

The NEWCOMER

UPCOMING EVENTS – Hold the dates and read this and following Newsletters for more details

May 31 – Happy Hour – Rum!!

June 7 - Tour of the Dam (Jun 8 Rain date)

August 2 - Beach Barbeque (Aug 3 Rain date)

Port Tasting Wrap-up

On Saturday, April 26, LBNC members and guests spent a lovely evening at the home of Aras and Daphne Butas, experiencing Port and sampling a delicious array of homemade neighborhood desserts. We were lucky the rain held out most of the evening and we mingled in their home as well as on their back patio.

We tasted Port styles such as Ruby, Tawny, Reserva and Vintage Port. Our six samples included; a Ruby and Tawny by Ferreira, a 10 year Tawny by Graham's, a Late Bottle Vintage (LBV) called Quinto Crasto, a reserve called Ferreira Donia Antonia and, finally, a Vintage Port known as Churchill Grahams Quinta Gricha.

We learned a bit of the history of Port and where it comes from as well as stories about how each of the Ports were named. The Ports and the pourers were provided by Arrow Wine of Arlington, which is a fabulous little wine and cheese shop to visit, if you've never been.

A special thanks goes out to the team of people who helped with the set-up, clean up and just generally made sure the LBNC had yet another successful event: Heather Thomas, Kent Christian, Trish Gomersall, Miranda Thomas and Samira West. A very special thanks also goes out to our hosts for opening up their home to the LBNC, Aras and Daphne Butas.

If you enjoyed this event, please consider helping to make one of our next events successful by volunteering one hour of your time!

- *Article by Sam West*

Next Event: Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rum!

Please join the Newcomers' Club for a Rum Tasting on **Saturday, May 31st from 7pm - 11pm at the home of Gary and Debbie McManis, 6337 Waterway Drive.**

Join us as we sail into uncharted waters; sipping a selection of fine, handcrafted rum from Martinique and Guyana. Rhum Agricole (as it is known) is made from pure cane juice, not molasses (a by-product of sugar manufacturing) like most rums available here in the USA. This leads to a unique, smooth, sugar cane spirit of high quality. The rums we will taste are analogous to fine single-malt scotches and are hand-crafted in the Caribbean by small, traditional producers. **Pirates never had it this good!**

Ed Hamilton, also known as the Minister of Rum (www.ministryofrum.com), will be on hand to guide and educate our palates. He is the author of four books on rum, has tasted over 300 varieties, and currently lives on his sailboat in the Caribbean where he plies the tropical waters in search of superior rum.

Please bring a heavy appetizer dish to share with 10-12 other guests. Food should be finger food (hot dip & chips, pizzas, cheese & crackers, dumplings, cold cuts, steak bites, finger sandwiches, wings, taquitos, satay, etc.) and should not require utensils to eat.

The event is \$15 for Newcomers' Club members and \$20 for non-members. This is an advance-payment event. Your check is your reservation. Please send a check, along with the names of attendees, to Miranda Thomas, 6424 Crosswoods Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044. Get your RSVP's in as space will be limited!

It's more fun to be involved! Volunteers are always needed at our events, and if you can help set up or clean up or are willing to volunteer as a bartender please contact Heather Thomas at Heather@cruisingboat.com. It is the work of nearly 30-40 people that will make an evening like this possible, so please volunteer to help out. How hard can bartending be? **Folks who want to wear pirate costumes will not be discouraged!**

Upcoming Event: WID Tour of the Dam

Have you ever been curious about how our dam operates? Would you or your children like to see the inner workings up close? Did you miss the tours from years past? Then join the Newcomers Club on **June 7th** for a grand tour of the Lake Barcroft dam, compound and facilities. The WID Board of Trustee's and staff will conduct an "open house" on the WID compound, located at 3650 Boat Dock Dr. near the end of Pinetree Terrace.

They will answer your questions and share lots of interesting details. Learn how the dam operates and see the systems up close. Learn more about dredging operations, the aeration system and many other programs utilized to keep Lake Barcroft pristine. Discover our lake history and understand future needs.

This year, we are taking advance RSVPs for a guaranteed time slot (give or take a few minutes) for your tour between 11:00 am and 12.40 pm. Those who cannot commit to a pre-arranged time slot will also be able to take the tour by arriving at or after 12:45. Either way, plan on spending at least an hour so that you can enjoy the variety of other stations before and/or after your tour and snack on light refreshments. Rain date will be on Sunday, June 8th – with the same times. Please RSVP with the number in your party by contacting Miranda Thomas preferably at randa777@yahoo.com or call 703-942-5775.

Welcome our new Neighbors!!

Robert & Emily Sullivan of 3724 Woodland Circle

DeAnn Duvall of 6388 Lakeview Drive

We list new neighbors in The Newcomer after confirming that they have actually moved into their house – usually via delivery of a Newcomers' Club gift bag or their response to a post card mailing.

If you are new in the neighborhood and have not received a gift bag from the Newcomers' Club, or know of a new arrival, please contact Winifred and Paul Mulligan at Wmulligan2002@yahoo.com, or 703-642-3914.

The Newcomers' Club continually reaches out to the community. If you know Lake Residents who might be interested in joining the Newcomers' Club, please let us know.

Newcomers' Board

Board members serve staggered terms to promote continuity. At-large Board membership volunteers to coordinate events or take on other important club functions.

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Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Membership Form

Dues for the fiscal year are \$20 per household for Sept 207 - Sept 2008.

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?)