

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June."

L.M. Montgomery

June is generous with her authentic gifts. Once again, the days are sunny and warm. The roses are in full bloom, and it's time to feast on strawberries and cream. This month we rediscover that it is life's enrichments rather than riches in life that bring us true contentment.

Welcome to a New Year with Newcomers Club of Montgomery! I am deeply honored and thrilled to assume the role of President for our 2026-2027 term. I want to express my gratitude to the Newcomers Board and all our members for your trust and support as we navigate this year's journey together. My goals for this year are for us to continue focusing on engaging activities, community connections, and membership involvement. I am really looking forward to a fun and fantastic year!

There are no club activities in June nor our monthly luncheon. However, be sure to read below and in the July newsletter about our engaging July luncheon program from our Program V.P., Mary Taylor-Perry. See you then!

Always grateful,
Diane Widmer
President, 2026-2027





Executive Board 2026-2027

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Diane Widmer, newcomersmontgomery@gmail.com

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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 Site: www.newcomersofmontgomery.com

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

NO LUNCHEON MEETING IN JUNE!



JULY NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON:

~ Thursday, July 23rd ~

Luncheon Details:

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: Thursday, July 23, 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, July 20th**, 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, July 20th.

Program:

GETTING TO KNOW YOU! SHOW AND TELL!

Hello Newcomer Friends! We are excited about the new year ahead!

Our first program for the year is all about getting to know each other a little better.

Let us know something about you that we may not know!

Bring a “show & tell” article like a photograph, something you have made, a family heirloom, a newspaper clipping, a hat, a piece of jewelry, etc., that you will share with your table mates.

Many stories and experiences make up our lives. What is your story?

JOIN NEWCOMERS OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Dues must be paid **before July 31st** to be included in the 2026-27 Membership Directory.

Dues are \$25.00

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

Newcomers Club of Montgomery

P.O. Box 241946 | Montgomery AL. 36124-1946

Forms will be available at the May 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>
	1	2 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Book Club Sinclairs 11:30 am	10	11	12	13
14 FLAG DAY	15	16 MOW Meal Makers 7:30-9:30 am	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH	20
21 FATHER'S DAY ~~~~~ FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22	23	24	25 No Luncheon this month.	26	27
28	29 Bunco 1:00-3:00 pm	30				



A Community of Friends ...



Happy June Birthdays



- 01 ... Wendy Fernaays
- 03 ... Linda Irving
- 03 ... Kathy Weimar
- 15 ... Deborah Dias
- 20 ... Linda Becker
- 20 ... Helen Bilyk
- 27 ... Donna Robins



Friendship News



If you have any Friendship News, please let the Club President or Secretary know as soon as possible. The club membership will be notified and the Newsletter Editor will put a notice in the following month's newsletter (if the subject gives permission).

Friendship News can include a fellow member (or you) who is ill, recovering from surgery, has lost someone close, is moving, celebrating the birth of a grandchild, graduation, or engagement, etc.



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! *See July Activity Announcement.*

Jeanne Sellers - jsellersmgn@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: *Will resume in September.*

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1557 / sndbuchanan@gmail.com and Robin Agnoli (*New Co-Chair!*) – 410-294-0867 / rjagnoli@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: *See June End of Year Announcement.*

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: *Will meet during summer.*

Sandy Buchanan – 757-718-1557 / 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.

*Date change: Monday, June 29th (1-3 pm).



COOKING CLUB: *Will resume in the fall.*

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: *Will resume in the fall.*

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: *Will resume in the fall.*

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 quarter, you'll have an opportunity to explore. Sign-ups at luncheons or contact Carol.

GARDENING CLUB: *Will resume in the fall.*

Chela Kaplan – 334-718-7539 / chelakaplan@gmail.com and

Helene Bilyk – 609-376-1811 / hbilyk50@me.com.

For those who love plants, outdoor projects, or swapping gardening tips. We meet the 3rd 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.



MAH-JONGG: *Will resume in the fall.*

Robin Agnoli – 410-294-0867 / ragnoli@gmail.com. Join us on the 1st 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. 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 Robin.



LUNCH BUNCH: *Will resume in the fall.*

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: *Will resume in September.*

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.





June/July Happenings in the Activity Clubs

Arts Alive! Looking ahead to July ... Wednesday, July 22nd, 1:30 p.m.

We will be attending the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's performance of **BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical**, the smash Broadway musical packed with pop hits that defined a generation. Join us at ASF (1 Festival Drive) to experience music hit-maker Carole King's journey from teenage songwriter to chart-topping solo artist. After the performance, we will meet at Sommer's Place (7972 Vaughn Road) at 5:00 pm for dinner.

Ticket price to **BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical** is \$30.00. To reserve seats, bring a check (payable to Newcomers Club of Montgomery) to the May 28th Newcomers Luncheon or make other arrangements with Co-Chairs Jeanne Sellers (jsellersmgm@outlook.com) or Ginny Anderson (ginny@anderson100.com) no later than July 5, 2026.

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**Book Club:** Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.

End of Year Luncheon – Sinclairs East, 7847 Vaughn Road, Montgomery

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Bunco: Monday, June 29th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at Venue 901.

Address: 901 South Hull Street, Montgomery

After June, Bunco will continue to meet on the 4th Monday. Contact Sandy Buchanan for information.





2026 – 2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following members of the Executive Board have been duly elected and will be installed at the May 28th luncheon.

The Chaplain/Historian and Parliamentarian positions are appointed.

PRESIDENT:	Diane Widmer
PROGRAMS VICE-PRESIDENT:	Mary Taylor-Perry
DOOR PRIZES/SPONSORS:	Carol Breising
SOCIAL VICE-PRESIDENT:	Judith Provencher
MEMBERSHIP VICE-PRESIDENT:	Sandy Buchanan
SECRETARY/FRIENDSHIP NEWS:	Janie Kennett
TREASURER:	Pam Stephan
CHAPLAIN & HISTORIAN:	Janine Koslofsky
PARLIAMENTARIAN:	Kate Wanschek





April Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3890.43
INCOME	
April Luncheon Receipts	\$1296.00
April 50/50	\$103.00
Biscuits Tickets	\$271.70
Missed Lunch	\$27.00
Tea Social Payments	\$480.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2177.70
EXPENSES	
Ck #3335 – K. Weimar: Portable Speaker for Events	\$93.43
Ck #3336 – J. Provencher: Biscuits Tickets	\$371.80
Ck #3337 – Arrowhead CC: April Luncheon	\$1300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$1765.23
ENDING BALANCE	\$4302.90





April 23rd Luncheon Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Kathy Weimar in the Fairway Room at Arrowhead Country Club.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President introduced guests, Marie Scarborough and AB Porter. The President also introduced guest speaker, Mia McKay, Sales Manager from Dillard's Eastchase.

The Garden Club and the Arts & Crafts groups made the live table decorations.

A motion was made by Janie Kennett to approve the March Luncheon Minutes and was seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jackie St. Clair to accept the March Treasurer's Report and was seconded. Motion passed.

April Birthday announcements were made.

The slate of nominated officers for the 2026-2027 Executive Board was voted on and passed with unanimous "aye" votes by all members in attendance.

Tara Carter thanked the group for the prayers and cards sent in remembrance of her brother, Fire Chief Kevin Brooks.

The May Social Event is the Afternoon Tea at Hillcrest Manor on Saturday, May 2nd. The deadline to sign up is April 28th. The Arts Alive Group will be attending the Pike Road Arts Council Art Show and Sale on Thursday, May 7th with dinner before at 4:40 pm at San Marcos on Vaughn Rd. The Explorer's Club will be touring the Hyundai Plant on Monday, May 18th at 9:30 a.m. Sign up for upcoming events at the back table.

The Mad Hatters Luncheon is May 28th with a Kentucky Derby Theme. Prizes will be awarded for the best hats in five categories: whimsical, creative, original, humorous, and elegant. The installation of new board members will be held at that meeting also.

The Inspirational Reading and Devotion were given by Janine Koslofsky.

Diane Widmer introduced Mia McKay to begin the fashion show with members modeling the fashions. After today's luncheon, Dillard's will host an Afternoon Tea at the store with 10% off clothing and a raffle.

Door Prizes, including the table centerpieces, were all awarded. The winner of the 50/50 was Janine Koslofsky for \$102.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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 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 31st** for full year membership with your check made out to "Newcomers Club" and mailed to the following address:

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