

APEX NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS CLUB

MARCH 2008

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 second Wednesday of each month (September through May) at the C. C. Jones Building on Holleman Street, in Apex, at 9:30 a.m.

Prospective members are welcome to try two visits to any function before joining. The annual non-refundable dues are \$25.00 per year plus a donation of \$2.00 each meeting to help defray the cost of hospitality and building use.

SPECIAL: Bring a friend to the general meeting & receive two entries into our door prize drawing!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ladies...it's Tea Time! It was overlooked at the last meeting but this is a reminder to

bring your teapots, tea cups, and whatever exotic teas you have

to our March meeting for all to sample. Last year's tea turned out to be a highlight of the year and we have had many requests to repeat it. Hats and gloves are up to you, of course, but come with teabags in hand for a tempting, tasteful occasion.

Also, may I remind you that a club such as ours is only as good as the members who are willing to run it. Things don't just happen like magic. Someone has to step up and say "yes" when approached by the Nominating Committee which will be named at the February 21st Board Meeting. You can expect to hear from them in the near future. Speaking for myself, the last three years have been very satisfying (two years as secretary and one as President). This is a great group of women who have a lot of common areas of interest. When I moved here four years ago, my daughter steered me to the Cary Senior Center and the Cary Newcomers Club. It was a few months before I became aware of the Apex Newcomers. But once I found the Apex club, I found my home in North Carolina. We need to keep this welcoming spirit alive, so do consider playing a leadership role when asked.

Pam has agreed to be our auctioneer (Hooray!) for our April auction; which brings up another request/reminder. An Auction Chairman will be named soon to divide up the territory so we don't all go to the same stores. Letters of introduction with our Tax I.D. number will also be made available. We ask that you consider requesting donations when you are out shopping. We don't need a lot of gifts, but some gifts among the White Elephants would be very welcome.

If everyone pitches in, we could have an outstanding auction and make big bucks for our selected charities. Think about it!

Marge Connors
President

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IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL THE COORDINATOR TO CANCEL ANY ACTIVITY THAT YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR

RESPOND TO SUGGESTION BOX

SUGGESTION BOX: We have reserved Bentley's for our December Christmas Dinner. This at least reserves a restaurant as reservations must be put in early. If you would like to go somewhere else, please put your suggestion in the box and we will bring it up at our April and/or May meeting.

TINS!! TINS!! TINS!! Keep the Christmas tins coming. You have been so generous with the tins but those that were remaining were **non-seasonal**. Anyone needing these non-seasonal tins, please let us know.

PROGRAM Coordinator: Ginni P. 363-6507, Elaine C. 387-8707

Our speaker in March will be Sally Kahler who is a member of the Governors Club Speaker Resources located in Chapel Hill.

Sally lived in Asia for many years. Textiles of Asia portray the traditions and cultures of each country. Each textile tells a story of geography, status, customs, craftsmanship and time honored rituals. These beautiful pieces of cloth are an essential part of Asian culture.

Sally will tell us her story and share some of her collection of textiles. It should be an interesting program.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Coordinators: Pamela J., 362-5827

Western Wake Crisis Ministry: Coordinator: Pamela J. 362-5827

Please continue to donate canned goods, rice, cereal, pasta and sauces, peanut butter and jelly or paper goods to the Western Wake Food Drive. Bags of groceries are distributed to approximately 300 local families in need each month. Newcomers club members can bring any of these items to our monthly meetings and the chairpersons will deliver them. Thank you so much for your support.

Red Cross: Billie S. 363-1942 **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

Our Newcomers & Friends Club provides two 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, Suite 150. The work hours are 7:40 to 10:30. Donors are also always needed. Please call 231-1602, Ext. 422 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also accepted.

March volunteers: Gail M. and Wendy B.

BOOK CLUB Coordinator: Pat C. 387-3655

BOOK CLUB WILL BE HELD at 1:00 ON MARCH 28TH, THE FOURTH FRIDAY---THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FROM THE USUAL THIRD FRIDAY.

Books for March include *13 Moons* by Charles Frazier and *On Agate Hill* by Lee Smith.

Host: Pat E. 303-6715

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GAME NIGHT Coordinator: Shirley H. 387-0368

Mar. 15th @ 7:30 p.m. Host: Eleanor S. 363-5490

BOOK EXCHANGE Coordinator: Billie S. 363-1942

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 the books, you just take them, share and enjoy. Please, only soft covered books.

GARDEN TRIP Coordinator: Judy L. 387-8496

Mar. 3rd at 10:00 a.m. The Garden Hut in Fuquay Varina

Meet at Lowes Food at Olive Chapel & Rt. 55 at 10:00 a.m. to carpool. Call Judy L. 387-8496 to sign up.

CRAFT Coordinator: Pam M. 303-7743

MOVIES Coordinator: Betty S. 1-914-980-3063

Mar—Tentative because of Easter.

BREAKFAST Coordinator: Theresa B. 363-9832

We sincerely wish someone would take over this endeavor to keep it going.

LUNCH Coordinator: Judy E. 303-6972. Call two days in advance to reserve.

March 12th CHOP HOUSE GRILLE after the general meeting located High House & Davis Drive 467-5252

Please let me know by the 1st of March so I can make reservations. E-Mail- Judyeppo@aol.com or call at 303-6972.

DINNER - Nancy E. 303-4868 Reservations required.

March 20th @ 6:30 PM at Jimmy V's Steak House, MacGregor Village

MEN'S NIGHT OUT Coordinator: Tony P. 303-4868

March 21st Host: TBA

Please call two days prior to event. Spouses usually go to the movies and finish the night with refreshments at the host's home.

BOLIVIA (AM GROUP) Coordinator: Eleanor S. 363-5490

March 4th: Host: Carol M. March 18th: Host: Gay G.

BOLIVIA (PM GROUP) Coordinator: Kate D. 303-3779 (Meets 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays) at 1:00 pm

March 5th: Host: Judy Ep. March 19th Host: Carolyn M.

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CARING & SHARING Coordinator: Alice VanO. 303-7516

Mar. 3rd MaryEllen S.

Mar. 6th Wendy B.

Mar. 9th Veronica C.

Mar. 11th Esther T.

Mar. 19th Charlene S.

Mar. 21st Shirley L.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Board meeting Mar. 19th @ 9:30 Host: Pam J.

HOSPITALITY Coordinator: Barbara K. 387-1902

The following people have signed up to supply refreshments for the March 12th

Margaret D., Anne G., Marge C., Alice V., Terry B., Eleanor S., Carolyn C., Nancy S. and Carole D.

Please bring finger foods for our tea, i.e. sandwiches, cookies, etc.

Ladies please come at 9 a.m. to help set up and stay after the meeting to help clean up.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event the Wake County Public Schools are closed or have a delayed opening due to weather conditions on the day of a meeting, the meeting will be cancelled.

SPONSORS

Abloomin' Garden Florist: Each month Abloomin' Garden Florist on the corner of Hwy. 55 and James Street will provide a floral arrangement.

Apex Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to the Apex Chamber of Commerce for their continued support; 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 and the 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 come visit and find out more about the town you now call home. Apex Newcomers & Friends Club, c/o Apex Chamber of Commerce, 220 N. Salem Street, Apex, NC 27502

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2	3 Garden trip	4 9:30 AM Bolivia	5 Bolivia 1:00 PM	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 General Mtg. Lunch 11:30	13	14	15 Game Nite
16 Movies	17	18 9:30 AM Bolivia	19 Board Mtg. Bolivia 1:00 PM	20 Dinner 6:30 pm	21 Men's night 6:30 pm	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Book Club 1:00 pm	29
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