

The Newcomers Club

Of The Greater Montgomery Area

May 2009
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May Program

Kim Owen, Program V.P.

Installation of the Executive Board
Appreciation of Activity Chairs
Recognitions of Member Support for Activities & Social Events
Parade of Hats with a Celebrity Judge

May Luncheon

Where: Wynlakes Country Club

Directions: From Interstate 85N, take Taylor Road (Exit 9). South on Taylor to Vaughn Road. Turn left on Vaughn Rd and go East to entrance of Wynlakes subdivision. Turn left onto Wynlakes Blvd. And go one mile to the second stop sign to the entrance of Wynlakes Country Club. Turn left into the club.

When: Thursday, May 28, 11:30 a.m.

Menu: Buffet

Price: \$10.00

Advance Reservations: Reservations are required no later than noon on **Monday, May 4**. Please call Marsha Preston at 409-9179. Due to the special nature of this luncheon, your advance payment may be made at the April luncheon or mailed to the Newcomer P. O. Box.

Cancellations: If not received by noon, Tuesday, May 26, to the above person, you will be billed for the full \$20 price of this luncheon by the Treasurer.



Hats off to our members, in recognition of all you do to support the Newcomers Club, your luncheon May28, at the Wynlakes Country Club is half price only \$10.

June Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June Newsletter is May 8, 2009. Please send any information to be included in the newsletter to Eileen Robbins. (eileen@sweetolive.net or 271-5243)

This will be my last newsletter. Please if anyone is interested in doing the newsletter, contact me or we may not have a newsletter.

Welcome New Members

Mikki Reese (Danny)
1825 Beauvoir Lake Road 36117
277-1821
Mreese8017@bellsouth.net

Happy Birthday!



LINDA DEAN	5/3	VALERIE SLAGLE	5/3
EILEEN ROBBINS	5/5	DOT PRINGLE	5/7
JANET SUDDITH	5/8	OLGA ALDRIDGE	5/15
BARBARA DEMICHELS	5/19	ALBERTA DAUTEL	5/23
CHERI HARRELL	5/27	MARY LOU STEVENSON	5/29
ELLYN CASEY	5/31	SHERI GREENE	5/31

"MAKE YOUR MAY HOT,HOT,HOT" FIESTA FUN



Mexican Theme Party
[Weekend Prior to Cinco de Mayo]
WHEN: Saturday, May 2, 2009
TIME: 6 O'clock PM

WHERE: CuCo's Downtown Montgomery
PRICE: \$14 per person

[Includes All Inclusive Mexican-Style Hot Bar, Margaritas – two, Dessert, Tax & Tip]
OPTIONAL: Authentic Attire-Sombreros, Maracas, Sarape, rebozo

RSVP : Payment By Mail to Pam Wideman
2520 College Street
Montgomery, AL 36106
DEAD LINE APRIL 29, 2009
Watch for Invitations Soon
OLE!



Newcomers' Website

There is a Montgomery Newcomers Club website where you can look at the newsletter whenever you want. The address is:
<http://newcomersmontgomery.com>

Newcomers Board 2009 - 2010

President – Janine Koslofsky
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VP Social – Lyra Doné
VP Membership – Mary Jane McCracken
Secretary- Eileen Robins
Treasurer- Kathy Probst

President's Message

Dear Friends

This has been an exceptional year for Newcomers. As your President, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and participation. Thank you for the trust you placed in me and for allowing me this opportunity to know more about you and our Club. Thank you for your efforts that made so many activities and special events a part of what makes this Club so special. This year was filled with wonderful experiences and treasured memories. You will always be with me wherever I may journey.

With the Board's support, I have designated this year's May Mad Hatter Luncheon to include a special recognition of the Club's Activity Chairs and those who have been able to open their homes for Club activities and events. This will be a unique opportunity to spotlight our members who are able to lead and host the activities and events that are the backbone of our Club. The luncheon will include a Parade of Hats with a special guest judge – Deborah Moore of the Montgomery Advertiser, a tasty buffet, Installation of the New Executive Board, and the Recognition of the Club's Activity Chairs and those who have been able to open their homes for Club activities and events. Additionally, to thank all the membership for their support, the price of this May's luncheon will be only \$10.00 per member.

There is even a unique bonus this year for renewing your membership during the month of May! You could save the increased stamp price and bring your paperwork and check to the May luncheon. All who renew by the May luncheon will receive a gift.

My special thanks go to the Executive Board: Kim, Connie, Dorothy, Linda Dean, and Springna. They gave so much of their time and efforts to make this year special for our Club. I also want to recognize and thank Eileen Robins, Newsletter Editor, Judy Edwards, Parliamentarian, and Susanna as Past President. They were supportive; and trusted sources of knowledge and reference.

So don your hat, follow the white rabbit, peer through the looking glass, but ***please don't be late, don't miss the fun, and don't miss the friendship at our May 2009 luncheon!***

Remember Newcomers is a group where you don't journey alone.

Linda

On a journey together to Friendship

Join Liz & Stew at the Ball Game



Liz & Stew Applebaum invite you to join them at the Biscuits Baseball game On Tuesday, June 2 at the Locomotion Loft venue. This is a private, covered area with bistro tables seating is above the regular seats at the stadium, with excellent views of the playing field. The cost of \$33.50 per person includes admission to the game, admission to the Locomotion Loft, and your meal. The buffet menu is hand carved prime rib or pork loin, seasoned potatoes, rice casserole, vegetable selections, Caesar salad, biscuits, iced tea or Coke products and a fresh fruit dessert. There is also a full cash bar available for mixed drinks. If you are interested, please call Liz 279-7283. All reservations and checks need to be made to her not later than May 10.

Thank you to Janine Koslofsky of Herring Landscape & Sprinkler (271-4577) and Vaughn Road Garden Center (334-272-8180, 9350 Vaughn Road, Pike Road, AL 36064) for sponsoring 10 First Timer lunches.

The Newcomer's of Montgomery
Luncheon Minutes
March 26, 2009

Noon meeting was called to order by president, Linda Fraass.
Members and guests stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Word of the day was given by Wanza Shirey. The inspirational message was based on someone in your life is waiting for you to bring love to them.

Members were invited to enjoy the buffet.

Program VP, Kim Owen introduced the speaker for the luncheon. Christy Anderson of the Montgomery City Planning Department spoke on the hidden historical treasures at different sites in Montgomery.

Friendship news was given by Linda Fraass. March birthdays were announced and trips of Karen Day Lawrence to Israel and Penny's to Italy. Lyra Done' has a new grandbaby.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee Ludy Sanderson gave her report.

To be presented at April luncheon are:

President: Janine Koslofsky

Program VP: Barbara DeMichels and Springna Zhao

Social VP: Lyra Doné

Membership VP: Mary Jane McCracken

Secretary: Eileen Robbins

Treasurer: Kathy Probst

April luncheon April 23, 2009 – Linda Fraass reminded everyone of the fashion show for April's luncheon. May's luncheon will be at Wynlakes Country Club, advance reservations are needed. Members are reminded to wear their favorite hats as the theme is the May Mad Hatters. This luncheon is also a thank you to Activity Chairs and the Installation of the Executive Board for 2009 -2010. The membership is being treated to half-price for their lunch (\$10).

Door prizes were drawn and given out by Kim Owen and guests, Qun Zhen of China and Anna of the Ukraine.

Luncheon was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Linda Dean

Secretary

The Progressive Dinner, "The Arabian Night of the Seven Veils' was a grand success. My thanks to Susanna Magaña, Ludy Sanderson, Sandra Rosen, and Karen Day who worked together to organize this event. Claudia Graham, Marsha Preston, Wanza Shirey, Margie Warden and Shirley Tabor were the home hostesses. They decorated their homes and tables with a flair that highlighted the evening's theme.

The Ice Cream Social at Jasmine Hill Gardens was fun. My thanks to Karen Day Lawrence. She brought the ice cream, toppings and fixings for both sundaes and banana splits. Ralph Beard was our personal tour guide. Linda F.



Friendship News

Sara Robison

271-3649



Congratulations to Lyra Doné on the birth of her first grandchild – Caedryn S.

Congratulations to Valerie Slagle's husband, Clay who was named Montgomery's Interim School Superintendent.

Condolences to Judy Edwards and family whose sister passed away.

Congratulations to Ludy Sanderson's parents who will celebrate the "60th Wedding Anniversary".

Newcomers Club Treasurer Report March 2009

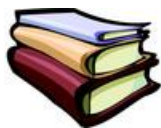
Beginning Balance	\$ 4204.00
Receipts:	
Luncheon	\$ 375.00
Progressive Dinner Receipts	\$ 62.50
Membership	<u>\$ 7.50</u>
Total	\$ 445.00
Expenses:	
Luncheon payment	\$ 360.69
Entertainment for Progressive Dinner	\$150.00
Printing supply for Newcomers Scrapbook	\$49.48
Internet Usage	\$38.82
Table Decoration	<u>\$ 41.69</u>
Total:	\$ 640.68
Ending Balance	\$ 4000.32

Book Club

Eileen Robbins

271-5243

eileen@sweetolive.net



When: May 12, 2009

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Home of Alberta Dautel

Book: Pick your own book (something you wouldn't normally read)

June: Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult

Restaurant Night Out

Doris Wolfe

270-1074

endwolfe@knology.net



RESTAURANT NIGHT OUT WILL BE AT "GARRETT" ON ATLANTA HWY. @ 6PM MAY 8TH. EMAIL OR CALL DORIS WOLFE 270-1074 OR endwolfe@knology.net----BY WED. MAY 6

Investment Club

Alberta Dautel

270-7991



The Investment Club will meet on May 11th at 7:00 at Alberta Dautel's home. If you want to learn more about how we operate, feel free to join us. Visitors are always welcome.

Wednesday Bridge Club

Hope Inman

271-8961

Connie May

409-2377



We meet the 2nd Wed. of the month from 10:00 until 2:00 at Billingsly Place, which is off Taylor Rd. across from the Taylor Entrance to Sturbridge Subdivision



The 4 M Group

Linda Fraass
277-7637
Lfraass@aol.com

Monday, May 6, the first showing that day of "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past." Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner, and Michael Douglas star in a modern romantic re make of the classic "Christmas Carol." This time the theme centers on a celebrity photographer who is a committed bachelor. On the eve of his brother's wedding, he is visited by the ghosts of his former jilted girlfriends, who take him on a revealing and hilarious odyssey through his failed relationships-past, present and future.

Also, opening in mid May is "Angels and Demons." Tom Hanks returns as Professor Robert Langdon, the respected symbologist in a sequel to "The Da Vinci Code." We can see this as a matinee on Monday, June 1 or go Sunday May 31 and invite spouses and guests to join us. Let me know your preferences.

Art Club

Mary Woodall 270-9311
Marywoo2003@aol.com



When: Every Tuesday
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Where: Mary Woodall's home
Please contact Mary for more details and directions.

Thursday Bridge

Sara Robison
271-3649



We meet the 3rd Thurs of each month from 10am until 2pm at Lakeview Church on Atlanta Hwy between Arrowhead and Towne Lakes subdivisions.

Out to Lunch Group

Cynthia O'Mara
288-5009
cyngar6@aol.com

T G I F

Joan Last, 213-0291
lasttwo@knology.net
Friday, 7p.m.

TGIF is an evening (usually on the 1st Friday of each month) where folks gather to relax and visit with friends. Please bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre to share (and a favorite beverage, if desired). RSVP is not required.

May 1st at the home of Carol and Tom Gietl

Cooking Club

Ludy Sanderson
288 5390
ludycarlos@hotmail.com



Cooking Club will meet at the home of Maureen Emerson on May 14th, at 11 a.m. The theme will be "Moms Memorable Recipe". Bring a favorite recipe your mom makes/made!

Also, it will be fun to bring a childhood picture of yourselves with your mom!

Karaoke Night

Penny Last-Luehrs
Plast@charter.net



The next meeting of the Karaoke Club is scheduled for May 16th. You do not need to have your own equipment. Please let Penny know if you can host.

Moms and Tots
Sandy Marshall-Hipple
sandylm_1999@yahoo.com
549-3588

Please join us at
groups.yahoo.com/montgomerymomandtots

Please email me for more information.

Door Prize Sponsors

Doug's 2 Salon Spa	Guy Wallace	396-7120	4697 Vaughn Road
Peppertree Steaks & Wine	Kathy Holmes	271-6328	8101 A Vaughn Rd
Hamilton's Catfish Country	M. Horsley	514-1300	
Shoppes at East Chase	Christie West	279-6046	
Hair Etc.	Wanda Ballard	273-9464	6138 Atlanta Hwy
The Hen Pen	Alice McMuller	262-2286	1720 Mulberry Street
Herring Landscape & Sprinkler		271-4577	
Vaughn Road Garden Center		272-8180	9350 Vaughn Rd
Bou Cou	Candace Love	239-0665	2101 Eastern Blvd. Suite 411
It'Za Gift	Sherry DeBray	398-1423	8127 Vaughn Road
Super Suppers	Michelle Nix	277-2433	8105 Vaughn Road
Red Bluff Cottage	Bonnie Ponstein	264-0056	551 Clay Street
Granville Furniture			
Troy Davis Theater			
Spa Works	Michele Clay Burns	313-4334	
Montgomery Symphony	Thomas Hinds	240-4004	
Expert ("Magic") Mend	Suzanne Lowry	396-5368	
figurine and pottery repair (chips, breaks, missing piece)			
A Loving Heart	Suzanne Lowry	396-5368	
pet; house; and/or garden sitting			



May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 TGIF	2 Fiesta Fun
3	4 4M's	5 Art Club	6	7	8 Restaurant Night Out Newsletter Deadline	9
10	11	12 Art Club Book Club	13 Wednesday Bridge	14 Cooking Club	15	16 Karaoke
17	18	19 Art Club	20	21 Thursday Bridge	22	23
24	25	26 Art Club	27	28 Luncheon 	29	30
31	<p>May 1-2: Prattville CityFest 2009. 23rd Annual Celebration of Prattville. Friday, May 1st - 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2nd. Arts & Crafts - 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.</p> <p>May 1: BROWN BAG CONCERT 12:00 NOON BROWN BAG CONCERT GOLD STAR PARK Wetumpka 12:00 NOON every Friday in May</p> <p>May 9: Mayfest at the Montgomery Zoo. City of Montgomery Zoo. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM . Cost: \$8.00—Adults, \$5.00—Children (ages 3-12), Ages 2 & under and Montgomery Zoo Friends FREE . (334) 240-4900 Join Booker T. Washington School and the Montgomery Zoo for a day of fun filled activities, live entertainment, food, games, gift items, and 40 acres of Zoo Wildlife.</p> <p>May 10: Mother's Day at the Montgomery Zoo. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM . Cost: \$8.00-Adults, \$5.00-Children (ages 3-12), Ages 2 & under and Montgomery Zoo Friends FREE All Mothers get in FREE to the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum for a relaxing outside activity. Show your mom you care by bringing her to a beautiful place for her special day and spend quality time with her.</p> <p>May 22-23: Jubilee CityFest, downtown Montgomery</p>					

New Member? _____
{Ck # _____ Date Rec'd _____}

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
NEWCOMERS CLUB OF THE GREATER MONTGOMERY AREA
Membership Year 2009-2010

DUES: **PLEASE SEND TO:**
June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010 \$15 (full year) Newcomer's Club of Montgomery
December 1, 2009-May 31, 2010 \$7.50 (half year) P. O. Box 241946
Montgomery, AL 36124-1946
Please make check payable to: Newcomers Club of Montgomery

INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW WILL BE PRINTED IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Birthday (Month/Day) _____ (Husband's name: _____)

Circle one: Single Widow Married

Moved from _____ Month _____ Year _____

LUNCHEON RESERVATION: PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. _____ STANDING RESERVATION (I plan to attend every luncheon,
UNLESS I CANCEL BY MONDAY NOON PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON).

B. _____ I WILL CALL the Reservation Chairperson each month.

I understand that a reservation may be canceled by MONDAY NOON PRIOR to the luncheon by calling the RESERVATION CHAIRPERSON as listed in the newsletter.

I understand that I WILL BE BILLED for any luncheon which is NOT CANCELED BY MONDAY NOON PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON.

Please sign to confirm your choice _____

ACTIVITIES: Please check the activities in which you would like to participate.

- | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ___ Art Club | ___ Cooking | ___ Restaurant Night Out |
| ___ Book Club | ___ Newcomers Investors | ___ TGIF |
| ___ Bridge/Wednesday | ___ Lunch Around | ___ 4Ms (Monday Matinee Movie Mavens) |
| ___ Bridge/Thursday | ___ Karaoke Night | |

Please indicate if you would "Chair" one of the activities _____

Is there an activity you would like to start and chair? _____

(Over)

COMMITTEES: Please check at least one of the following on which you could serve:

- Chaplain (Give a brief Word of the Day at monthly luncheons)
- Directory (produce directory for membership for distribution in September)
- Door Prizes (collect door prizes from local businesses each month for luncheons)
- Friendship (send get well, sympathy, congratulations cards to members, help prepare and or deliver meals)
- Historian (Take snapshots/help with the scrapbook)
- Hostess (Greet/eat with first/second timer at the luncheon)
- Modeling (fashion show)
- Name Tags (make new and update nametags each month for luncheons)
- Newsletter Editor (produce monthly newsletter for membership)
- Parliamentarian
- Reservations (coordinate reservations details)
- Special Events Coordinator (chair special social events)
- Table Decorations

SPECIAL SKILLS: Please check below, if appropriate.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter editor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calligraphy | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer & Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting |

SOCIALS: Would you be willing to bring refreshments for any of the following events? (Please check.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Member Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Socials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New/Prospective Member Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Parties with Husband/Date |

HOSTESS: Would you be willing to share your home for any of the following events? (Please check.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Member Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Progressive Dinner, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New/Prospective Member Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Parties with Husband/Date |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Socials | How many people can your home accommodate? _____ |

Other ideas or suggestions for theme parties or social activities: _____

Please make sure you signed your reservation status on the first page.

If you are renewing your membership, please return this completed form with your check by July 31, 2009

Newcomers Club of Montgomery, Inc.
2008-2009 Newcomers Club Planning Survey

Each year, the new Board looks to the input of our current members to make the upcoming year shine. Please take a few moments to complete this anonymous survey. You are the reason the club is here and the reason the club will continue. We can only do this with your help!

1. ALL MEMBERS

What is your activity level in the club? (Circle one)

Moderate: I attend lunches only

Active: I attend lunches and a few activity groups

Involved: I am a fully involved member. I attend lunches, social events, activity groups, and volunteer my time and talents to better the Newcomers Club.

2. NEW MEMBERS – who joined in 2007, 2008 or 2009

Did you feel that you were welcomed into the Club? YES NO

Did you feel that we followed up on your first visit? YES NO

Were you given the opportunity to become actively involved your first year? YES NO

Did you attend a New & Prospective Member Coffee? YES NO

Additional Comments: _____

3. NEWSLETTER

Do you feel the Newsletter provided you with enough Club information? YES NO

What suggestions would you make to improve the Newsletter?

4. PROGRAMS (LUNCH SPEAKERS)

Did we achieve a good variety in our programs this year? YES NO

Did we achieve a good variety in our meals this year? YES NO

Did you enjoy the "Getting to Know You" luncheon without a program? (No guest speaker, just visiting with other members during the luncheon.) YES NO

Do you have any suggestions for different programs? YES NO

Are you coming to the luncheons? If "no", could you please tell us why? _____ YES NO

5. SOCIAL EVENTS

Did you attend any social events this year? YES NO

Did the social events schedule work for you? If not, what suggestions do you have for scheduling these events? _____ YES NO

Did you volunteer in the planning or implementation of an event this year? If "no" why not? _____ YES NO

Circle any of this year's events you would like to have repeated. Events this year were Broadway under the Stars, Coosa on the River day, Krewe of Toulouse Mardi Gras Party, Progressive Dinner, Cinco De Mayo Party

Can you suggest any other Social Events for next year? Remember, your ideas drive the decisions!

6. ACTIVITY GROUPS

Art Club	Bridge-Thursday	Karaoke	TGIF
Book Club	Cooking Club	Lunch Around	4Ms
Bridge-Wednesday	Investors	Restaurant Night Out	

Any suggestions or comments for any of the existing activity groups?

Any suggestions for NEW activity groups? _____

We would appreciate constructive feedback from you regarding the 2008-2009 year. We are looking for strengths, weaknesses, problems, and active solutions. Your ideas will be given to the 2009-2010 Board, but we hope you will put your time and energies behind your suggestions. It is your club and only through your participation can things improve.

Thank you for taking time to complete the above information. If you have not done so already, please volunteer next year. It can be a single event or a one-year commitment. This is your Club. You are needed. Please mail this survey to NEWCOMERS CLUB OF MONTGOMERY, P. O. Box 241946, Montgomery, AL 36123-1946, or e-mail it to MtgNC0809@aol.com. Please return no later than June 30st. Thanks!

Any additional comments not mentioned above.

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