

The NEWCOMER

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Newsletter



November-December 2005

December 10

Holiday Party and Newcomers' Board Elections

6:00 pm

Holiday Party Plans Set

The Newcomers' Club will close out the year on December 10 with our traditional Holiday Party that includes the famous "gift stealing" game. Joe Pisciotta will again emcee the game as Santa, accompanied for the first time by his trusty elf, Matt Friedman. Will Matt and Suzanne's dog, Toby, show up tricked out as a reindeer? Only one way to find out!

Time: December 10, 6:00 pm

Place: Home of David and Joann Dale
3616 Ridgeway Terrace
(Meet your hosts: See p. 2)

Cost: \$15 per person (members)
\$20 per person (non-members)
Join Newcomers for \$15 and save \$10 per couple!

Bring: Appetizer if your last name begins with A-S
Dessert if your last name begins with T-Z
Keg of beer or case of wine if your last name begins with a number, symbol, or picture

Anyone wishing to participate in the gift game should bring a wrapped gift – could be a White Elephant item, something nice, or maybe even naughty (if tasteful).

RSVP: *In advance* to Colleen Coyle, 703-509-0996
or ccoyle@akingump.com.

Also contact Colleen if you would like to help with welcome, setup, or cleanup.

Parking on the Ridgeway circle will be limited, so please consider parking on Crosswoods.

Newcomers' Board Elections

The Newcomers' Club's annual election of officers and board members will occur at the Holiday Party on December 10. This year we are alternating the terms to allow for 50 percent of the board positions to turn over each year. Please contact Lisa Levine at 703-642-0904 or llevine@elamail.com to indicate your interest. Deadline for nominations is December 8, 2005, noon EST.

In addition to board positions, Newcomers always have opportunities to help coordinate events and/or volunteer at events. For the benefit of members who may not be familiar with the board and what it does, brief descriptions of the positions can be found on page 2.



Victoria and Luis Fernandez generously opened their home to the Newcomers' Club for a happy hour on November 4.

Happy Hour Provides 2 Hours of Happiness

More than 70 people attended the Newcomers' Club's November 4 happy hour at the home of Victoria and Luis Fernandez on Waterway Lane. Longtime neighbors and newcomers alike gathered around tables of tasty hors d'oeuvres that included everything from cheeses to homemade dips to seasonal pumpkin and white chocolate cookies. Many thanks to the Fernandezes for opening their home for this fun event!

The only curious glitch at this event was the disappearance of a large bag of leftover cheese after we cleaned up the Fernandezes' house. If you attended the happy hour and found a plastic bag full of an unidentified smelly substance in your car a few weeks later, please let us know so we can report the mystery solved. You can keep the cheese.

-Sam West

Katrina Raffle Raises Beacoup Aid Bucks

Proceeds from the raffle at the Newcomers' Club's September Barge Party were donated to the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief. Thanks to the generosity of friends, neighbors, and raffle prize donors, we raised \$1300 for the Red Cross at this event. A complete list of raffle prize donors appeared in the September-October newsletter.



Holiday Party: Meet your hosts ...

David and Joann Dale have generously agreed to host the Newcomers Club's holiday party this year. We thought club members and neighbors might want to know something about the hosts before arriving at their home, so we talked with David and Joann about their experience at Lake Barcroft.

The Dales have lived at Lake Barcroft for about four and one-half years – about two years in their current residence, and about two years at a house on Beachway. “When we saw the lake, we were just smitten,” said Joann. Their next pleasant surprise came after they moved in, when neighbors immediately started introducing themselves and inviting them to parties and community events. “Lake Barcroft has a neighborhood spirit we’d never experienced before,” she said.

Their first house came complete with the standard Lake Barcroft pastel-tiled bathrooms – plus a homemade two-person bathtub in the basement, constructed of wire mesh and reinforced concrete. “It was clearly ahead of its time,” David said. “We had to bring in a jackhammer to remove it.” They stumbled across their current house when they happened to see the “for sale” sign as they were walking into a Newcomers’ event at Mike Spivey’s house across the street.

The Dales both jumped right in and got involved in the Lake Barcroft community. David served a two-year term on the Lake Barcroft Association Board, and also as Hospitality Chair

Newest Newcomers

Welcome to our new neighbors!

Kevin and Jill Anderson	6136 Beachway Drive
Geoffrey and Patricia Brown	6365 Burton Circle
Kevin and Meredith Horn	3517 Wentworth Drive
Jason and Izabella Iannotti	3329 Grass Hill Terrace
Donna and Tobin James	6401 Cavalier Corridor
Paul Kress and Wanda Font	6306 Beachway Drive
Guy and Lynn Mayer	6405 Lyric Lane
Abi Soemarko and Melissa Calmes	6375 Dockser Terrace

and Vice President of the Newcomers’ Club. Joann is an active member of the Barcrofters, Women’s Club, and Bridge Club.

Why did you move to Lake Barcroft? They were thinking of leaving McLean for Florida when their daughter, who attended school with a lot of kids from Lake Barcroft, suggested they take a look. Joann said that when she saw the long view of the lake, looking toward the dam, she knew they had to move here.

Most memorable experience on the lake: “The people here make it most memorable to me,” David noted.

Most interesting local restaurant: El Gran Palenque, 5863 Columbia Pike, for its succession of mariachi-style bands on Friday nights.

Favorite local restaurants: Duangrats, 5878 Leesburg Pike (Thai), Miu Kee, 6653 Arlington Blvd. (Chinese).

Favorite “exquisite” restaurant for a special occasion: 2941, 2941 Fairview Dr. The owner’s father bakes the restaurant’s bread on the premises.

Joann’s favorite cocktail: Cosmopolitan.

David’s favorite cocktail: Jim Beam and Coke on ice.

Officers and Board Positions

(To be elected at the Holiday Party, Dec. 10)

President: Runs board meetings, follows up to ensure that everything gets done. (Term expires 2006)

Vice President: Helps out wherever needed and fills in for president when the president is unavailable. (Term expires 2007)

Treasurer: Receives and disburses all funds. Maintains and reports on monthly financials. (Term expires 2006)

Secretary: Maintains membership database, distributes newsletter and announcements. (Term expires 2007)

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. (Term expires 2007)

Hospitality: Coordinates purchase, transportation, and storage of refreshments and supplies needed at Newcomers Club events. (Term expires 2006)

Newsletter: Writes, edits and gathers photos for this newsletter. Provides final document to secretary for distribution. (Term expires 2007)

PR/Historian: Serves as photographer at Newcomers’ events and also maintains archive of photos and other information about past events. (Term expires 2006)

Event Chairs: Coordinate individual club events. (one year term)

At-Large: Help out as needed with specific events/projects of interest. (one year term)

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Membership Form

Dues for the fiscal year are \$15 per household, for Sept. 2005-Sept. 2006. Members receive discounted admission to most Club events.

Mail to: Christy Herz, 6538 Jay Miller Dr., Falls Church, VA 22041. Make checks payable to LB Newcomers.

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: _____

I want to pitch in to help make the Newcomers' Club go! Please contact me about:

- _____ Helping with drop-off of gift bags and greeting new neighbors
- _____ Hosting an event in our home (Club brings all supplies and provides setup/clean-up)
- _____ Coordinating an event
- _____ Assisting with setup/cleanup and/or other logistics involved with an event
- _____ Writing, photography, or other work on the Newcomer's Club's newsletter
- _____ Other (Be creative! How can you help?)
