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Message from the President

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*Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength
while loving someone deeply gives you courage. – Lao Tzu*

Greetings,

*This February we not only celebrate Valentine's Day but also **Chinese New Year on February 5th**, which inspired my Valentine thought written by a famous Chinese philosopher. Over two billion people will celebrate the New Year of the Pig in East Asia and around the world. In East Asia, the holiday lasts for a week during which many people travel to attend family reunions. Turning to Valentine's Day, just in the United States, 180 million celebrate and are joined by many more around the world. Gift giving and dining out are traditions for both holidays, with combined spending estimated at \$130 billion across the U. S. and China. February is truly a month of celebrations in 2019.*

*The question is how are you going to enjoy February? Well, I have a couple of suggestions for you. Let's start with the **Chinese New Year** that will be celebrated early on **Saturday, January 26th** in Dorton Arena at the NC State Fairgrounds. The event will feature cultural performances, authentic Asian food, and exhibits of arts and crafts. For more information, visit www.nctacas.org.*

*Something different for you to consider is the exhibit at the Ackland Art Museum located on the University of NC campus titled "**The Beautiful Brain: The Drawings of Santiago Ramon y Cajal**" from **January 25th through April 7th**. According to Roberta Smith of The New York Times, it is "...one of the most unusual, ravishing exhibitions of the season."*

As for Valentine's Day, I am hoping my Valentine will surprise me with dinner at one of our area's fine dining restaurants, a sweet card, and a bouquet of flowers. Of course, my gift to him is a big secret!

Happy Valentine's Day,

Rusine Sinclair

Save the Date

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 Annual Meeting and Luncheon - location is to be determined

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 Installation Luncheon at Winston's Grille

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Interest Group Monthly Activities Pop-up Chair Needed - 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 for the coming year. Please entertain the idea of helping direct the club in the 2019-2020 year. The term of office for each position is one year (June to May) with the option of continuing.

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

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

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

Publicity: Responsible for providing club information to media outlets

Hospitality: Responsible for greeting new and prospective members at the monthly coffees and member programs.

We wish to thank all the current board members, interest group chairs/co-chairs who have served this 2018-2019 year and those who will continue to serve for the upcoming 2019-2020 year.

Welcome

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Address Change - Gail and Lynn Hunsicker have a new address: 13010 Garden View Lane, Apt 103, Raleigh, NC 27614

Change the secondary phone number for Joyce & Lou Guttman to 919-263-9417

Caring and Sharing - Condolences go out to Maria Romano on the passing of her son, Michael and to Sue and Glenn Stapp for the loss of their daughter, Angela.
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, February 1 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, February 5 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.

February Birthdays

Peggy	Park	February 2
JoAnna	Carallo	February 4
Vicki	DiMaggio	February 4
Andrea	Ellis	February 4
Brenda	Frank	February 6
Jule	White	February 7
Dale	Krause	February 8
Joan	Levy	February 8
Howard	Ellis	February 9
Jo	Dykes	February 11
Deb	Henry	February 11

Bob	Glenn	February 13
Anita	Martinek	February 13
Cliff	Merrill	February 17
Lynn	Hunsicker	February 19
Larry	Krinking	February 24
Jim	Kropp	February 24
Hilda	Campbell	February 26
Bill	Grunow	February 26
Ray	Martin	February 26
Beth	Walker	February 28
Carol	Caruana	February 29

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 **March Newsletter copy is due February 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 men's lunch group will meet the **3rd Wednesday** in February.

When: **Wednesday, February 20 - 1:00 p.m.**
Where: Milton's Pizza, 8853 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27615
Please note that Milton's have two locations so be sure you go to the correct place.
RSVP: **If you plan to attend, please RSVP via email to Steve Kutay at skutay1@gmail.com so he knows how many seats to reserve.**

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, February 28** - 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

This month, the group will be discussing *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Two families of Shaker Heights are brought together by their children. The group meets the **3rd Wednesday** of the month.

When: Wednesday, February 20 - 1:00 p.m.

Where: At the home of Sandy Ricci, 6609 Battleford Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613

RSVP: By Monday, February 18 to Sandy at 919-807-9782 or finlandinmind@protonmail.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, February 11 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Hosts name: Cary and Jack Peterson

RSVP: Kathy Burke, see phone # and email above

When: Monday, February 25 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Hosts name: Wilma and Jerry Krier

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

Where: At the home of Suzanne Lyons, 500 Otway Road, Wake Forest, NC 27587

RSVP: By Monday, February 11 to Suzanne at suzannelyons44@outlook.com or 919-435-7832

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 IMMEDIATELY as space is limited.**

When: Saturday, February 2 - 7:00 p.m.

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

RSVP: By Wednesday, January 30 to Janice at jpcramer@nc.rr.com or 919-556-6718

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, February 9 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: At the home of Arlene and Jack Thatcher, 4821 Windmere Chase Drive, Raleigh, NC 27616

RSVP: By Monday, February 4 to Arlene at her telephone # or email listed above

LUNCH BUNCH



December - February Chairs

Nancy and Bob Erdmann 440-667-3684 sewingwithmrs.e@me.com
Sally & Tex Curran 919-896-6190 sallytex80@gmail.com

For February, the restaurant is Nancy's Pizzeria. Nancy's menu includes salads, pastas, sandwiches and of course, pizza. Pizza can be Nancy's signature Chicago stuffed style, original thin or super thin crust. The restaurant is located on Creedmoor Road in the Brennan Station Shopping Center between Town & Country Hardware and O2 Fitness.

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, February 08 - 11:30 a.m.**
Where: Nancy's Pizzeria, 8111 Creedmoor Road, Suite 137, Raleigh, NC 27613, 919-870-9777
RSVP By Saturday, February 2 to Sally Curran at 919-896-6190 or sallytex80@gmail.com

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 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

February Rambo Breakfast meetings are held 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, February 5 - 8:00 a.m. and Tuesday, February 19 - 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, February 28 - 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: *A Line in the Sand* by James Barr. If you like to join this membership group, please contact Richard at the above email address or call him at 608-444-6900 with any questions. The group meets the **2nd Wednesday** of the month.

When: Wednesday, February 13 - 1:30 p.m.
Where: At the home of Steve Kutay, 1848 Torrington Street, Raleigh, NC 27615
RSVP: By Saturday, February 9, please respond to Richard at rwilk1@live.com with your intentions of attending.

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, February 12 - 11:00 a.m.
Where: Wakefield Country Club, 2201 Wakefield Plantation Drive, Raleigh, NC 27614
RSVP: By Friday, February 8 to RaeAnn at raeannt100@aol.com

RUBBER STAMPING



Chair: Molly Lusson 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, February 14 - 1:00 p.m.
Where: At the home of Barb Evans, 1101 Oak Crest Drive, Knightdale, NC 27545
RSVP: By Sunday, February 10 to Barb at 919-217-7695 or bj71@nc.rr.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, February 22 - 11:00 a.m.
Where: Wakefield Country Club, 2201 Wakefield Plantation Drive, Raleigh 27614
RSVP: By Monday, February 18 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 **last Wednesday** of the month.

When: Wednesday, February 27 - 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, February 25 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, February 21 - 1:00 p.m.
Where: At the home of Diane Glenn, 2801 Candlehurst Lane, Raleigh, NC 27616
RSVP: By Monday, February 18 to Diane at 919-266-1779 or dkglenn65@gmail.com

THEATER GROUP



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

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 www.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.

March's Musical is *Bonnie and Clyde*.

When: Saturday, March 16 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: North Raleigh Little Theatre, 7713-51 Lead Mine Road, Raleigh, NC 27615
Tickets: Purchase tickets at www.nrac.org or call 919-866-0228
Dinner: At 6:30 p.m. - Imperial Garden, 7713 Lead Mine Road, Raleigh, NC 27615, 919-846-1988
RSVP: By Monday, March 11 for dinner reservations - contact Michele at phone # or email listed above.

WINE TASTING



Chair: Katherine Wilkinson 608-577-5999

kwilkinson1003@gmail.com

Please join us for a BYO Wine Tasting in February. Everyone will bring their own bottle of wine. A food sign-up will be emailed approximately one week prior to the event.

When: Saturday, February 23 - 6:30 p.m.

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

RSVP: Katherine Wilkinson at kwilkinson1003@gmail.com with the names and the number of people attending.

Space is limited -- first come, first serve.

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

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday	2 Saturday
					Welcome Coffee 10:00 am	Euchre 7:00 pm
3	4 Mah Jongg 11:45 am	5 RAMBOs 8:00 am Board Meeting 10:00 am	6	7	8 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	9 Game Night 7:00 pm
10	11 Mah Jongg 11:45 am Evening Bridge 7:00 pm	12 Progressive Hand & Foot 11:00 am	13 Non-Fiction Book 1:30 pm	14 Rubber Stamping 1:00 pm	15 Brunch at Brigs 9:30 am Canasta 11:30 am Theater 7:30 pm	16
17	18 Mah Jongg 11:45 am	19 RAMBOs 8:00 am	20 Book Club 1:00 pm (Proposed) Men's Lunch 1:00 pm	21 Stitch n' Chat 1:00 pm	22 Samba 11:00 am	23 Wine Tasting 6:30 pm
24	25 Mah Jongg 11:45 am Evening Bridge 7:00 pm	26	27 Scrapbooking 9:30 am	28 Poker 7:00 pm At the Movies TBD		

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