

The NEWCOMER

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Newsletter



November/December, 2004

December 6
December 11

Next Newcomers' Board Meeting
Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

7:30 pm
6:00 pm

Board Members Wanted

The Newcomers' Club's annual election of officers and board members will occur at the Holiday Party on December 11. Several key officers expect to step down after this year, so there are plenty of opportunities for others to step up to the plate. For the benefit of members who may not be familiar with the board and what it does, here are brief descriptions of the positions:

President: Runs board meetings, follows up to ensure that everything gets done.

Vice President: Helps out wherever needed and fills in for president when the president is unavailable.

Treasurer: Receives and disburses all funds.

Secretary: Maintains membership database, distributes newsletter and announcements.

Membership/Welcome: Organizes distribution of welcome baskets and information to new members of the community, and encourages all community members to join the Newcomers Club to help integrate new neighbors into the community.

Hospitality: Coordinates purchase, transportation, and storage of refreshments and supplies needed at Newcomers Club events.

Newsletter: Edits this newsletter.

PR/Historian: Serves as photographer at Newcomers' events and also maintains archive of photos and other information about past events.

Event Chairs: Coordinate individual club events.

At-Large: Help out as needed with specific events/projects of interest.

Nominations for all positions should go to Vice President David Dale (658-4518) prior to the Holiday Party. Self-nominations are welcome. Individuals can also volunteer to chair specific events or serve as at-large board members at any time during the year by contacting the club's president.

Next Newcomers' Board meeting: Monday, Dec. 6

The next Newcomers' Club board meeting will be held on Monday, December 6 at the home of Carolyn Coldren, 3428 Greentree, at 7:30 pm. All Lake Barcroft residents are welcome. If you're thinking about volunteering to serve on the board next year, this meeting provides an excellent opportunity to find out more!

Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

Date: Saturday, December 11

Time: Cocktails begin 6:00 pm

Place: Home of Rick Malone and Jaime Bowerman
6319 Cavalier Corr. ("The Ark")

Cost: \$5 per person members, \$10 nonmembers

RSVP: Samira West, by December 3

703-256-8777 or toddnsam@earthlink.net

Why is the Newcomers Club's holiday gift exchange one of the most eagerly-awaited social events of the Barcroft season? Because the best way to get to know your neighbors is to see what kinds of gifts they'll steal from each other!

The gifts range from good stuff to humor to white elephants to "what the heck is that?" The fun comes as the gifts are randomly selected and then "stolen" by those picking later or by the victims of theft. Santa Claus (Joe Pisciotta) will once again return as emcee and referee.

This year's new, low price of admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members, plus a wrapped gift to go under the tree for each couple or person. The gift is the price of admission to participate in the gift exchange, and the value of the gift should be \$10 or less. Please also bring either an appetizer (if your last name ends in A-K) or a dessert (if your last name ends in L-Z).

The Newcomers' board elections will also take place at the party. The dress is holiday casual.

Happy Halloweeners



A small but jolly crew turned out for the club's Halloween party at the home of Shane and Alison Oleson. David Dale and Curtis Haymore won prizes for best overall costumes, and Matt Friedman won the prize for most original costume. (Bill Wasylyk photo.)

Not just for Newbies ...

The purpose of the Newcomers' Club is to welcome new neighbors and help them get to know the neighborhood. We can do that most effectively when longtime residents as well as newbies join the club, participate in our activities, and share their Lake Barcroft experiences with newer arrivals. As club President Paul Imse says, "Newcomers is for all comers!"

Smile and say "tea"



Carolyn Coldren, Louise Spindel, and Pat Manning (L to R) take a break from tea and conversation to smile for the camera at the Newcomers' Club's tea party at the home of John and Andi Pearson on November 7. (Joel Gregorio photo.)

Newcomers' Board

President:	Paul Imse	256-9506
VP:	David Dale	658-4518
Secretary:	A member like you	
Newsletter:	Sandy Chiong & Jerry Ellig	941-4790
Treasurer:	Carolyn Coldren	671-4029
Hospitality:	Anne Simon	750-0006
Membership:	Christy Herz	256-5533
Web Liaison:	Charles Turner	354-8630
PR:	Bill Wasylyk	671-3529

About the Newsletter...

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

We aim to get this Newsletter out bi-monthly, or more frequently when there's a lot going on. Since Lake Barcroft already has an excellent monthly community newsletter, our principal goal is to convey information about Newcomers' Club events and other community happenings of special interest to club members. Feel free to contact us at any time with suggestions at jellig@yahoo.com, or sandybeachbum@juno.com.

Newest Newcomers

Welcome to our new neighbors!

Henry Baynes and Maria Torres	3706 Quaint Acres
Raymond and Deborah Johnson	6530 Jay Miller Drive
Suzanne McDowell & Donna Pearson	6371 Burton Cir.
Jake Riehm and Kate Walsh	3325 Grass Hill Terrace
Warren Russell and Bonnie Blyth	6509 Jay Miller Dr.
Peter and Yolanda Smingler	6134 Beachway Dr.
Kevin Webb	6382 Lakeview Dr.
Wilson Whitney & Alice Lima Whitney	6236 Edgewater Dr.

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: _____

***Dues for fiscal year 2004-2005 are \$15 per household, due on Sept. 1. Time to join or renew now!

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