



NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS OF GEORGETOWN

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From the Co-Presidents

The holiday season is a magical time of year where people have many reasons to come together and celebrate. Many will celebrate with friends and family; however, it isn't just about gifts. It's also a great opportunity for everyone to get together and enjoy everything the season has to offer. Holiday markets with handmade crafts, holiday concerts, Hallmark movies, peppermint lattes, and all the sparkling lights that decorate our beautiful town square are only a few things the season has to offer.

To get the holiday season off to a great start, we will be having our General Membership Meeting and Holiday luncheon on Thursday, December 7, at Berry Creek Country Club. In addition to a delicious meal, we will have wonderful door prizes and our entertainment will be provided by Kristen Gibbs. Kristen is a classically-trained harpist, and is one of only a few harp players in the nation who incorporates vocals while entertaining as a solo musician, playing a large variety of music styles. See page 4 for more details.

We look forward to seeing you on December 7 and wish everyone a wonderful holiday season filled with much joy and happiness.

Ruby & Donna
Co-Presidents





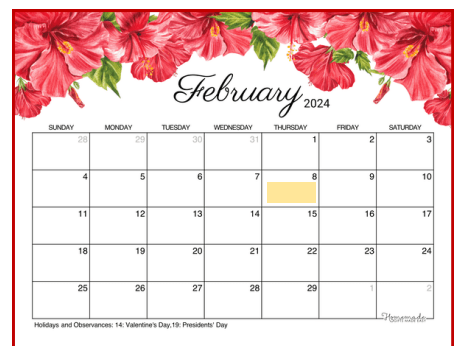
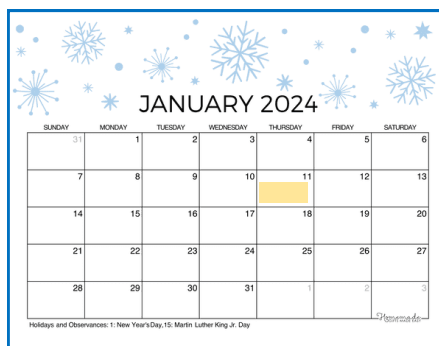
*Thank you to all
who make this a wonderful welcoming organization.
To our Board & our SIG Leads who volunteer their time to
arrange activities for folks to find new friends & discover the
area.
To all our members who kindly communicate well &
participate in so many helpful ways.
Enjoy your family during all the upcoming holidays & may
every day be healthy & loving.*

Mark Your Calendars

December 7, 2023—General Membership Meeting & Holiday Luncheon, **First Thursday**, 10:00 a.m. **Berry Creek Country Club**, Clubhouse, 2nd Floor, 30500 Berry Creek Drive. *(This is a ticketed event, and the reservation deadline has passed. No tickets will be sold at the door.)* See page 4 for more details.

January 11, 2024 — General Membership Meeting, **Second Thursday**, Georgetown Public Library, Hewlett Room, 2nd Floor. Check-in & social time, 9:30—9:55 a.m. Meeting begins promptly at 10:00. Alton Martin, President of Preservation Georgetown, will present information on the life of George Washington Glasscock, Sr., and provide more details about the history of Georgetown. Lunch following the meeting. Location TBD.

February 8, 2024—General Membership Meeting, **Second Thursday**, Georgetown Public Library, Hewlett Room, 2nd Floor. Check-in & social time, 9:30—9:55 a.m. Meeting begins promptly at 10:00. Clark Thurmond, of the Williamson County Sun, will present the history of the paper, and describe how reporting is done. Lunch following the meeting. Location TBD.



General Meeting & Holiday Luncheon

December 7, 2024

Berry Creek Country Club

30500 Berry Creek Drive

Georgetown, TX



Holiday Program

Coffee & Mingle 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

General Meeting 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Entertainment 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Lunch w/Entertainment 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Door Prize Drawings 12:30 p.m.



Entertainment

Kristen Gibbs is a classically trained harpist, and is one of only a few harp players in the nation who incorporates vocals while entertaining as a solo

Menu

Green Salad, Stuffed Chicken Entrée, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Veggies
Tray of Assorted Desserts



Meet the Board

Membership



Co-Chairs—Kathy Stevens & Debbie Krenok

Skills Required

- Access to Windows-based computer & (preferably) a wide screen monitor
- Proficiency in Google Apps - (Sheets, Contacts, Email, Docs)
- Organizational Skills, Detail-Oriented, Interpersonal Communication Skills

Responsibilities

- **Paypal Payments:** Picked up in GTNF Email, processed populating Sheets & Contacts, filed in Pending folder for Treasurer to complete the transaction
- **Mailbox Payments:** You will be given a key to the GTNF mailbox in Sun City. You will visit weekly to retrieve any paper membership forms and checks. Membership forms and checks are then processed using Microsoft, Email, Sheets & Contacts. The checks are hand delivered to the Treasurer to record and deposit.
- **General Monthly Meeting Sign In:** You will arrive early to the monthly meetings to set up a welcome and sign-in table for Members & Guests. You are required to give a short Membership Report at the beginning of each board meeting and each Monthly Meeting.

Meet the Board

Programs



Co-Chairs—Alice York & Joyce Gunderson

- Attend all board and committee meetings and functions, such as special events.
- Be informed about the organization's mission, services, policies, and programs.
- Send committee report for inclusion in the monthly board agenda, review board agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings.
- Create, organize, and implement programs for the monthly general meetings from September – May that highlight the organization's goals. Present and secure the board's approval for annual program calendar in August.
- Create a marketing piece (i.e., flyer) highlighting upcoming presenters and events and send to the newsletter publisher by designated deadlines and to the board prior to monthly board meetings.
- Coordinate with the treasurer the \$100 honorarium payable to a non-profit designated by the presenter.
- Coordinate local press coverage of special events.
- Assist in room set-up, when necessary. Ensure the facility is conducive for the presentation and the presenter is provided with all tools and technology necessary to present successfully. (i.e., microphone(s), screen, easel, etc.)
- Photograph and post pictures of meetings and special events on the organization's Facebook page.
- Send informal thank you to presenters and write a formal letter of thank you for the Co-Presidents signatures and handling.

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.

Phyllis Brugger Angela Newman Peggy Ogden-Howe
Lynne Simmons


December Birthdays

- 2 Sally Nagy
- 3 Susan Smith
- 11 Doreen Campbell
- 12 Emelie Young
- 15 Marilyn Peters
- 16 Candy Hitchcock
- 17 MaryAnn Sossamon
- 19 Nancy Adams
- 19 Janet Matthews
- 21 Susan Hannah
- 21 Dee Nafarrate
- 23 Stacey Robinson
- 24 Gayle Pulley



december

BIRTHSTONE



TURQUOISE

- Symbolizes good fortune and success
- Turquoise is an important part of southwest American culture
- Color is derived from the combination of copper and iron that's present within the stone
- Secondary stone: zircon

december

BIRTH FLOWER

hope
wealth
the only one
good fortune



NARCISSUS

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



Start a New SIG!

Make New Friends!

What wonderful people we have in Newcomers! In my discussions with the 40 SIG Leads, one had this to say...

“As for the 3 people who have been on the waitlist for The Dinner Group, have you approached any of them about becoming a SIG leader & starting a new dining out group? That’s how The Dinner Group got started.

I had been on the waitlist for a year to join a dining out group & Susie asked if I would start a new group because almost no one ever “drops” out of an established group. She gave me the names of the people, including myself, who had been waiting to join a group & *I didn’t know a single person on the list! And now all of us “strangers” have become such good friends that we even travel together!*

I’d be happy to mentor a new SIG leader, if you want to encourage a new leader to step up & start a new group. "



Email me at NewcomersSIGCoordinator@gmail.com to start your own group!



NEW SIG



1st meeting will be January 10, 2024

Still under formation, but likely to meet monthly on a Wednesday

Complete your SIG form here:

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

Contact Anne Hanner with questions

512-800-5157

AnneMarieBallard@msn.com

NEW SIG

STITCH TOGETHER

Come together & chat while
working on your project

January 15—10:00 a.m.
at the home of Candy Hitchcock
Santa Rita Ranch North
232 Rosetta Loop, Liberty Hill

Please RSVP to Hitchcock.Candy@gmail.com
AND complete a SIG form here
<https://www.georgetownnewcomers.com/sigform.html>



Reel Women

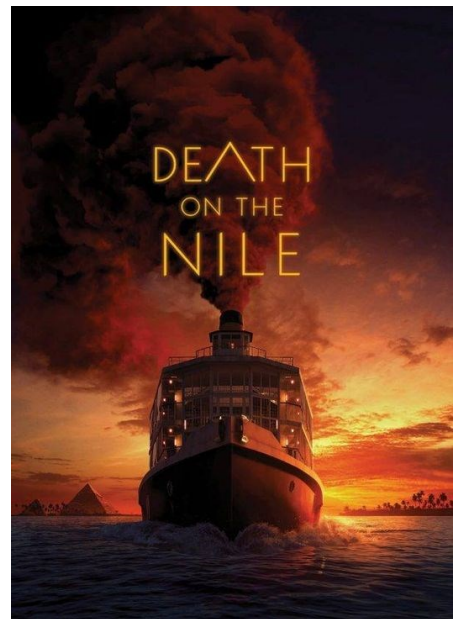
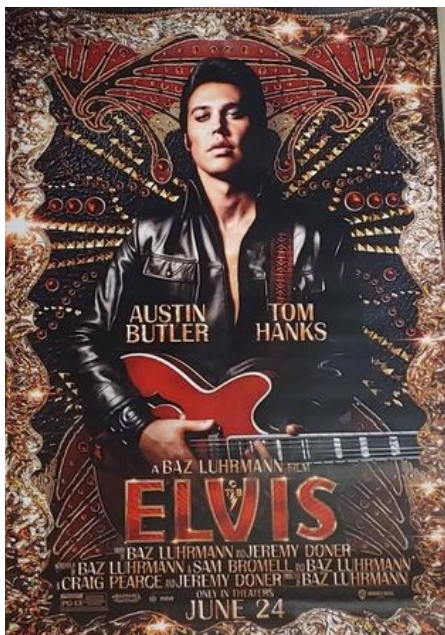
Do you love movies? Enjoy seeing them with friends?

Consider leading this group! We have so much fun!

We meet once a month for a matinee, and follow the film with sips, nibbles, and conversation at a local establishment.

The time commitment is minimal (usually only a couple of hours a month), and having two co-leads makes light work. You might even make a new friend - Sheryl & Ann certainly did! Plus, they'll be there to help you get started.

Contact Ann at aramage33@gmail.com or Barbara Hansen at NewcomersSIGCoordinator@gmail.com.



General Meeting

Tour of Firehouse #5



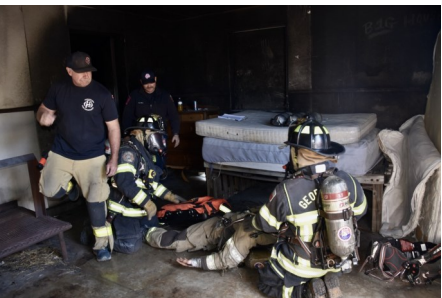
Great turnout



Deputy Fire Marshall Jonathan Gilliam & station dog Koda



Fire Chief John Sullivan



Grape Expectations

Halloween theme - hosted by Barbara Hansen in October



Grape Expectations

Wines from Season Three Vineyards

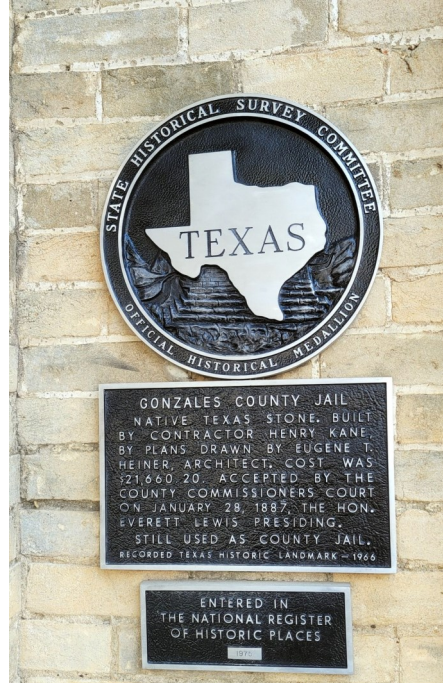
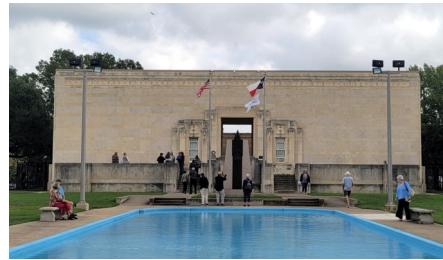
Hosted by Donna Hood in November



Day Trip to Gonzales

Gonzales Memorial Museum

Home of the "Come & Take It" Cannon



Above: Gonzales County Jail Museum. Our guide was the daughter of the former sheriff.

Day Trip to Gonzales



Just behind the Memorial Museum were the Eggleston House, c. 1845, and the DAR HQ



Lunch at Baker Boys BBQ



Carol Elsasser & Ann Ramage @ Baker Boys BBQ



We ended our trip with a drive-through of Palmetto State Park, just 15 minutes north of Gonzales. Sure didn't look like central Texas!

Guys' Poker Night



October



November

Tuesday Out to Lunch



Juliet Italian Kitchen
Newly opened on the
square (in the former
Gumbo's location)

Georgetown



Chicken Piccata



Shrimp Scampi



Ann & Susan

Divot Divas



Ginny, Sally, Debbie, Pat



Elaine & Dorothy

Golf outing at Delaware Springs in Burnet

Followed by wine tasting at Perissos Winery



Sally & Debbie



Ginny, Sally, Debbie, Dorothy, Kathy, Ruby, Elaine, Pat



Chillaxin' at the winery

The Dinner Group

Alma, by Stephan Pyle

At The Hacienda—Georgetown



Carol, Bruce, Hossein, Heide, Warren, Carol, Sam, Delores, Mary, Mike



Warren, Carol, Sam, Delores, Mary, Mike, Carol, Bruce, Hossein, Heide

I Love My Book Club



Hosted by Ann Mayberry

“Plainsong”, by Kent Haruf

Walk n Talk

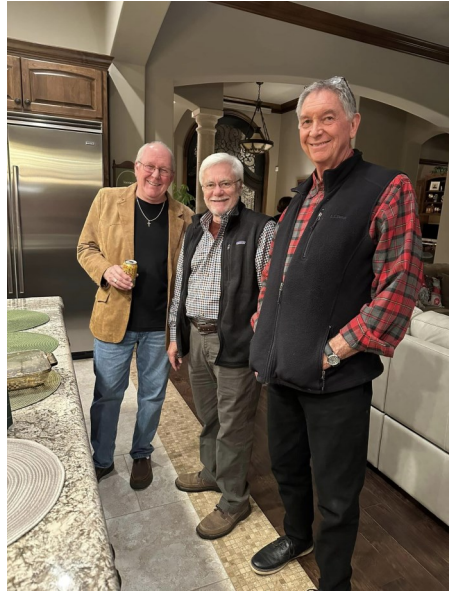


Overlook & San Gabriel Park

Might be chilly & windy, but the walkers are happy to be out again!



Café Crashers



Hosted by Lorrie & John Knight

Guests included Deb & Doug Martin, Paula & Michael Hamblen, Lynn & Peter George, Rickie & Gordy Rieck, Georgia & Lyle Bishop, and Susan & Mark Smith



Girls Who Cook

Chinese-themed “nothing too close to Thanksgiving” dinner



Egg roll in a bowl—Mary Ann | Chinese chicken wonton—Susie | Beef & broccoli (above) & BBQ pork (below) - Barbara
Watermelon & vodka cocktail—Chee



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, 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.

Newcomers & Friends now has over 200 members, and 25 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](#)

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.

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 124 members following the Facebook page, so come and join us there!

