

Newcomers Club of Montgomery



President's Message

Dear Newcomers,

Our year is just getting underway, and we're excited for everything ahead! August is bringing even more opportunities to connect, explore, and have fun. Whether you're new to the Club or been with us a while, now's the perfect time to jump into one of our activity groups, attend a luncheon or join us at a social event. There's something for everyone — and we're just getting warmed up!

Fun Facts About August:

- The birthstone for August is peridot, known as the “evening emerald.” It symbolizes strength, good fortune, and harmony.
- August is often the hottest month of the year in many places — so it's a great time to enjoy something cold and refreshing (iced coffee, anyone?).
- The gladiolus is the flower of the month, symbolizing remembrance, integrity, and strength of character.
- The month was named after Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor. He wanted a month as grand as Julius Caesar's (July)!

Join us at the August 28th Luncheon as we welcome Carol Bridgers from Carol's Excursions (voted the #1 travel agency in Montgomery!). Carol will be speaking about travel safety. You'll pick up helpful tips to travel smarter and with more confidence. Come enjoy a great lunch, connect with fellow members, and leave inspired to pack your bags!

Stay cool and see you soon!

Kathy Weimar
President, 2025-2026





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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 Page: <https://newcomersofmontgomery.com>

Contains previous newsletters, etc. Add us to favorites!

Email: newcomersmontgomery@gmail.com

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***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 August 10th for the September 2025 newsletter. If the information is about another member, please get their permission to share first.

AUGUST NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON:

**** Thursday, August 28th ****

LUNCHEON DETAILS:

Where: Arrowhead Country Club, 50 Ocala Drive, Montgomery

When: Thursday, August 28th

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, August 25th, then YOU are responsible for the \$22 luncheon fee if you do not show.**

Important: To make reservations or to cancel a standing reservation – contact Membership Co-VP Sandy Buchanan, 757-718-1577, sndbuchanan@gmail.com, by noon, Monday, August 25th.



AUGUST LUNCHEON PROGRAM:

“Carol’s Excursions”

Traveling the World Safely



ATTENTION MEMBERS!

~ RESERVATION POLICY ~

As we continue to plan our upcoming luncheons, please be reminded of the importance of adhering to our reservation policy.

To ensure we have accurate numbers for each luncheon, it is essential that you RSVP and/or CANCEL for luncheons by the specified deadline to:

Membership Co-VP, Sandy Buchanan, 757-718-1577 or sndbuchanan@gmail.com.

You will receive a confirmation from Sandy.

**SINCE 1981, THE DEADLINE HAS ALWAYS BEEN BY NOON,
MONDAY PRIOR TO THE THURSDAY LUNCHEON.**

THIS NOTICE IS ALWAYS: in each monthly newsletter, on page 7 of the current Directory, and in every email the Membership Co-VP, Sandy Buchanan, sends regarding luncheon reservations.

If Membership Co-VP, Sandy Buchanan, does not receive your CANCELLATION by the deadline, you will be counted as attending. Therefore, you will owe for your lunch. **If you do not pay for your lunch, you are considered in arrears and, unfortunately, will not be able to attend the next luncheon unless payment is received in full.**

Newcomers Club does not have a budget to cover the costs of luncheons for members who do not attend after confirming their reservation. As such, we rely on timely payments from all attendees to ensure we can continue hosting luncheons at Arrowhead.

We understand that unforeseeable events occur but, unfortunately, Arrowhead charges Newcomers Club with **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Executive Board

AUGUST 2025



<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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3	4	5 Meals on Wheels Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday Brunch & Jazz on the Patio 11:30 am Montgomery Whitewater	11	12	13	14 Arts Alive! Grease Sing-A-Long 7:00 pm	15 Contract Rummy 10:00am-1:00 pm	16
17	18	19 Meals on Wheels Meal Makers 7:30-9:30am ~~~~~ Movie Mavens Matinee	20	21	22 Sip & Socialize 10:00am- 12:30 pm JHM Memorial Library	23
24	25 Bunco 1:00-3:00pm ~~~~~ Noon Deadline to make/cancel luncheon reservations.	26 Arts Alive! Lunch 11:15 am Tour 1:00 pm	27	28 Newcomers' Luncheon at Arrowhead Country Club	29	30
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Social Events

*The following Social Events are great ways to meet and get to know other Newcomers, as well as to invite new ladies to join us!
All are welcome!!*

SUNDAY BRUNCH & JAZZ ON THE PATIO

Sunday, August 10th | 11:30 am
Montgomery Whitewater



Join us for a fun afternoon enjoying music, food, and drinks.
Stay to explore and learn more about the activities offered at this unique Montgomery locale.
Contact Judith Provencher, Social Vice President, for more information
(judith.provencher@yahoo.com / 201-427-0419).

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## SIP & SOCIALIZE

Meet and Greet Potential New Members!

Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> | 10:00 am–12:30 pm.  
Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library  
245 High Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Enjoy a cup of coffee and light refreshments.  
Come and chat with ladies interested in the Newcomers Club.  
Contact Sandy Buchanan, Membership Co-Vice President, to attend  
([sndbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sndbuchanan@gmail.com) / 757-718-1577).



# Because We Care ...



## Happy August Birthday



4 – Lucy Davis  
5 – Lynda Smitherman  
6 – Jan Burdette  
11 – Carol Luehrs  
30 – Pam Wideman-Stephan  
31 – Mary Taylor-Perry



## Friendship News



**Vivian Ordonio**, Membership Co-Vice President and Past President, suffered a stroke on July 16<sup>th</sup> and is in ICU at Baptist South. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

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Elouise Brooks had a fall and fractured the proximal humerus (the ball of the shoulder near the joint). She's in quite a bit of pain and facing a long recovery ahead.

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We sadly heard that one of our longtime members, **Mary Jane McCracken**, passed away on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Priscila Jaffri's daughter, Sophie, graduated from pediatric residency at the University of Mississippi. She is moving to Montgomery to practice at a local pediatric clinic.

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On June 16<sup>th</sup> **Kate and John Wanschek** welcomed twin grandsons, Leonardo Compton and Callahan Jack, the first boys in 23 years. Congratulations!

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We extend our heartfelt condolences to fellow longtime member **Carol Luehrs** on the recent passing of her husband, Dan. We send prayers and comforting thoughts to Carol and her family during this difficult time.

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*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).*

*Most Activity Clubs begin in September.*

*Check the announcements, calendar, and Facebook for monthly information.*

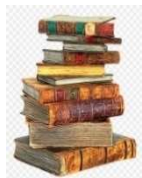


## ARTS ALIVE!

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

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 10:00am-12:00noon. Meeting place to be announced.



## 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 10:00 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 1:00-3:00 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](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

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 10:00am-1:00pm. Sandy will provide dessert and drinks. Bring a sandwich if you're hungry.





# Activity Clubs, continued



## 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

**NEW CHAIR!** Cyn O'Mara – 334-320-1795, email: [cyngar6@aol.com](mailto:cyngar6@aol.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. If you want to be on the email list, contact Cyn O'Mara.



## LUNCH BUNCH

**NEW CHAIR!** Irene Wetzel – 661-972-1334, email: [ijwetzel@msn.com](mailto:ijwetzel@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.

## 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.



# ARTS ALIVE!

~ A New Activity Club ~

**Welcome to Arts Alive!** To introduce our new Club, we will offer two activities in August: The Capri Theatre's *Grease Sing-A-Long* (August 14) and a docent-led tour of the Kelly Fitzpatrick Center for the Arts in downtown Wetumpka (August 26), preceded by lunch at Coaches Corner Sports Grill. More details are found below.

1. On Thursday, August 14, Arts Alive! members will have the opportunity to attend the *Grease Sing-A-Long* at the Capri Theatre. The show starts at 7:00 pm but it is advised that you arrive earlier. This movie/sing-along is a fan favorite! Feel free to dress for the occasion in your finest Grease-style "costume," and get ready to sing your heart out! Tickets will sell out, so buy your tickets before 7/26. Ticket price: \$10 for Capri members and \$13.00 for Capri non-members. You will need to purchase tickets online at the Capri website. Please be sure to sign up on the *Grease Interest List* at the July Luncheon.
2. On Tuesday, August 26, Arts Alive! members will have lunch at **Coaches Corner Sports Grill** in downtown Wetumpka at 11:15 am and then walk to the **Kelly Fitzpatrick Center for the Arts** at 12:50 pm. We will be treated to a docent-led tour of two special exhibits at the Center: the spectacular watercolors of Clint Herring, an Auburn native, and a collection of more than 30 works of art by local artists. The Kelly Fitzpatrick Center for the Arts' mission is to engage, inspire, educate, and advance the Visual Arts. At the conclusion of the tour, members may continue to peruse the visual art exhibits. Club members who are interested in shopping may also enjoy browsing the unique shops in downtown Wetumpka at the end of their museum visit. There is no fee for the visit to the Kelly Fitzgerald CFA, however, it is necessary to sign up on the *Kelly Fitzpatrick CFA Interest List* at the July Luncheon.

*For additional information on either event, you may call Jeanne Sellers (334-782-6208) or Ginny Anderson (334-202-1285). Thank you for your interest in Arts Alive!*

**Thursday, August 14**  
7:00 pm

**Grease Sing-A-Long**  
Capri Theatre  
1045 E. Fairview Ave.  
Montgomery  
334-262-4858  
[www.capritheatre.org](http://www.capritheatre.org)

**Tuesday, August 26**  
11:15 am

**Lunch**  
**Coaches Corner Sports Grille**  
203 Orline St.  
Wetumpka  
334-514-3410  
[www.coachescornersportsbar  
andgrill.com](http://www.coachescornersportsbarandgrill.com)

**Tuesday, August 26**  
1:00 pm

**Tour**  
**Kelly Fitzpatrick Center  
for the Arts**  
301 Hill St.  
Wetumpka  
334-478-3366  
[Info@thekelly.org](mailto:Info@thekelly.org)

Many thanks to our  
outgoing  
2024-2025  
Executive Board!!



## June 2025 Treasurer's Report

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| <b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>                          | <b>\$2002.81</b> |
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| <b><u>INCOME</u></b>                                     |                  |
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| <b>Membership Dues</b>                                   | 1375.00          |
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| <b><u>TOTAL</u></b>                                      | <b>\$3377.81</b> |
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| <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>                                   |                  |
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| <b>Ck #3285, S Buchanan Printing of membership forms</b> | \$26.95          |
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| <b><u>TOTAL</u></b>                                      | <b>-\$26.95</b>  |
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| <b><u>ENDING BALANCE</u></b>                             | <b>\$3350.86</b> |



*Newcomers did not meet in June, therefore there are no Meeting Minutes.*



# *Support & Visit Our Generous Sponsors*

*(Note: The list below is updated for this club year; \* indicates "new sponsor".)*

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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 di 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



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