



# NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS OF GEORGETOWN

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## From the Co-Presidents

Dear Georgetown Long-Timer and Newer-Newest Newcomers and Friends,

As you may remember, we chose a motto this year of **“Honoring the Past and Securing Our Future.”** We chose this because 2023 is the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of Georgetown Newcomers and Friends. We are very honored to usher in this new year in our history. As such, what better way than to have our Georgetown mayor, Josh Schroeder come speak to us about our beautiful town. We will also celebrate the new year with assorted flavors of sweet pastries from Little Lemon at the Library along with the usual coffee, iced tea and water. The program will be January 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, at the Georgetown Public Library in the Hewlett Room. Plan on coming a few minutes early so you can chat with everyone and meet new members and guests!

Sincerely,

Diane Habas & MaryAnn Sossamon  
Co-Presidents

Georgetown Newcomers and Friends



**Newcomers General Meeting**  
**January 5, 2023 10:00 am**  
**Georgetown Library in the Hewlett Room**  
**402 W 8th Street, Georgetown, TX**

**Georgetown Mayor Josh Schroeder—January 5**

Josh grew up in Taylor, Texas, and graduated from the University of Texas with a BA including honors in 1998. He went on to receive his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law, 2002. He was elected Mayor of Georgetown in 2020.

Mayor Schroeder will share all the exciting growth news happening in our beautiful city. Rumor has it that Georgetown is one of/if not the fastest growing city in the US!!!!



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**Mark your Calendars**

**January 5, 2023**—General Membership Meeting in the **Georgetown Public Library, Hewlett Room, 2nd Floor**. Lunch afterwards at Barrels & Amps on the square, just a short walk from the library. There will be a sign-up sheet for lunch at the meeting.

**January 17, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**—Coffee & Conversation at the home of **Susie Logan, 112 Roberts Circle**, in The Woods subdivision, off of Jim Hogg Road (7-11 on corner). Go past Randalls, turn right on Diamond Trail, turn an immediate left on Roberts Circle, house is 5th house on the right. Park in circle drive, in the driveway, or on the street.

Coffee and tea are provided, and if you would like to bring pastries or fruit to share, it will be most welcome. A sign up sheet will be provided at the January meeting. The hostess picks a charity for optional donations and Susie has chosen Back Pack Buddies, which provides weekend take home meals for students in need. This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with your fellow Newcomers!

**February 2, 2023**—General Meeting at **Georgetown Fire Station 5, 3600 D.B. Wood Road**, for a program and a tour.

**February 15, 2023**—Day trip to Shiner & Gonzales. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the January 5 meeting. Details on page 4.

**March 2, 2023**—General Membership Meeting in the **Georgetown Public Library, Hewlett Room, 2nd Floor**. A representative from the **Georgetown Museum** will present the program, **Scraps of the Past**.

# Follow us on Social Media

## Follow Us on Facebook!

We have a Facebook page, for our members only. If you are interested in joining, go onto your personal Facebook account and search for Georgetown Newcomers and Friends and request to be added to our private group.

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## Name Tags

Would you like to have a name tag to wear to our meetings and other functions? Cost is \$10, and you can order one from our website. [Click Here](#)

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# Membership

Founded in 1973, Newcomers & Friends of Georgetown offers a personal invitation to you! We strive to create warm connections to anyone living in the Central Texas/Georgetown area.

As a way of promoting new friendships and sustaining existing ones, Newcomers & Friends is home to about 40 special interest groups. These range from physical fitness to games to dining out.

Newcomers & Friends now has over 200 members. Approximately half of our group's membership lives in Sun City. Members have moved to the Georgetown area from all parts of the United States and beyond. Members do not have to have recently moved to Georgetown - many of our more recent members discovered our group after living in the Georgetown area for many years!

Newcomers & Friends meets the first Thursday of each month (September through May). Each month's meeting features a program. Instead of receiving an honorarium, guest speakers choose a charity or non-profit to receive a monetary donation. Donations have been made to Southwestern University, Hope Alliance, the Georgetown Animal Shelter, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Friends of the Georgetown Library, the Caring Place, Master Gardener Naturalists, the Assistance League of Georgetown, and Ride on Center for Kids.

Yearly dues are \$25. Each member of the household is included in the membership dues. Most members are women, but men are welcome.

**Membership applications available at [www.georgetownnewcomers.com](http://www.georgetownnewcomers.com)**

# Day Trip

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 15, for the next day trip. We will head out to Gonzales, TX, to visit the Gonzales Memorial Museum, home of the famous "come and take it" cannon. Our next stop will be lunch at The Baker Boys BBQ and finally, we'll head to The Spoetzl Brewery in Shiner, home of Shiner Bock beer for a tour and beer tasting. The cost for Lunch at Baker Boys BBQ will not be included in the cost of the trip. We are currently working on the price for the bus and the Brewery tour. Details will be available at the Meeting January 5th. Bring your checkbooks with you to sign up. There will be space for 40 people on the bus.



For further information about Gonzales, click here  
<https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/departments/gonzales-memorial-museum>

# New Members

A **BIG** welcome to our newest members There are many activities for you to get involved in to meet new friends. Take advantage by attending our functions and joining available SIGs.

Kathy Hembd    Patty LaBarbara    Deborah Trumble-Herrera

## January Birthdays


- 2 Ethel Barnes
- 4 Kathy Bratton
- 6 Mary Hooten
- 7 Betty Jagen
- 9 Dorothy Noack
- 14 Norma Cortez
- 15 Jan Thaxton
- 16 Susan Patterson
- 17 Patricia Green
- 18 Wende Yellin
- 20 Debbi McCall
- 24 Karen Veillon
- 24 Lynn Weber
- 25 Joanne Douglas
- 27 Lynne Fussell
- 29 Jackie Potosky
- 30 Sherry Thien



### JANUARY

Ambitious and powerful. Born leader. Stubborn nature. You always stand out in the crowd. You love to live the good life. Romantic at heart. Deep thinker. Loyal to friends. Ever ready to learn and try out new things. Serious about life. Likes to make others happy. Not too introvert, not too extrovert. Smart and well dressed.

# OPEN SIGs

<p><b>Scrabble</b></p> <p>Meets 3rd Wednesday 1-4. They use a scabble dictionary for an easy going game at rotating host homes. 3 openings</p>	<p><b>Wander Walkers</b></p> <p>Monday &amp; Wednesday 9-10am. The Lead emails 2 month schedule walking location</p>	<p><b>2nd Friday Book Club</b></p> <p>Meets at Georgetown CC &amp; stays for lunch afterwards for those that would like. Twice a year members submit all genre of titles that is then voted on</p>
<p><b>Walk-n-Talk</b></p> <p>Tuesday &amp; Thursday 9:30-11. Leads post the walking location to Georgetown Newcomers &amp; Friends private FB group a day or 2 ahead</p>	<p><b>Cosmo Girls</b></p> <p>Meets 4th Tuesday 5:30-7:30 pm. Host rotates &amp; provides 2 cocktails while others bring nibbles. Openings</p>	<p><b>Reel Women</b></p> <p>Monthly matinee movie &amp; after drinks/dinners out</p>
<p><b>Grape Expectations</b></p> <p>Meetings are 4th Thursday at 4:30pm. We each volunteer to have it at our home once a year. The hostess provides appetizers and five wines for the tasting based on a theme (can be as simple as "wines my friends and I enjoy"). Each attendee donates \$10 to help cover the hostess costs. 2 openings</p>	<p><b>ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW SIGs. WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST? LET'S FIND LIKE PEOPLE &amp; IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE THE LEAD/ ORGANIZER, WE WILL HELP. LET'S SPREAD THE FUN...TALK TO ME FOLKS!!</b></p>	<p><b>.Dragon Ladies</b></p> <p>2nd and 4th Thursday 1-4:00. Ladies gather with host providing packaged drinks &amp; snacks. Play for Mardi Gras beads, not \$. If enough people, we play with card to rotate tables</p>
<p><b>Divot Divas</b></p> <p>1st Monday at various locations</p>	<p><b>Hand &amp; Foot Canasta</b></p> <p>Plays on 1st Thursday of the month, from 1:30 to 4 or 5 pm. Looking for 3 regular players &amp; subs</p>	<p><b>Page Turners</b></p> <p>Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am. We meet in member homes. We discuss all genres. We have a facilitator that guides us.</p>
<p><b>Bridge</b></p> <p>Looking to meet &amp; formulate a new SIG of experienced players</p>		<p><b>NS Mahjong</b></p> <p>Meets Thursday afternoons at the Berry Creek Country Club. New SIG forming with fairly new players.</p>

# OPEN SIGs

## ***Mystery Book Club Divas & Dudes***

Meets the 2nd Thursday 11:30~1, September - May, for lunch and book discussions at local eateries.

## ***Pennies from Heaven***

Meets the 1st Tuesday from 9:30-12:30 year round. Members take turns hosting in their homes. Pennies from Heaven is a version of Canasta that is played with four players of two partnerships using 5 decks of cards. Looking for subs

## ***The Grape Escape***

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of October, December, February, and April in the afternoon/ evening. The next is February 8th.

They are a couples wine tasting group. Couples take turns hosting in their homes. The hosts select and provide the wine. Each couple brings an appetizer or dessert to share.

Additional Information: We ask that the wines selected for tasting (usually 2 whites and 2 reds) cost \$20 or less and be locally available. The idea is to introduce new, inexpensive wines to each other. While not required, it is not at all unusual for the host couple to provide a more substantial food item such as a brisket, tamales, sandwiches, etc. so people are not drinking on an empty stomach. We limit our membership to 7 couples which means each couple hosts once every 2 years. We do not meet as an official group from May through September though individual couples volunteer to host the group for unofficial gatherings during these off-months. These optional gatherings are BYOW along with an appetizer or dessert to share. We allow guests to attend our tastings BUT before bringing a guest we ask that permission be obtained from the hosting couple.



## ***Calling all Photographers!***



Photos are a big part of the newsletter, and highlight the fun and friendships we've found in Newcomers. I'm very grateful for all of you who post pictures of your groups on the Facebook page. That's where a majority of the photos come from.

Not everyone uses Facebook, so please help me feature YOUR group in future newsletters! Email your candid snaps to me at [aramage33@gmail.com](mailto:aramage33@gmail.com). I'm happy to post them to Facebook, too, for even wider distribution.

# December Mingle & Jingle Berry Creek Country Club Heritage Oaks Singers & Buffet Luncheon







# Bunco



# Wander Walkers

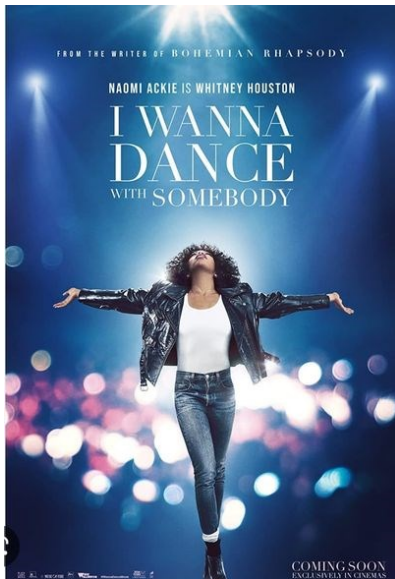


## Holiday Celebration

This SIG meets every Monday & Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Join them for some friendship & fresh air!

# Reel Women



## City Lights—Georgetown

Soon to be a Film Alley—with reclining seats  
in all the theaters!

Hard Count Kitchen &  
Cocktails

# Men's Poker Night



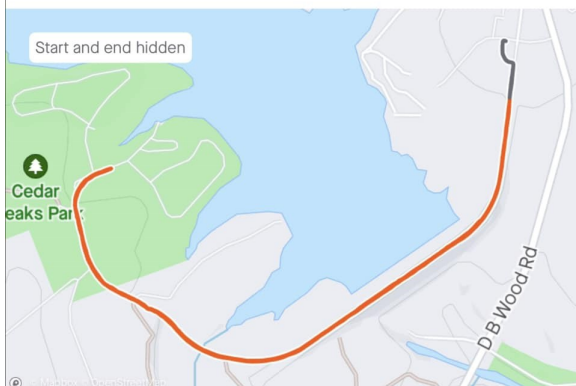
# Walk n Talk

In all kinds of weather!



## Lunch Walk

Distance 3.73 mi | Elev Gain 150 ft | Time 1h 23m



# The Dinner Group



November

Freda's Seafood  
Grille  
North Austin

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# I Love My Book Club Christmas Potluck



# Cellar Dwellers



# Grape Expectations



# Tile Toters Christmas Party



# Cosmo Girls



Mistletoe Margarita



Eggnog Martini

