

The NEWCOMER

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Newsletter

July, 2004

August 9	Newcomers' Board Meeting	7:30 pm
August 14	Kayaking	3:00 pm
September 6	Labor Day Games	11:00 am
September 18	Barge Party	5:45-10:00 pm
October	Costume Party	TBA
November	High Tea	TBA
December 11	Holiday Gift Exchange	TBA



July 4th Fireworks a Crowd Pleaser

An enthusiastic crowd of Lake Barcrofters gathered on Sunday, July 4 to watch the annual LBA fireworks display. The beaches were packed and the lake as well, as captains anchored their boats off Beach 3 to enjoy the festive occasion. Rain threatened to cancel this annual event, as it had the parade. But as one young fan said, "The suspense of it all – was it on or off – just added to the fun."

A mid-afternoon visit to the set-up site above Beach 3 revealed some interesting behind-the-scenes facts about the amount of work required for our 30-minute show. Five-year veteran Amon Nixon and Phil Kemelor were awash in mud, setting up rows of shell casings in wooden frames. (Other Newcomers helping out: Kevin Howell, Mark Goldberg, Mike Spivey, and Sue Nixon.) They worked alongside two professional pyrotechnicians from the Zambelli Company, based in New Castle, PA. The senior representative proudly stated that the Zambelli Company is "the largest fireworks company in the world and we have over 25,000 shows going off today."

The team of Lake Barcroft volunteers greeted the arrival of the shells at 2:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. they were joined by other Lake Barcroft volunteers, and once the decision was made to go forward, they began loading the rounds. The tireless volunteers would stay on the job until all the shell casings were checked and dismantled for the return trip to New Castle. By law, they are not allowed to leave the shells over night.

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Next Board Meeting: August 9

The next Newcomer's Board meeting will be at Anne Simon's house, 3802 Whispering Lane (off Columbia Pike), on Monday, August 9, at 7:30 pm. You can reach Anne at 703-750-0006, 571-426-2991, or 202-647-6473 (w).

All club members are welcome to attend...especially if you're looking for an opportunity to help make one of our next events happen



Neighbors teamed up with professional pyrotechnicians to prepare the muddy launching area. (Both photos by Janet Kerley.)

Fireworks (from page 1)

"Safety is our first concern," said Amon. Indeed, the entire affair is marked by extreme caution. The Fairfax County Fire Marshall visited the site to check the placement of the rounds and stayed until the show was over. Eager visitors to the set-up site during the afternoon were politely, but firmly, escorted back away from the work zone. Great care is taken to protect the homes surrounding the set-up site.

To our good fortune, Lake Barcroft's show this year had a larger low-level display than normal. The main show was made up of 280 shells, while the finale had more than 240 rounds. For the curious, the shells are the size of baseballs, measuring 8 to 10 inches in diameter.

How does our fireworks display compare to the display on the Washington Mall? "Well, the shells used downtown are the size of watermelons and weigh 80 pounds. We may have a smaller show, but we definitely have a better looking crew of pyrotechnicians," Amon added.

The success of the fireworks at Lake Barcroft rivaled that of the show on the Mall. The reactions from the neighbors were overwhelmingly positive. "The beach vibrated; the colors were beautiful and the finale gorgeous. You have all the excitement of the fireworks without the driving and the crowds. We were at the beach and watching fireworks at the same time." George Waters summed it up for all of us. Congratulations to Amon Nixson and the rest of the LBA fireworks crew on a superb job of putting on the fireworks!

-- Janet Kerley

Next Event: 'Yakkin' Around the Lake

Date: Sunday, August 14
Time [tentative]: 3:00 pm yakking, 5:00 pm picnic
Place: Beaches 1-5, in order
Bring: Something to grill & side dishes to share
RSVP: Anne Simon, 703-750-0006

What's all that noise on the Lake? Newcomers' "Yakkin' Around the Lake," of course. Join us on Saturday, August 14 as we caravan from beach to beach in kayak, canoe or rowboat and then arrive at Beach 5 to picnic. Landlubbing Newcomers and other LB yakkers welcome to join us directly at the picnic.

Details are still being firmed up, but the yakking will probably start around 3 pm, arriving at Beach 5 around 5 pm. Bring grill items and side dishes to share. Newcomers will provide drinks. Further info will be available from Anne Simon, 703-750-0006 (H) in August. We're also looking for lead yakkers to guide us around collecting from the beaches. Possible regatta and/or races, etc. if weather conditions allow.

Watch your e-mail for more details!

Save the date! Newcomers' Barge Party

Date: Saturday, September 18
Time: 5:45 pm –10:00 pm
Place: Frank & Sharleen Aukofer's home
6325 Beachway Dr. (parking on Patrick Henry)
Cost: \$40 Newcomers Club members
\$45 per person non-Newcomers Club members
\$45 per person for registrations after Sept. 10
Optional - \$5 for Lake Barcroft plastic wine glass
RSVP: Send registration form on page 4 of this newsletter to Lisa Levine, 642-0904, llevine@elamail.com

If you've never been to a Barge Party, or haven't been to one recently – save this date and plan to attend!

You'll have a wonderful time meeting new neighbors and reconnecting with your old friends. Our hosts are Frank and Sharlene Aukofer, 6325 Beachway Dr.

We will cruise the lake while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, then return to the Aukofers' home for a wonderful dinner under the stars.

Call for Volunteers: Labor Day Games

The Newcomers' Club traditionally turns out a contingent to help with the Lake Barcroft Association's Labor Day Games. This year's games will include a fishing contest, 1-mile race, penny pile for kids, 3-legged race, sack race, swim across the lake, canoe race, kayak race (9' and under, single), sandcastle contest, tug-o'-war, and possibly other events not yet imagined. Approximately 15 volunteers are needed to handle registration, coordinate and time races, serve as judges, and distribute prizes. To volunteer, please contact Joe Pisciotta at 914-1453, or a2jpsciotta@aol.com.

Newest Newcomers

Welcome to our new neighbors:

Farouk Ahmed and Sylvia Brock	3416 Rusticway La.
Brien and Keri Boland	6437 Lakeview Dr.
David and Janice Hammer	3428 Stoneybrae Dr.
Jeff Jeffrey and Mary Van Leuven	6352 Crosswoods Dr.
Wilber and You-Sook Lund	6226 Lakeview Dr.
Seldon and Denise Morgan	6318 Waterway Dr.
Ian and E.A. Stewart	6424 Crosswoods Dr.
Iлона Szemzo	3331 Grass Hill Ter.



Christy Herz (left, standing) introduces neighbor Eunhee Roth at the Korean dinner outing in June. (Photo by Paul Imse.)

**Event wrap-up:
Korean Dinner
at Han Sung Oak**

At the Club's June dinner, we found out why Korean Americans from as far away as Boston and New York make a stop at Han Sung Oak (in Barcroft Plaza) part of their trip to the DC area. The food is simply excellent. Even Korea's First Lady stopped in during her husband's state visit.

Eunhee Roth, a resident of Whispering Lane who came to the US from Korea ten years ago, selected the menu. Everybody enjoyed the Korean barbeque and many side dishes. Eunhee told us about the formal style of Korean dining, how to properly toast the table's elder before beginning your meal (turn 20 degrees to the side), and how to pace yourself so you do not finish eating before he does! Eunhee also explained the many vegetables and side dishes that accompanied the beef grilled on our tabletops. It is said to be a very healthy cuisine. But—Eunhee warned us—Koreans use a lot of garlic, so kiss your spouse before you go, not after!

For those who couldn't attend this sold-out event, we recommend trying the following menu items. The consensus of the group was, we're all going back for more!!

- ❖ Hae Mool Pa Jun (pancake with scallions, shrimp, oyster bits, squid bits and seasoning)
- ❖ Goon Man Do (fried dumplings)
- ❖ Chap Chae (vermicelli noodles stir-fried with beef and vegetables in special seasoned sauce)
- ❖ Gal Bi (beef short ribs)

--Christy Herz

E-mail Newsletter

Reminder: If you need to add or update your email address, please notify us at lbnewcomers@yahoo.com. We much prefer to distribute the newsletter by e-mail, so please let us know if you have an e-mail address.

Newcomers' Board

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Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Membership Form

Names of Household Members:

Street Address _____

Falls Church, VA Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Is this a new membership? Yes No

New Member Move-in Date: _____

***Membership dues for fiscal year 2004 are \$15 per household. Please renew your family membership by Oct. 1, 2004.

Please send your Membership Form to Carolyn Coldren, 3428 Greentree Dr. Falls Church, VA 22041. Make checks payable to LB Newcomers.

Annual Newcomers Club Barge Party

Saturday, September 18, 2004

5:45 pm - 10:00 p.m.

Location:

Frank & Sharleen Aukofer's Home

6325 Beachway Drive

Falls Church, VA

(please park on Patrick Henry Drive)

All Lake Barcroft residents and guests are invited to attend. Barges will begin departing from the Aukofer's deck at 6:00p.m. for a lovely sail around the Lake. Dinner and entertainment will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Barge Party offers a great opportunity to meet new neighbors, reconnect with old friends and enjoy our beautiful lake.

Questions? Please call Lisa Levine at 703-642-0904.

Price: \$40 per person for Newcomers Club members

\$45 per person Non-Newcomers Club members

\$45 per person for registrations received after September 10, 2004

Lake Barcroft plastic wine glasses will be sold during the party. Please order your glasses in advance.

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Annual Newcomers Club Barge Party

Registration Form

Please print

Name:(1)_____ (2)_____

(3)_____ (4)_____

Address:_____

*Phone:_____ *Email:_____

*Please provide this information in case there is a weather related change of plans.

#of people

_____ x \$40 Newcomers Club Members(each person must be a member to get this rate)

_____ x \$45 Non-Newcomers

_____ x \$45 Late Registration (after Sept 10, 2004)

_____ x \$5 Lake Barcroft Wine plastic wine glasses

Total Enclosed: \$_____

Make checks payable to: Lake Barcroft Newcomers Club

Mail to: Lisa Levine, 3502 Stoneybrae Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044

Questions: Call Lisa Levine at 703-642-0904