

APEX NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS CLUB

P.O. Box 1164

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www.apexnewcomers.org

DECEMBER 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

This is the time of the year I always look forward to watching "A Charlie Brown Christmas". For many years I showed it in my classroom. When Charles Schulz first wrote that story he was told it would be a disaster. His response was if he and his team didn't tell the real story of Christmas who would. I love that thinking.

Daniel's presentation on holiday decorating was excellent. He has been such a great supporter of our group supplying us with a beautiful bouquet every month. Please think of Daniel's Florist for any of your floral needs. Make sure you mention that you are from Apex Newcomers.

This month we can look forward to a very special presentation by the Apex Readers Theatre Group. Some of our very own members are part of this world famous ensemble. They will be performing a variety of short skits for our enjoyment at our December meeting.

I hope you will be able to join us at Lugano's for our annual Christmas dinner. Last year they did a beautiful job accommodating us on short notice. Thank you, Nancy, for organizing this wonderful celebration.

If you haven't received your membership directory yet, please pick it up at the December meeting. Fran puts a lot of time and work into keeping our membership rolls up to date. A big thank you, Fran, for your efforts and for the great directory.

To all of you, may you enjoy a peaceful and joyous Christmas season. If you are traveling, have a wonderful trip and come back to us safe and sound.

As ever,
Susan A.
President

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PROGRAMS Coordinator: Roberta C.

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

Next meeting Dec. 14th @ 9:30 A.M. Apex Readers Theatre Group

Performance of short amusing skits. This is a group of amateur seniors including some of our own Newcomers and Friends members that entertain for our Apex Community as well as other assisted living communities in the Triangle area.

Members with last names beginning with M-W bring snacks for the meeting.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES Coordinator: Peg K.

We will be making our annual drive for cookies for Western Wake Crises Ministry at the next general meeting on Dec. 14th. Please bring a few dozen cookies either home baked or purchased. Members line up to fill dozens of cookie tins for the families. Extra small tins are needed too. You can bring them to the meeting or drop them off.

SAVE THE DATE - MARCH 8, 2017

APEX NEWCOMERS 20TH ANNIVERSARY Coordinator: Bette F.

Apex Newcomers and Friends Club will celebrate their **20th Anniversary** with many surprises!!! Details will follow in the coming months. A committee is in place, and is working to make this a wonderful celebration. A vote for the club to fund a luncheon was taken at the September meeting and was unanimously approved.

PHOTOGRAPHY Coordinator: Linda W.

Linda W. asks anyone who is at a function where she is not in attendance to feel free to take pictures.

SCRAPBOOKING: Coordinator: Gerry W.

MEMBERSHIP – Coordinators: Frances H. & Shirley M.

We currently have 77 registered members. We had 8 people register at our November meeting!! If you were registered prior to the November meeting and have not picked up your 2016-2017 directory, please do so.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Western Wake Crisis Ministry: Coordinator: Judy M.

The Western Wake Crisis Ministry is really looking like everything is getting organized. It is a beautiful facility. I will be collecting food as usual and monetary donations at our December meeting. All items are greatly appreciated. We need to help keep their shelves stocked. Thank you for all that you do

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Red Cross: Coordinator: Eleanor S. **Hours are 10 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

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. 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. I have been reminded to please be sure you fill out an attendance sheet every time you work. Book and blank sheets are at the Greeter's desk.

Friday, Dec. 2nd **Canteen:** Stella T. **Greeter:** Kate D.

BROOKRIDGE ASSISTED LIVING: 312 Lynch St., Apex. Coordinator: Eleanor S.

Christmas Project: Gifts for the residents should be wrapped with their name on the package. I would like them by Friday, Dec. 9th or the latest on Monday, Dec. 12th. Anyone interested in presenting these gifts on **Wed. the 14th at 3 PM** is invited to help. It is very rewarding to see the smiles on their faces when given a gift. I will pick up any gift if you have difficulty getting it to me. Please call.

USO: Coordinator: Eleanor S.

On Monday the 14th, Joanne F., Judy M. and I delivered about 55 neck pillows. Troops come in on most Tuesdays and they are received with much pleasure. Also some of the extra sundry items that I have for Brookridge go to the USO. There were several decks of cards too.

MANUFACTURER'S COUPONS FOR THE MILITARY: Coordinator: Diane E.

Thanks to all that have participated in collecting manufacturer's coupons for the military (they accept them up to 5 months expired). We will continue participating in this program, so get your scissors out and bring any coupons that you can't use to our monthly meeting.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Coordinator: Pat M.

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.

Thurs. Dec. 1st @ 1:00 p.m. at Halle Cultural Arts Center. Last class for the fall program. Time to sign up at the Apex Community Center Senior Program for the winter/spring meetings. We will be working in water colors...supplies will be there ... Enjoy the time!

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BOOK CLUB: Coordinators: Martha S. and Judy L.

Fri., Dec. 16th @ 1:30 pm. till 3:00 pm. at Cambridge Village.

We will be reading biography, any biography of your choice. Join us for a discussion.

The Apex Newcomers and Friends Book Club has a Facebook page. You can just click below.

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.

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.

Please bring puzzles with all of the pieces to share and to pass along to other members. I will place them next to the books. Thank you, Beulah, for all the beautiful puzzles that you donated. Thank you also to everyone who kindly brought in puzzles. We will all enjoy them during the winter season.

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

Dec. 6th - Host: Judy E. Dec. 20th - Host: Gay G. Jan. 3rd - Host: Anne G.

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

Dec. 7th - Host: Peg K. Dec. 21st - Host: Bette F.

BREAKFAST Coordinator: Georgiana F. & Barbara C.

Monday, Dec. 19th @ 11:00 am. @ Toast Café, Waverly Place, Cary

We are merging with the Lunch group for a brunch this month. Please note the time!

CHRISTMAS DINNER Coordinator: Nancy E.

Sunday, Dec. 11th @ 4:00 p.m. Lugano Ristorante, 1060 Darrington Dr., Cary

Please reserve no later than Thursday, Dec. 8.

GAME NIGHT Coordinator: Judy Ep.

Saturday, Dec. 10th @ 7:00 p.m. Host: Linda & Jeff S.

Each person brings a small gift, under \$10, to participate in a Chinese Auction.

Participants bring their own drinks and an appetizer or dessert. **Since this will be before the meeting, please call Linda if you are coming.**

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

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd @ 1:15 p.m. Host: Judy M.

Please sign up at the Dec. meeting or call Judy.

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LUNCH Coordinator: Sharon V.

There will not be a lunch this month due to the holidays. We will be combining with the breakfast group for a brunch at Toast Cafe. See the Breakfast info for details.

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.

Just a Reminder: Members with last names beginning with M-Z bring snacks for the buffet.

SPECIAL EVENTS Coordinator: Judy M.

Tuesday, Feb. 7th, The Barn Dinner Theatre, *The Kitchen Witches*, \$36.00 per person- an early-bird special. Twenty four tickets have been ordered and we have 20 people signed up so far.

If others want to go, please let me know.

SPECIAL EVENTS Coordinator: Eileen K.

May 2nd – May 5th Trinity Center Trip, \$300.

If you are signed up for this trip, deposits of \$45 are due before the end of November. There are still some places available. Sign up sheet will be available at the Dec. meeting. Join us for beach walks, cards, and lovely buffet meals.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 2 Diane E
Dec 6 Betty S
Dec 7 Kathleen K
Dec 11 June Q
Dec 20 Gay G
Dec 23 Rosalie A
Dec 28 Flo H

NEXT BOARD MEETING

No board meeting this month.

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.

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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 Art 1:00 p.m.	2 Red Cross	3
4	5	6 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	7 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Game Night 7:00 p.m.
11 Christmas Dinner 4:00 p.m.	12	13	14 Gen Mtg 9:30 a.m. Brookridge 3:00 p.m.	15	16 Book Club 1:30 p.m.	17
18	19 Brunch 11:00 a.m.	20 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	21 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	22	23	24
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1	2	3 Bolivia 1:00 p.m. Healthy Living 1:15 p.m.	4 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	5 Art 1:00 p.m.	6 Red Cross	7
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