



NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS OF GEORGETOWN

November 2023

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Ruby Branham



Donna Hood

From the Co-Presidents

November is a month when fond memories of all that we are thankful for - our families, friends, and freedoms - once again come to the forefront of our thoughts. It also denotes the beginning of the holiday season for many.

We have exciting things planned for our “Newcomers family” in November and December. We will tour Fire Station #5, located on D. B. Wood Road, on November 2nd, (***the first Thursday***). You can see the complete information about the tour on page 3 of this newsletter.

Once again we have contracted with BERRY CREEK COUNTRY CLUB to have our holiday luncheon. It is set for December 7th, (***also the first Thursday***). Our Programs team will be providing more specifics on that event soon.

Reservations will be required for both of these events as there is limited seating available for the firehouse tour, and we will need to have an accurate count of the number of people we are serving at the holiday luncheon.

We hope to have new membership directories printed and available at the November 2nd meeting, and we plan to have a sign-up sheet there to reserve your seat at the holiday luncheon. The menu, along with the cost of the reservation, will be announced soon. Only checks or cash accepted, no credit cards.

We look forward to seeing you on November 2nd at Fire Station #5, and we truly wish you all a glorious season of thankfulness!

Ruby & Donna
Co-Presidents



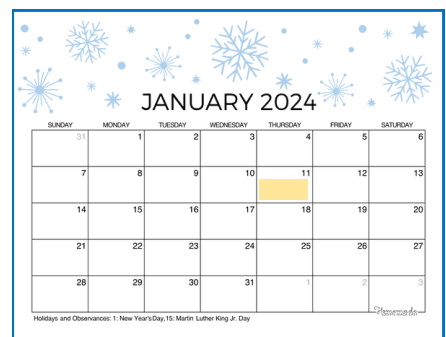
Mark Your Calendars

November 2, 2023 - General Membership Meeting, **First Thursday**, 9:30 a.m.
 We'll tour **Firehouse #5**, located at 3500 D.B. Wood Rd. Lunch to follow at Mas Fajitas, 3010 Williams Drive. RSVP to alice.york@gmail.com or text 818-406-4578. Details on page 3.

November 8, 2023 – Bus trip to Gonzales, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See page 4 for more info. **We now have a wait list, but don't let that discourage you! Last year, we had 10 on the wait list, and there was room for all 10!**

December 7, 2023 - General Membership Meeting & Holiday Luncheon, **First Thursday**, 9:30 a.m. **Berry Creek Country Clubhouse**, 2nd Floor, 30500 Berry Creek Drive. See page 5 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.



November General Meeting
Tour of Firehouse #5
3500 D.B. Wood Road, Georgetown
Thursday, November 2, 2023
(First Thursday)

This is a reschedule of the tour organized by Peggy Sklar.



Arrive between 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Operations and Training Building, Classrooms B & C. Park in the regular lot. Overflow parking behind the gates will be available, if needed.

General meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by an introduction, firehouse tour, and presentation by Jonathan Gilliam, Deputy Fire Marshall/Community Risk.

Meet Koda, the Fire Dog and possibly a few surprise visitors!

Space is Limited

RSVP for Tour & Lunch to

Alice York at Alice.york@gmail.com or text 818-406-4578

Lunch following at:

Mas Fajitas, 3010 Williams Dr #102, Georgetown, TX 78628

Day Trip to Gonzales



Our next bus trip will be to Gonzales on Wednesday, November 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We'll meet at the Walmart parking lot at 7:30 a.m. for a prompt 8:00 a.m. departure. We'll arrive in Gonzales about 10:00 a.m.

We now have a wait list for this trip, but don't let that discourage you! Last year, we had 10 on the wait list & we were able to accommodate everyone!

We have two curator-led private tours scheduled. Our first stop will be the Gonzales Memorial Museum, home of the "Come and Take It" cannon. The tour should last about an hour. Then we'll move on to the County Jail Museum (the "Haunted Jail Museum"). Lunch will follow at Baker Boys BBQ. You will have a **choice of a main course of brisket, chicken, or ribs**. All sides and water will be included. After lunch, we'll head home, and will arrive back about 4:00 p.m.

Please email Mary Dunn, marydunn73@hotmail.com, or Peggy Sklar, psklar1@gmail.com, to sign up and to advise your choice of main course. We can accommodate 55 people, and will keep a wait list once we reach capacity.

The cost is \$50 per person, and includes lunch, taxes, and a tip for the bus driver. This is less than previously mentioned because we found a less expensive bus company. **For those of you who have already paid \$55 you will be getting a refund of \$5.**

Checks should be made out to **Newcomers and Friends of Georgetown**. You can drop off or mail your check to Mary or Peggy, or you can pay by check or cash (exact change only) at the next newcomers meeting on October 12.

Mary Dunn, 121 Stockman Trail, Georgetown, TX, 78633

Peggy Sklar, 104 Prospector Pass, Georgetown, TX, 78633

Please let us know your preference for the main course (brisket, chicken, or ribs) by email or no later than the next meeting.

See links below for more information and videos.

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/gonzales-memorial-museum/>

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/gonzales-county-jail-museum/>

<https://bakerboysbbq.com/>



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!
Berry Creek Country Club
30500 Berry Creek Dr.
Georgetown, TX 78628
December 7, 2023

We are looking forward to a delicious meal and entertainment to 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.

There will be a sign-up sheet available after the firehouse tour to reserve your seat. Cost of the luncheon is \$35. Checks or cash only will be accepted; no credit card availability.

****More details about the day's specifics coming soon!**

Meet the Board



Ruby Branham



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Co-Presidents

Highlights of GTNF President Duties

Role: Preside at all general membership meetings, Executive Committee and Board of Director meetings, and be an ex-officio member of all committees. This position can be filled by one or two people.

Responsibilities:

- Organize general membership meetings (Sept.-May), including creating and presenting the agenda, presiding over the entire meeting
- Organize monthly board meetings (Aug.- May), to include creating the agenda in conjunction with the Executive Committee and committee chairs
- Submit monthly President's report for the newsletter
- Work with 1st Vice President(s)

Time Required: Approximately 5 hours/week, plus 5 hours on days of meetings

1st Vice-President

Highlights of GTNF 1st V.P. Duties

Role: 1st V.P. shall assist the President with the organization and planning of meetings, and shall preside in the absence of the President. This position can be filled by one or two people.

Responsibilities:

- Attend general membership meetings (Sept.- May)
- Attend monthly board meetings (Aug.-May)
- Chair the Nominating Committee, to include appointing members to serve on the Nominating Committee
- Welcome and greet all who attend general membership meetings
- Assume the role of President the following year

Time Required: Approximately 5 hours/month, plus 5 hours on days of general membership and board meetings; an overall 2-year commitment.

This position is currently vacant.

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.

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| Nancy Ali | Ginny Lewis | Pam Gardner |
| Jeanne Sherif | Michele Speich | Sharon Storey |

November Birthdays

- 2 Linda Mulroy
- 4 Marilyn Kounnas
- 4 Linda Noblin
- 5 Julie Fearheiley
- 6 Leslie Rose
- 8 Carol Johnson
- 9 Bea McClure
- 10 Emily Galpin
- 12 Regina McManus
- 13 Susie Logan
- 13 Lita Nielsen
- 16 Eunice Balke
- 18 Cheryl Lindsey
- 19 Carol Elsasser
- 20 Charise Meeks
- 21 Mimi Rhea
- 22 Joyce Best
- 22 Kathy Hertzog
- 22 Charlotte Myers
- 24 Pamela Holub
- 27 Chris Paige
- 28 Sharon Perdue
- 28 Hewlett Wittie
- 30 Jill Ukeiley



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BIRTHSTONE

- Promotes vitality and energy for the wearer
- Known for creating wealth
- Available in a variety of colors, ranging from yellow to deep orange
- Secondary stone: topaz

CITRINE

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BIRTH FLOWER

loyalty
honesty
love
deep passion
get well wishes



CHRYSANTHEMUM

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 & UPCOMING

Party Bridge



A welcoming group of people, playing party bridge for fun! Meeting 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1:00—4:00 p.m. at the Stonehaven Senior Center, 1704 Hart Street, Georgetown. To join this group, complete a SIG form here

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

Or call/text the SIG lead, Kitty Sheeran, at 512-809-8912

NEW & UPCOMING

Mexican Train



Details to be worked out, but first gathering is planned for Monday, November 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Complete a SIG form & let's jump on board!

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



UPCOMING ???

Do you like to do handicrafts? Attend the theater? Play darts? Go to concerts? These are some of the SIGS that people are requesting.

If you have a superpower in one of these areas, and are willing to lead, just let me know & I'll help you get your group up & running!

Email Barbara at NewcomersSIGCoordinator@gmail.com



Photo: Alan Cradick Photography, courtesy of Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.

Folks are requesting SIGs for THEATER, STITCHING or even MEN'S DARTS. Are you interested to Lead?



OPEN SIGs

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| <p><i>Wander Walkers</i></p> <p>Monday & Wednesday 9-10am. The Lead emails 2 month schedule walking location</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</p> | <p><i>2nd Friday Book Club</i></p> <p>Meet at Georgetown CC & stay for lunch afterwards for those that would like. Twice a year members submit all genres of titles that are then voted on.</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 Clty Lights. 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 \$. If enough people, we play with card to rotate tables</p> | <p><i>Mahjong Mavens</i></p> <p>2nd & 4th Thursday 1pm at the Berry Creek Country Club. <i>Looking for subs.</i></p> | <p><i>Hand & Foot Canasta</i></p> <p>1st Thursday from 1:30 to 4 or 5 p.m. Bring your \$1 to play at the same location every month. Take a turn to bring some goodies for the group to share. <i>Looking for 1 regular & a few subs.</i></p> |
| <p><i>Pennies from Heaven Canasta</i></p> <p>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. <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>Wine Divas</i></p> <p>2nd Thursday, 4—6 p.m.. September—May. Does not meet in the summer. We meet in a member’s home & Verde Vista clubhouse. 2 people choose the wine and the appetizers. Sometimes go out to a wine bar. We discuss the wines and review information. Light education and loads of fun!</p> |
| <p><i>Grape Expectations</i></p> <p>4th Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Each member volunteers to host in her home once a year. Hostess provides appetizers and 5 wines based on a theme (can be as simple as “wines my friends & I enjoy”). Each attendee donates \$10 to help cover the hostess costs.</p> |  | <p><i>Girls Who Cook</i></p> <p>3rd Wednesday, 11:30—1:30, approx. Hostess decides the theme or chef she is featuring & prepares the main entrée. All other members sign up for sides. All recipes should be new & not have been prepared before. It’s all about trying new recipes—we love to cook! (Note: no summer meetings.) <i>Looking for a couple of subs.</i></p> |

October General Meeting Georgetown Public Library



Kathy & Debbie—membership



Mary Jo—publicity



Ann, Mary, Peggy—day trips



A great turnout to hear the mayor speak



Mayor Josh Schroeder



Lunch at The Golden Rule after the meeting

Mahjong Mavens



In September, the Mahjong Mavens dined at Almas after the games!

Above L to R:
Front row: Mary, Stacey, Norma
Back row: Setta, Becky, Patti, Ree-C, Vicki

Grilled Chilean sea bass topped w/
fresh crab sevice


Walk n Talk



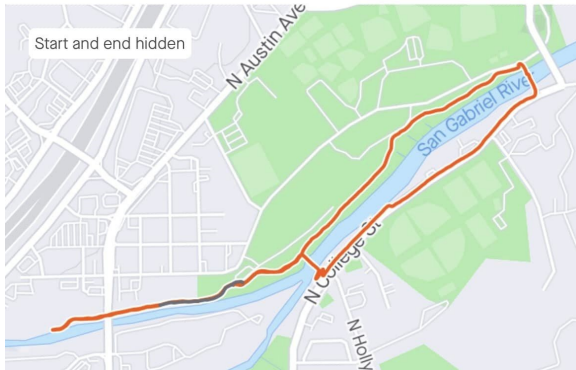
Finally back to the beautiful outdoors at San Gabriel Park—followed by coffee at Lark & Owl

Morning Walk

Distance 2.44 mi | Steps 6,530 | Time 1h 1m

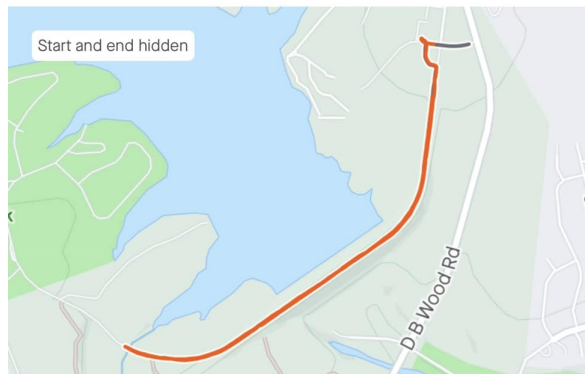
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[See More](#)



Morning Walk

Distance 2.65 mi | Steps 6,686 | Time 1h 5m



Grape Expectations

Pat Butterfield hosted the kickoff for the new year



Pat, Sandy, Betty, Donna



An "awesome" selection!

Divot Divas



Elaine, Debbie, & Ruby had a fun day golfing at Star Ranch in Hutto. A little rain & wind didn't slow these Divas down!

Reel Women



City Lights/Film Alley
Kork Wine Bar—Georgetown



Clockwise: Sheryl, Judy C., Judy H., Judy K.,
Nancy, Susan

Hand & Foot

Organized by Kathy Stevens

Always looking for subs to join in the fun!



Barbara, Emelie, Delores



Linda, Debbie, Cathy, Ann



Sally, Mary Lou, Janet

Wednesday Evening Mahjong



Coffee Rounds



Exploring local coffee shops—2nd Monday with kiddos; 4th Monday, adults only

Girls Who Cook

German-themed dinner hosted by Ann Mayberry



Lead-Chee, hostess-Ann, Donna, MaryAnn, Diane



Gorgeous table!



Bellinis to start



Beer cheese spread—Barbara



Tomato confit w/ feta—Chee



Eintopf soup with prime rib,
fennel, sweet potato &
spinach.

Goulash

All by Ann



Apple cider margaritas—Donna



Black Forest cake—MaryAnn

Bunco

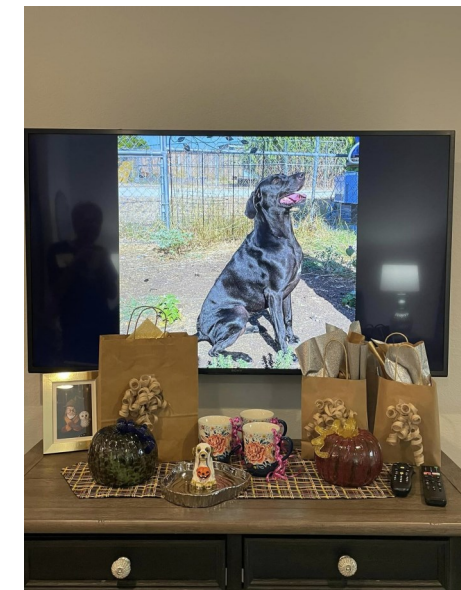
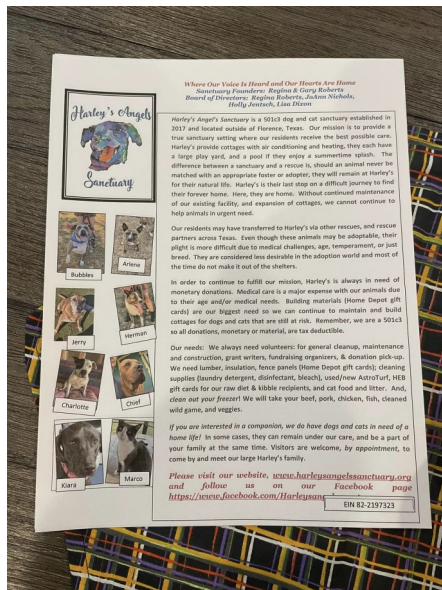
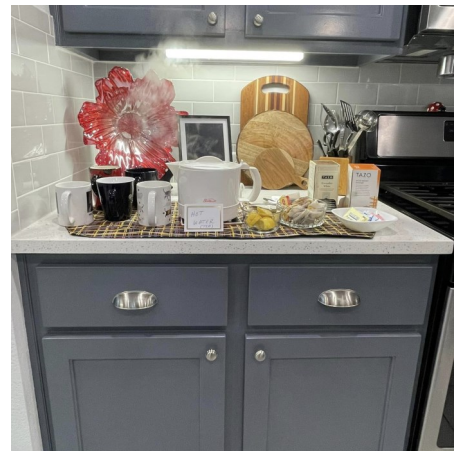


Halloween-themed Bunco
Hosted by Sandy Mitzsche
Delightfully spooky!



Coffee & Conversation

Hosted by Lynn George



Lynn & rep Lisa for Harley's Angels Sanctuary, the designated charity. Members donated about \$300!

Cosmo Girls



The Dinner Group



French Quarter Grill
Austin, TX

Happy Birthday
Carol!



Membership

Our 2023-24 membership drive is now complete. Printed directories will be available at the Firehouse tour on Thursday, November 2.

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 22 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 136 members following the Facebook page, so come and join us there!

