

## **APEX NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS CLUB**

**P.O. Box 1164**

**Apex, NC 27502**

[www.apexnewcomers.org](http://www.apexnewcomers.org)

**DECEMBER 2017**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

I can't believe it is December already. Another year almost gone. December is always a very exciting month for me. I try to get my shopping done early so I can enjoy all the season has to offer. There are always so many celebrations with family and friends, and Christmas movies and stage presentations to attend. I love all the Christmas music. I am already double booked for some days. It is a very exciting, stressful and wonderful time of the year.

AFNC also has a lot going on in December. Don't forget to sign up with Nancy E. for our Christmas Dinner at Lugano's on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Our meeting will be on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Help Eleanor S. with gifts for the Brookridge Assisted Living, USO and Red Cross. Help Judy M. with food for Western Wake Crisis Ministry. Help Peg K with Cookies and the Cookie tins. We will put them all together at our December meeting. We are also going to the Barn Theater on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up with Eileen K for this show. It will be a wonderful day. Wow, what a fun packed December. I hope you will be able to join us in all these events. Thank you to all these committee members for their hard work.

The orange membership directories are ready for you to pick up if you didn't get one last month. Please let Susan A. know if any corrections need to be made.

May everyone enjoy a wonderful Christmas season with family and friends. For those who might be traveling, please be safe.

Pat Hopper  
President

**PROGRAMS** Coordinator: Bette F.

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

Next meeting Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 A.M. General Meeting. Speaker: TBA

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

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING COOKIES FOR WESTERN WAKE CRISES MINISTRY!**

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### **\*\*\*Hot New Recipe from Judy S. --- No Bake Almond Butter Energy Bars**

#### **AUCTION** Coordinators: Roberta C., June Q

The auction will take place at our April meeting, Apr. 11, 2018. Please plan or start any craft items that we can auction off.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY** Coordinator: Jean G.

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

#### **SCRAPBOOKING** Coordinator: Jean G.

#### **MEMBERSHIP** Coordinators: Susan A. & Shirley M.

We have 76 registered members.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

#### **CHRISTMAS COOKIES PROGRAM** Coordinator: Peg K.

Please remember that the December Meeting is when we have our Annual Cookie Collection for WWCM. If everyone brings two dozen (or more) cookies it will be greatly appreciated. We also need clean cookie tins to hold the cookies. The tins should be no larger than Medium in size. (Large tins are too big and hold too many cookies.) As in the past, several tables should be lined up so we can set up the assembly line.

#### **Western Wake Crisis Ministry** Coordinator: Judy M.

Please see Cookies and Art.

#### **Red Cross** Coordinator: Eleanor S. **Hours are 11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 or 3:30 P.M. (Canteen finishes at 3:30 P.M.) I will try to simplify submission of application as soon as possible for new volunteers.**

#### **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. New volunteers are asked to establish an Id on line. Specific instructions are provided under the sign-up sheet. 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. Volunteers will be needed for the upcoming year. If interested in becoming a volunteer, please see me for application directions.

**Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Shirley McG.

Stella T.

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

We will continue to visit Brookridge on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM. Anyone interested, please call Eleanor for directions.

**Christmas Project:** Please have all gifts to Eleanor by Monday, December 11th. Gifts will be distributed on the afternoon of our regular meeting on the 13th. Be sure to have their name on the gift bag. If at all possible, put their first name and last initial on the inside of any garment with a sharpie. If gift needs to be picked up, please contact me. Thank you all for your generosity.

### **USO** Coordinator: Eleanor S.

Betty F., Pat K. and I delivered approximately 60 neck pillows that were greatly appreciated. We were informed that we are the only organization that makes the pillows. We will continue to provide these pillows. A big thanks to all and hope someone will take up the slack to replace Gerri W's pillows.

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

Thanks for saving and clipping the manufacturers coupons that you don't use. They are taken to Fort Bragg to be used by local and overseas military. The coupons can be up to 5 months expired for use by the military. Bring your coupons to the next monthly meeting or get in touch with Diane E.

### **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.

#### **10th Annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Exhibition and Auction**

#### **To benefit Western Wake Crisis Ministry**

Apex Newcomers and Friends are participating in this event.

We have been working diligently and are ready to enter our Tree!

Please come on **December 1st.....between 5pm-8pm for the viewing.....at the Halle Cultural Arts Center**

This is in conjunction with Christmas on Salem Street.

**Thurs., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.** at Halle Cultural Arts Center. We are painting in acrylics or bring your favorite project. **It is also time to sign up at the Apex Community Center for the winter session beginning in January.**

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

**Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at Cambridge Village of Apex @ 1:30 p.m.** in the lounge.

Reader's choice. Join us to recommend a book you recently enjoyed.

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

[www.facebook.com/ApexNewcomersBookClub](http://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.

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### **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.

Thanks to all who have taken and brought puzzles for everyone to share. It will soon be time to do more puzzles. Have fun.

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

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** –Host: Gay G.   **Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** –Host: Anne G.   **Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Host: Dot L.

### **BOLIVIA (Wednesday)** Coordinator: Kate D. (Meets 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 1:00 pm.)

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Host – Kate D.   **Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** - Host- Barbara C.

### **DINNER/Christmas Party** Coordinator: Nancy E.

**Sunday, December 10 @4:00 p.m. at Lugano's** , 1060 Darrington Dr., Cary

Please sign up by calling Nancy.

### **GAME NIGHT** Coordinator: Judy M.

**Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @7:00 p.m. Host** – Eleanor 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. We always have a great time.

### **LUNCH** Coordinator: Sharon V.

No lunch this month.

### **CARING & SHARING** Coordinator: Kate D.

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

### **HOSPITALITY** Coordinators: Pat K. & Roberta C.

Hospitality committee would like to thank all who brought in the delicious goodies to the October meeting.

**Here are the volunteers to bring snacks for our Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting:** members with last names from M-Z.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS** Coordinator: Eileen K.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19 @ -1:00 p.m. Black Nativity at The Barn Theater in Greensboro**, Dinner & Play \$49.

Langston Hughes' heart-felt musical is the most entertaining way to relive the birth of Jesus Christ through the beat of the drum, the feet of high-energy dancers, and the souls of passionate storytellers. **We only have 7 tickets available so hurry and call me.**

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**Jan 11 @ - 2p.m. - Classic Nashville Roadshow at Temple Theater in Sanford.** Tickets \$22.

The original brought you some of the most unforgettable songs in country history just as they ought to be, just as you remember them from the radio. Audiences loved the show so much, Jason Petty and Katie Deal decided it deserved an encore. And that's how, **Part II: The Sequel** was born.

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**Trinity Center, April 30<sup>th</sup> thru May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**A deposit of \$45 is due by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.** The group will enjoy 3 days of relaxation, meals included, and lots of time to play cards and games and walk on the beach. Two spots are available.

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2 Diane E.

4 Carol M.

6 Betty S.

11 June Q

20 Gay G.

23 Rosalie A.

28 Flo H.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> @9:30 a.m.** Location: TBA

**No board meeting in Dec.**

**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](http://www.apexchamber.com), or visit to find out more about the town you now call home.

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					1 Red Cross 11:30 a.m.	2
3	4	5 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	6 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	7 Art 1:00 p.m.	8	9
10 Christmas Party 4:00 p.m.	11	12	13 Gen. Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Brookridge 3:00 p.m.	14	15 Book Club 1:30 p.m.	16 Game Night 7:00 p.m.
17	18	19 Bolivia 1:00 p.m. Barn Theater	20 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	3 Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	4 Art 1:00 p.m.	5 Red Cross 10:30 a.m.	6
7	8	9	10 Gen Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Brookridge 3:00 p.m.	11 Temple Theater 2:00 p.m.	12	13
14	15	16	17 Board Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Bolivia 1:00 p.m.	18	19 Book Club 1:30 p.m.	