



NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS OF GEORGETOWN

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Ruby Branham



Donna Hood

From the Co-Presidents

The month of March – “in like a lion and out like a lamb”. We’ve heard this old proverb all of our lives. But, what does it mean? The Farmers’ Almanac says that it comes from ancestral beliefs in balance; if March starts out with bad weather (roaring like a lion), then it will end in good weather (gentle like a lamb).

But we know it’s March, and in much of the south it is a month of continuous, constantly-changing, wacky weather. It’s not unusual in March to have several days of mild temperatures: the trees begin to bud, flowers start to bloom, we run out to the nearest garden center to purchase more flowers to plant, only to wake up the next morning to find the temperature has dropped 40 degrees and it’s winter again. However, if you live in Texas long enough, you become acclimated to this month of change. So, embrace the warm weather when it appears, and welcome winter when it returns; its time is limited.

One thing that has remained steadfast is Newcomers. We have continued to stay strong in the midst of many unforeseen changes this year. We have our members and their loyalty to thank for that. We appreciate all of you so much!

We look forward to our next general membership meeting, March 7th, when retired Texas Ranger Lt. Matthew Lindemann will be our guest speaker. He will have a lot of interesting information to share with us about this elite group of lawmen called the Texas Rangers.

There is a change in the venue and lunch location after the meeting. We will hold our meeting at Wellspring Methodist Church, 6200 Williams Drive, past Randalls Grocery Store. We’ll begin at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and socializing with friends, then the meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. After the meeting we will meet at Hard Count Kitchen, 1500 Rivery Blvd, next to the Sheraton. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and continuing our fellowship at Hard Court Kitchen.

Donna & Ruby
Co-Presidents 2023-2024



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 meets September through May on either the 1st or 2nd Thursday of the month. *Please watch the newsletter announcements for the specific date.* 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, and the Susan G. Komen Foundation, to name but a few.

Newcomers & Friends now has over 230 members, and 41 of these are new. Our membership year runs from September through August, but you can join at any time! 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! Yearly dues are \$25. Each member of the household is included in the membership dues. Most members are women, but men are welcome.

It's all about forging new bonds to make a new location "home"!

Find applications and lots of info here www.georgetownnewcomers.com



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](#)

Mark Your Calendars

March 7, 2024— First Thursday. General Membership Meeting at Wellspring Methodist Church, 6200 Williams Drive. Social time at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10:00. Matt Lindemann, a 21-year veteran of the Texas Rangers, will talk about the Rangers, from inception to the present day. Lunch following at Hard Count Kitchen. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. Details on page 4.

April 4, 2024— First Thursday. General Membership Meeting at The Den at Wolf Ranch, 129 Canyon View Road, 10:00 a.m. Andy Brazell from Weir Wildscapes will bring a variety of native plants and talk about incorporating them into your landscape.

April 17, 2024—Day Trip to the Texas Ranger Museum and The Homestead in Waco. 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. All seats have been sold, but there is a waitlist. Please sign up if you have an interest, as seats almost always become available at the last minute. Contact Mary Dunn at marydunn73@hotmail.com to get your name on the list.

May 9, 2024— Second Thursday. General Membership Meeting and Annual Fashion Show & luncheon, Georgetown Public Library. Fashions will be provided by Pink Poppy Artisans Boutique. Box lunches will be provided by Sweet Lemon, and orders will be taken in April. More details will be coming in future newsletters and at the meetings.



Newcomers & Friends of Georgetown

General Meeting & Presentation

LOCATION CHANGED

Wellspring United Methodist Church

6200 Williams Drive
Georgetown, Texas 78633

1st Thursday, March 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Meet Matthew Lindemann, Texas Ranger Lieutenant (Ret.)

Lindemann honorably served the State of Texas for more than 36 years in law enforcement with 21 of those years as a Texas Ranger.



Matthew Lindemann

Williamson County
Precinct 3 Constable

Presenting the history of the Texas Rangers since its inception.

Lunch immediately following at:

Hard Count Kitchen & Cocktails

The Summit at Rivery Park

1500 Rivery Blvd, Suite 2105

Georgetown, TX 78628

Sign up at the meeting.

Meet the Board

Hospitality

Responsibilities:

- Reserve general monthly meeting location, September – May
- Book as far in advance as allowed by facility
- Oversee setup/teardown of room
- Order beverages for each monthly general meeting
- Coordinate with providers to establish luncheon menus for the annual Holiday & Fashion Show events



Sandy Mitschke

Coffee & Conversation

Responsibilities:

- Contact members about hosting the Coffee and Conversation, with a goal of having a gathering every 2-3 months.
- Communicate the upcoming date of events to the Board and announce the date at the monthly general meetings.
- Help the hostess plan for snacks and purchase gift bags.
- Contact the representative of the hostess' chosen charity about speaking at the gathering.
- Deliver all supplies to the hostess that are needed for the party - coffee pots, plates, cups, etc. and help with setup.
- Store all supplies at home.



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.

Jane Archer	Marya Barefoot	Carol Boettger	Diana Estes
Keon Kurtin	Elaine Mittel	Nancy Siler	Sharon Waite

March Birthdays

- 1 Mary Dunn
- 1 Beth Knape
- 5 Donna Hood
- 8 Anne Krishan
- 11 Diane Habas
- 15 Patti Groce
- 15 Barb Tomeo
- 17 Cathy Hempelmann
- 19 Martha Williams
- 20 Rosemary Anderson
- 20 Michele Speich
- 23 Lynn George
- 28 ShereeTamer
- 30 Mary Taylor





AQUAMARINE

March

BIRTHSTONE

- Symbolizes youth, hope, fidelity and eternal life
- Represents the sea and is known for protecting sailors
- Color can range from light to dark blue with hints of green

March

BIRTH FLOWER

new beginnings
vanity
good luck
prosperity
faithfulness



DAFFODIL

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Barbara Hansen, Coordinator

You must be a current member of Georgetown Newcomers and Friends in order to participate in our SIGs, either as a regular or a substitute.

How to join a SIG

1. Complete a SIG Request Form

<https://www.georgetownnewcomers.com/sigform.html>

2. Email NewcomersSIGCoordinator@gmail.com

Let me know your interest & I will coordinate from there. Maybe you can join right into the SIG, or maybe you start as a **sub** and later become a regular. Perhaps you are on the waitlist and will get moved up eventually. It really does happen a good bit.

OR maybe you **START A NEW GROUP**. You can shadow or be mentored by another like group Lead or do your own thing. *We are always looking for new SIGs! What is your interest? Let's spread the fun! We will help you!*

Dropping from a SIG

Please email NewcomersSIGCoordinator@gmail.com & the Lead for that SIG. This will allow us to notify those on the waitlist or to advertise.

Barbara

SIG Coordinator

Georgetown Newcomers & Friends



OPEN SIGs

<p><i>Wander Walkers</i></p> <p>Monday & Wednesday 9-10am. The Lead emails 2-month schedule of walking locations</p>	<p><i>Walk-n-Talk</i></p> <p>Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-11. Lead posts the walking location to Georgetown Newcomers & Friends private FB group a day or 2 ahead. Open to ladies & gentlemen.</p>	<p><i>2nd Friday Book Club</i></p> <p>Meet at Georgetown CC & stay for lunch afterwards for those who would like. Twice a year members submit and vote on all genres of titles.</p>
<p><i>Mystery Book Club Divas & Dudes</i></p> <p>2nd Thursday 11:30~1, September - May, for lunch and book discussions at local eateries.</p>	<p><i>Reel Women</i></p> <p>Usually 3rd Tuesday. Gather for a matinee movie at Georgetown Film Alley. Afterwards we head someplace close for drinks/dinners out. Come for both or just the part that works for you.</p>	<p><i>Divot Divas</i></p> <p>4th Wednesday at various locations</p>
<p><i>Dragon Ladies</i></p> <p>2nd and 4th Thursday 1-4:00. Ladies gather with host providing packaged drinks & snacks. Play for Mardi Gras beads, not \$.</p>	<p><i>Mahjongg Marvels</i></p> <p>Every Wednesday from 1-4:00 in Sun City. Looking for a 2nd table of 4 or subs.</p>	<p><i>Pennies from Heaven</i></p> <p>1st Tuesday from 9:30-12:30 year round. Members take turns hosting in their homes. <i>Looking for subs.</i></p>
<p><i>Coffee Rounds</i></p> <p>2nd & 4th Monday at various coffee shops around the area. 2nd Monday will be bring the kids or grandkids, & 4th Monday is kid-free. Watch for the event to be posted on the Newcomers Facebook page.</p>	<p><i>Tuesday Traveling Tasters</i></p> <p>2nd Tuesday, noon. We explore new restaurants, enjoying fun conversation. Does not meet during summers.</p>	<p><i>Grape Expectations</i></p> <p>4th Thursday at 4:30pm. Each volunteers to host at our home once a year. Hostess provides appetizers and 5 wines for the tasting based on a theme (can be a simple as "wines my friends and I enjoy"). Each attendee donates \$10 to help cover the hostess costs. Does not "officially" meet in the summer, but often gathers.</p>

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW SIGs. **WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST? LET'S FIND LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE THE LEAD/ ORGANIZER, WE WILL HELP. LET'S SPREAD THE FUN... TALK TO ME FOLKS!!** NewcomersSIGCoordinator@gmail.com

GRAPE EXPECTATIONS



Group meets at the hostess' home on the 4th Thursday,
September—June, 4:30—6:30 p.m.

(except November & December, when we meet on 3rd Thursday)

The hostess provides appetizers and 5 wines.

Each attendee contributes \$10 to help defray costs.

** Alternative: Hostess may ask participants to bring an appetizer and contribute \$5. **

New Mahjonn Class



Looking for a few more good people to learn American Mahjong.

Michelle Wright is teaching a class for beginners. We have found that 4 committed weeks of 2 hours each time is a great base for folks.

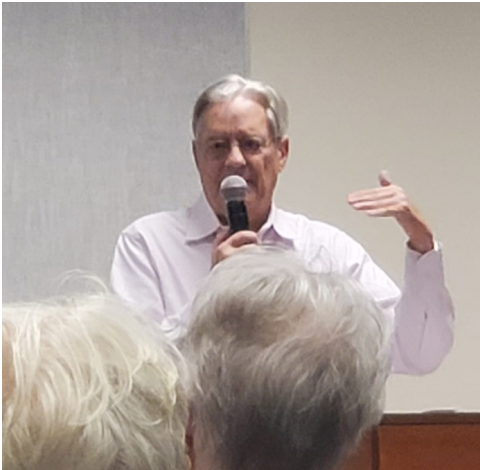
Michelle is able to teach March 20, 27, April 3, & 10. Hours from 10-12:00, meeting in Michelle's home, off Williams near Randall's.

We have 2 spots open for a second table.

Contact Barbara Hansen, SIG Coordinator, with interest.

NewcomersSIGCoordinator@gmail.com

General Meeting



Speaker Clark Thurmond, co-owner of the Williamson County Sun



About 60 were in attendance for this excellent presentation of the history of the Sun, up to publishing in today's rapidly-changing environment



Rosemary Anderson won a bottle of wine & a chocolate cake



Deborah Trumble-Herrera won a gift certificate to the new restaurant, Perfect Pair Sips & Boards



20 for lunch at 2020 Scratch Kitchen

Bunco

Hosted by Kathy Stevens

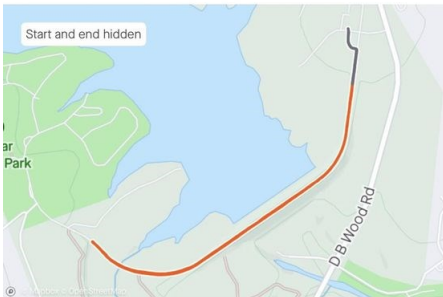
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Morning Walk



Distance 2.71 mi Steps 7,484



Walk n Talk

San Gabriel Park & Chandler Park



Guys Poker Night



Full house for the February gathering—with a round of golf beforehand

Ladies Who Lunch



The Ladies enjoyed The Grumpy George in Georgetown

Cellar Dwellers



February gathering hosted by
Susie Logan
Fine wines
Great food
Soul-enriching conversation

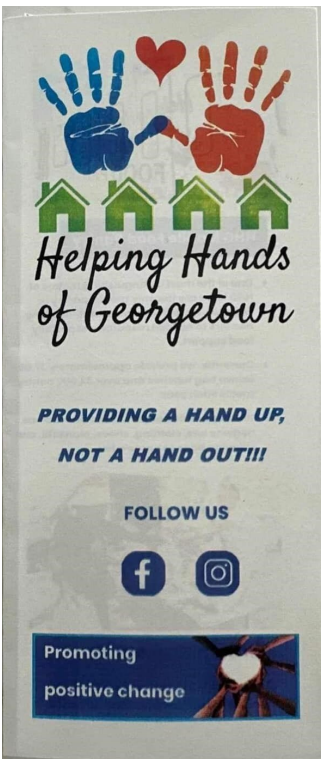
Reel Women



Ordinary Angels at Film Alley, followed by sips, nibbles, and duck pin bowling at the 5S Rock Bar at the theater. Lots of fun!



Coffee & Conversation



MaryAnn Sossamon hosted 20+ women for Coffee & Conversation. Donations for Helping Hands of Georgetown, MaryAnn's chosen charity, totaled \$215!

Girls Who Cook

The Cajun-themed meal hosted by MaryAnn Sossamon



Jambalaya by MaryAnn Sossamon, Cajun salad by Chee Hart, dirty rice by Barbara Hansen & bread by Donna Hurley



Muffaletta two ways—by Mary Ann Moliver & Ann Mayberry



Bread pudding by Diane Hill



Hurricanes by Susie



Gumbo by MaryAnn Sossamon



Cosmo Girls



Hosted by MaryAnn
Sossamon

Members & guests all
enjoyed great food &
Perry's Hog-Hatten
cocktails with pork bites



Divot Divas

The Divas had a chilly day on the links at Cowan Creek, then warmed up at Mulligans.



Ruby, Ginny, Kathy



Teresa, Ruby, Roseanne, Elaine,
Ginny, Sallie, Kathy



Teresa, Elaine, Ruby, Ginny,
Debbie, Roseanne, Sally, Kathy

The Dinner Group

Pappdeaux Seafood Kitchen—North Austin

Back row: Hossein, Heide, Carol, Warren, and Carol
Front row: Sam, Delores, Mary, Mike, and Bruce

Happy birthday, Mary!
Everyone had a mini-bundt cake to celebrate.



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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.

Join us on Facebook to see some of the fun!
Learn about the groups and new places to visit.
Post your photos...



Georgetown Newcomers and Friends

This is a private page. The admin will verify your membership before you are granted access. Above is the current profile pic for our group. Click the join button, and answer 2 simple questions. That's all there is to it!

If you're already a member, click on the "Write something" box, then on the Photo/video icon and share what fun your SIG is having. There is also an option to post anonymously.

We currently have 139 members following the Facebook page, so come and join us there!

