

# HILL COUNTRY NEWCOMERS

Vol. 13 Issue #47

www.hillcountrynewcomers.com

October, 2011

## THE PREZ SEZ

The cooler days of Fall are arriving and that makes it more fun to get out and do more. The HCNC sure has a lot of interesting and fun activities to keep us busy. At our Sept. General meeting, we had 51 members and 6 guests who had a blast meeting new friends and learning more about the ones we already had. Everyone wants to do it again and we will, come spring. A super big "Thank You" to Paulette Winslett for donating 3 beautiful flower arrangements to us for our Sept. Meeting. Also, "Thank you" to all of you who generously donated to the Bastrop Fire Victims. Phylis Monical is our special event coordinator for our Feb. Valentine Tea. Please contact her to get on her committee of planners at phylis@gvvc.com. We are searching for a venue for the Tea. If you have a home with space for seating about 60 Ladies, we'd love to have it there. We can have tables & chairs brought in. Or if you know of a place, let Phylis know. Come to our Oct. meeting to get a Texas Hill Country Wine Map and learn about our local wineries. Speaking of wine, we have a new Special Interest Group. Dianne Sutton has started a Wine Tasting Group and a separate group for people who would like to learn more and practice Healthy Eating. Check it out. If you haven't gotten your tickets for our Oct. 28th Murder Mystery Dinner....do it NOW! Guests welcome. You might want to stop by Party City's Roaring 20s Gangster section to get a few accessories to get you in the mood of the theme. See you there. Remember to go get your Flu Shot.

Just geri

## OFFICERS

President Geri Cervantes 210.698.7908  
 1st VP Jackie Leonard 830.981.2269  
 2nd VP Cindy Eisman 210.468.5208  
 Secretary Marcia Teter 830.755.4905  
 Treasurer Sandi Wyss 830.336.4885  
 Parliamentarian Sandy Kelleher  
 830.336.3545

\*\*\*\*\*

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 10, 2011  
 10:00 a.m.  
 St. Mark Presbyterian Church  
 Family Life Center  
 208 W. Bandera Road  
 Boerne, Texas

Subject of Meeting:  
 "Local Wineries"

\*\*\*\*\*

Lots of Fun, Surprises and a **MURDER**

**See Attached Invitation Form**  
 A DINNER PARTY TO DIE FOR,  
 FRIDAY OCTOBER 28, 6:30pm, FORCC  
 It's a KILLER of a night. Laugh, Witness  
 a crime and solve the Whodunit!  
 Hurry, Deadline is Friday,  
 October 21, 2011.



\*\*\*\*\*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

Sandra Canavan  
 Nancy Carr  
 Joyce Finger  
 Judy Hartnett  
 Pat Hendren  
 Marilyn Jennings  
 Kitty Whinner  
 Pam Wirth



## CHAIRPERSONS

### Book Club

Kathy Binetti 830.537.4401  
 Diane Weiss 830.755.8395

### Party Bridge

Sarah Garretson 830.755.8895  
 Mary Ann Miklas 830.755.9132

### Partners Bridge

Julia Biggins-Prushing 830.981.2442

### Daytime Canasta

Judie Sendelbach 830.537.3991  
 Jean Browning 830.368.4188

### Couples Canasta

Gail Fiel 830.755.4457  
 Sandy Hannibal 830.755.6448

### Chix Flix

Deborah Tharp 830-237-1351

### Hostess Coordinators

Barbara Davis 210-698-8069  
 Toni Conte 210.698.6988

### Dining Out

Kathy Giardinelli 830.336.2020  
 Carlene Oakes 830.755.5130

### Hospitality/ Name Tags

Jackie Gentry 830.981.5494  
 Sheila Gregson 830.537.4074

### Koffee Klatch

Lenice Daudt 830.981.5007  
 Jan Wiley 830.755.6363

### Newsletter

Helene Bachmann 830.249.4901

### Website

Kerrie Williams 210.264.1661

### Publicity OPEN

### Sharing & Caring

Nan Pillinger 830.981.8510

### TGIF

Linda Estes 830.537.3379  
 Janet Malone 210.251.3086

### Gadabouts


Sue Turquette 830.755.8481  
 Missy Polasek 830.755.5060

### Meet & Greet

Pam Felton 830.331.9233  
 Kitty Rowell 830.816.5188

Wine Tasting Group; Heart Healthy Group  
 Dianne Sutton 830.755.4452

# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Party Bridge 9:15 am FORCC	5	6 Dine Out, 6:30pm, The Lodge, B..Davis	7	8
9	10 9:00 Exec Brd Mtg 9:20 Board Mtg., 10:00 Gen Mtg;	11	12	13 Chix Flix, D. Tharp; Partners Bridge 4:45pm FORCC	14 6:30pm Couples Canasta Teare; Orgonas	15
16	17 Koffee Klatch 10:00am, M. Teter	18	19	20 Hrt Hlthy 1pm; Gadabouts—Night Ghost Tour, SA	21 Wine Tasting 7:00pm, G.Cervantes	22
23	24 Book club Noon, G.Cervantes; Game Night-P. Felton	25	26	27 Daytime Canasta 10:00 am, FORCC H. Bachmann	28 FALL EVENT <b>The Mafia Murders</b> FORCC 6:30pm	29
30	31 					

**Newsletters are emailed to members unless notified otherwise!!!**  
**Newsletters can also be found at [www.hillcountrynewcomers.com](http://www.hillcountrynewcomers.com)**

**From:**

**Helene Bachmann  
Hill Country Newcomers Club  
Newsletter Publisher  
135 Lake View Drive  
Boerne, TX 78006**



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 3 Shirley Sweigart
- 11 Azar Mohammadi
- 12 Gisela Hallerman  
Janet Wiley
- 14 Gina Hampton
- 17 Lynne Janzen  
Celia Young
- 20 Mary Jo Ludwig
- 21 Rita Chapman  
Adrinne Wharton
- 22 Susie Butler  
Pat Toensing
- 23 Barbara Larson
- 27 Cherrie Steen
- 29 Pauletta Hightower
- 31 Dianne Weiss



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!!



## Koffee Klatch

Thank you to Phylis Monical for hosting a lovely brunch for our Koffee Klatch September kick-off.

Our next Koffee Klatch will be on Monday, October 17th, 10 AM to noon.  
Hostess: Marcia Teter, 7635 Silver Spur Road, Fair Oaks Ranch, 830-755-4905.  
Co-hostesses: Gail Fiel, Jackie Gentry and Sandy Hannibal.

Directions: From Fair Oaks Parkway, go left on Ralph Fair Road to Silver Spur Road. Turn left onto Silver Spur Rd and go approximately 1/2 mile. Marcia's house will be on the right hand side (7635.)

You do not have to sign up. Just come and join in the fun and good food.

For questions, please contact: Lenice Daudt, 830-981-5007, lenicedaudt@mac.com or Jan Wiley, 830-755-6363, ewiley1@gvvc.com.

## Book Club

The Book Club will meet at the home of Geri Cervantes, 23869 Iron Horse Lane, on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. The book for the month is Empire of the Summer by S. C. Gwynne. The discussion leader is Donna Constanza.

We need 2 more volunteers for desserts. Please let Kathy Binetti ([fkbinetti@gvvc.com](mailto:fkbinetti@gvvc.com)) or Dianne Weiss ([dweiss@gvvc.com](mailto:dweiss@gvvc.com)) know if you can help. All other members are asked to bring a salad to serve 6 –8 people.

Thanks to Charlene Cooper for hosting our September meeting.

Kathy Binetti 830.537.4401 [fkbinetti@gvvc.com](mailto:fkbinetti@gvvc.com)

Diane Weiss 830.755.8395 [dweiss@gvvc.com](mailto:dweiss@gvvc.com)

## Portion of the Thank You Letter to Hill Country Newcomers Club from Sarah & Matt Jimenez

Matt and I went up to Bastrop/Smithville to deliver the items we have collected in our community. We delivered our donated goods to the center established at Riverbend Park, by the First Baptist Church of Smithville. An amazing group of volunteers is still cheerfully sorting all kinds of donated items, still sifting through mountains of used clothing and shoes. When we pulled up with a Suburban full of NEW underwear, socks, t-shirts, baby clothes, and school supplies, that were already sorted according to sex and size, the volunteers were thrilled! Our boxes of sorted soaps, shaving needs, wipes and dental care items were ready for distribution. The shovels, rakes, buckets, and work gloves were a HUGE help. The local stores, Home Depot, etc, are sold out of such items, and they were very happy to receive them-said they would go fast, especially as people are returning to their homes, sifting through what is left of their belongings. The thoughtfulness of the items donated, from baby shoes to dog biscuits, to reading glasses was amazing. Over and over, in homes that were completely destroyed, we saw a sign of determination to go on--on their first day back to their homes, many people had hung out an American flag on whatever would hold it--brick chimneys still standing, fence posts, basketball goals. It was a beautiful sight in an otherwise dismal landscape! Thank you all so much for an overwhelming response to a community in need!

## Gadabouts

September was a busy month for the Gadabouts Group. We traveled to Horseshoe Bay to visit the Southern Living Idea Home. Lunch at the Marriott Hotel was delicious and then dessert at the Bluebonnet Café. It was such fun visiting with everyone. On another day we toured a few places in Boerne. We visited the Boerne Visitors Center, Chamber of Commerce, Patrick Heath Library and the Hill Country Pregnancy Center. Lunch was at Little Gretel's. Yum, Yum!!! If anyone has a few hours to volunteer the places mentioned above are always in need of volunteers.

### Dates to remember:

**October 20:** Night time Ghost Tour in downtown San Antonio. We will have more details at the Oct meeting.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>:** Pam Felton will be hostess for Ladies Game Night. We will have dinner and then play games. The time is 6pm-9pm. If you are interested in playing please email Sue or Missy. The cost is \$10.00. This includes dinner, soft drinks and dessert. You must **RSVP by Wednesday, Oct 19th**. Limited spaces.

**November 17:** We will be traveling to Austin to the Junior League's Christmas Bazaar. More details to come. We will need drivers for this event.

Sue Turquette 830.755.8481  
Missy Polasek 830.755.5060

## Chix Flix

For all movie lovers out there !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our group meets once a month - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - to see movies that may appeal to us hens more than the roosters.

We usually have lunch prior to the movie (at your cost) but if you wish you may just meet us in the lobby. The week before I will obtain the best information I can on the choices/times and email you. This means I must have your email address on hand.

If you have not participated in this great "Afternoon Out" and have any questions, please write or call me. Hope you join us.

Deborah Tharp [gypsydlit@live.com](mailto:gypsydlit@live.com) 830-237-1351

## Wine Tasting

Come join us for a relaxing evening of wine tasting and socializing. We will taste three Pinot Noir Wines. The cost of the wine will be divided up between the guests. Approximately \$4-\$6 per person. Guests are to bring a small, simple appetizer and we will provide a dessert.

Oct. 21 Friday, at 7:00

Limited to 12 Guests.

At the Home of Geri & Frank Cervantes.

23869 Iron Horse Lane

San Antonio 78255

210-698-7908 Home; [justgerinow@yahoo.com](mailto:justgerinow@yahoo.com)

[justgerinow@yahoo.com](mailto:justgerinow@yahoo.com)

## TGIF

A big thank you to our September hostess, Kerrie Williams and her co-hostesses, Edna Edwards, Deborah Tharp and Norma James. This party was a great way to start the new year. Our next TGIF will be on Friday, January 27, 2012 at the home of Dianne Sutton. We have hostesses for each of the remaining months next year. We need co-hostesses for February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to everyone for volunteering.

Any questions, please contact:

Linda Estes 830.537.3379

Janet Malone 210.251.3086

## Bridge

### 1st TUESDAY PARTY BRIDGE

This group is off to a great new year with 6 tables of players. If you are new and would still like to play, don't hesitate to call because we welcome new members.

Please call:

Sarah Garretson 830-755-8895, [BEGARRE4@aol.com](mailto:BEGARRE4@aol.com)

Mary Ann Miklas 830-755-9132, [miklas@siloomcounseling.com](mailto:miklas@siloomcounseling.com)

### 2nd THURSDAY PARTNERS BRIDGE

**Partners Bridge** will be held on Thursday, October, 13th in the Main Dining Room at Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club. We begin play promptly at 4:45pm and end around 9:00pm. We enjoy dinner, ordering from the Oak Leaf Lounge menu, and a short social hour. This group is made up of all levels of bridge players; we are a friendly group that enjoys playing bridge and having fun while we do it. Thanks go to Maggie and Mac McWilliams for hosting in September. If you are interested in enjoying an evening of bridge, bring a partner, and call Bobbie Hale at 830-755-4340 to make your reservation. Chairperson for this group is Julia Biggins-Prushing (830-981-2442). She will be happy to answer any of your questions regarding Partners Bridge.

## Couples Canasta

Our October hosts/hostesses will be Margaret and Tom Teare , 830-755-4494, [tteare@aol.com](mailto:tteare@aol.com) and Connie and Bob Orgonas, 830-981-5462, [corgonas@satx.rr.com](mailto:corgonas@satx.rr.com).

Please contact one of these couples to sign up to play. Our play day is Oct. 14th starting at 6:30 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share. Our hosts provide drinks and dessert.

Gail Fiel 830-755-4457, [dgfiel@gvvc.com](mailto:dgfiel@gvvc.com)

Sandy Hannibal 830-755-6448, [sussanhan@aol.com](mailto:sussanhan@aol.com)

## Heart Healthy- Improving Your Health Support Group

Come join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1pm to discuss and learn of ways to improve your health. (Structured on The China Study Book) This month we are going to lunch at "The Green Restaurant" in San Antonio..Email: Dianne Sutton [dia2nesutton@gmail.com](mailto:dia2nesutton@gmail.com) or Barbara Davis [bj\\_davis2@excite.com](mailto:bj_davis2@excite.com) for more details. We'd love to have you !!!

Diane Sutton Phone: (210)823-2007 [Dia2neSutton@gmail.com](mailto:Dia2neSutton@gmail.com)

## Daytime Canasta

WE WELCOME NEW PLAYERS!

Ladies Daytime Canasta will be held **Thursday, October 27th**, 10am-3pm in the Main Dining Room at Fair Oaks Country Club. Please arrive at least fifteen minutes early to sign-in, pay for your lunch, and get some water, coffee or tea so we can begin to play on time. There are only two acceptable methods of payment for lunch: *cash or Fair Oaks Country Club Membership Number*. Lunch is mandatory for all attendees. **The cost of lunch is now \$17.00.**

**Contact our October hostess, Helene Bachmann, 830.249.4901 or [helenebachmann@hotmail.com](mailto:helenebachmann@hotmail.com), by October 20th to reserve your place.** If you have any special dietary restrictions, please tell the hostess at that time. It is difficult for the wonderful staff to make changes at the last minute.

If you wish to learn Canasta or just freshen up your skills, advice the hostess when you make your reservations. We'll place you with an experienced player!

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you must cancel your reservation, contact the hostess for the month. **You will be responsible for the cost of the lunch if your cancellation is received within 24 hours of playing.***

You may call the hostess of the month anytime up to the day before playing if you would like to play, and we will try to accommodate you if at all possible. There are often cancellations.

Judie Sendelbach 830.537.3991  
[bjsend@gvtc.com](mailto:bjsend@gvtc.com)

Jean Browning 830.368.4188,  
[jean.browning@yahoo.com](mailto:jean.browning@yahoo.com)

We have bat's eyes for our own faults, and eagle's eyes for the faults of others.

Judah Gordon (1831-1892)  
Russian Poet and Writer

## Dining Out News

Thanks to my co-chair Carlene Oakes & her husband Frank for getting this year's Dine Out started at Scenic Loop Cafe. It was delightful! We had 3 new couples join our group, which made it a lot of fun! The Oakes were even nice enough to have us caravan over to their house for dessert afterwards...yummy!

Next month, Barbara & Charles Davis will be hosting dinner at The Lodge, located at Lockhill Selma & West Avenue in San Antonio. It is quite a distance from our usual Boerne area fare so if you need a ride give Barbara a call at 210-698-8069 or email [bj\\_davis2@aol.com](mailto:bj_davis2@aol.com) or meet us The Lodge at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited to 24 people so contact Barbara by Monday, Oct. 2 for **reservations** for our Thurs., Oct. 6th Dine Out event with dessert at the Davis house afterwards. Don't miss your opportunity to dine at this historic 4-Star restaurant before it's gone!

Kathy Giardinelli 830.336.2020

## Sharing and Caring

Nan Pillinger sends thanks to those who sent encouragement. Treatment still lies ahead and prayers would be welcome.

Roses are red, violets are blue.

Blues can be helped

With a chocolate or two.

Or submit your own poem!!!

We are not contagious!

Nan Pillinger 830.981.8510 [nanbp@gvtc.com](mailto:nanbp@gvtc.com)

## **CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED FOR 2011-2012** **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

- Publicity
- April Style Show
- June 2012 Installation Luncheon

Volunteers are not paid --  
not because they are worthless,  
but because they are priceless.

~ Unknown