



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

***DECEMBER 2019***

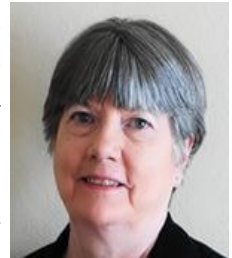
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I was amazed to see the crowd that showed up for our November meeting despite the nasty weather. We were surprised by a power outage at Berry Creek, but by the time the lights came on a few minutes before 10:00 we were ensconced downstairs in the restaurant area, where we remained for our meeting. Our speaker, Chadley Hollas, gave us a delightful talk that taught us a lot about the very interesting history of Salado.

I hope you will join our holiday celebration on Thursday, December 5. We will enjoy Christmas music presented by the Heritage Oaks Chorus and then a short business meeting. Following the meeting, we will have our holiday luncheon for those who have bought tickets. More than 70 tickets have been sold, so we should have a great crowd at the meeting.

We will have a donation container downstairs at Berry Creek Country Club before the meeting. On page 2, you will find a list of items that we are asking members to donate to residents of Park Place Retirement Home.

Lastly, please mark our January meeting on your 2020 calendar, not on January 2 but on January 9.



Laura Packard,  
President

Wishing all of our members a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year,

*Laura Packard, President*



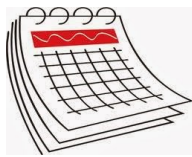
## ***General Membership Meeting & Holiday Luncheon***

***Thursday, December 5, 2019***

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

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

The Heritage Oaks Chorus will provide music to celebrate the season. Please bring your significant other and newcomers who might be interested in joining our organization. Sale of luncheon tickets has ended; however, you are invited to attend the meeting and enjoy the program. More details follow on page 2.



## Mark Your Calendars

December 5 .....Holiday General Membership Meeting & Luncheon

January 9, 2020.....General Membership Meeting

February 25, 2020...Coffee & Conversation

## Coffee and Conversation

Mark your calendar for the next Coffee and Conversation on Tuesday, February 25, 9:30 – 11:30, at the home of Emelie Young, 406 Four T Ranch Rd. in Woodand Park, Georgetown. C & C offers a great opportunity to meet and visit with other wonderful members and guests. More information will be included in our February newsletter.

## HERITAGE OAKS CHORUS to Sing at Our December 5 Meeting



The Heritage Oaks Chorus was formed in June 2012 when a group of seven women, led by Jo Rake, decided to get together to sing - and to perform. Their first performance was at the Heritage Oaks Holiday Social in 2012. In 2013 the women's chorus was expanded to include all voices. Today the group has over 30 members singing SATB arrangements. The Chorus presents a holiday and a spring "Concert for the Community" and performs for senior residences and community groups in Georgetown.

### GIFT BASKET FOR PARK PLACE RETIREMENT HOME

We will also be collecting items for Park Place Retirement Home. Suggested items include:

- Socks / Gloves
- Tissue packets
- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Hair brush / Hair clips
- Body wash
- Chapstick / Deodorant / After shave
- Bracelets
- Books about World War II / Puzzle Books / Pencils



**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 and will be available at upcoming general meetings. **If you cannot come to pick yours up, you can ask a friend to pick it up 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 need assistance in navigating on the Website, contact our Webmaster, Linda Baker, through our Website. If you have general questions about membership, contact Mary Dunn or Dorothy Noak through our Website.

**Planning for Next Year  
Volunteers Needed**

First Vice President Susan Barton is forming the Nominating Committee to create a slate of prospective board members for next year. An invitation is extended to members that may desire a board position for the 2020-2021 year. If you are interested in becoming a board member, there is an opportunity to “shadow” the position. Please do not hesitate to contact Susan through our Website.

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

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A NEW SIG LEADER TO LEAD A WONDERFUL GROUP! We have a lovely group of ladies and men that have expressed interest in a THEATRE GROUP, but we need a SIG Leader to get the group organized – What will it look like? Where will they go see productions? How many in the group? Lots of things to do before you see your first production, but it can be so much fun and you meet so many new people when you become a SIG Leader. There is currently a member in Newcomers that is willing to MENTOR this new Theatre Group. **Let me know if you are interested in being the new SIG Leader!**

Some SIGS that have openings that really want you to join the fun with them:

- **Thursday Evening Euchre** – could use some subs
- **Scrabble** – fun with words
- **Mah Jongg for Beginners** – need 2-3 more to form another training group
- **Wine Divas** – wine tasting and food pairing
- **Cosmo Girls** – enhance your taste with new cocktails every month

A complete listing of all SIGs can be found on our Website. If you are interested in joining one of the SIGs or have questions, please contact Susie Logan by email at [SIG@newcomers.com](mailto:SIG@newcomers.com).

**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 and click on Contact. Leave a brief message and you will be contacted. Website:

[www.georgetownnewcomers.com](http://www.georgetownnewcomers.com)



## **The Year Ahead**

Newcomers' monthly general meetings are held at Berry Creek Country Club on the first Thursday of each month, with the exception of January this year, which is scheduled for January 9, 2020. Upcoming programs will be posted on our Website and published in the monthly Newsletter.

## **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.

## **Follow Us on Facebook!**

We now 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.

## **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.