

The NEWCOMER

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Newsletter



March-April 2006

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Deck Cocktail Party
Sand Day Weenie Roast
Tour of the Dam
Fireworks

5:00-8:00 pm
Sand Day starts 11:00 am
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Daytime Setup; Nighttime Setoff

Celebrate Spring with Fiesta Latina

Newcomers' Deck Cocktail Party

When: April 22, 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: Home of Carolyn Coldren
3428 Greentree Dr.
Cost: \$15 per person for members

RSVP: Anne Simon, simonaw@hotmail.com, or 703-750-0006.

“Fiesta Latina” is the theme of the Newcomer’s Club’s April cocktail party. Think retro: Copacabana night club, bossa nova, mambo, cha cha, hors d’oeuvres and canapés. Wear 50s pearls and thin ties; drink Cuba Libres at sunset while overlooking Lake Barcroft. If it rains, we’ll just have to go inside and “Blame it on the Bossa Nova.” (And if you’re too young for any of this to make sense, think Buena Vista Social Club and shoot for the South Beach look. Close enough.)

We hope to see lots of members and non-members too. Please RSVP so we can estimate how much rum, gin, and vodka to stock the bar with.

A profile of your hostess, Carolyn Coldren, appears on page 2.



Colleen Coyle and Chris Lyons hosted the Newcomers’ Club’s March happy hour. About 45 people chatted and nibbled on creative homemade hors d’oeuvres, including a shrimp dip shaped like a giant bunny! Thanks to the setup and clean-up committee: Sam West, Trish Gomersall, Lisa Levine, Suzanne Friedman, Sandy Chiong, Jerry Ellig, and Chris Lyons, pressed into service as “coat-boy” in his own home.

Chili Cookoff Pot-pourri



Lisa Levine and Miranda Thomas share a laugh while checking in guests.

(Chili cookoff photos by Matt Friedman.)

Fifty-nine people and 15 pots of chili attended the Newcomers’ Club’s February 26 chili cookoff at the home of David Feld.

Guests selected five prize-winning chilis by popular vote:

Best in Show
Runner Up
Most Creative
Best Nontraditional
Hottest

Sam West
Chrissie McManus
Geri Falek
Jackie Brown
Magda Angulo



Geri Falek demonstrates chili serving technique.

April Cocktail Party Meet Your Hostess: Carolyn Coldren

Carolyn Coldren is a stranger neither to the Newcomers' Club nor to the "fiesta Latina" theme of April's cocktail party. She is a former treasurer of the club, and her Latin American art collection inspired the party's theme.

Carolyn moved to Lake Barcroft in 1987 with her husband, John. They had lived in Northwest DC, but John's office was moving to Skyline, and an acquaintance suggested they check out Lake Barcroft. "We had no idea the lake was here," she said. "One look and we were sold."

The location was also convenient for Carolyn, who handles Latin American issues in the Department of Transportation's Office of International Aviation. She currently serves on the Lake Barcroft Association board. In addition to being a former treasurer for Newcomers, she held that same post in the PTAs at Bailey's, Glasgow, and Jeb Stuart. "An advantage of being treasurer is that you can do it even if you work full-time," she notes. She enjoys kayaking, swimming, walking, and involvement in the Book Club and Women's Club.

Both Carolyn and John (who passed away last year) were also active members of the Lake Barcroft Recreation Center, which used to be located where the new houses have been built on (the appropriately-named) Recreation Lane and Tennis Court.

We caught up with Carolyn at her home on a sunny Saturday to pester here with the usual questions we ask event hosts.

Why did you move to Lake Barcroft?

"We love the lake, and it was the right location. We were amazed there was a lake inside the Beltway."

Favorite local restaurant?

"Peking Gourmet (in the Culmore shopping center) – but I like having all of the international restaurants close by."

Most memorable experience in the neighborhood?

"July 4th fireworks. It's such a good feeling with everybody out; it's like one big party."

Best kept local secret?

"Several: home concerts in the neighborhood, the shrimp dumpling soup at Full Kee (5830 Columbia Pike, near Trader Joe's), the fact that you can reserve library books online and go pick them up at the Woodrow Wilson library on Glen Carlyn, and of course the lake."

Favorite cocktail

"Cabernet sauvignon."



Carolyn Coldren, sun at her back, shows off the view from her deck. We know the rule – "Never take a photo of someone when the sun's behind her, because it puts her in shadows." But breaking the rule just this once allowed us to show the sun sparkling off the water!

Newest Newcomers

Welcome our newest neighbors!

Jamel and Leila Akrouf	3758 Tennis Ct.
Phuong Hiu	3757 Tennis Ct.
Jae and Kristine Lee	3751 Tennis Ct.
Yona and Kazuhiro Momii	3753 Tennis Ct.
Kyung Song and Paul Shin	6424 Recreation Ln.
Horacio and Christine Sobol	3755 Tennis Ct.
Randy and Cheryl Stone	3752 Tennis Ct.
Corey M. Thomas and Miranda Lynch Thomas	6424 Crosswoods Dr.

Receiving This Newsletter

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Club Events and Activities 2006

The Newcomers' Club typically hosts a social event each month. If we're not hosting an event, we're usually supplying a contingent of volunteers to support other Lake Barcroft community activities.

We still need coordinators for many events, and additional volunteers are always welcome; contact the event coordinator if you can help out. If you'd like to coordinate or host an event, please contact Lisa Levine, llevineny@hotmail.com, or 703-642-0904.

Year Round Project: Gift Bags

The Newcomer's Club's signature project is delivery of gift bags, loaded with goodies and information about the community, to new neighbors. Deliver a bag, and be the first to meet someone new! To help, contact Sandy Chiong, 703-941-4790, or sandythebeachbum@yahoo.com.

May 13: Sand Day

Sand Day is a day of competitive events for kids, planned by kids. The Newcomers Club supports the event by providing grilled hot dogs, brats, and trimmings. (Rain date is Sunday, May 14. That would make Sand Day the most affordable Mothers' Day brunch in town, and no need to dress up!) Coordinator for lunch sales: Suzanne Friedman, 703-658-3169.

June 3: Day at the Dam, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Oh darn! Missed the tour of the dam last year? We're doing it again this year. Since so much community activity centers on the lake, the Newcomers' Club and the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District (WID) collaborate on a day of tours and presentations to help residents learn more about the operation of our dam and other WID efforts that maintain our lake. Coordinator: Andy Cambern, Andrew@yourbesthomes.com.

July 4th Fireworks

The Newcomers' Club traditionally turns out a contingent of volunteers to help set up – and set off! – the fireworks. If you enjoy digging in the dirt and lighting things that blow up, this one's for you! Coordinator: Amon Nixon, 703-575-9404

July: Dinner Out

The Newcomers' Club periodically arranges dinner out at a local restaurant – sometimes for adults, sometimes for the whole family. We plan one such dinner in July, date TBD.

August 5: Community BBQ and Family Beach Party (Rain date August 6)

Join Lake Barcroft residents for a traditional beach party, games, and BBQ at Beach 5. The entire family is welcome. Coordinator: Trish Gomersall, 703-941-3322.

Labor Day Games

The Labor Day Games feature competitive events for the whole family, including swimming competitions, a fishing contest, and a variety of games for landlubbers as well. About 24 people are needed to help set up, referee, and judge.

Coordinator: Joe Pisciotta, 703-914-1453, or a2jpisciotta@aol.com.

September: Newcomers' Barge Party

Partygoers enjoy cocktails and a sunset cruise around the lake, followed by dinner under the stars. We still need a host and an event coordinator. Hosts volunteer their homes; coordinators organize barge flotilla, catering, setup, and cleanup.

November 4: Cocktail Party

Eva Kozstarab and Ken Kastner, 6327 Waterway Dr., will host. Watch Lakelink and future newsletters for details!

December 9: Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

A traditional holiday party that includes the famous White Elephant "gift stealing" game. A coordinator and host are still needed.

Newcomers' Board

Board members now serve staggered terms; the year in which the current term expires is in parentheses.

President (2006)	Lisa Levine 703-642-0904 llevineny@hotmail.com
Vice President (2007)	Sam West 703-257-8777 toddnsam@earthlink.net
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In addition to these posts, the board can include an unlimited number of at-large members who coordinate specific events or undertake other projects for the benefit of the membership. At-large members thus far for 2006 include Colleen Coyle, Trish Gomersall, Joe Pisciotta, and Bill Wasylyk. Plan a party, and your name could be here!

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 Heather Thomas, 3319 Stoneybrae Dr., 22041. Make checks (in \$US) 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?)
