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Message from the President

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*"May all your troubles last as long as your
New Year's resolutions." – Joey Adams --*

Greetings,

Why waste time with a long list of New Year's resolutions that 80% of us will break by the second week of February according to research at the University of Scranton. Experts estimate 45% of us will still undertake this ill-fated ritual of welcoming in the New Year. But wait, I have a suggestion for a resolution that we can all keep. It will only take a few minutes of time from one day of the 365 days in 2019. Pick up the phone or send off an email to the chair(s) that organize the interest groups you attend and thank them for another year to meet new people, experience new adventures, and make new memories. Don't forget to add the Newcomers Board of Directors with a special thanks to Rene John, Mary Lee and Susan Ragan for our fabulous Holiday Party.

The Newcomers Club of Raleigh is dependent upon our volunteers to lead our organization and organize the interest groups. Without them, we cannot fulfill our mission of fun, friends, and fellowship. Our nomination committee, comprised of Diane Glenn, Susan Ragan, Jane Willis, and chaired by me are actively looking for candidates for next year's Executive and Standing Committees.

We look forward to hearing from many of our members that are interested in supporting our organization next year. Please feel free to contact any of the nominating committee members. For more details on open committee positions, please see page 2.

Happy New Year to all,

Rusine Sinclair

2018-2019 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

President: Rusine Sinclair
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Jinny Sweetman
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Interest Group Monthly Pop-up Chair - February - June 2019

One newcomer member is needed to host, plan and organize **one monthly pop-up event** in 2019 (Feb-June). Here's an opportunity for you to do an activity that **you** like. The possibilities are endless (i.e., walking a trail, tour a museum, garden, or library, attend a special scrapbooking or quilting event, or attend an already planned city parks and recreation event hosted in an area near you).

The NCOR requires your help on filling the board positions for the coming year. Please seriously consider serving in one of the open positions for the 2019-2020 year. The term of office for each position is one year with the option of continuing for another year.

Positions that must be filled and a brief description of the requirements of each are:

President: Presides at all official meetings and chairs Executive and Standing Committees

Vice President: Performs the duties in the absence of the President

Secretary: Records the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors

Hospitality: Greets prospective members at the monthly coffees and welcomes new members as they join

Publicity: Provides club information to media outlets

Newsletter Editor: Does the layout for the monthly newsletter

Welcome

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Changes - Deb and Bill Henry have new email addresses: Deb's email is doheny29@gmail.com and Bill's email is henry3514@nc.rr.com

Caring and Sharing - Continued healing wishes sent to Nancy Schiller.
Contact **Phyllis Rosenbaum** at prose4800@gmail.com with news you have concerning our members - we care!

Monthly Coffee - for new and existing members - make some new friends

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

Following the meeting, members and guests are invited to join those going to lunch to continue socializing.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Harrington Grove Swim and Racquet Club, 12201 New Leesville Blvd, Raleigh 27613. **Directions:** Leesville Road exit off Route 540. Head north on Leesville Road which becomes New Leesville Blvd. The Club building is on your left.

January Birthdays

Will	Nieberding	January 1	Lenore	Rowe	January 17
Elizabeth	Margolis	January 2	Don	Shipley	January 19
Diane	Zamansky	January 2	Mark	Spain	January 19
Roger	Peck	January 3	Jerry	Krier	January 20
Jeanie	Leppek	January 5	Wenfo	Witz	January 20
Cathy	Suchy	January 7	Scott	Jost	January 21
Sue	Stapp	January 9	Dave	Morel	January 22
Andrea	Vosmeier	January 9	Glenn	Stapp	January 22
Suzy	Swink	January 10	Mary	Lee	January 26
Harry	Knight	January 11	Kathy	Merrill	January 27
Nicole	Spiegel	January 11	Bill	Park	January 27
Linda	Drevno	January 12	Pat	Jost	January 29
Lianie	Unterzuber	January 12	Marty	Murphy	January 29
Bonnie	Haight	January 15	Linda	Pechinak	January 29
Molly	Lusson	January 15	Susan	Ragan	January 29
Bob	Ulrich	January 16	Larry	Ragan	January 30
			Richard	Reedman	January 30

Additional Contact Information

To join Newcomers, renew membership, or note a change of home/email address or phone, please contact **Susan Ragan** at **919-263-9646** or sjragan47@gmail.com

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

To submit pre-approved information for Newsletter copy, please contact **Suzy Swink** at **301-502-2013** or swinkvass@gmail.com
February Newsletter copy is due January 3.

If you are having difficulty opening and/or receiving a hard or electronic copy of the monthly Newsletter, please contact **Katherine Wilkinson** at **608-577-5999** or kwilkinson1003@gmail.com

If you have questions about Newcomers website access, send them to newcomersraleigh@gmail.com

Smartphone Users: To access the Member Directory on your smartphone, first you must login. Then press the search spyglass and enter Member Directory into the search window. The first result will say Member Direction in blue. Click on that and the next screen will say You can view the member directory here. Click on [here](#) to view the directory.

New Interest Groups

Anyone interested in chairing any potential new groups and getting them off the ground should contact **Janet Orcutt** at **808-255-1969** or aklearning@yahoo.com

Interest Groups are the spirit of the Newcomers Club. It is in the small-group atmosphere that we connect and build relationships. **Please RSVP to 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 trash collection.

(Proposed) Men's Lunch Group



Chair: Steve Kutay 984-202-5618 skutay1@gmail.com

The new men's lunch group will meet the 3rd Wednesday in January.

When: **Wednesday, January 16 - 1:00 p.m.**
Where: Milton's Pizza, 8853 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27615
Please note that Milton has two locations so be sure you go to the correct place.
RSVP: If you plan to attend, please email Steve Kutay at skutay1@gmail.com

AT THE MOVIES



Chairs: Anne Grunow 919-435-2747
 Julie Helm 440-552-2772 newcomersmovies@gmail.com

Join us on the **4th Thursday** of the month for a movie, food and conversation. Sign up for our distribution list and 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 will aim for twilight shows (4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)** See you at the movies!

When: **Thursday, January 24** - Email newcomersmovies@gmail.com to get on our distribution list.

BOOK CLUB



Chair: Jinny Sweetman 919-846-6334 or 919-208-6415(cell) gramsjinny@gmail.com

Happy New Year, Newcomer readers! We have some great books for 2019 and hope you can join us. The January non-fiction book received the most votes from us. It is ***Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*** by David Grann. Oil is discovered on Osage land in Oklahoma in 1921. One by one, the Osage people die, and J. Edgar Hoover sends agents to investigate. The group meets the **3rd Wednesday** of the month.

When: Wednesday, January 16 - 1:00 p.m.

Where: At the home of Jinny Sweetman, 10621 Pendragon Place, Raleigh NC 27614

RSVP: By Monday, January 14 to Jinny at 919-846-6334 or gramsjinny@gmail.com

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. We meet the **2nd and 4th Monday** of the month. Please contact Kathy Burke at Kathy@corbet.com if you are interested in playing.

When: Monday, January 14 - 7:00 p.m. and Monday, January 18 - no host has volunteered

Where: January 14 host name: Barbara Bender

RSVP: Kathy Burke, see phone # and email above

(Women's) BRUNCH AT BRIGS



Chair: Deb Henry 919-435-7607 doheny29@gmail.com

Ladies, here's another outing you won't want to miss. We will be doing what we do best – chatting, of course. Our group will meet the **3rd Friday** of the month at Brigs at the Forest Restaurant - it has a wonderful breakfast or lunch. You must try it, if you haven't already! Contact Deb Henry if you need further information. **No RSVP needed.**

When: Friday, January 18 - 9:30 a.m.

Where: Brigs at the Forest Restaurant, 12338 Wake Union Church Road, Wake Forest, NC 27587, 919-556-8422

First Time Attendees: Contact Deb Henry at doheny29@gmail.com so we are expecting you.

CANASTA and HAND & FOOT



Chair: Deb Henry 919-435-7607 doheny29@gmail.com

If you would like to learn how to play canasta, or hand and foot, please join us. If you know how to play and just want to play for fun, come and help the newer players. Bring a bag lunch or come after lunch to play. *Yes, we may be those people who chat and drive the serious card players crazy; but we have a good time!* Hostess will provide light dessert, water, coffee and tea and table ready snacks. Bring your own soda. All are welcome. **Space may be limited. The hostess will determine the number she can accommodate.**

When: Friday, January 18 - 11:30 a.m. if you bring a sack lunch or come to play at 12:15 p.m.

Where: At the home of Molly Lusson, 2302 Carriage Oaks Drive, Raleigh, NC 27614

RSVP: By Monday, January 14 to Molly at 919-554-4639 or mollymac1978@gmail.com

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 play the **1st Saturday** of each month. We rotate monthly games and 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. **RSVP as soon as you can as space is limited.**

When: Saturday, January 5 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: At the home of Jane and Bob Willis, 9321 Langwood Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617

RSVP: By Wednesday, January 2 to Jane and Bob at 919-376-8049 or sjwillis64@gmail.com

GAME NIGHT



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

The group likes to play a variety of games that involve the entire group and provides a lot of laughs. The group usually meets the **2nd Saturday** of the month or at the discretion of the person hosting this event. 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 that they choose.

When: Saturday, January 12 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: At the home of Pat and Steve Kutay, 1848 Torrington Street, Raleigh, NC 27615

RSVP: Monday, January 7 to Steve at skutay1@gmail.com or 984-202-5618

LUNCH BUNCH



December - February Chairs

Nancy and Bob Erdmann 440-667-3684
Sally & Tex Curran 919-896-6190

sewingwithmrs.e@me.com
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The January restaurant is Copa and is a Cuban which uses locally sourced ingredients. It will be an opportunity to see all the exciting developments in downtown Durham, many new apartments, restaurants, old-fashioned street lights and paver covered sidewalks. There is a great ice cream shop within walking distance. Parking is on the street as well as parking garages on Mangum and Corcoran streets.

The group meets the **2nd Friday** of the month. Members choose from the regular menu and receive separate checks. We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces, meeting new members, enjoying a delicious meal and camaraderie. **No email reminders are sent - please sign up ASAP.**

When: Friday, January 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Copa, 107 West Main Street, downtown Durham, NC 919-973-0111

RSVP By Saturday, January 5 to Nancy Erdmann at 440-667-3684 or sewingwithmrs.e@me.com

MAH JONGG



Chairs: Barbara Burman 919-529-4608
Lori Sauerstrom 919-322-2993

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If you enjoy playing Mah Jongg, this is the group for you. We play every week using the National Mah Jongg League cards. 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 - 11:45 a.m. Play at 12:15 - 4 p.m. (*except some holidays)

Where: Patti's Café, 8300 Health Park, Raleigh, NC 27615

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP (RAMBOs)



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

Because January 1 falls on a Tuesday, the group decided to move January Rambo Breakfast meetings this month to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. In February, the group will resume their regularly meetings which are held on 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, January 8 - 8:00 a.m. and Tuesday, January 22 - 8:00 a.m.
Where: Brigs Great Beginnings, 8111 Creedmoor Rd., Suite 169, Raleigh, NC 27613, phone 919-870-0994

New Attendees: RSVP to Richard Wilkinson at 608-444-6900 or rwilk1@alive.com so he will expect you.

MEN'S POKER



Chair: Jeff Sauerstrom 919-322-2993 jtaxes@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. This group meets the **last Thursday** of the month.

When: Thursday, January 31 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: Contact Jeff at jtaxes@aol.com for details
RSVP: To Jeff using the contact information listed above

(NON) FICTION BOOK CLUB



Chair: Richard Wilkinson 608-444-6900 rwilk1@live.com

Book of the Month: ***Dead Wake*** by Erik Larsen. If you have any questions, please contact Richard at either his email address or phone # listed above. The group meets the **2nd Wednesday** of the month.

When: Wednesday, January 9 - 1:30 p.m.
Where: At the home of Molly Lusson, 2302 Carriage Oaks Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617
RSVP: By Friday, January 4 - please notify Richard if you plan to attend. Richard's phone # and email are listed above

PROGRESSIVE HAND & FOOT



Chair: RaeAnn Thompson 919-278-7703 raeannt100@aol.com

This group is made up of seasoned players. If you've never played Progressive Hand & Foot, please contact RaeAnn regarding training. We meet the **2nd Tuesday** of the month. Lunch service begins at 11:00 a.m. If you aren't coming for lunch, be sure to let RaeAnn 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 4:00 p.m. Nice jeans and sneakers or athletic shoes are appropriate attire if you wish to dress more casually.

When: Tuesday, January 8 - 11:00 a.m.
Where: Wakefield Country Club, 2201 Wakefield Plantation Drive, Raleigh, NC 27614
RSVP: By Friday, January 4 to RaeAnn at raeannt100@aol.com

RUBBER STAMPING



Chair: Molly Luson 919-554-4639 mollymac1978@gmail.com

Rubber Stamping is a pastime for someone who loved to play with paper dolls, someone who thinks that polka dots and pin stripes go together and who enjoys the company of like-minded glitterati. The group meets the **2nd Thursday** of the month. **RSVP early to accommodate space and material preparation. Carpooling is always a good idea due to limited neighborhood parking.**

When: Thursday, January 10 - 1:00 p.m.
Where: At the home of Arlene Thatcher, 4821 Windmere Chase Dr, Raleigh, NC 27616
RSVP: By Friday, January 4 to Arlene at 585-739-0120 or arlene.thatcher19@gmail.com

SAMBA



Chair: RaeAnn Thompson 919-278-7703 raeannt100@aol.com

Samba is a combination of Canasta, Hand & Foot and Sambas, which are runs. If you need training, contact Rae Ann. This card game takes a little more concentration than Canasta or Progressive Hand & Foot. We meet the **4th Friday** of the month. Lunch service begins at 11 a.m. If you aren't coming for lunch, be sure to let RaeAnn 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 4:30 p.m. Nice jeans and sneakers or athletic shoes are appropriate attire if you wish to dress more casually.

When: Friday, January 25 - 11:00 a.m.
Where: Wakefield Country Club, 2201 Wakefield Plantation Drive, Raleigh 27614
RSVP: By Monday, January 21 to RaeAnn at raeannt100@aol.com

SCRAPBOOKING GROUP



Chair: Janet Orcutt 808-255-1969 aklearning@yahoo.com

Are your photos in an old shoe box? Maybe you have photos in an album that is not acid free paper and your photos are yellowing. It's time to get those photos in proper albums! Demonstrations will help those who are new to scrapbooking. Bring your own projects and supplies. The group meets the **4th Thursday** of the month.

When: **Thursday, January 24 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
Where: At the home of Janet Orcutt, 3313 Stone Castle Court, Raleigh, NC 27613
RSVP: By Monday, January 21 to Janet at 808-255-1969 or aklearning@yahoo.com

STITCH 'N' CHAT



Chair: Molly Lusson 919-554-4639 mollymac1978@gmail.com

EVERYBODY has a little stitching project they just never get done because they can't seem to find the time to sit down and do it. No matter if it is simply mending or a large, lovely artistic wall hanging, you still must just get down to it. This group provides you the time and friends who offer encouragement and experience to help you with your project. We meet the **3rd Thursday** of the month.

When: **Thursday, January 17 - 1:00 p.m.**
Where: At the home of Molly Lusson, 2302 Carriage Oaks Drive, Raleigh, NC 27614
RSVP: By Monday, January 14 to Molly at 919-554-4639 or mollymac1978@gmail.com

THEATER GROUP



Chair: Michele Shaw 919-761-5295 micheleshaw514@gmail.com

There are no light theater performances available in January.

February's Theater event is *Mama Mia*.

When: **Friday, February 15 - 7:30 p.m.**
Where: Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts, 2 East South St., Raleigh, NC, 27601
Purchase your own tickets at dukeenergycenterraleigh.com
Dinner: At 5:30 p.m. - Jimmy V's Osteria + Bar, 420 Fayetteville St., Raleigh, NC 27601,
919-256-1451
RSVP: By Friday, February 8 - contact Michele if you will be attending the dinner so
she can make reservations. Michele's telephone # and email are listed above.

WINE TASTING



Chair: Katherine Wilkinson 608-577-5999

kwilkinson1003@gmail.com

Please join us for the first wine tasting of 2019. Taylor's Wine Shop is working on the theme for this event.

When: Saturday, January 26 - 6:30 p.m.

Where: At the home of Barbara and Dave Morel, 7740 Wilderness Road, Raleigh, NC 27613

RSVP: By Saturday, January 19 to Katherine Wilkinson with a check for \$18.00.

Space is limited -- first come, first serve.

Mail check to:

Katherine Wilkinson, 4401 Tealford Ct., Apt. 104, Raleigh, NC 27612

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

January 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>1 Tuesday</i>	<i>2 Wednesday</i>	<i>3 Thursday</i>	<i>4 Friday</i>	<i>5 Saturday</i>
		<i>New Year's Day</i>			<i>Welcome Coffee</i> 10:00 am	<i>Euchre</i> 7:00 pm
<i>6</i>	<i>Mah Jongg</i> 11:45 am	<i>RAMBOs</i> 8:00 am <i>Board Meeting</i> 10:00 am <i>Progressive Hand & Foot</i> 11:00 am	<i>Non-Fiction Book Club</i> 1:30 pm	<i>Rubber Stamp Group</i> 1:00 pm	<i>Lunch Bunch</i> 11:30 am	<i>Game Night</i> 7:00 pm
<i>13</i>	<i>Mah Jongg</i> 11:45 am <i>Evening Bridge</i> 7:00 pm		<i>Book Club</i> 1:00 pm <i>(Proposed) Men's Lunch</i> 1:00 pm	<i>Stitch n' Chat</i> 1:00 pm	<i>Brunch at Brigs</i> 9:30 am <i>Canasta</i> 11:30 am	
<i>20</i>	<i>Mah Jongg</i> 11:45 am	<i>RAMBOs</i> 8:00 am		<i>Scrapbooking</i> 9:30 am <i>At the Movies</i> TBA	<i>Samba</i> 11:00 am	<i>Wine Tasting</i> 6:30 pm
<i>27</i>	<i>Mah Jongg</i> 11:45 am			<i>Poker</i> 7:00 pm		

No January Theater event
February 15 Theater Group event is "*Mama Mia*"

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