



NEW HORIZONS

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Message from the President.....December, 2015

“Of all the months of the year there is no month one half so welcome to the young, or so full of happy associations, as the last month of the year”

~ from *All the Year Round: A Weekly Journal*, Conducted by Charles Dickens, 1887 December 10th

I mentioned in the last New Horizons that I consider this season the “TED” season. “T” was for the traditions that we all enjoy this time of year. Now, December is upon us and we are getting ready for the **Excitement, Exhilaration, and Exhaustion** of the month. Whether we are welcoming family and friends into our homes, traveling to visit the same, or just trying to relax with a good book, a cup of tea and of course the wonderful sweets that are characteristic of the season, the month of December can seem like the shortest month of the year.

A special thank you is extended to those members of Newcomers who have given of their time throughout the year to chair an interest group. We have 19 active groups and 26 chairpersons who deserve your thanks and support. The interest groups are a very important part of our organization and, without those volunteers, the Newcomers Club of Raleigh would not continue to thrive.

Have a wonderful December and **Enjoy** every minute of it.

Warmest Regards,
Anita Timbrook

Please remember to make your reservations for the Holiday Party using the form found in the Newsletter.



*Get the holiday season off to a great start.
Join us for a fun, festive evening of dinner, dancing, and music
with good friends at the*

Newcomers Club of Raleigh Holiday Party

Date: **Tuesday, December 8, 2015**
Time: **6:00 - 7:00pm Cocktails**
7:00 - 8:00pm Dinner
8:00 -10:00pm Music & Dancing
Where: **The TPC Club at Wakefield Plantation**
2201 Plantation Drive
Raleigh, NC 27614
Cost: **\$35.00 members, \$45.00 guests**
RSVP: **Monday, November 30, 2015 using the form on next page**

Festive Attire Suggested

*3 course dinner including appetizer, choice of entrée and dessert. Door prizes, Music by Touch of Class
DJs, Cash Bar.*

Even if you're not a dancer, put on your party clothes and join the fun.



***Newcomers Club of Raleigh Holiday Party
RSVP Form***

***Mail check and RSVP form to:
Newcomers Club of Raleigh, Inc.,
PO Box 99056
Raleigh, NC 27624***

Cost: \$35.00 member, \$45.00 guest. Tax and tip included

***I am enclosing check # _____ for _____ person(s) in the amount of
\$ _____***

***Name(s): _____
_____***

Member Telephone: _____

Member Email: _____

Select one entrée per guest. Please indicate the number of each:

Pecan Crusted Chicken _____

Herb Grilled Salmon _____

Braised Short Ribs _____

Kindly RSVP no later than Monday, November 30, 2015.

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Announcements

Welcome New & Alumni Club Members

Karen and Donald Berg

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Raleigh 27615
H: 919-846-9215
C: 919-349-1628
Berg99040@bellsouth.net
Karen BD: 11/7
Don BD: 5/19
Moved from NY
Interested in Book Club

Jane and Mark Wentlent

1716 Bowling Green Trail (Mt. Vernon Crossing)
Raleigh 27613
Jane C: 717-542-1931
wentlentm@msn.com
Jane BD: 12/31
Mark BD: 8/1
Moved from Huntsville, AL
Interested in Book Club, Wine Tasting, Garden Group,
Stitch "N" Chat, Lunch Bunch

Katherine and Richard Wilkinson

4401 Tealford Ct. Apt 104
Raleigh 27612
C: 608-577-5999
rwilk1@live.com
Kwilkinson1003@gmail.com
Richard BD: 6/2
Katherine BD: 10/3
Moved from Madison, Wisconsin
Interested in Book Club, Mah Jongg, Rambo
Wine Tasting, Fun and Games, Euchre

Katherine and Dick Merrill (Kathy)

10921 Enchanted Hollow Way (Redford)
Raleigh 26714
C: Kathy: 317-691-0618
kem2741@gmail.com
Kathy BD: 01/27
Dick BD: 11/25
Moved from Indianapolis, IN
Interested in Book Club, Daytime Bridge,
Garden Group, Lunch Bunch

Linda and Barry Bannon

1216 Shining Water (Dalton Ridge)
Raleigh, NC 27614
H: 919-977-6235
Linda C: 636-578-9218
linbann@aol.com
Linda BD: 1/17
Gary BD: 6/11
Moved from St. Louis, MO
Interested in Mah Jongg, Canasta, Lunch Bunch,
At the Movies

Evelyn and Warren Williamson

1017 Wedgeland Drive (Greystone)
Raleigh 27615
H: 919-999-4873
C: 843-441-1648
Eaw1012@gmail.com
Evelyn BD: 9/21
Warren BD: 10/6
Moved from Beaufort, SC
Interested in Mah Jongg

Virginia and Joe LePochat

1219 Shining Water Lane (Dalton Ridge)
Raleigh 27614
H: 919-800-7028
C: 703-400-5947
Ginny BD: 1/6
Ginnylepochat222@hotmail.com
Moved from: Arlington, VA
Interested in: book club, lunch bunch

Updates & Directory Corrections

Jean & Bill Leppek: Email corrected - western1004@gmail.com

Diane & Bob Glenn: Home phone corrected - 919-266-1779

Leodyne Alsbach: 5217 Easthorpe Drive, Raleigh 27613-5739, H: 919-999-8748, C: 919-414-1129
glncesa@gmail.com

Vincent & Donna Stignitta: Corrected address - 7312 Fox Road, Raleigh, 27616

Note about the 2015-2016 Directory: If your household has not received a directory please contact Angela Little at davidlittle5@earthlink.net. Include your street address so that one can be mailed to you.

Sharing & Caring

Healing wishes have been sent to Jack Sweetman. Sympathy to the family of Liz Gomes upon her death.

Monthly Coffee - for new and existing members

Friday, December 4th at 10:00 AM. Come help welcome prospective members to the Club and meet some members you might not already know. Harrington Grove Swim and Racquet Club, 12201 New Leesville Blvd, Raleigh, 27613, 919-676-4433 **Directions:** Leesville Road Rd exit off Route 540. Head north on Leesville Rd which becomes New Leesville Blvd. Look for the Club building on your left.

Following the meeting, many members continue the socializing at a local restaurant for lunch. Come along.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 1st at 10:00AM at the home of Arlene Thatcher, 4821 Windmere Chase Dr., Raleigh 27616 (Winchester)

December Birthdays

1	Louise Hartung	15	Kathy Micchia
2	Corinne Moreno	16	Lisa Eggenberger
3	Jack Peterson	17	Marcia Knight
7	Robert Lindall	17	Phillis Taylor
9	Mary Riley	17	Ellen Slagle
11	Barbara Burman	19	Lenore Ziff
11	Diane King	20	Janice Rogers
13	Donna Schwalm	28	Elizabeth Woods
13	Mike Vosmeier	29	Marge Misiano
15	David Helm	31	Jane Wentlent

Additional Information

* To join Newcomers, renew membership, or note a change of home/email address or phone number, please contact **Marianne Hollingshead** at **978-869-8390** or hollingsheadm@gmail.com

* If you know of a Newcomer who needs some cheering up, sympathy or congratulations, please contact **Phyllis Rosenbaum** at **919-845-2138** or prose4800@nc.rr.com

* To submit pre-approved information for the Newsletter, please contact **Geri Goldstein** at **919-977-5085** or gggold18@aol.com

* If you have not received the Newsletter by the first of the month please contact **Angela Little** at **919-803-6245** or davidlittle5@earthlink.net

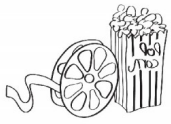
* The next Newsletter copy is due by December 3rd for the January Newsletter.

Interest Group News

Chair: Arlene Thatcher 919-803-2178 arlene.thatcher19@gmail.com

Information about the interest groups is submitted by the chairperson to the Newsletter editor and is due by the 3rd of each month. If changes to the schedule are necessary, the chairperson will notify participants. Please RSVP to the interest group chair or host by the date requested. If you need to cancel a reservation, please notify your host as soon as possible as there may be a waiting list of others who would like to participate. For groups that meet at members' homes, please do not park on lawns or in places that block mailboxes or garbage collection. Interest groups are the spirit of the Newcomers Club. It is in the small-group atmosphere that we connect and build relationships.

AT THE MOVIES



Chairs: Anne Grunow
Julie Helm

919-435-2747 newcomersmovies@gmail.com
440-552-2772

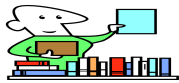
Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for a movie, food and conversation. Sign up for our distribution list & we'll make sure you receive an email a week in advance with the details of that month's movie. We'll select different types of films at a variety of locations throughout the year. We hope you'll plan on dinner and/or dessert afterwards to meet and mingle with other movie buffs. Times will vary but we'll aim for twilight shows (4:00-5:00). Email newcomersmovies@gmail.com to get on our distribution list. See you at the movies!

When: Wednesday, December 9th. Time to be determined by movie schedule

Where: Details to follow a week before once movie schedules become available

RSVP: To Anne or Julie to get on email distribution list at the contact info listed above

BOOK CLUB



Chair: Jinny Sweetman 919-846-6334

gramsjinny@gmail.com

We are having our traditional holiday potluck this month. We won't be discussing a specific book, but please bring the name of your favorite 2015 book to share with the group as well as your potluck item.

When: December 16th at Noon (please note time change).

Where: At the home of Cabrina Palme, 14025 Wallberman Drive, Wake Forest 27587 (Kelsey at Falls Lake)

RSVP: By Monday, December 14th to Cabrina at 919-529-4126 or cabrina.palme@gmail.com

DAYTIME BRIDGE



Chairs: Margaret Wehring 919-870-0155 (Monday)

Geri Sobczak 919-529-1636 (Wednesday)

Every Monday and Wednesday we play 2-6 tables of friendly bridge. Players sign up each week for the next week. If more players are needed the Chair will call members and find someone if possible, if not we drop a table.

When: Every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Humana Guidance Center, 800 Harvest Oaks Dr, Suite 100, Raleigh 27615

RSVP: The week before or contact the chairs at the contact information above.

EVENING BRIDGE



Chair: Kathy Burke 919-803-1207 Kathy@corbet.com

If you enjoy playing a relaxed game of bridge and meeting new people, our group is just for you. Players of all skill levels are welcome for a casual evening of social bridge. First and Third Tuesdays of the month.

When & Where: December 1st at 7:00 PM at at the home of Anne and Bill Grunow

When & Where: December 15th at 7:00 PM at the home of Kathy Burke, co- host Jay Barnhill

RSVP: To Kathy as soon as possible using contact info above. Players are limited by number of tables.

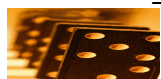
CANASTA



Chair: Tamah Sminkey 919-229-9223 tamahsminkey@gmail.com

We will not meet for Canasta in December due to the Holiday Party being the same day as our usual game. Hope everyone has a wonderful time at the party.

DOMINOES



Chair: Diane Glenn 919-266-1779 Dkglenn65@gmail.com

Dominoes will not be meeting in December.

EUCHRE



Chair: Janice Cramer 919-556-6718 jpcramer@nc.rr.com

Euchre is an enjoyable card game and we will be glad to teach you how to play. We rotate throughout the evening so you get to play with everyone. Please bring a snack to share and anything special you wish to drink. The hostess will provide soft drinks.

When: Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 PM

Where: At the home of Janice and Rich Cramer, 517 Belmont Circle, Wake Forest 27587

RSVP: By Wednesday, December 2 to Janice at (919) 556-6718 or jpcramer@nc.rr.com

FUN AND GAMES



Chair: Arlene Thatcher 919-803-2178 arlene.thatcher19@gmail.com

The group likes to play games that involve the whole group and provide lots of laughs. The hosts will provide the soft drinks, coffee, tea; the guests will bring a snack or dessert to share and any other special drink for themselves if they choose.

When: Saturday, December 12th at 7:00 PM

Where: At the home of Arlene & Jack Thatcher, 4821 Windmere Chase Dr., Raleigh 27616 (Winchester)

RSVP: By December 8th to Arlene at 919-803-2178 or arlene.thatcher19@gmail.com

GARDEN GROUP



Chairs: Sharon Miller 919-846-5056 sharon_miller@juno.com
Shirley Olde 919-676-8600 sgo277@aol.com

The Garden Group will not be meeting in December as we are enjoying the holidays.

LUNCH BUNCH



Chairs: Peggy Park 919-720-4416 pegpark@aol.com
Deb Sinay 312-237-1437 deb360606@yahoo.com

Lunch Bunch will not meet in December as we all prepare for the holidays and happenings at this time of year. We invite you to start your new year off with us on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 11:30 AM. Location will be revealed in the January Newsletter. If you are out and about and discover a restaurant you enjoy, please send the name to one of us. We are always open to suggestions. We hope you have a holiday season full of joy and special times.

MAH JONGG



Chairs: Barbara Burman 919-529-4608 bhburman@yahoo.com
Lori Sauerstrom 919-322-2993 lsart17@aol.com

If you enjoy playing Mah Jongg, this is the group for you. We play every week using the National Mah Jongg League card. Call or email one of the co-chairs if you'd like to give our group a try. Please note that this is a group for experienced players only. We are requested to purchase lunch and/or a drink from the Cafe before we begin playing.

When: Every Monday, lunch at 11:45 AM. Mah Jongg at 12:15 PM until 4:00 PM (except some holidays)
Where: Patti's Café, 8300 Health Park, Raleigh 27615

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP (RAMBOs)



Chair: Neal Auspitz 919-322-4865 nealauspitz@yahoo.com

All Newcomers men are invited to meet for breakfast or just coffee the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. There is no agenda, just informal conversation and interesting company. No RSVP is needed. Just show up and join in. This group finds that there is a lot to talk about.

When: Tuesday, December 1st at 8:30 AM
Where: Brigs of Wake Forest Restaurant, 12338 Wake Union Church Rd, Wake Forest 27587

When: Tuesday, December 15th at 8:30 AM
Where: Brigs Great Beginnings, 811 Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh 27613

MEN'S POKER



Chair: Phil Weiss

703-859-5436

weissphilly@aol.com

The Friendly Poker group continues to meet at a member's home on a rotating basis. The games are fun, stakes are low and the interest continues to grow.

When: Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 PM

Where: Contact Phil at weissphilly@aol.com for details

RSVP: To Phil using the contact info listed above

PROGRESSIVE HAND & FOOT



Chair:

Rae Ann Thompson

919-278-7703

raeannt100@aol.com

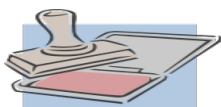
Come join us for a fun time. We meet the second Tuesday of the month. Lunch service begins at 11 AM. If you aren't coming for lunch, be sure to let Rae Ann know you will be arriving to play at noon. You need to bring \$3 to play. Play ends when your table has completed 4 hands, but no later than 3:30 PM. Nice jeans and sneakers or athletic shoes are appropriate attire if you wish to dress more casually.

When: Tuesday, December 8th at 11:00 AM

Where: TPC at Wakefield Plantation, 2201 Wakefield Plantation Drive, Raleigh 27614

RSVP: By Tuesday, December 1st to Rae Ann at raeannt100@aol.com

RUBBER STAMPING



Chairs: Barb Evans

919-217-7695

bje71@nc.rr.com

Molly Lusson

919-554-4639

mollynmichael@aol.com

The members of the Rubber Stamping Group are exhausted from working feverishly all year long. Therefore, they are taking a well deserved holiday break and will enjoy lunch in some lovely spot around town. Call Molly 919-554-4639 or Barb 919-217-7695 for further information.

SINGLE SISTERS



Chairs: Mary Kay Buenzli 919-528-2868

Paula Meek 317-506-0606

paulajomeek@gmail.com

We will be having a Holiday Tea at the Wake Forest Olde English Tea Room. Reservations have been made for 11:00 am. This should be a great time to celebrate the holidays together.

When: Thursday, Decembe 3rd at 11:00 AM

Where: Wake Forest Olde English Tea Room, 219 S. White Street, Wake Forest 27587

RSVP: ASAP to Paula at 919-251-9653 or paulajomeek@gmail.com

STITCH 'N' CHAT



Chair: Susan Reedman 919-200-6079/919-368-3670 abbeyinc@aol.com

Stitch 'n' Chat is a wonderful opportunity to curl up in a comfy chair and stitch with friends. Bring whatever projects that you are working on or have found that were never completed. Need to stitch a hem or sew on a button--bring it along. Join us for an afternoon of stitching and chatting.

When: Thursday, December 17th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM approximately

Where: At the home of Susan Reedman, 1300 Vanagrif Court, Wake Forest 27587 (Heritage Hills),

RSVP: By Monday, December 14th to Susan at 919-368-3670 or abbeyinc@aol.com

WALKING GROUP



Chair: Linda Capristo 919-781-0777 lacapristo@nc.rr.com

Join us for an hour of exercise and conversation. Since December will have most of us hurrying and rushing, we will only meet to walk on Dec 2nd and Dec 9th.

Everyone is welcome; we have walkers at all levels. There are no weekly email reminders or RSVP's. Feel free to meet us whenever you like.

When: Wednesday December 2nd and December 9th. Meet at by 9:25 AM - we start walking at 9:30 AM.

Where: Meet in front of the Panera Bread Company - inside the mall.

RSVP: *First time walkers* call Linda at the contact info above so we can watch for you.

Directions: You can enter the parking lot from Creedmoor Road. Drive into the covered parking area at ground level, Panera Bread Company will be on your left, just after Macy's. Or enter the parking lot from Lead Mine/Blue Ridge Road. Drive around the rear side of the mall (toward Macy's; Panera Bread Co. will be on your right). You'll see their sign on the awning. Meet just inside the Mall entrance in front of Panera Bread.

WINE TASTING



Chair: Louise Plocharsky 860-989-6194 weezie911@gmail.com

Our holiday celebration will be held on December 5, 2015. For this gathering, Cory Lyerly from Taylor's Fine Wines will make his secret selection, and we will have the opportunity to test our wine knowledge with a blind tasting. The foods will be party fare – finger foods of hearty appetizers and seasonal desserts.

When: Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: Hosted by James and Linda Kropp

RSVP: An invitational e-mail to interested Club members will be sent in November.

Newcomers Club of Raleigh is grateful for the continued professional pro bono services of Richard M. Reedman as Treasurer.

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 RAMBOs 8:30am Board Meeting 10:00am Evening Bridge 7:00pm	2 Walking Group 9:25am Day Bridge 10:00am	3 Single Sisters 11:00 am	4 Welcome Coffee 10:00am	5 Euchre 7:00 pm Wine Tasting 7:00 pm
6	7 Day Bridge 10:00am Mah Jongg 11:45am	8 Progressive Hand & Foot 11:00am Holiday Party 6:00pm	9 Walking Group 9:25am Day Bridge 10:00am At the Movies TBD	10 Rubber Stamping 12:00pm	11	12 Fun & Games 7:00pm
13	14 Day Bridge 10:00am Mah Jongg 11:45am	15 RAMBOs 8:30am Evening Bridge 7:00pm	16 Day Bridge 10:00am Book Club 12:00pm	17 Stitch N' Chat 1:00pm Men's Poker 7:00pm	18	19
20	21 Day Bridge 10:00am Mah Jongg 11:45am	22	23 Day Bridge 10:00am	24	25	26
27	28 Day Bridge 10:00am Mah Jongg 11:45am	29	30	31		

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