

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

"Summer's lease hath all too short a date."

William Shakespeare

August marks the end of a season and the beginning of a new one. It is a month beyond the half year mark, inching its way toward fall. During this month, we wrap up our summer plans, witness the hustle and bustle of children going back to school, and we get a glimpse into the future of fun and exciting activities and events of our Newcomers Club!

We all look forward to seeing each other at our August luncheon at Arrowhead Country Club at 11:30 on Thursday, August 27th. Our guest speaker will update us on the economic development and new investments in Montgomery. See you soon!

Always grateful,
Diane Widmer
President, 2026-2027



CONGRATULATIONS on Amazing Milestones!!



The following Newcomers have been members for **30 years**:

Mary Taylor-Perry * Rona Reder * Emerine Sweeney

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The following Newcomer has been a member for **20 years**:

**Janine Koslofsky**

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Thank you ladies for being such dedicated Newcomers!!



Executive Board 2026-2027

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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 Site: www.newcomersofmontgomery.com

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** If you have any "Friendship News" that you wish included in the *September* newsletter, please send the information to the Club President or Secretary by August 10th. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

AUGUST NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

~ Thursday, August 27th ~

Luncheon Details:

- Where:** Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery
- When:** Thursday, August 27, 2026
- 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, August 24th**, 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, August 24th.

Program:

Economic Development in Montgomery Guest Speaker: Councilman Andrew Szymanski

Ever wonder what is happening behind the scenes of economic development and new investments in our city? Then don't miss the August Program!

You may have seen the recent WSFA interview with Councilman Andrew Szymanski as he spoke about CEO Mac Cornwell of Noble Investments Group, the millions of dollars they have invested in our city, and their plans to invest millions more!

We are honored to have such an important figure and very busy businessman take time to come and speak to our group.

REMINDER FOR PAYMENT OF DUES

The \$25.00 dues for 2026-2027 are due by July 31st.

You must have paid your dues by the deadline to be listed in the 2026-2027 directory.

You may pay at the July Newcomers Luncheon or by mail to...

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Forms will be available at the luncheon or can be found on the last page of this newsletter.



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
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2 Social Event: Montgomery Whitewater 10:00 am	3 Mah-Jongg 11:00 am	4 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am	19	20	21 Contract Rummy 10:00 am	22
23	24 Bunco 1:00-3:00 pm ~~~~~ Noon deadline to make/cancel luncheon reservations.	25	26	27 Luncheon Arrowhead CC 11:30 am	28	29
30	31					



A Community of Friends ...



Happy August Birthdays



- 04 ... Lucy Davis
05 ... Linda Smitherman
06 ... Jan Burdette
08 ... Elleigh Bolton
10 ... Sheila Thomas
11 ... Cheryl Hiett
11 ... Carol Luehrs
24 ... Elizabeth Loewecke
30 ... Pam Stephan
31 ... Mary Taylor-Perry



Friendship News



There have been several requests for the addresses of these previous active members:

Bobbie McAdams

6630 Crumpler Blvd., Apt. 221
Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654

Maureen Emerson

1215 Gaston Manor Dr.
Durham, North Carolina 27703

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*Please let the Club President or Secretary know of any Friendship News as soon as possible.*



# 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](mailto:jsellersmgm@outlook.com) and Ginny Anderson - [tiger4268@gmail.com](mailto: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: *Will resume in September.*

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1557 / [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com) and Robin Agnoli (*New Co-Chair!*) – 410-294-0867 / [rjagnoli@gmail.com](mailto:rjagnoli@gmail.com) - Come and make a craft (payment up front). Sign-up sheet at luncheons. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 10:00 am-12:00 noon.

Location: Pike Road Library, 9585 Vaughn Rd., Pike Road, AL 36064.



## BOOK CLUB: *Will resume in the fall.*

Rona Reder – 334-318-1883 / [ronareder@hotmail.com](mailto:ronareder@hotmail.com). A lively discussion of the book selection of the month is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 am, at member's homes.

## BUNCO: *Meeting during the summer.*

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1557 / [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com). Join us the 4<sup>th</sup> 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: *Will resume in September.*

Cindy Russell – 603-490-5490 / [crrussell2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crrussell2006@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 members' homes, with a different theme each month.

## CONTRACT RUMMY: *Meeting during the summer.*

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1577 / [sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com). Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. **NOTE:** There are currently no openings for players. Contact Sandy if you want to add your name to a substitutes list.





# Activity Clubs, continued ...



## **EXPLORER'S CLUB:** *Will resume in the fall.*

Carol Jean Jernigan – 773-339-1921 / [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 quarter, you'll have an opportunity to explore. Sign-ups at luncheons or contact Carol.

## **LUNCH BUNCH:** *Will resume in the fall.*

Irene Wetzol – 661-972-1334 / [ijwetzol@msn.com](mailto:ijwetzol@msn.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 by noon on the Tuesday prior.



## **MAH-JONGG:** *Meeting during the summer.*

Robin Agnoli – 410-294-0867 / [agnoli@gmail.com](mailto:agnoli@gmail.com). Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, at 11:00 a.m. Location: Woodland Creek Clubhouse, 8800 Crescent Lodge Drive, Pike Road.

## **MOVIE MAVENS:** *Will resume in the fall.*

Robin Kehler (*New Chair!*) – 334-797-1596 / [meece.kehler@gmail.com](mailto:meece.kehler@gmail.com). Often on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Robin.



## **SOIL SISTERS:** *Will resume in the September.*

Chela Kaplan – 334-718-7539 / [chelakaplan@gmail.com](mailto:chelakaplan@gmail.com) and

Helene Bilyk – 609-376-1811 / [hbilyk50@me.com](mailto:hbilyk50@me.com).

For those who love plants, outdoor projects, or swapping gardening tips. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 10:00-11:30 am at member's homes. We'll discuss goals, gardens, successes, and failures. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes.

## **TGIF:** *Will resume in September.*

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





## August Happenings in the Activity Clubs

### Arts Alive!: Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, “Grease Sing-A-Long” and Dinner

***Grease*** is the Word! We will “meet to eat” dinner at Dino's (1018 E. Fairview) at 5:00 before heading to The Capri Theatre (1045 E. Fairview) for the annual “**Grease Sing-A-Long**”.

Newcomers members will be responsible for buying their own tickets, either online (<http://www.capritheatre.org>) or in person at the Capri Theatre. Ticket prices: \$10 for Capri members, \$12 for non-members. All seats are general admission. *Tickets are expected to sell out fast, so don't delay.* Be sure to let co-chairs Jeanne Sellers ([jsellermgm@outlook.com](mailto:jsellermgm@outlook.com)) or Ginny Anderson ([ginny@anderson100.com](mailto:ginny@anderson100.com)) know when you've purchased your ticket. Sign up at the Newcomers Luncheon for dinner at Dino's. NOTE: Seating at Dino's is bartop seating.



### Bunco: Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at Venue 901.

Address: 901 South Hull Street, Montgomery

Bunco will continue to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Contact Sandy Buchanan for information.



## CLUB-WIDE SOCIAL EVENTS

### Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Montgomery Whitewater Sunday Brunch and Patio Music

Come enjoy a laid-back Sunday morning on the outdoor patio with brunch, whitewater kayakers, and live patio music. We do not have a reserved space this year, so I'm looking for a few early-bird volunteers to arrive at 10:00 when the doors open and help hold tables for the group. Everyone else can roll in anytime between 10:00 and 11:00. Patio music starts at 1:00 pm!

Best of all, there's no cost to attend. Just show up, order your brunch at the ordering station, and then find the group on the patio. You'll pay for your food and drinks when you order, which means no waiting around for the check. After brunch, feel free to explore the venue—and if you're feeling brave, jump into the whitewater rafting adventure!



### Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: The Great Chili Cook-Off at SweetCreek Farm Market, Pike Road

Get ready to bring the heat! We've reserved the SweetCreek pavilion from 3:00-5:00 pm so members can show off their fiercest chili-cooking skills in one deliciously heated contest. There is a cost to rent the pavilion, so once we know how many people are attending, we'll share the fee. There will be no cost for anyone entering chili in the contest. We're still cooking up the final details, so stay tuned for more information!



*Contact Judith Provencher, Social V.P. with questions or for more information.*





# June Treasurer's Report

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|-------------------|-----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$2735.80 |
|                   |           |
| INCOME            |           |
| Membership Dues   | \$1425.00 |
| Missed Luncheons  | \$54.00   |
|                   |           |
| TOTAL INCOME      | \$1479.00 |
|                   |           |
| EXPENSES          |           |
| No Luncheon       | \$0.00    |
| No Check Requests | \$0.00    |
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| TOTAL EXPENSES    | -\$0.00   |
|                   |           |
| ENDING BALANCE    | \$4214.80 |



## EXPLORERS' TRIP TO THE HYUNDAI PLANT



# *Support & Visit Our Generous Sponsors*

**Chairperson for Sponsors and Door Prizes:**

**Carol Brenging**

**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 2026-2027**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ MAH JONGG \_\_\_\_\_ GARDENING

### **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 July 31<sup>st</sup>** for full year membership with your check made out to "Newcomers Club" and mailed to the following address:

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