

**APEX NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS CLUB  
SEPTEMBER 2020**

P.O. Box 1164  
Apex, NC 27502  
<http://apexnewcomers.org/>

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**

Dear Newcomers and Friends,

The summer is over and normally at this time of year, I would be looking forward to our club's first general membership meeting in September. But COVID-19 has changed our lives. Our meetings are just one event out of so many affected by the world we live in right now.

Thank you to Roberta and her leadership of the club for the past two years. At the end of this past club year (May 31), without our major fundraiser, the club was able to donate \$2000 to Western Wake Crisis Ministries and \$600 to the Apex Chamber of Commerce for the book bag project, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$949.15.

We did hold a board meeting August 19<sup>th</sup> and after much discussion, the board voted not to hold a membership meeting either in September or in October. Committee reports were made by the committee chairs and below you will find the reports and/or the status of all committees and activities of the club.

As you see, everything is on hold, depending on the progress of COVID-19 and when the State of NC announces that it is safe to hold indoor meetings of more than 10 people.

Thank you for staying with us and I cannot wait until we can gather again to resume our community outreach as well as all our fun social activities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marie H., President

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**PROGRAMS/PUBLICITY** Speakers Coordinator: Bette F.

I hope you all are staying safe. Are you as bored as I am? Unfortunately, due to the NC State restrictions, we will not be having an ANFC meeting in September. Since, I'm not busy getting speakers for meetings, and we are all mostly stuck to our homes, I decided to research some activities we can do from home. I have found a site online that you can check out, at your leisure, to hopefully occupy some of your time.

<http://adventuresinfamilyhood.com/20-virtual-field-trips-to-take-with-your-kids.html>

Do not be turned off by the words with your "kids"!! I checked this out and you can pull up over 20 'field' trips that you will be able to experience virtually. Examples: Art Museums - Van Gogh in Amsterdam; Uffizi, in Florence, Italy; Louvre, Paris; National Gallery of Art, Washington DC, etc. Zoos - San Diego Zoo; Smithsonian's Zoo, etc. Aquariums - Seattle; Georgia; National, etc. I hope you'll enjoy these virtual 'field' trips.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FUNDRAISING** Cheryl B., Pat K.

As you may recall, this past Spring our annual auction was postponed due to coronavirus safety measures. As North Carolina continues to fight the coronavirus we are still limited on our ability to meet in a large group setting. Therefore, our auction has been put on hold until further notice. We remain hopeful that North Carolina can lift quarantine safety measures by early 2021. If so, our auction will resume Spring 2021. Please keep an eye out for developments! Thank you for your patience!

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP** Coordinator: Julia M. & Shirley LaM.

Currently, we have 53 people that have joined our club for our new year that begins in September. In May, we had 86 members. So I need the other 33 people to send in their completed application with a check made out to ANFC for \$25.00. Print off the application that is at the end of this newsletter and mail your check to the address that is listed on the application. PLEASE DO THIS SOON, SO THAT ALL OF YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE IN OUR NEW DIRECTORY THAT WILL BE COMING OUT IN OCTOBER, 2020. I'm asking that you please mail this in immediately because it will take a little bit of time for us to compile this new directory. IF you are planning to join for the 2020-2021 year, please don't hesitate to do it NOW. I really want to make sure that your information makes it into the new directory. I will need to set a deadline for the applications to be received by me by September 7 for you to have all of your information to be included in our NEW DIRECTORY. I hope that each of you have had a good summer (considering that ALL of us have probably stayed at home to stay safe). I know that I have.

REMEMBER MAIL YOUR CHECK IN TODAY. By the way, if you can't print off an application, just write your information on a blank piece of paper and I'll complete an application for you. Your name, address, phone number, email address, birthday, and EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON. And if you have ANY QUESTIONS, please phone me.

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Eleanor St., Eileen K.

SECRETARY - We are in need of a Secretary. The job is simple. You need to take minutes at the Regular and Executive Meetings. If YOU or anyone else might be slightly interested, please call Eileen K, or Eleanor St. or our President, Marie H. It is a great way to know the members. Hopefully someone will volunteer. Thank you.

**WESTERN WAKE CRISES MINISTRY** Coordinator: Marcia K., Lois D.

The Western Wake Crisis Ministry is taking donations through curbside pickup by appointment (919-362-0657 x2) or collection bins in several locations at the front door ( Western Wake Crisis Ministry, Peak United Methodist Church, Apex United Methodist Church) or at Southern Peak Brewery. Suggested items needed are pasta, sauces, canned meats, instant potatoes, dressings, peanut butter, canned vegetables other than corn and green beans, and canned fruit other than applesauce. Financial donations can be made on the website at [wwcm.org](http://wwcm.org). where more extensive information is available. Let us not forget those in need during this time of COVID-19 as most of us are fortunate to be well, protected, and comfortable.

**READ AND FEED** Coordinator: Peg K.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Read and Feed snack collection for the after school program is on hold. In the past it was held in October. If more information becomes available, it will be shared at that time. Hopefully, we will be able to provide this service in the future. Like so many other things, the future is uncertain. Stay safe and healthy.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** Coordinator: Stella T., Ann S.

Ann S and I are observing all the venues for any changes and will let members know of any upcoming activities, so please keep reading all email you may receive. TRINITY CENTER TRIP IS STILL ON FOR MAY 10TH - 14TH 2021. We have 10 double cabins to fill. There are some cabins still available. PLEASE CONTACT ME BY OCTOBER 10TH TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE. Anyone who needs more information can contact me; you may also go on the Centers website [trinityctr.com](http://trinityctr.com)

**RED CROSS** Coordinator: Eleanor St.

Hours are 11:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. (Canteen finishes at 3:30 P.M.) We are suspending our volunteer service due to the pandemic. If you feel you would like to work on first Friday of the month, let me know. I have advised them that my ladies do not feel they should be exposed at this time.

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

Nothing at this time. Had items for them back in May and was told to wait until September.

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**USO** Coordinator: Eleanor St.

Phone messages say "closed till further notice". My e-mails get returned.

Neck Pillows - If you do not wish to store them until further notice, you may give them to me.

**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.

**TIN TABS** Coordinator : Cheryl B.

We are now collecting the tin tabs off the top of cans for Durham Ronald McDonald House.

## **ACTIVITIES**

**ART 101** Coordinator: BettyS.

Activities are not yet planned.

**BOOK CLUB** Coordinator: Roberta C.

Book club will not meet in September but hopefully be ready for book recommendations for our October meeting. We will meet either by Zoom, at Eva Perry Library or possibly outdoors on October 17th at 1:30 pm. Hope all members had a good 'reading' summer. 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.

**BOOK EXCHANGE** Coordinator: Ann S.

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.

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

Postponed until further notice.

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

Still on hold!! Hope we can meet again someday!! Missing you all!

**CARING & SHARING:** Coordinator: Barbara F.

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

**DINNER** Coordinator: Nancy E. No dinners

**GAME NIGHT** Coordinator: Diane & John E. CANCELLED

**HOSPITALITY** Coordinator: Connie L, Judy DiD. & Marjorie R.

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**LUNCH** Coordinator: Eileen K. CANCELLED

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Coordinator: Linda W.

Anyone who is at a function, please feel free to take pictures.

**PUZZLE EXCHANGE** Coordinator: Ann S.

Thanks again for the puzzles. Bring in some and be sure to take some home.

**SCRAPBOOKING** Coordinator: Eleanor Sp.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sarah F	9/5
Pat E	9/10
Jo Ann F	9/10
Pat K	9/11
Bobbi K	9/13
Steve H	9/19
Laura T	9/19
Roberta C	9/19
Elaine C	9/22
Linda B	9/24
Billie S	9/24
Alice V	9/25
Pat M	9/25

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**Wed., Sept. 16 @ 9:30 a.m.** Location: 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:

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

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**Apex Newcomers and Friends Club Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Moved from \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday of member (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_ Hobbies/Interests \_\_\_\_\_

**Meetings and Dues**— Prospective members are welcome to attend two meetings/activities of Newcomers during any calendar year without regard to the payment of dues. On any third visit during a calendar year, the prospective member agrees to pay the \$25.00 membership fee that is non-refundable. The \$25.00 dues include a monthly newsletter and a membership directory. Additional fees and charges may apply for events scheduled throughout the year.

If you wish to receive the Newsletter by mail, check here \_\_\_\_\_ (\$7.50 printing and mailing fee applies)

Mail to: **Apex Newcomers and Friends Club, Box 1164, Apex, NC 27502**

or give to the club Treasurer at the next general meeting

**Apex Newcomers and Friends Club Statement of Waiver (Please check all that may apply)**

Member \_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_ Children of Member/Spouse \_\_\_\_

1. I accept any and all risks and hazards that may result from my, my spouse or my children's participation in any function offered by the Apex Newcomers and Friends Club (ANFC) including, but limited to personal injuries and property losses or damage occasioned by, or in connection with any activity or event sponsored by the ANFC.
2. I hereby waive, release, absolve, and agree to hold harmless the ANFC, its officers or agents from any claims arising out of any personal or property injuries that I, my spouse or my children may suffer during an ANFC activity or function.
3. In the event I, my spouse and/or my children suffer a personal injury during an ANFC activity, in the event I, my spouse or my children am physically and/or mentally unable to act on my own behalf, I authorize ANFC to obtain proper emergency medical care for me, my spouse and/or my children should I, my spouse and/or my children be in need of such services and to immediately contact the Emergency Contact listed below. It is understood that any and all costs associated with this emergency medical care will be borne by me and not ANFC.

Printed Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name/Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_