

**APEX NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS CLUB  
MARCH 2021**

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,

It's hard to believe that it has been one year since we met in person at the Jones Building: February 12, 2020! I know that you all share my regret that we have not been able to have our meetings, auction, go to Trinity, have social gatherings, card and game playing, meals together etc. etc. etc.!!

I've been very gratified to keep hearing that almost all of our club members who qualify have already gotten both vaccine shots. It makes me begin to hope that sooner than later we will be able to meet again safely in person.

APEX NEW SENIOR CENTER UPDATE: On February 26<sup>th</sup>, I had a private tour of the senior center still under construction. I have several photos and information that I would like to share with you. I will be doing this during the club Zoom that Eileen hosts on March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in seeing the photos, etc., and are not on Eileen's invitation list, please contact her and provide her with your email address so you, too, will be invited to join the Zoom meeting that morning.

My thanks to the chairs of the committees that are still active for continuing to provide the club members with their services. Be sure to check their reports below.

With my best regards to you all and please continue to stay healthy and safe.

Happy St. Patrick's Day as well as the First Day of Spring!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marie H., President

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

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**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. & Marie Z

We currently have 70 members, which I think is GREAT. I am really looking forward to the time that we will be able to meet in person again. Meanwhile, we are still zooming on the second Wednesday morning of each month at 9:30 a.m. Eileen will send me an email with the link for you to click on to join the Zoom meeting. I will then forward to everyone on the Monday before the second Wednesday. If you have a smart phone, tablet (iPad) or a computer that has a camera on it, you can Zoom. It's a lot of fun to catch up with everyone on what's going on in their life. I hope to see some new faces on the Zoom meeting on March 10. Put the date of March 10 at 9:30 a.m. on your calendar and I'll see you then. I hope that everyone has a wonderful and blessed day.

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

On February 11, a cold and rainy afternoon, our club members met Marcia and Lois in the Lowes Food parking lot to donate food to the Western Wake Crisis Ministry. A total of 147 pounds was collected and taken to the Ministry, as well as monetary donations, to help those people in our community who are depending on assistance during these difficult times. A big thanks to our club members!! Another collection date will be planned for March with an email reminder ahead of the date.

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

As of today any concerts are being streamed into homes if anyone is interested to contact me.

Trinity Trip to Emerald Island May 10th -May 14th

There are some guidelines that have been put in place due to the Virus.

Members who have signed up for the trip please respond to my email regarding Covid 19 vaccination shots. EVERYONE has to let me know so your spot is reserved. I will send out a separate email to signed up members regarding the balance due and the amended guidelines. If you have any questions please contact me. Thank you.

**RED CROSS** Coordinator: Eleanor St.

I am cancelling our first Fridays. We will no longer participate as a club. If you are interested in volunteering on your own, call Sylvia at 919-861-1661 or Jennifer at 919-861-1660.

**USO** Coordinator: Eleanor St.

Office is closed. If you want me to store any neck pillows, please call me.

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**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: Betty S.

Activities are not yet planned.

**BOOK CLUB** Coordinator: Roberta C.

Book Club is reading *From Scratch* by Tembi Locke for our March 19th meeting. We meet at 1:30 via Zoom for now. April's book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson. We will meet on April 16th most likely (weather permitting) at Apex Community Park off Laura Duncan Rd at 1:30. All are welcome to join us; just read the book beforehand. All our books are available at Wake County Libraries.

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!

**BOOK EXCHANGE** Coordinator: Ann So.

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. Please call me if you want a book.

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

Still on hold.

**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.

**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. No game night.

**HOSPITALITY** Coordinator: Connie L, Judy DiD.

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**LUNCH** Coordinator: Eileen K.

Hopefully by later in March we can have a luncheon. I will send out notice via Julia.

I have a Zoom account where we can visit as long as we want. I would like to set up a **VISIT TIME** for anyone who wishes to join once a month for as long as this virus controls our lives. I am planning it for the **second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM for the next several months**. If you wish to join, just let me know and I will send you an invite.

Friends Zoom meeting for March is on the 10th. I will send out a link on Monday the 7th. Come join us just for giggles.

During our Zoom call last month, Eileen told us about an interesting new service that you can look into on **Storyworth.com**. It allows you to tell your memoirs using a series of questions to help you recall those memories. We listened to some of those memories that Eileen told us about and had a great meeting.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Coordinator: Linda W.

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

**PUZZLE EXCHANGE** Coordinator: Ann So.

Thanks again for the puzzles. Bring in some and be sure to take some home. Please call me if you would like a puzzle.

**SCRAPBOOKING** Coordinator: Eleanor Sp.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS** Coordinator: Julia M.

I believe that I was told that the reason that I list the birthdays in the newsletter is for **YOU to either CALL or TEXT the person and wish them a Happy Birthday**. You just need to look at your directory and find the birthday person's phone number and then DO IT (**IF that is something that you want to do**).

Julia M. March 3

Esther T. March 11

Stella T. March 11

Gail R. March 11

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**Wed., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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.**

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**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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**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: \_\_\_\_\_