

**APEX NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS CLUB**  
**NEWSLETTER**

**December 2023**

P.O. Box 1164  
Apex, NC 27502

<http://apexnewcomers.org>

Apex Newcomers & Friends Club (ANFC) is a not-for-profit social organization. ANFC promotes interest in local, civic, cultural, and service programs. General Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (September through May) at the C.C. Jones Building, 309 Holleman Street, Apex, at 10:00 a.m. Prospective members are welcome to try two visits to any function before joining. The annual non-refundable dues are \$25.00 per year plus a donation of \$2.00 at each meeting to help defray the cost of hospitality and building use. An additional fee of \$7.50 will be charged for those people requesting a copy of the newsletter be mailed to them. \*\*\*\*SPECIAL: Bring a friend to the general meeting and receive two entries into the door prize drawing\*\*\*\*

**“PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE”**

**Dear Members,**

**Please note that our December meeting is starting at 9:30am. so we have time for all our Christmas festivities!**

**We had a good turnout at the November Meeting and the program that Bette F arranged for us with the interns from Meredith College on nutrition was very interesting and fun. Medical research is always evolving so we all appreciate getting the most recent information. Betty S and Esther T are working hard with other members to bring us more fun at our December Meeting!**

**Cheryl B cannot continue to collect the tabs for Ronald McDonald and Billie S has kindly offered to take this on.**

**Stella T.  
President**

**PROGRAMS & PUBLICITY: Bette F.**

Betty Schiess and I, mostly, Betty, have put together a fun program of ‘Christmas skits’ using our Members’ fabulous talent. Please come and cheer us on!

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FUNDRAISING: Betty S. and Esther T.**

We're looking forward to a ~deck the halls with bells and songs ~  
We will have our 'Basket off Cheer' .... 5/\$5.00 1/\$3.00  
Of course our famous 50/50 .... 5/\$5.00 .... 1/\$3.00.....  
Esther and I give thanks to all our friends for their continuous  
Support. Happy Holidays!

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP: Julia M., Ann McD., Marie Z.**

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. We currently have 69 members. Hopefully, we can all invite our friends to become members. Our monthly meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> will begin at 9:30 a.m. We have many things to celebrate, so we will be starting 30 minutes earlier than usual. Therefore, I am hoping that you will arrive around 9 a.m. to socialize and sign up for upcoming events.

Our new directories were handed out at our November meeting. If you were not at the meeting, please come by where I am sitting to pick up the new directory. Also, after you get your directory and if anything is not correct, please let me know.  
See you on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**“COMMUNITY OUTREACH”**

**PROM SHOPPE: Judy S.**

Prom Shoppe 2024 will be here before we know it. When shopping for the holidays, please keep us in mind. There are frequent sales on **makeup, jewelry, and accessories** (shoes, wraps and purses). All items donated can be new or gently used except for makeup. Makeup is particularly tricky because all items must be new and unused. There are often big sales on makeup right after the holidays. Thank you to all who have so generously supported this event in the past. Let's help to make Prom Shoppe 2024 the best year ever!

**WESTERN WAKE CRISIS MINISTRY: Betty W. and John H.**

Wake Crisis Ministry's most needed items for this month are baking stuff (cake mixes, flour, sugar, cookie mixes, etc.), pancake mixes and syrup, paper towels, shampoo, and peanut butter and jelly. We donated \$52 and 91lbs. from our last meeting!

**USO: Eleanor S.**

Anyone interested in buying the fleece blankets at Walmart, let me know.  
Anyone interested in cutting out neck pillows, let me know.

**READ AND FEED: Peg K.**

**TIN TABS: Billie S.**

Save those "tin tabs" for the Durham Ronald McDonald House.

## **“ACTIVITIES”**

### **BOOK CLUB: Marie H. and Joanie V.**

We're enjoying our new (quiet!) venue at Bell Apex Clubhouse for our monthly book discussions, and all are welcome to join us. Book Club will NOT be meeting in December. Our selection for January 17 is *The Last Bookshop in London* by Madeline Martin. This is a historical fiction novel, inspired by the few bookshops to survive the London Blitz in World War II. It is described as an "irresistible tale which showcases the transformative power of literacy...during the perilous trials of war and unrest," and "a gorgeously written story of love, friendship, and survival." Our February 21 selection is *Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague* by Maggie O'Farrell. Happy Holidays Everyone!

### **BOLIVIA (Tuesday): Eleanor S.**

Dec. 12 - Host - Marie H.      Jan 2 or 9 - Host - Marcia (TBD)

### **BOLIVIA (Wednesday): Kate D.**

December Bolivia hostess schedule:

December 6th - Georgiana F.

December 20th - Elaine C.

### **CARING & SHARING: Barbara F.**

As always, please send me all requests.

### **DINNER OUT: Janice H.**

CHRISTMAS DINNER DECEMBER 10TH 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. at Bonefish Grill, Cary.

No other dinner out till January.

Both holidays are in the week when we do the dinner so it's toooooo much eating.

Have a great holiday season!

### **GAME NIGHT: Eleanor S.**

Saturday the 16th at 7 PM. Remember to bring an exchange gift.

If unable to attend--Call Host Betty W. 321-372-8265.

Her address is 820 Journeys Rest Lane, Apex-----Use your GPS!!!!!!

### **HOSPITALITY: Connie L., Joanne F., and Barbara F.**

A Sign-up Sheet will be circulated at Meeting for supplying dessert/cookies.

We always can use help cleaning up after the meeting.

**LUNCH OUT: Eileen K.**

**NEWSLETTER: Eleanor B.**

Thanks for reading and sharing our Newsletter with potential members!

**PHOTOGRAPHY:**

If you have any photos that you think should be on our website, please e-mail them to Judy S.

**SPECIAL EVENTS: Ann S.**

I wish everyone a very happy and joyous holiday season!!

There is a ticket available for The Nutcracker if anyone wants to buy it. A member had to cancel due to other plans. The cost of the ticket is \$37.54 if you are interested. Please let me know.

The event for January is a show at the Temple Theatre in Sanford.

It is a comedy - "Til Beth Do Us Part".

The date is Thursday January 25th at 2:00 pm

The cost of the ticket is \$30

I will have a sign up sheet at the December meeting. If interested, please bring a check or cash.

**PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS:** A Calendar of proposed events will be available for all members to preview. The purpose of the Sign-Up Sheet is to gauge how many members wish to attend the event listed. (1) The Event will have a deadline; this is the time to make any cancellations or additions, within that deadline payment is required, if payment is not made that member will be taken off the list. (2) Once the tickets are purchased there will be no refunds. Any member who needs to cancel is responsible for finding someone to replace them. If a replacement cannot be found, consider donating to the Club. (3) Payments to be made out to the Club (ANFC). Members meet at Lowe's Food Parking Lot for carpooling. If arrangements are made ahead of time, please notify the Special Events Coordinator so members are not delayed waiting at the Parking Lot. (4) Please check your emails regularly for any changes that may occur and respond promptly to any requests. (5) If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email, voicemail or text and they will be addressed in a timely manner.

**(IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL THE COORDINATOR IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND ANY ACTIVITY FOR WHICH YOU HAVE SIGNED UP)**

**TRINITY: Bette F.**

It was necessary for several Members to drop out from Trinity 2024, so I now have an empty Waiting List. If you are interested in joining us at Emerald Island, June 3-7, 2024, please see me at the December meeting to discuss.

**WEBMASTER: Judy S.**

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Diane E.	12-2
Ann S.	12-6
Betty S.	12-6
Kathy K.	12-7
Gay G.	12-20
Margaret H.	12-23
Leslie Z.	12-27

## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

December 13, 2023  
9.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

No Board Meeting in December

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

The meeting will be cancelled if the Wake County Public Schools are closed or have a delayed opening due to weather conditions.

## **SPONSORS**

**Daniels Florist, 2829 Jones Franklin Rd., Swift Creek Shopping Plaza, Raleigh, NC 27606, (919) 851-1500.** They will continue to supply a floral arrangement for our monthly meetings.

**Apex Chamber of Commerce.** We are a member of the Apex Chamber of Commerce, your one stop for Apex information. The Apex Chamber of Commerce located in the **Historic Train Depot, at 220 North Salem Street**, has the map of Apex as well as Raleigh, Durham, and North Carolina. They have a calendar of events for the state as well as the town of Apex. Along with apartment guides, the Apex Community Guide has a wealth of information including the history of Apex and a quick reference section with telephone numbers to everything needed to get started in Apex. Local newspapers are also available! All information at the Chamber is free. Visit their website at: [www.apexchamber.com](http://www.apexchamber.com), or visit to find out more about the town you now call home!

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**Apex Newcomers and Friends Club Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Moved from \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ EMail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday of Member (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings & Dues: Prospective members are welcome to attend two meetings/activities of ANFC during any calendar year without regard to the payment of dues. On any third visit during a calendar year, the prospective member agrees to pay the \$25.00 membership fee that is non-refundable. The \$25.00 dues include a monthly newsletter and a membership directory. Additional fees and charges may apply for events scheduled throughout the year.

If you wish to receive the Newsletter by mail, check here \_\_\_\_\_ (\$7.50 printing and mailing fee applies) Mail to: Apex Newcomers and Friends Club, Box 1164, Apex, NC 27502 or give to the club Treasurer at the next general meeting.

**Apex Newcomers and Friends Club Statement of Waiver (Please check all that may apply)**

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Children of Member/Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

1. I accept any and all risks and hazards that may result from my, my spouse, or my children's participation in any function offered by the Apex Newcomers and Friends Club (ANFC) including, but limited to personal injuries and property losses of damage occasioned by, or in connection with any activity of event sponsored by the ANFC.
2. I hereby waive, release, absolve, and agree to hold harmless the ANFC, its officers or agents from any claims arising out of any personal or property injuries that I, my spouse or my children may suffer during an ANFC activity or function.
3. In the event I, my spouse and/or my children suffer a personal injury during an ANFC activity, and in the event I, my spouse or my children are physically and/or mentally unable to act on my own behalf, I authorize ANFC to obtain proper emergency medical care for me, my spouse and/or my children should I, my spouse and/or my children be in need of such services and to immediately contact the Emergency Contact listed below. It is understood that any and all costs associated with this emergency medical care will be borne by me and not ANFC.

**Printed Name of Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name/Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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03	04	05	06 Bolivia	07	08	09
10 Dinner Out 2:00 pm	11	12 Bolivia	13 GENERAL MEETING 9:30 am	14	15	16 Game Nite 7:00 pm
17 The Nutcracker 1:30 pm	18	19	20 Bolivia	21	22	23
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GENERAL  
MEETING

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Book Club

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