



# ***NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS OF GEORGETOWN***

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We started the new year at our January meeting with another excellent program. Jeff Rusk told us all about grass-fed beef and shared his experiences growing up ranching. I loved that we had a real Texas cowboy, who also happens to be a retired attorney, for all of our non-native Texans to meet. After the meeting, 37 of us went to Blue Corn Harvest for lunch. Many of us took the opportunity to try Jeff's delicious beef, since Blue Corn Harvest is one of his customers.

Our February program should be just as entertaining and informative as we learn about current scams from one of our Georgetown Police Department officers. See details below.

At our February meeting, we'll also be voting on the proposed amendment to the bylaws, which was sent out last month and is copied on the last page of this newsletter. And, we will learn about and be able to sign up for the next day trip. We welcome visitors and guests at our meetings, so please feel free to invite anyone, especially if they are interested in becoming members of Newcomers.



Laura Packard

*Laura Packard, President*

## ***General Membership Meeting***

***Thursday, February 6, 2020***

***Social time 9:30 Meeting and Program 10:00***

***Berry Creek Country Club, 30500 Berry Creek Drive***

## ***Lieutenant Bert Witcher***



***A 32 year veteran of the Georgetown Police Department and recipient of numerous awards for his work in law enforcement, Lt. Witcher will discuss:***

- ♦ ***The latest trends in scams and frauds in our area***
- ♦ ***Why the problems are larger than the crime statistics tell us***
- ♦ ***Recommendations to protect ourselves***
- ♦ ***Resources to help us if we fall victim***

Lunch to follow at Greenhouse Craft Food, 708 S. Austin, west side of Courthouse Square, Georgetown  
**Please sign up for lunch before the meeting begins.**



## Mark Your Calendars

February 6 .....	General Membership Meeting
February 25 .....	Coffee & Conversation
March 5 .....	General Membership Meeting and Member Appreciation Breakfast
April 2 .....	General Membership Meeting, Election and Installation of officers for 2020-2021
May 7 .....	General Membership Meeting, Fashion Show and Luncheon

## Member Appreciation Breakfast at March Meeting

All members are invited to join other members for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, preceding the monthly General Membership Meeting at Berry Creek Country Club. This "Texas Morning Breakfast" will consist of Create Your Own Breakfast Tacos including tortillas, scrambled eggs, crisp bacon, sausage, shredded cheese, house salsa, breakfast potatoes, refried beans and fresh seasonal fruit. There is no charge for those attending the breakfast.

## Coffee and Conversation

Mark your calendar for the next Coffee and Conversation on Tuesday, February 25, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the home of Emelie Young, 406 Four T Ranch Rd. in Woodland Park, Georgetown. Go West on Williams past the Randall's grocery store. At the next traffic light past Randall's, turn right onto Four T Ranch Road. Continue on Four T Ranch Road for about ½ mile. Emelie's house is on the right-hand side of the road.



This is a good opportunity to become acquainted with other members in a more informal and intimate setting. All members, significant others and prospective members are welcome.

Donations to a designated non-profit organization, entirely optional, are collected at each C&C. Emelie has chosen Faith in Action as the February beneficiary. Faith in Action Georgetown has been serving the senior adult community for 18 years with transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping and personal errands, as well as other support services that allow seniors to age in place.



**HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY!**

## *Special Interest Groups (SIGs)* *Susie Logan, Chair*

Become a SIG (Special Interest Group) Leader! We have a group needing to be formed that has at least 13 members interested in joining a THEATRE GROUP. And, we have a mentor available to help get you started and organized.

Become involved in one of our existing SIG **Book groups** – All have OPENINGS:

Book Divas...SIG Leader: Mary-Ellen Thomas; meets 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month, Thursday mornings.

Page Turners Book Group...SIG Leader: Sandy Maddox; meets 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month, Wednesday mornings.

2<sup>ND</sup> Friday Book Club...SIG Leader: Judy Howard; meets 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month, Friday mornings.

Eager Readers...SIG Leader: Linda Baker; meets 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month, Wednesday afternoons.

Become involved in one of our existing SIG **Food & Wine groups** –

Cosmo Girls...SIG Co-Leaders: Lynne Wisby & Janet Matthews; meets 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month, Tuesday evenings.

Beer People...SIG Leader: LaRita Bopp; meets 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month, Thursday evenings.

Cook, Taste, Tell...SIG Leader: Bonnie Duffy; meets 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month, Thursday at noon.

Wine Divas...SIG Leader: Carolyn Patterson; meets 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month, Thursday evenings.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** Euchre for Fun...SIG Leader: Catherine Davidson; meets 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month, Monday afternoons is looking for **SUBS**.

A complete listing of all SIGs is available on our website. If you are interested in joining one of the current SIGs or have questions, please contact Susie Logan by email at [SIG@georgetownnewcomers.com](mailto:SIG@georgetownnewcomers.com).

## *Membership Applications* *Available Now at* *[www.georgetownnewcomers.com](http://www.georgetownnewcomers.com)*

Annual membership dues (\$25.00) are accepted year-round. You can join online at our Website using your credit card or PayPal. Just go to our Website, click on Membership and follow the simple directions.

Alternatively, you can print off the membership forms that are posted on our Website and then mail them with your check to Newcomers and Friends of Georgetown, 1530 Sun City Blvd., Suite 120, PMB 427, Georgetown, TX 78633. Application forms are also available at the monthly General Meetings.

The printed membership directory is now completed, is available on request, and can be picked up at the general meetings. If you cannot come to the meetings, you can ask a friend to pick up a copy for you.

The print directory will not be updated during the rest of the year, while the online directory is updated periodically and is available on our Website. If you have general questions about membership, contact Mary Dunn or Dorothy Noak through our Website.

**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.**

## ***2019-2020 Executive Board & Committee Heads***

### Executive Committee

President .....	Laura Packard
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President .....	Susan Barton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership.....	Mary Dunn & Dorothy Noack
Secretary .....	Sheila Mills
Treasurer .....	Susan Smith

### Standing Committee Chairpersons

Communications/Website .....	Linda Baker
Hospitality .....	Carol Machmer
Programs .....	Peggy Sklar
Publicity.....	Nanci Horton
Special Interest Groups .....	Susie Logan
Coffee & Conversation .....	Donna Hurley

### Non-Board Positions

Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian.....	Emelie Young
Day Trips.....	Linda Barde- Zimmerling
Name Tags.....	Connie Carden
Newsletter .....	Barbara Wisenburg
Past President .....	Linda Barde- Zimmerling

To contact board members, go to the Website [www.georgetownnewcomers.com](http://www.georgetownnewcomers.com) and click on Contact. Leave a brief message and you will receive a response.

## ***Nominating Committee Completing Proposed Slate***

The Nominating Committee, headed by Susan Barton, has been hard at work recruiting candidates to fill next year's Board positions. With one exception, the list is complete.

A willing volunteer is needed to fill the office of First Vice President. The job description for this position can be found in the Bylaws which are posted on our Website. Please consider contributing to the welfare of the club by volunteering to become First Vice President. You will find that experiencing the inner workings of the organization can be fulfilling and fun. It is a chance to get to know other members on a more personal level, while contributing to the functioning of the club.

Go to [www.georgetownnewcomers.com](http://www.georgetownnewcomers.com), click on CONTACT and leave a message for Susan to let her know of your willingness to serve. New officers will be elected and installed at the April 2 meeting.

## ***Name Tags***

If you would like to have a name tag to wear to our meetings and other functions, an order form is available on our Website. Price is \$8.00 each.

## ***Inclement Weather Policy***

Our general meetings at Berry Creek Country Club are held on the first Thursday of each month except for June, July and August. If the schools are closed, the meeting is canceled. If schools are delayed two hours, we will still hold our meetings at 10:00 a.m. When in doubt, you can go to [www.georgetownisd.org](http://www.georgetownisd.org) where the school information will be posted.

## ***In Sympathy***

Would you please contact us if you know of a member who has lost a spouse or loved one so that we can send a card from Newcomers? You can reach our Correspondence chair, Emelie Young, through our Website.

## ***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.

## *Bylaws Changes Proposed*

The following proposed Bylaws amendments were presented to the General Membership at the January 9 General Membership Meeting. The final vote for approval will take place at the February 6 meeting.

The Board proposes the following changes:

**That Article IV, Section 3, which currently reads:**

The membership year shall run from August 1 through July 31 of the following year. For the purpose of calculating membership, any portion of the first year of membership will count as the first year of active membership without regard to the month in which the member joined. New members joining in January through April shall pay a prorated dues amount as determined by the Board of Directors. New members joining in May shall pay the full amount of the annual dues and the dues shall apply to the following year. Renewing members shall not be eligible for prorated dues and shall pay the full amount of the annual dues regardless of the date paid.

**Be amended** by changing the membership year to September 1 through August 31 in the first sentence and by deleting the remainder of the sentences.

**The amended Article IV, Section 3 would then read:**

The membership year shall run from September 1 through August 31 of the following year.

**Rationale:** Only a few members join in months that are eligible for prorated dues, and the board feels that by changing the membership year those members would get the benefits of membership for the entire summer and until the fall activities begin.

The current bylaws can be viewed at [www.georgetownnewcomers.com](http://www.georgetownnewcomers.com).

