



# *NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS OF GEORGETOWN*

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As the Thanksgiving Holiday is just around the corner, I want to give special thanks to our Newcomers Board for their efforts in keeping our members engaged, informed and active during this challenging year. We are truly blessed to have such a committed group of volunteers working on your behalf.

Thinking of Thanksgiving and even Christmas creates an automatic instinct (and maybe a little panic) in me to start planning my menu, my grocery lists and my day for the traditional group of 8 family members that normally come to my house on these two holidays. This year will be different in many ways, and I realize it isn't mandatory that we have Turkey and Dressing, Pea Salad, Fruit Salad, Baked Beans and ten pies followed by the 12' stack of dirty dishes to wash. Will the Holiday Police give me a ticket for not having a traditional meal? Well of course not. So my thought is since both of my parents are high risk, I won't have the larger group, so maybe I will order from a local restaurant which would allow me more time to spend visiting with my parents instead of behind the sink. Or maybe we will have tacos and tamales and change up the entire theme? Perhaps I will get the remaining 4 family members on a virtual call and see what they are doing and visit for a bit? If it is pretty outside, maybe we will go for a short drive. There are so many options available to all of us if we open our minds and accept them. Don't get locked into "that is the way it has always been" mentally, get creative, have some fun with it and see where it leads you.

On the business side of things, this newsletter will only be reaching the active members that renewed their memberships by October 15, 2020, so if you know of someone that has yet to renew, please remind them it isn't too late to rejoin, especially if they were in a Special Interest Group and want to remain in it, as they must be active to participate. The quickest way for them to rejoin is through our website at <https://www.georgetownnewcomers.com/>.

As a final note, I want to thank you, our members for your patience with us as we plan your events and meetings during this crazy year. We appreciate you and we enjoy serving as your board.

Best regards,

Sheila Mills  
President



**General Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 5, 2020**  
**Meeting and Program Time: 11:00AM**  
**Location: Tonkawa Pavilion, Berry Springs Park in Georgetown**



Our speaker will be Ann Marie Ludlow, who writes under three different "Personas" in local magazines. She will talk about the city she has learned to love and the challenges of entertaining and informing her readers while still staying away from controversy.

We will be back in beautiful Berry Springs Park on our regular meeting day, Thursday, but the time is 11 am. The park can accommodate 48 members under the Pavilion park rules. Bring your picnic lunch and your mask. Everyone will Social Distance, but still be able to "Socialize." RSVP information will be sent out next week.



**Mark Your Calendars**

- November 5 ..... General Membership Meeting
- December 3 ..... General Membership Meeting at George's on the Town
- January 7 ..... General Membership Meet
- January DTBD ..... Coffee and Conversation



**In Sympathy**

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 Ann Mayberry 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 and request to join.

**Coffee and Conversation**

The next Coffee and Conversation will be held in January 2021 at Mulligan's in Sun City. The date will be provided in later correspondence.

Reserved seating will be setup for 30 members and Newcomers will provide coffee and the restaurant will have select breakfast items available for members to purchase.

Bob and Ellen Weimer, from Helping Hands of Georgetown, sent a Thank You note to the members to thank them for their generous donations at the September 16th Coffee and Conversation.



**Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**  
**Mimi Rhea, Chair**  
**512-705-9744**

A complete listing of all SIGs is available on our club website. At the present time, several of the individual SIG interest groups and their members have decided to meet and continue on with their SIG activities. All SIG activity will resume when the restrictions from COVID-19 are lifted.

**New SIGs**

Two new SIGs in the making: **Golf** and **Wine**. Fall in Central Texas is a perfect time for a game of golf and the game can be played using COVID-19 guidelines. And any season is a good time for enjoying wine with friends. These groups each have a leader and a short list of possible members.

There are also more than a few people interested in a new **games group**, as our other games groups are at capacity. All we need is a leader to step up in order to get it going. Contact Mimi Rhea at [SIG@georgetownnewcomers.com](mailto:SIG@georgetownnewcomers.com) or 512-705-9744 if you are interested.

**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.**



SIG Members of the Roaming Forks gathered for dinner at The Shack in Harker Heights. Photo submitted by Dorothy Noack.

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

**It's time to renew your membership for 2020-2021.** Annual membership dues (\$25.00) are due now. 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. If you signed up by October 15th, you will be in the printed Membership Directory.

Printed Membership Directory will be available at the November 5th and December 3rd meeting. If you cannot come to the meeting, you may ask a friend to pick up a copy for you.

The online directory is updated periodically and is available on our Website. If you have any problem getting access to the online directory, please let us know by filling out a Contact Us inquiry on the club's website.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>
	Susan Harmon	10/19/20
	Judy Robinson	10/13/20

**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 \$9.00 each.

**Day Trips**

No Day Trips are scheduled for November.



*Deck the Halls*  
*Newcomers*  
*December Holiday*  
*Meeting*

**The Newcomers December Holiday Meeting will be held December 3rd at 11:00 a.m. at “George’s on the Town,” located at 709 South IH-35 Frontage Road, Georgetown, Texas.**

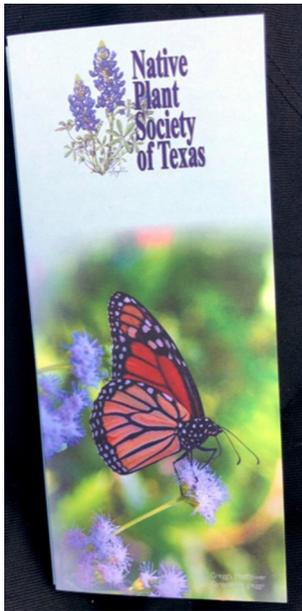
**A traditional Turkey and Dressing dinner with the trimmings, dessert and drinks will be served for \$25.00 per person. There will be musical entertainment, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.**

**We will require an RSVP to abide by Social Distancing mandates for the restaurant.**

**A separate email link for the PayPal option will be sent out to active members around November 1st and we will be accepting payments at the November meeting and by mail until the deadline of Nov. 20th. If you are registering with a check by mail the address is 1530 Sun City Blvd, Suite 120, PMB427, Georgetown TX, 78633.**

# October Meeting at Berry Springs Park

Thank you to Linda Pinkston for providing the photos



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Speaker at the meeting was Randy Pensabene, President, Native Plant Society of Texas-Williamson County Chapter.

