

**APEX NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS CLUB
APRIL 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 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

Dear Newcomers and Friends,

Happy Easter – Happy Hannukah to everyone.

Normally at this time, we would be anticipating our annual fundraising auction in April. Since we had to cancel the 2020 Auction, all the items that were collected (and there are many) have been stored in my house. At the March board meeting, it was decided to investigate the possibility of holding some sort of flea market type of sale outdoors before the end of our fiscal year: May 2021.

In April a few of us will sort through all the items. We need to check all the gift cards to see if they are still viable, etc. as well as many of the other donations. I will keep you informed of whatever progress we make.

Our new community service project - reference my email to all of you dated March 21st: - the collection of new and gently used books for children infant to 12 years old will take place on April 14th at Lowe's parking lot. Ann S. and Peg will be there ready to receive your donations. This is the same time and place that Marcia and Lois will be collecting food etc. donations to Western Wake Crisis Ministries. Along with our continued support of WWCM, this will be the only other service project we will do as a club this year. I am looking forward to your generous participation in both projects.

The Nominating Committee met in March and has confirmed that all the present officers will remain, continuing to serve their two-year terms. Many thanks to all.

The board will be discussing the club activities that usually take place in May (picnic etc.) and when decisions are made, emails will be sent to all. As customary, all information will also be published in the May newsletter.

Enjoy the spring weather and continue to stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie H., President

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NEW PROJECT: WAKE UP AND READ

At the March 17th board meeting, it was decided that our club will take on a new service project and host a book drive for the Wake Up and Read organization – a local nonprofit focused on children’s reading success by building and expanding home libraries. (www.wakeupandread.org) Their mission is to engage and educate the community about the importance of childhood literacy resources and opportunities for all children.

As we all know, COVID is hurting the reading progress of so many Wake County students. We can help by collecting new and gently-read books for babies up to children 12 years old. So, please look in your bookcases, grandparents ask your kids to donate their kids’ books that have been outgrown, etc. Gently used books can also be purchased for a very nominal cost at Dorcas as well as Guardian Angel thrift shops. And, of course, new books are always very welcome.

For the sake of convenience, we will hold this drive at the same time and place Marcia and Lois will be collecting food and donations for WWCM: April 14th at Lowe’s Market parking lot from 3:15 to 4:00 PM. Ann S. and Peg K. are spearheading this project and will be there to collect the books. I’m hoping we’ll have 100% club participation in this community service project. Thanks in advance!

Marie H., President

PS – If for any reason you have books but can’t get to Lowe’s that day, please let either Ann or Peg know and they will arrange to get the books from you.

PROGRAMS/PUBLICITY Speaker’s Coordinator: Bette F.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FUNDRAISING Cheryl B., Pat K.

See President’s message.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP Coordinator: Julia M. & Marie Z

We will be having our monthly ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Please join us. We have a lot of fun catching up. I will send an email to everyone on the Monday before with a link for you to go to and you will be able to join the ZOOM meeting. If you have a computer, smart phone or a tablet that has a camera on it, you can join our ZOOM meeting. Please take care and continue wearing your mask when you go out in public. Hoping to see you soon,

WESTERN WAKE CRISES MINISTRY/BOOK LITERACY PROGRAM

Coordinator: Marcia K., Lois D.

Lois and Marcia will be in the Lowes Foods parking lot at **3:15 to 4:00 on April 14** to collect food for Western Wake Crisis Ministry. **We will also be collecting children's books in support of the Wake County childhood literacy program. Books for baby through 5th grade are requested. Further information and a reminder will be sent closer to April 14.**

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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.

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.

April's Book Club, the last for the year, will meet Friday, April 16th at Apex Community Park (weather permitting) at 1:30 pm. We will be at the large shelter all the way up top in the park. Our April book selection is The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by "Kim Michele Richardson". Janice A. will be leading off our discussion this month. All are welcome to join us, whether or not you have read the book. Come by and see what we are all about.

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!

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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 1st, 3rd, & 5th 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.

LUNCH Coordinator: Eileen K.

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.

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS Coordinator: Julia M.

Eleanor B.	April 15
Jane W.	April 18
Joy D.	April 21
Fran F.	April 27
Martha S.	April 30

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wed., Apr. 21st @ 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: 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: _____