



NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS OF GEORGETOWN

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From the Co-Presidents

September is often considered a time of change. It is a time when leisurely summer schedules for many become more hectic, a time when we begin to notice a change in our climate with daylight hours a little shorter and foliage bursting with beautiful fall colors. And, let's hope this month will bring us some much needed change in this historically hot Texas summer heat!

September is also a time when numerous organizations kick off their newest programs for the current season, schools are back in session, football season begins, etc. And Newcomers & Friends of Georgetown is no exception! Since 1973, we have supported new and long-time Georgetown residents alike in making connections, discovering similarities among one another, and establishing friendships through participation in one or more of our numerous activities.

We look forward to our members and guests joining us for our first general meeting of the year on September 14, 2023, (**2ND THURSDAY OF SEPTEMBER**), at the Georgetown Public Library in the Hewlett Room upstairs. We will have beverages beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by a short business meeting, and concluding with a tour of our historical Williamson County Courthouse on the square. More details are on the next page.

If you need to renew your membership for 2023-2024 or join as a new member, you may pay at any general meeting, online, or by mail. **Remember, you must be a current member to participate in any of the Special Interest Groups (SIGS).*

We hope to see you on September 14th!

Ruby Branham & Donna Hood
Co-Presidents
Newcomers & Friends of Georgetown



Georgetown Newcomers & Friends General Meeting - September 14, 2023

***** SECOND THURSDAY OF SEPTEMBER *****



WHERE: GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY - HEWLETT ROOM & WILLIAMSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

WHEN: 9:30-9:55 - Please join us for beverages and an opportunity to visit with old friends and new acquaintances

10:00 - Business Meeting, Newcomers Calendar Update

10:30 - Brief Introduction of Williamson County Courthouse

**10:45 - Short 5-minute walk to Williamson County Courthouse
(some may prefer to drive)**

11:00 - Start of 40-minute tour of Williamson County Courthouse & 26th District Courtroom

12:00 - Meet for lunch (on your own) at [BLUE CORN HARVEST - 212 W. Seventh St.](#)

**Please RSVP by email to Alice.York@gmail.com or by text to 818-406-4578
with your name and cell phone number
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023.
Alice will confirm receipt of your reservation.**

Membership

Our membership drive continues for the 2023-2024 program year through September 30th.

To ensure your contact information is included in the online and/or printed directory, and your participation in Special Interest Groups is not interrupted, please be sure you have renewed your membership by October 15, 2023.

Our annual dues are \$25 per household. There are 3 ways to pay:

1. You can renew online here www.georgetownnewcomers.com. Simply fill out the form and pay with your PayPal account. (You must have a PayPal account to renew online.) OR
2. You can print the form & bring it with your cash or check to the September 14th meeting at the library. OR
3. You can print the form and mail it with your check to Georgetown Newcomers & Friends, 1530 Sun City Blvd, Ste 120, PMB 427, Georgetown, TX, 78633-1994.

Make checks payable to Georgetown Newcomers and Friends.

We currently have 247 members, 72 of whom are new since last September! This is such a welcoming group, with lots of ways to engage with the community. We hope you'll invite your friends to join us, too. It's all about forging new bonds to make a new location "home"!



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](#)

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.

Cindy Antolik Carl Johnson Danielle Moore Marilyn Zangl

September Birthdays

- 4 Shirley Walker
- 6 Judy Shelton
- 6 Janice Wallace
- 8 Linda Terry
- 9 Diane Hill
- 14 Judy Higgins
- 16 Belinda Sikorski
- 17 Ruth Fuller
- 23 Susan Streeter
- 25 Mary Lou Percy
- 27 Allison Wolfe
- 29 Elaine Doyle



September
BIRTHSTONE

- Symbolizes trust and honesty
- Second most popular engagement stone after diamonds
- Blue is the classic color, but sapphires may also be pink, coral, yellow, orange and violet
- The most valuable sapphires come from Burma, where it is prized for its symbolism of faithfulness

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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 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>Friday 8 a.m. Walking</i></p> <p>Looking to start this fall, probably in October, when things cool down somewhat</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>Page Turners</i></p> <p>1st Wednesday of the month, 10am. We meet in member homes. We discuss all genres. We have a facilitator who guides us.</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>Reel Women</i></p> <p>Usually 3rd Tuesday. Gather for a matinee movie at Georgetown City 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>1st Monday 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.</p>	<p><i>Hand & Foot Canasta</i></p> <p>1st Thursday from 1:30 to 4 or 5 p.m. Bring you \$1 to play at the same location every month. Take a turn to bring some goodies for the group to share. Looking for 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. 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.</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 event to be posted on the Newcomers FB page.</p>		<p><i>Cosmo Girls</i></p> <p>4th Tuesday of the month from 5:00~7:00pm. Ladies who enjoy trying new cocktails. Each person will host and provide 2 different cocktails. The rest of the ladies bring appetizers or a dessert.</p>

MORE OPEN SIGs

Grape Therapy

COUPLES 4th Friday of month, 6pm. A host schedule is coordinated at the beginning of the year. The host couple provides wine, usually with a theme. Each person contributes \$10 (\$20 couple) to the host to offset the cost of the wine. Each couple brings an appetizer to share with the group. In the past we have traveled to Frederickburg and surrounding wine country several times for a special weekend to visit wineries. We do not meet in the summer .

Wine Divas

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!

Grape Expectations

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.

Tuesday Traveling Tasters

2nd Tuesday of the month to explore new restaurants & enjoy fun conversation. Does not meet in the summer.



K.I.S.S.

(Keep It Simple Supper)

4 times a year with a flexible meet day & time, usually on a weekend. Next gathering will be September. Hostess makes main dish - others bring sides. Meet in each other’s homes, with each taking a turn to host.

Looking for 1 couple

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW SIGs.

WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST?

LET'S FIND LIKE PEOPLE & IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE THE LEAD/ORGANIZER,

WE WILL HELP. TALK TO ME, FOLKS!!

LET'S SPREAD THE FUN

NewcomersSIGCoordinator@gmail.com



Fall 2023 Mahjong Class
Looking for 4 people
to give
a committed 4 weeks
from 1-3:00
September 18, 25, October
2 & 9
Please email
NewcomersSIGCoordinator
@gmail.com
to reserve your spot.



COFFEE ROUNDS

10am start

2nd Monday is Coffee with kids & Grands. Let them mix while we are entertained by their energy & antics.

4th Monday is no kids. Time to let the adults enjoy their coffee & chatting.

Mark your calendars for future:

September 11 = bring the kids or grands

September 25th is No kids.

ALWAYS WATCH NEWCOMERS FB Page for the event & details on this SIG. ☕



NEW SIG: “Movie Adventures”

Movie Adventures: This group will meet year-round, but only when a movie of interest comes along. We will see movies that are: dark comedies ("Knives Out"), artsy ("The Grand Budapest Hotel,"), suspenseful ("The Sixth Sense") and dramas (Emmett "Till"; his mother's story). We hope to see the movies at City Lights, but, we may have to go farther to find a movie—some are in theaters only a short time. After the movie, we'll stop at a local restaurant for a chat about the film, over a beverage and/or snack. Join us!

Tuesday Out to Lunch



Tuesday Out to Lunch enjoyed great food and lively conversations at Jack Allen's Kitchen in Round Rock in July.

Grape Expectations

July hosted by Betty



GRAPE EXPECTATIONS WINES – July 27, 2023

Meiom (May-OH-mee) Chardonnay – California – 2021 – 13.5 alc \$ 14.99
 meaning "coast" truly symbolizes the origin of the Chardonnay, which embodies the character of CAS most notable wine growing regions. Smooth, opulent layers of stone fruits and hints of citrus and apple are heightened by sweet smells of ripe tropical fruit, honey and baking spices. The full flavors are highlighted minerality and juiciness in the palate and a rich plush finish. The wines are carefully crafted so that the characteristics continue to enhance and build on each other for an evocative and memorable Chardonnay.

Toad Hollow Chardonnay, unaged – 2021 Mendocino County – 13.9% alc \$ 10.97
 Clean, crisp and full flavored with hints of mango and melon on a rich, creamy mouth feel. Pair with herbed chicken, braised pork, grilled shellfish and sushi. Great with goat cheese and Gouda. A treat for the senses! Seriously crafted from three Mendocino County vineyards that produce fresh, bright flavors in Chardonnay.

Stella Rosa Black, L'Originale – semi-sweet low alc 5% \$ 14.54
 Grapes for our delicious Stella Rosa Black (SRB) are harvested from beautiful vineyards. The refreshing wine reveals deep, dark color and is combined with natural flavored of ripe blackberry, blueberry and raspberry. SRB is seductive, rich and full-bodied with hints of sweetness. Serve chilled with fresh fruit, cheese, spicy cuisine and deserts. A product of Italy.

Freakshow – A Michael David Winery, CA – Vintage 2019 Zinfandel – alc ? \$ 15.20
 "Step right up to experience the excitement, elegance and allure that is the Dazzling Freakshow! Adding a softer, sexier side to Michael David's band of Freaks, this medium bodied Zinfandel spotlights blazing huckleberry and oak aromas while flirting with notes of anti Flavors of strawberry, pomegranate and clove amaze the tongue with a spice-laced tantalizing finish." –winemaker

Before & After Apéritif – 16% alc
 A blend of wood matured red Nable Late Harvest & Blaauwklippen Potstill Brandy. Sensual flavors of Christmas spices create the backbone of this brandy fortified apéritif. Enjoy neat on the rocks as an apéritif or digestif or use it in cocktails. Product of South Africa- tour ou Cape Town to Stellenbosch, old Cape-Dutch. Wine tasting at the Blaauwklippen Vineyard outside of Stellenbosch, a major university town, Cape Dutch-style.

"Jean Le Bruges" finest Belgian Chocolates



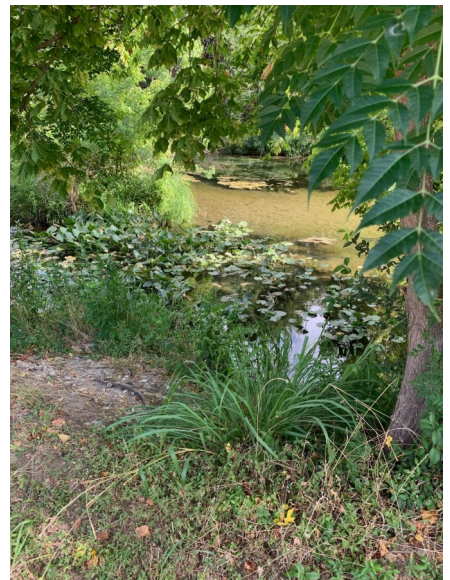
Walk-n-Talk



July 6

San Gabriel Park

Last outdoor gathering
for July & August



Walk-n-Talk has continued to meet at the Georgetown Rec Center to walk the track on the 2nd floor. Too hot to walk outside for a while yet!

Reel Women



July outing to Film Alley for The Miracle Club, followed by sips & nibbles at The Garden at the Summit



In August, we saw Oppenheimer, followed by good food and great company at Hard Count Kitchen & Cocktails.



The Dinner Group



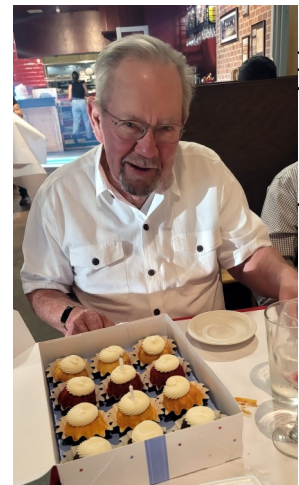
In July, all 5 couples met at Tony & Luigi's Italian restaurant in Georgetown, and celebrated Sam Dolsen's birthday, too!



Carol & Warren Elsasser



Bruce & Carol Wolitarsky



Happy birthday, Sam!



Mary & Mike Dunn



Hossein & Heide Mansouri



Sam Dolsen & Delores
Humphries-Dolsen

The Dinner Group

In August, the group met at Nena's Cazuelas & Bar in Georgetown. They celebrated two August birthdays with cupcakes—and a shot of tequila, on the house! Happy birthday to Warren Elsasser & Bruce Wolitarsky!



Guys' Poker Night



July—and happy milestone birthday to Rusty!



August

Sleuths Mystery Book Club



The group read & discussed
Some Choose Darkness
by Charlie Donlea

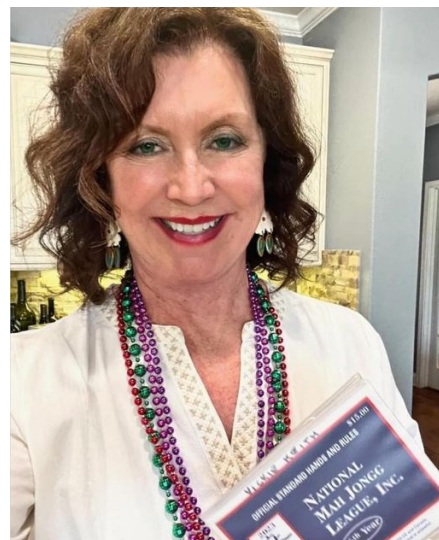
Coffee Rounds



Successful launch of this new SIG at Lark & Owl book store in Georgetown!

L—R: Barbara, Keon, Donna, Cheryl, Danielle, Ruby, Laura (lead)

Dragon Ladies



Congratulations to Vickie Keith on her FOUR Mah Jonggs!!!

Bunco

Hosted in July by Kare Clayton Wright

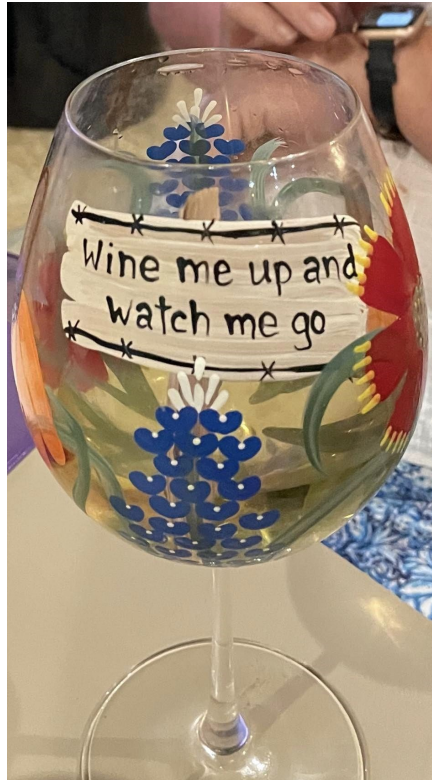


August
hosted by
Kay



Bunco

more August fun



Cosmo Girls



July host MaryAnn Sossamon



Leslie Rue sips her Singapore Sling



Barb Tomeo, Michelle Wright, Debra Reineke ready for the King's Breakfast



In August, the Cosmo Girls celebrated six birthdays with birthday cake, lemon drop martinis, and Tito's Bay Breezes. Hosted by birthday girl Debra!



Cellar Dwellers



Donna Hurley hosted an Italian-themed night in July



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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.

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Learn about the groups and new places to visit.
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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 127 members following the Facebook page, so come and join us there!

