

APEX NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS CLUB

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MARCH 2016

Apex Newcomers & Friends Club (ANFC) is a not-for-profit social organization. ANFC promotes interest in local, civic, cultural, and service programs. General Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month (September through May) at the C. C. Jones Building, 309 Holleman Street, Apex, at 9:30 a.m. Prospective members are welcome to try 2 visits to any function before joining. The annual non-refundable dues are \$25.00 per year plus a donation of \$2.00 at each meeting to help defray the cost of hospitality and building use. An additional fee of \$7.50 will be charged for those people requesting a copy of the newsletter be mailed to them. **SPECIAL:** Bring a friend to the general meeting and receive 2 entries into the door prize drawing!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I wrote this message during a snowstorm. Now I think I feel a touch of spring in the air and I am lovin' it! I tend to come alive when the weather is warm and the days are long. Fresh, local veggies, frogs and turtles in the pond, long walks - so much better than ice and cold.

With this lovely weather comes the time to get down to business - auction business. Now is the time to find those items that may be gently or never used that you can donate - household items, jewelry, a scarf that just doesn't go with anything and sits in a drawer. Don't forget to ask at your hair or nail salon or a restaurant that you like if they would consider donating a gift certificate. The board has discussed what charities we would support and decided to continue with our big four: Western Wake Crisis Ministry, Horse and Buddy Therapeutic Riding Stable, USO, and the Chamber of Commerce's Backpack Program.

It's time to form a nominating committee for a 1st VP of Membership and a Treasurer. Please consider working on one of these necessary jobs. Think about what the club gives you and how you can give back. I also need to know if you will be staying in your current position as a committee chairperson. You can let me know at the March meeting. Some of you have already told me (thank you).

One last thing: there will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for a picnic committee and also for what delicious item you plan to bring. Yep, the picnic is just around the corner...and that means SUMMER !!!

Always,
Susan A.
President

PROGRAMS Coordinator: Bette F.

Location: CC Jones Bldg, 309 Holleman St., Apex

Next meeting Wednesday, Mar. 9th @ 9:30 A.M. Speaker will be Janna M. Wallace of Wallis Law Firm. She will speak on Estate Planning — NC laws, such as after death taxes, probate, elder-law, etc.

Social gathering begins at 9:00 A.M. Meeting begins promptly at 9:30 A.M. Please come early for coffee and breakfast treats.

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FUNDRAISING/AUCTION Coordinator: Bette F

Please bring your quilt raffle money and stubs to the March meeting.

Donations to the Auction (April 13th) are needed. **Suggestions** are: new or slightly used items you no longer use, perhaps a Christmas or Birthday item you don't care for. Other suggestions are: a gift card or certificate to a restaurant, or nail salon; several dozen of fresh baked cookies; a pie; or a cake--let me know what you are baking and bring the day of the Auction. Please bring any other donations to the March meeting, or to Eleanor S.'s house. Items may be left off until April 8th. On Monday, the 11th, we will meet at Eleanor's to organize and tally the items for the auction on the 13th. Call me for any needed information.

And, please invite your friends to the Auction!!!

MEMBERSHIP Coordinator: Frances H.

We currently have 85 registered members. An addendum to the directory is available.

PHOTOGRAPHY Coordinator: Linda W.

Anyone who is at a function where the photographer is not in attendance feel free to take pictures.

SCRAPBOOKING Coordinator: Gerry W.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Western Wake Crisis Ministry Coordinator: Judy M.

I am forwarding this email to Newcomers because when we talked today at the crisis center Mary D. said she wanted to forward this letter to us. I feel this is very helpful and tells all of us what they are in need of. Alice VanO. will be taking my place in March, so she will be taking money and food to the food bank. In February we had 48 pounds of food and \$13. Thank you all for your wonderful ongoing support.

Subject: Western Wake Crisis Ministry - Easter and Beyond

Dear WWCM Volunteers,

As Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) begins making plans to once again distribute Easter meals to those in need in our community, we are reaching out for your support in making this possible. Last year, WWCM was able to invite 100 families to pickup Easter meals. This year WWCM expects to distribute 200 Easter meals to families in the Apex, New Hill and Friendship communities. WWCM relies on generous donations from caring people like you to provide this important service to the less fortunate neighbors of our community.

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WWCM will be collecting food on March 20th from 11am to 2pm at our current location (103 E. Chatham Street, Apex). We welcome donations of some or all of the following items:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac – N – Cheese, Pasta, Canned Beans, Pasta Sauce ie: Ragu, Hunts, etc., Tomato Products ie: diced, whole, etc., Canned Meats ie: tuna, chicken, etc., Laundry detergent, Dish washing soap

All food donations welcomed

Cash donations are welcomed. The estimated cost of an Easter meal is \$20.00. Your tax deductible donation can be made by check (mailed to Western Wake Crisis Ministry, 103 E. Chatham Street, Apex, NC 27502 or by credit card (online at www.wwcm.org).

Thank you for your kind support in helping our Apex neighbors in need. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, take a look at our facebook page or our website at www.wwcm.org.

Regards,

Tammi Greco, Pantry Manager, Western Wake Crisis Ministry

[919-906-4343](tel:919-906-4343), volunteer@wwcm.org

Red Cross Coordinator: Eleanor S. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

Remember that the hours have changed to 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Hopefully, this will entice more of you to sign up. The duties for each position are very minimal.

Our Newcomers & Friends Club provides 2 volunteers on the first Friday of each month to work as a Greeter or in the Canteen at the Cary Blood Center, 3700 Regency Parkway. The work hours are **10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** You need to complete an application before volunteering the first time. These forms will be on the table to sign during the general meeting. Blood donors are always needed. Walk-ins are accepted.

Friday, Mar. 4th @ 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Canteen – Donna N. Greeter: Eleanor S.

BROOKRIDGE ASSISTED LIVING Coordinator: Eleanor S.

Toiletries are always appreciated. Suggestions for men are after shaves, deodorants, soaps, any size underwear, and baseball caps. Thank you one and all.

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COUPONS Coordinators: box tops: Pat M.- manufacturers coupons: Diane E.

If you clip coupons but don't use them please bring them to our meeting. We will send them along to the troops who can use them until 5 months after expiration. This might be a good reason to start clipping. If you buy products with a "Box Tops for Education" coupon on them, you can also clip them and bring them to our meeting.

ACTIVITIES

ART 101 Coordinator: Betty S.

Thursday, Mar. 3rd, @ **1:00 p.m.** at the Halle Center.

Judy L. will be helping out and will bring art supplies. Have a good class.

BOOK CLUB Coordinator: Sterling S. and Judy L.

Friday, Mar. 18th @ **1:30 pm. till 3:00 pm.** at Cambridge Village.

Our book for this month is *Serena* by Ron Rash.

Exciting news! The Apex Newcomers and Friends Book Club now has a Facebook page!! And no worries, you don't need a Facebook account to view it. You can just type this address into your search engine, such as Google or Yahoo and go to the site.

www.facebook.com/ApexNewcomersBookClub

We hope you'll visit our page often and "Like" us! Any problems or suggestions can be emailed to Martha S. at msingle17@gmail.com

BOOK EXCHANGE Coordinator: Miriam M.

Check out the "box of books" at the next meeting, and bring your discarded books to share with the group. Remember, you do not have to return them; you just take them, share, and enjoy. If you have found a hardcover book you really enjoyed and would like to share, feel free to bring it.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE Coordinator: Judy M.

If you have any puzzles, they would be wonderful for the exchange at our meeting.

BOLIVIA (Tuesday) Coordinator: Eleanor S. (Meets every other Tuesday at 1:00 pm.)

Mar. 1st – Host: Eleanor S. **Mar. 15th** - Host: Carolyn C. **Mar. 29th** - no cards, **The Barn Trip**

BOLIVIA (Wednesday) Coordinator: Kate D. (Meets 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday at 1:00 pm.)

Mar. 2nd – Host: Esther T. **Mar. 16th** - Host: Judy L. **Mar. 30th** – Host: Barbara C.

BREAKFAST Coordinators: Georgiana F. & Barbara C.

Monday, Mar. 28th, @ **10:00 am.** Location: **Perkins Restaurant**, US 64, Apex

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DINNER Coordinator: Nancy E. Please call no later than Tuesday.

Thursday, Mar. 31st , @ 6:30 p.m. Dean's Seafood, 1080 Darrington Dr., Cary

GAME NIGHT Coordinator: Judy Ep.

Saturday, Mar. 26th , @ 7:00 p.m. Host: Shirley & John H.

Participants bring their own drinks and an appetizer or dessert. If you sign up and are unable to come, please call the host to cancel.

THE HEALTHY LIVING SUPPORT GROUP Coordinators: Susan A. & Judy M.

Tuesday, Mar. 1st @ 1:15 p.m. Host: Susan A.

We had a great discussion on a lot of topics including use of soy products, healthy body and face lotions, using your microwave oven, and dietary supplements. If you have input or questions join us for one meeting or all of them.

LUNCH Coordinators: Eleanor M. & Carol G.

Monday, Mar. 21st , @ 11:15 am., Doherty's, 5490 Apex Peakway, Apex

MEN'S NIGHT OUT Coordinator: Tony P.

Friday, Mar. 4th @ 6:15 p.m. Host: Judy & Bob L.

Men play cards, and spouses usually go to the movies then finish the night with refreshments at the home of the host.

SPECIAL EVENTS Coordinator for this event: Diane E.

The Inn & Farm at Celebrity Dairy in Siler City

Tuesday, March 22nd , @ 10:00 a.m. \$19 includes lunch. Please pay Diane E. at or by the March meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS Coordinator for this event: Judy M. **The Barn**

Tuesday, March 29th , *Leading Ladies*, The Barn Dinner Theater, Greensboro, \$41 per ticket

I have ordered 25 tickets. *Leading Ladies* is the hilarious comedy about two British Shakespearean actors who are down on their luck, performing in Moose Lodges. When they hear that an old lady in York, Pa. is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost nieces, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. What ensues is a classic farce of romantic entanglements, naughty innuendos, and mistaken identities.

For those of you that signed up for *The Barn*, I am collecting the checks. You may mail them to me or give them to me at the next meeting. It will be \$41.00 for the ticket and that includes everything. I am still in need of a few drivers. Please let me know if you might be able to drive. Thank you.

SPECIAL EVENTS Coordinator for this event: Eleanor S. **DURHAM BULLS**

Wed., June 1st. Gentle reminder that tickets cost \$12.07 and checks are to be made payable to Eleanor S.

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CARING & SHARING Coordinator: Shirley H.

Please contact Shirley if you know of anyone in the hospital or has had a death in their family, and she will send a card from the members.

HOSPITALITY Coordinator: Connie L. & Diane E.

The following members signed up for treats for the March General Meeting:

Donna N., Linda W., Marty M., Pat H., Donna K., Anne G., Ann K., Dot L., Roberta C., Shirley H.

BIRTHDAYS

Mar 3	Mary Ellen S.	Mar 4	Linda S.	Mar 6	Wendy B.	Mar 11	Stella T.
Mar 11	Esther T.	Mar 15	Miriam M.	Mar 24	Judy M.	Mar 31	Lorrie S.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, Mar. 16th, @ 9:30 a.m. Host: TBA

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL THE COORDINATOR IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND ANY ACTIVITY FOR WHICH YOU HAVE SIGNED UP.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The meeting will be cancelled if the Wake County Public Schools are closed or have a delayed opening due to weather conditions.

SPONSORS

Daniels Florist, 2829 Jones Franklin Rd., Swift Creek Shopping Plaza, Raleigh, NC 27606. Phone (919) 851-1500. They will continue to supply a floral arrangement for our monthly meetings.

Apex Chamber of Commerce. We are a member of the Apex Chamber of Commerce, your one stop for Apex information. The Apex Chamber of Commerce located in the **Historic Trail Depot**, at **220 North Salem Street** has the map of Apex as well as Raleigh, Durham, and North Carolina maps.

They have a calendar of events for the state as well as the town of Apex. Along with apartment guides the Apex Community Guide has a wealth of information including the history of Apex and a quick reference section with telephone numbers to everything needed to get started in Apex. Local newspapers are also available! All information at the Chamber is free! Visit their website at: www.apexchamber.com, or visit to find out more about the town you now call home.

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		1 Bolivia 1:00 a.m. Healthy Living 1:15 p.m.	2 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	3 Art 1:00 p.m.	4 Red Cross Men's Night 6:15 p.m.	5
6	7	8	9 General Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Brookridge	10	11	12
13	14.	15 Bolivia 1:00 a.m.	16 Board Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	17	18 Book Club 1:30 p.m.	19
20	21 Lunch 11:15 a.m.	22 Goat Farm 10:00 a.m.	23	24	25	26 Game Night 7:00 p.m.
27	28 Breakfast 10:00 a.m.	29 Barn Theater	30 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	31 Dinner 6:30 p.m.		

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					1 Red Cross 10 a.m. Men's Night 6:15 p.m.	2
3	4	5	6 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	7 Art 1:00 p.m.	8	9
10	11 Eleanor S Auction Prep.	12	13 Auction/General Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Brookridge			