Agnoli to accept the December treasurer's report. Motion passed.

The following items were announced: January birthdays, Explorers Club tour of Holt Street Baptist Church Museum 2/4; Second Sip N Socialize event at Joe Muggs Café inside Books-A-Million at The Shoppes at Eastchase 2/5; Meals on Wheels volunteer opportunities; Board sponsored President's Valentine Coffee/Brunch 2/10; Tea and Crumpets social 3/20; Newcomers 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon 4/24; Nominating Committee for 2025-2026: Carolyn Preston (chair), Kathy Manning and Kate Wanschek.

Janine Koslofsky blessed our meal. Door prizes were awarded. The 50/50 raffle was won by Carolyn Preston. The meeting adjourned at 1:27pm.

## January Treasurer's Report

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| <b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b> | <b>\$2965.33</b> |
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### INCOME

|                                 |          |
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| January Luncheon Receipts       | \$792.00 |
| January 50/50                   | \$67.00  |
| 2024-25, 1/2-yr. Memberships, 2 | \$25.00  |
| Tea and Crumpets Payments       | \$125.00 |

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| <b><u>TOTAL</u></b> | <b>\$1009.00</b> |
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### EXPENSES

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| Ck #3250, C Russell, Feb Speaker/Mem. gifts | \$61.97  |
| Ck#3251, T Carter, Go Daddy Domain renew    | \$35.16  |
| Ck#3252, Arrowhead CC, Jan Luncheon         | \$760.00 |

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| <b><u>TOTAL</u></b> | <b>-\$857.13</b> |
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| <b><u>ENDING BALANCE</u></b> | <b>\$3117.20</b> |
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## MONTGOMERY AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

### NEWCOMERS TURN MEAL MAKERS

Transforming meals, transforming lives!



**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Tea Town (Brandy Trieu)  
7929 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

Alabama Shakespeare Festival (Leigh Owen)  
1 Festival Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36117

Peppertree Steaks and Wines (Kim Westfall)  
8101A Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

Bates House of Turkey (Michelle Sloane)  
2938 Carter Hill Road  
Montgomery, AL 36106



Periwinkle Distinctive Gifts (Caryn Davis)  
8189 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

ExploreMedia (Jina Miniard)  
7956 Vaughn Rd. #331  
Montgomery, AL 36116

Sommers Place Restaurant (Brian Stillwell)  
7972 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

MCA Health and Fitness Center (Wilson Scott)  
7917 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

Tucker Pecan Company (David Little)  
1935 Mulberry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36106

Los Jalapeños Restaurant (Mr. Lalo)  
8157 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

Velvet Pumpkin Gift Shop (Christine Lester)  
8185 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116



Marquiette's Exquisite Jewelry  
(Mr. Lyle Fields)  
8163 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

Vintage Olive (Carly Gannon)  
8101B Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

Fleet Feet (Abby Hancock)  
8107 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 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

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