

APEX NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 2025

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 10:00 a.m. Prospective members are welcome to try two visits to any function before joining. The annual non-refundable dues are \$30.00 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 two entries to the door prize drawing****

“PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Eleanor says, "Happy New Year to One and All"!!!

Hope everyone had a happy holiday. It just doesn't seem possible that another year has come to an end. Our December events closed out our year with a bang!! Our meeting generated a substantial amount of money from the gift basket and lovely items made by Pat. The Christmas party at the Community Center was attended by about 30 people which almost constitutes half of our membership. Our exchange was interesting. Joanne F. had unlucky #13 and she won Santa's pants; Ann S. who makes dozens of neck pillows for the USO won a neck pillow; I was last to pick a number and got #1. Who knows what "quirks" will happen in the new year.

May we have a healthy and prosperous new year. We have many events to look forward to. Being President hasn't been a chore as of yet, and hope we continue to be recognized as a contributing organization to the Town of Apex.

Your President,
Eleanor

PROGRAMS & PUBLICITY: Margaret H.

January - Bingo Fundraiser

February - Apex Fire Department
Fall & Fire Prevention

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FUNDRAISING: Betty S., Esther T., Pat K.

Great pleasure to send kudos out to all our Members that made our Christmas a very successful one.

Our New Year starts out with our fun BINGO.....
3 Boards for \$5.00 ... Gifts for the Winners

Plus our 50/50 Always a hit....5 for five \$

Betty S...Esther T...Pat K..
and a special thanks to our helpers.. Barbara C. & Georgians F.
They always have our backs...

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP: Julia M., Ann McD., Marie Z.

As of December 16, 2024, we have 60 members. I hope we can increase our membership next year. I would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year.

Please arrive by 9:30 at our monthly meeting so that you can snack and sign up for all the upcoming events. We love to socialize before the meeting begins.

“COMMUNITY OUTREACH”

PROM SHOPPE: Judy S.

It's hard to believe that Prom Shoppe 2025 is just around the corner. Our committee is already making plans for our next event. Every year we work to make Prom Shoppe even better than the previous year. One of the things we learned last year was that retailers are now having most of their sales before the Christmas holiday. This is when you will find the best markdowns on makeup, jewelry, and accessories (shoes, wraps and purses). Please keep Prom Shoppe in mind when doing your holiday shopping this year

All items donated can be new or gently used except for makeup. Makeup is particularly tricky because all items must be new and unused

Thank you to all who have so generously supported this event in the past. Let's help make Prom Shoppe 2025 the best year ever!

Please note on your calendars:

This year's Prom Shoppe is one week earlier than in previous years

February 28 and March 1, 2025

WESTERN WAKE CRISIS MINISTRY: Pat M. and Lee D.

We had another great donation at our December meeting for this Ministry. A collection of 65 pounds of food and \$282.00 in cash or other donations was made. Thanks to everyone for your generosity to this wonderful cause.

USO: Eleanor S.

READ AND FEED: Peg K.

TIN TABS: Billie S.

Save those "tin tabs" for the Durham Ronald McDonald House.

"ACTIVITIES"

BOOK CLUB: Marie H. and Joanie V.

We hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. The next book club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15 at 1 p.m. We will continue to meet at Cambridge Village in Apex. At our January meeting, we'll be discussing *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar. This book is described as a gripping, inspiring novel based on the true story of Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law, who played an instrumental role in establishing Vincent's importance as an artist following his death. Kathy has volunteered to lead our discussion - thanks, Kathy! Looking ahead, our book selection for the February 19 meeting is *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab, and our March 19 book is *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams. We don't have a volunteer yet to facilitate the February and March discussions. Please let Marie or Joanie know if you're willing to

facilitate. We're an informal group, so not much preparation is required to lead, as long as you've read the book. Please join us in January for our first meeting of the new year!

BOLIVIA (Tuesday 1:00pm): Eleanor S.

Jan. 7th- Host - Linda W. Jan. 21st - Host - Eleanor S Feb. 4th - Host - Marie Z.
(everything is subject to change!!!!!!)

BOLIVIA (Wednesday): Kate D.

Wednesday Bolivia hostess schedule:

Jan. 8th - Bette Foster

Jan. 22nd - Kate D.

CARING & SHARING: Barbara F.

As always, please send me all requests.

DINNER OUT: Nancy E.

4th Thursday of the month

FLOWERS: Stella T.

GAME NIGHT: Eleanor S.

Game Night will be January 18, 2025 at the home of Betty Schiess, 3015 Silky Dogwood Trail, Apex, starting at 7:00 pm.

HOSPITALITY: Connie L., Joanne F., and Barbara F.

A Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Meeting for supplying dessert/cookies.
We always can use help cleaning up after the meeting.

LUNCH OUT:

NEWSLETTER: Eleanor B.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

If you have any photos that you think should be on our website, please e-mail them to Judy S.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Ann S.

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays!
Happy and blessed New Year to all !
January 30th @ 2:00 pm (Thursday)
Temple Theatre in Sanford
The Sweet Delilah Swim Club

Tickets have been purchased

February 23rd @ 2:00 pm (Sunday)

The Gin Game (comedy)

Fuquay Varina Arts Center

Tickets \$13

I will have sign-up sheet at the January meeting

Please be sure to bring your checkbook or cash if you want to sign up for show.

PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS: A Calendar of proposed events will be available for all members to preview. The purpose of the Sign-Up Sheet is to gauge how many members wish to attend the event listed. (1) The Event will have a deadline; this is the time to make any cancellations or additions, within that deadline payment is required, if payment is not made that member will be taken off the list. (2) Once the tickets are purchased there will be no refunds. Any member who needs to cancel is responsible for finding someone to replace them. If a replacement cannot be found, consider donating to the Club. (3) Payments to be made out to Ann Solta, not ANFC. Members meet at Lowe's Food Parking Lot for carpooling. If arrangements are made ahead of time, please notify the Special Events Coordinator so members are not delayed waiting at the Parking Lot. (4) Please check your emails regularly for any changes that may occur and respond promptly to any requests. (5) If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email, voicemail or text and they will be addressed in a timely manner.

(IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL THE COORDINATOR IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND ANY ACTIVITY FOR WHICH YOU HAVE SIGNED UP)

TRINITY: Bette F.

We are booked for all the rooms at Trinity currently.

I have started a Waiting list. Please contact me if you would like to be added to this list.

WEBMASTER: Judy S.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Diane E.	12-02
Betty S.	12-06
Kathy K.	12-07
Ann S.	12-16
Gay G.	12-20
Margaret H.	12-23

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2025

10:00 AM

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBD

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, (919) 851-1500. They continue to supply a floral arrangement for our monthly meetings. If you have any special occasions coming up, check out their website!

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 Train Depot, at 220 North Salem Street, has the map of Apex as well as Raleigh, Durham, and North Carolina. 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!

JAN 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07 Bolivia 1:00 pm	08 General Meeting 10:00 am Bolivia 1:00 pm	09	10	11
12	13	14	15 Book Club 1:00 pm	16	17	18 Game Nite 7:00 pm
19	20	21 Bolivia 1:00 pm	22 Bolivia 1:00 pm	23 Dinner Out	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Temple Theatre 2:00 pm	31	

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General
Meeting
10:00 am

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Apex Newcomers and Friends Club Membership Application

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Subdivision _____ Moved from _____

Telephone (H) _____ (Cell) _____ EMail _____

Birthday of Member (month/day) _____

Hobbies/Interests _____

Meetings & Dues: Prospective members are welcome to attend two meetings/activities of ANFC 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 \$30.00 membership fee that is non-refundable. The \$30.00 dues include 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 of damage occasioned by, or in connection with any activity of 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, and in the event I, my spouse or my children are 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 _____

Emergency Contact Name/Phone Number _____