

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Dear Members,

Newcomers Club of Montgomery welcomes women of all ages living in the area, from new residents wanting to connect to seasoned residents who are looking for ways to enrich their lives. Our goal is to provide the same welcoming experience to those new to our community or those who have lived in the Montgomery area for years – building bridges and fostering friendships. The President's Valentine Coffee/Brunch February 10th is a perfect time to welcome all members and prospective members. Come and bring a friend. Food and drinks are provided by the Executive Board.

In honor of Black History Month, join Explorers Club February 4th at 11:00am for a tour of Holt Street Baptist Church built in 1913. The historic church served as a meeting place for Montgomery's black community during the Montgomery bus boycott December 5, 1955.

Every year during February, National Self-Check Month is a great reminder to check in on our emotional and mental health and overall well-being. Take charge of your health with early detection checks for cancer, heart disease, and diabetes--conditions that are often preventable and treatable if found early enough. Dr. Wynne Crawford, M.D. Cardiologist in Montgomery is the speaker at our February 27th luncheon. Get answers to your questions.

Fondly,
Tara Carter / President



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** (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 prior to February 10th for the March 2025 newsletter. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

February is American Heart Month, come and learn about heart disease in women from Cardiologist Wynne Crawford, M.D. from Montgomery Cardiovascular Associates. Dr. Crawford is board certified in cardiovascular disease, nuclear cardiology, and internal medicine for more than 20 years.



Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: February 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 February 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.

Executive Board 2024-2025

President: Tara Carter, 334-224-6479, taralbcarter@gmail.com

Program Vice-President: Cindy Russell, 603-490-5390, crrussell2006@yahoo.com

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Socials



President's Valentine Coffee/Brunch

Monday, February 10th at 10:00am

Tara Carter's Home

1480 South Perry Street, Montgomery, 36104

Join us for a cup of coffee and delicious food provided by the Board.

Bring a guest! Sign up at the January luncheon.

Birthdays

Vicki Stricklin	2/05
Carol Jernigan	2/08
Ludy Sanderson	2/13
Karen Brantner	2/16
Dolores Nix	2/17
Jan Mashburn	2/18
Carol Hudgins	2/19
Marlene Harrington	2/24
Margie Warden	2/25



Friendship News



Welcome New Members

Priscila Jaffri, Kathy Lane,
Wendy Fernaays & Chela Kaplan

Open Board Positions 2025/26

President and Social VP



FEBRUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	4 Explorers Club Tour of Holt St. Baptist Church 11am ----- Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	5	6 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	7 TGIF Hostess: Janet Williamson 6:30pm	8
9  Arts & Crafts Valentine Frame 2/12	10	11 *Book Club 10 am Hostess: Donna Robins	12 **Arts & Crafts 10-noon Valentine Frame - \$10	13 ***Cooking Club Hostess: Pat Roberts "Savory & Sweets"	14	15
16	17 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	18 Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	19 Movie Mavens	20	21 ****Contract Rummy 10- 1pm Hostess: Sandy Buchanan	22
23 	24 Bunco 1-3pm Meet at Venue 901	25	26	27 Arrowhead Luncheon 11:30	28	

*Book Club - Donna Robins "The Lost Bookshop" by Evie Woods

**Arts & Crafts – Vintage Button 8x10 framed Valentine Heart. Cost is \$10, only room for 8 people, sign-up sheet at January luncheon with a display of frame. (Check out frame on calendar)

***Cooking Club – Hostess: Pat Roberts "Savory and Sweets"

**** Contract Rummy – Contact Sandy Buchanan

Explorers



In honor of Black History Month, tour Holt Street Baptist Church Museum 2/4 at 11:00am located at 903 Holt Street, Montgomery, AL 36108. Contact Carol Jean Jernigan 773-339-1921 or firstbornmj1979@gmail.com for more info.

Mark Your Calendar



Tea & Crumpets Social

March 20th 2025

10:00 am / \$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.

**Bring a friend! Contact Social VP's
Robin Agnoli or Irene Wetzel to RSVP.**

**Checks payable to Newcomers Club of Montgomery
SIGN UP SHEET AT THE LUNCHEON**

Activity Clubs

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 at the Providence Presbyterian Church 2130 Bell Road, Montgomery with lunch out afterwards.



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.



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 on the 3rd Friday of each month at Sandy's home. 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

Cynthia O'Mara – 334-320-1795, email: cyngar6@aol.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 beforehand Tuesday by noon.

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.



December Luncheon Minutes

The regular luncheon meeting of the Newcomers Club of Montgomery was called to order at 12:03pm 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 members, Chela Kaplan and Priscilla Jaffri and guest Teena Loyal.

A motion was made by Sandy Buchanan to approve the November luncheon minutes. Motion passed. A motion was made by Janie Kennett to accept the November treasurer's report. Motion passed.

The following items were announced: December birthdays; Friendship news; Explorer's Club visit to the City of St. Jude January 16th; 60th Anniversary Luncheon on April 24th; President's Valentine Coffee on February 10th; and Meals on Wheels volunteer opportunity. Thank you to Sandy and Jimmy Buchanan for hosting the Governor's Mansion Holiday Tour pre-party and to Camille Ross and Kathy Weimar for our first successful Sip and Socialize Welcome Coffee at Prevail Union.

Janine Koslofsky blessed our meal. Door prizes were awarded. The 50/50 raffle was won by Janie Kennett. Treat bags were assembled for each dog and cat at the Montgomery Humane Society and donations of toys were collected. The meeting adjourned at 1:26pm.

December Treasurer's Report

<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	\$2884.52
<u>INCOME</u>	
December Luncheon Receipts	638.00
December 50/50	\$69.00
No-show lunch reimbursements	\$22.00
2024-25, ½-yr. Memberships, 3	\$37.50
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$766.50
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Ck #3248, T. Carter, Sip & Social refreshments	\$66.00
Ck #3249, Arrowhead CC, Dec Luncheon	\$619.69
<u>TOTAL</u>	-\$685.69
<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	\$2965.33



MONTGOMERY AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

NEWCOMERS TURN MEAL MAKERS

Transforming meals, transforming lives!



1st & 3rd Mondays and 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 2024-2025

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: _____



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Montgomery, AL 36124
