



NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS OF GEORGETOWN

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From the President

Hello Again

As we approach our third month of the new GNF year, I want to personally welcome our members. We have close to 200 signed on, which include 34 new members to date. I look back at this time last year when I was the "Newbie" What a difference a year makes. With the utmost confidence I can say, I have met some amazing friends, I now know what a SIG is, and I can drive around most of Georgetown without using my WAZE. Life is good.

October was a busy month for Newcomers. Our first speaker, Rhonda Minardi shared her story of starting the Living Grace Canine Ranch. Her dedication and commitment left such an impression eight of our members have become volunteers at the Ranch since her talk. Bravo!!

Beautiful weather, delicious treats, and wonderful company, made for a perfect day for our first Coffee & Conversation. Thank you to everyone who came out.

On a final note, don't forget to turn your clocks back on November 7th when daylight savings time comes to an end. Until next month.....

Linda Pinkston

President

Welcome Back! Starting next month Carol Elsasser has volunteered to return to the board and her former Newsletter position. We know she will continue to do a great job.



Meet the Board



2nd Vice President/
Membership:
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2nd Vice President/
Membership:
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Programs:
Carol Machmer



Hospitality/
Programs:
Susan Barton



Publicity:
Mary Jo Doggett



Special Interest
Groups:
Barbara Hansen



Coffee & Conversation:
Donna Hood

Welcome New Members



Gracie Eisele Anne Purdes
Mary Hooten Teri Wildrick
Debbi McCall

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.

Membership Applications

Available NOW at www.georgetownnewcomers.com

Our updated directory will only be reaching our active members who have joined or renewed by October 15, 2021. But it is never too late to join. You will always be included in the online directory.

You can join online at our website using your credit card or PayPal. Just [Click Here](#) and read 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

A reminder to all renewing members that a NEW membership form/waiver must be completed every year. A check or pay pal payment is not enough. If you are utilizing the pay pal system you can email us the form. If sending a check is your preferred method, please send your form with your check

Thank you.
Membership

MEMBERSHIP



Save the Date

**General Meeting: Thursday November 4th, 10:00 am
Georgetown Public Library. Hewlett Room.**

Programs

We hope that you plan to attend the November 4th membership meeting.

Our guest speaker will be the **Mayor of Georgetown - Joshua Schroeder**. He brings many accomplishments to the table. He continues to serve on various boards and commissions. It is honor to have such a distinctive public servant.

Served on the following community non-profit boards:

Boys and Girls Club
The Caring Place (Chair)
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce
Brookwood in Georgetown
Georgetown Development Alliance (current Chair)
Rotary Club
2014 Citizen of the Year: Chamber of Commerce
First Baptist Church of Georgetown (Deacon and Church Moderator)
Austin Area Research Organization (2019 McBee Fellow)
Georgetown ISD Education Foundation
Partners in Education (Chair)

Served on the following City Boards and Commissions:

Planning and Zoning (Chair)
Historic and Architectural Review Commission (current Chair)
2030 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Williams Drive Corridor Study Group
Zoning Board of Adjustments (Chair)



Coffee and Conversation

It was perfect day for our first Coffee & Conversation. Thanks to all the members that came out. Special thanks to Ann Mayberry for sharing your beautiful home and a HUGE thank you to Donna Hood for organizing it with perfection.



Mark your Calendars

November

General Membership Meeting - Josh Schroeder, *Mayor of Georgetown* - Thursday Nov. 4th, 10:00am
Georgetown Public Library, Hewlett Room

December

General Membership Meeting - Christmas Event featuring the Dulcimers of Sun City - Thursday Dec. 2nd
10:00 am, Georgetown Public Library, Hewlett Room.

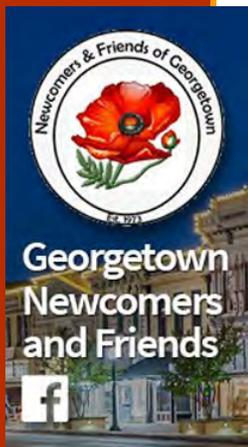
Follow us on Social Media

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 be added to our private group or [Click Here](#).

Name Tags

If you would like to have a name tag to wear to our meetings and other functions. Forms available on our website. [Click Here](#) Price is \$10



Happy November Birthdays !!

Congratulations to the birthday of the month of November, receive many blessings, have a good time, charge up your energy and celebrate your birthday in a big way, November is your favorite month because it is full of illusions and wishes to be realized.

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| 1 | Barbara Ragaglia | 13 | Susie Logan | 21 | Mimi Rhea |
| 4 | Jeanne Dillinger | 13 | Lita Nielsen | 22 | Kathy Hertzog |
| 6 | Leslie Rose | 13 | Kathy Regan | 23 | Betty Richards |
| 8 | Carol Johnson | 16 | Eunice Balke | 24 | Pamela Holub |
| 9 | Dianne Auerbach | 16 | Gracie Eisele | 24 | Mary-Ellen Thomas |
| 9 | Bea McClure | 17 | Sharon Taylor | 27 | Chris Paige |
| 12 | Yvonne Bedell | 19 | Carol Elsasser | 28 | Sharon Perdue |
| 12 | Regina McManus | 20 | Cindy Wright | 30 | Jill Ukeiley |

People born in November are usually calm and can control their emotions unless they are provoked to the maximum.



SIGs

This has been a year!

From seeing no one to safely getting interactive again. It is great to see folks out & about/ gathering again . We would like to keep things rolling as they were or with typical transformation due to the times/ life.

We have several groups that have lost their Lead. The Lead notified the members & I have reached out as well. Sadly they will be disbanded as a Newcomers SIG at month's end, unless someone takes on this Point of Contact. People, days/times & in some cases supplies are in place already. Things can certainly be changed, but let's keep the fun going.

So if you are able to host a Mexican Train game group (4th Friday afternoon) or a Bunco group (1st Wednesday at 1pm), please contact Barbara at sig@georgetownnewcomers.com

We have several types of groups with folks on the waitlist. So let's find a Lead & get a new SIG started. Dinner/ lunch groups for couples or individuals are always in demand. Wine or cocktails SIGs too. Maybe each SIG member gets a month to suggest a restaurant, calls for info, makes the reservation...

Maybe a sub is ready to break off & make a SIG. Let's talk & see what we can get going.

We have mentors that can help with any of this. We can give suggestions for restaurants, gathering places, communication... It is wonderful & valuable to utilize the knowledge of this long standing organization.

So if you are willing & able to take over an existing group or start a new one, please contact Barbara at sig@Georgetownnewcomers.com

Look over the website (<https://www.georgetownnewcomers.com/sigform.html>) to see if there is a group you are interested in. Does the day & time work for you. Ask me to see if there is an opening. Put yourself on the waitlist or maybe you want to be a sub. I see enough waitlisters/ subs I may suggest we get a group going.

Post photos on FB (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1087692228032843/?ref=share>)

or send to me sig@georgetownnewcomers.com.

Let us help you start a SIG. Talk to me and maybe we can get something going.

September's Dinner Group, *Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant*



GN&F Having Fun

Coffee and Conversations



General Meeting—Living Grace Canine Ranch



Walk and Talk



Cellar Dwellers



Men's Poker Night



Grape Expectations



Share Your Photos
 email to seharmon57@gmail.com
 with description and title



SIGs

Below are our SIGs that currently have openings for members or subs. We ALWAYS would like for you to tell us if you are interested in a group even if it is full. If we see enough interest we will encourage / help facilitate a new SIG to start. If interested please complete a [SIG request form](#)

SIG Name	Meeting Time(s)	Description
Page Turners Book Group	1st Wednesday Mornings	Meet in member's homes. We discuss all genres. We have a facilitator that guides us.
Mystery Book Club Divas and Dude	2nd Thursday 11:30am	We meet September – May for lunch and book discussions at local eateries.
2nd Friday Book Club	2nd Friday 10am	Been around for ~20 years. One of our founders was The Berry Springs Park family. Meets by zoom or in public spaces (usually Georgetown Country Club). Twice a year members submit all genre of titles that is then voted on. Books should be available in the library or for purchase in paperback.
I Love My Book	2nd Wednesday 12:30-3:00ish.	We each take a turn once a year nominating 3 books. We present the books briefly, then we vote and the biggest vote getter is our read for the next month. Anything the nominator would like goes - as long as it is available in soft cover. We've read novels, thrillers, historical fiction, memoirs, non-fiction, young adult, and classics. Don't believe we've ever chosen a sci/fi book, but who knows?
Dashing Diners II	4th Wednesday evenings 5:30	We meet at various types of restaurants normally within a 30-40 minute drive of Georgetown
Wine Divas	2nd Thursday (September - May) 4-6pm	We meet in a member's home and then 2 people choose the wine and the appetizers. Sometimes we go out to a wine bar. We discuss the wines and review information. Light education and loads of fun.
Grape Expectations	4th Thursday 4:30 pm	Each member hosts in their home once a year. The hostess provides appetizers and five wines for the tasting based on a theme (can be a simple as "wines my friends and I enjoy"). Each attendee donates \$10 to help cover the hostess costs."
Bunco Squad	3rd Thursday afternoons	
Mahjong Beginners Lessons	TBD	Groups forming for Fall 2021. Every Fri. morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12n for about 6 weeks until they are confident they can play -The hope is from here new SIGs will form
Scrabble	3rd Wednesday 1:00 pm	"Join our friendly Scrabble players--who don't follow all Scrabble rules: Scrabble Dictionaries are freely used, to spell a word or find out if a word is a word! We do like to chat while someone is working on their word. (Our group would not qualify for an official Scrabble tournament!) So, come join us. We meet, year round, at each other's homes.
Wander Walkers	Monday & Wednesdays 9am	
Walk & Talk	Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am 10:30 (fall & winter)	We meet at various parks in the area and walk for about an hour & half. Occasionally we go to lunch afterwards. The walk goes so much more pleasantly when chatting away with these great ladies!!
Divot Divas	1st Mondays	We arrange tee times on the first Monday of each month, and play at a variety of golf courses.
Reel Women	Dates and times vary All year	Group meets monthly (usually at City Lights theater in Georgetown) to watch a film chosen by our group co-leaders) then gather afterwards at a nearby eatery to chat about the film and get to know each other better. Past film choices include: Peanut Butter Falcon, Judy, Rocketman. Meeting dates & times vary based on theatre schedule.