

The NEWCOMER

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Newsletter

November-December 2006



December 9

Holiday Party

6:30 pm

Next Event: Holiday Party

When: Dec. 9, 6:30 pm – until ?

Where: Home of Rebecca Keegan
6216 Lakeview Dr.

Cost: \$10 per person Newcomer members
\$20 per person nonmembers

Bring: Last name A-S: Appetizer to share with 15 people
Last name T-Z: Dessert to share with 20 people
Gift to exchange (value approx. \$15)

RSVP: Colleen Coyle, ccoyle@akingump.com, or phone
Lisa Levine, 703-642-0904

The Newcomers' Club will close out the year with its annual holiday party and gift exchange the evening of December 9.

For those unfamiliar with the White Elephant gift exchange, here's how it works: Each person who wants to participate should bring a wrapped gift. It can be something new, something you would like to re-gift, or even something you received in last year's gift exchange. Each person bringing a gift will receive a number at the door. When Santa calls your number, you select and unwrap a gift – or steal something that someone else has already unwrapped!

Join the Newcomers' Club at the door for \$15 per household and instantly qualify for the member discount.

Scotch Tasting a Smash

More than 90 people turned out at the home of Eva Kosztarab and Ken Kastner on November 3 to catch up with neighbors and sample nine single-malt scotches. In keeping with the diversity of flavors and individual tastes, scotch sippers used a variety of adjectives to describe the different offerings, from "fine cognac" to "tastes like band-aids."

Tasters who participated in the poll allocated 15 points among the nine bottles. Just one point separated the two favorites: Balvenie Doublewood 12 year (49 points), and Macallan Cask 10 year (48 points). Ken Kastner, who coordinated the tasting, noted, "You can tell this is a wine-loving group, because the top vote-getters were aged in sherry casks."

Special thanks to our hosts, and also to the crew who took care of setup, cleanup, registration, and pouring: Kim Mills, John McManus, Chrissy McManus, Ralph Petta, Geri Falek, Sandy Chiong, Miranda Thomas, Colleen Coyle, Joe Pisciotta, Ben Cooper, Todd West, and Sam West.



Above, partygoers at the happy hour and scotch tasting offer a toast to the top vote-getters. Below, bartenders Todd West and Ben Cooper offer samples.



Scotch Tasting Vote

Varietal	Points
1. Balvenie Doublewood 12 yr	49
2. Macallan Cask 10 yr	48
3. Highland Park 12 yr	32
4. Laphroaig 10 yr	27
5. Bowmore 12 yr	25
6. Dalmore 12 yr	23
7. Glenmorangie 10 yr	21
8. Talisker 10 yr	19
9. Cragganmore 12 yr	13

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2007 Officers and Board Positions

(To be elected at the Holiday Party, Dec. 9.) Board members serve staggered terms to promote continuity.

President: Runs board meetings, follows up to ensure that everything gets done. (Term expires 2008)

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 2008)

Membership: Maintains membership database, distributes newsletter and announcements, and encourages all community members to join the Newcomers Club to help integrate new neighbors into the community. (Term expires 2007)

Welcome Bags: Organizes distribution of welcome baskets and information to new members of the community. (Term expires 2007)

Hospitality: Coordinates purchase, transportation, and storage of refreshments and supplies needed at Newcomers Club events. (Term expires 2008)

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

In addition to these elected positions, club members can volunteer to coordinate specific events or serve as at-large board members.



They're heere

Lake Barcroft welcome bags distributed by the Newcomers' Club include snacks, the LBA neighborhood directory, The Newcomer newsletter, and useful information about the community – all packed in a useful cooler. To help distribute bags and meet new neighbors, contact Sandy Chiong, sandythebeachbum@yahoo.com. If you've already volunteered and received a call or e-mail that your bags are ready, please contact Sandy so they're not decorating our kitchen counter for the holidays!

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
Treasurer (2006)	Anne Simon SimonAW@State.gov
Secretary (2007)	Matt Friedman friedman.matt@gmail.com
Membership (2007)	Heather Thomas Heather@Wydlerbrothers.com
Welcome Bags (2007)	Sandy Chiong 703-941-4790 sandythebeachbum@yahoo.com
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Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Membership Form

Dues for the fiscal year are \$20 per household for Sept 2006 - Sept 2007.

Make checks (in \$US) payable to LB Newcomers.

Members receive discounted admission to most Club events.

Mail to Heather Thomas, 3319 Stoneybrae Drive, Falls Church, VA, 22044.

Names of Household Members:

Street Address:

Falls Church, VA

Zip Code: _____

Phone(s):

E-mail(s):

Is this a new membership? Yes No

New Member Move-In Date:

Volunteers Needed!

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?)