

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

**March 2025**

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 held the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from 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 \$30.00 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 to the door prize drawing \*\*\*\***

**“PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE”**

Well March is here so warm weather is sure to follow. So, spring will follow which means new growth and good feelings.

I have such good feelings that the Nominating Committee will have no problem filling our slate of officers. I have always said that this club is “so good to me” and you will not disappoint me when someone calls for you to consider a position on the Board. With some “new blood” we can’t help but grow in all our endeavors in supporting our hometown and enjoyment in the fellowship of the club.

Now that I have moved, I am so happy that Cambridge allows us to utilize some of their facilities. As most of us downsize, our meeting areas also diminish. Maybe I’ll get this place to recognize “Eleanor says!!!!!!”

Your President,

Eleanor  
President

**PROGRAMS & PUBLICITY: Margaret H.**

March - Bingo Fundraiser

April - Guest Speaker: Jacques Gilbert, Mayor of Apex.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FUNDRAISING: Betty S., Esther T., Pat K.**

Bingo - 3 cards for \$5

50/50 - 5 tickets for \$5

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

We currently have 61 members. Hopefully, we will be able to invite our new friends and have many more to join. Always arrive at our monthly meeting around 9:30 to enjoy the fellowship and snacks before Eleanor begins our meeting at 10. Also, you can see what activities are happening in the future and you can sign up for these events. See you on March 12th.

**“COMMUNITY OUTREACH”**

**WESTERN WAKE CRISIS MINISTRY: Pat M. and Lee D.**

We collected 119 pounds of food and \$108 in cash/checks through our meeting on February 12. I checked the Western Wake website for requested items, and they had no special list, so please use last month's list below. Hopefully we will have an updated list for next month's collection. Thank all of you for your generous donations each month. BTW, if you go to the website, you will see a nice picture of Pat Kenney.

Thanks, Pat

- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Pasta of all types
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned
- Pasta
- Tomato Products (any)
- Soup of all types
- Sides
- Canned Meats
- Oatmeal
- Cooking Oil
- Dry Beans of all types.

**USQ: Eleanor S.**

**READ AND FEED: Peg K.**

**TIN TABS: Billie S.**

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

**PROM SHOPPE: Judy S.**

**Prom Shoppe 2025 is almost here!!!**

As I write this, Prom Shoppe has not occurred yet for 2025. However, so many of you have been so very generous with your donations, that we didn't want to wait until next month's Newsletter to say **Thank you, Thank you!!!**

Prom Shoppe is a non-profit organization that has been serving the community since 2008. It runs entirely on donations and volunteers.

Any North Carolina girl can participate. No proof of financial hardship is required.

Each year, Prom Shoppe has grown and grown. This year we have a thousand plus prom dresses, many of them brand new! Young girls from all over the state make the trip to the Apex United Methodist Church to participate in this 2-day event. Sometimes they stand in line for hours waiting to pick out that "perfect" dress.

It is such a joy to see all those smiling faces on both the young ladies and their cheerleading teams (moms, friends, siblings etc.) as they leave with their dress, shoes, purse jewelry and makeup, ready for their special "night to remember."

All of this would not be possible without your contributions.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all!!!

You can check out some Prom Shoppe pictures from previous years on our website.

Judy S.

**"ACTIVITIES"**

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

The March book club meeting will be held at Cambridge Village on Wednesday, March 19 at 1 p.m.

Our selection for March is *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams, a historical fiction novel about the contributions of women to the first *Oxford English Dictionary*. It's described as a "masterfully written, beautiful first novel that tells a fascinating story of language, love and loss."

Our April 16 selection is *Heartburn* by Nora Ephron. The April meeting will be the last one of the Newcomer's year. Please come with book suggestions for next year, as well as ideas for summer reading.

We hope you'll join us for the March and April meetings!

**BOLIVIA (Tuesday 1:00pm): Eleanor S.**

- Mar. 4 Host – Marie H.
- Mar. 18 Host - Marcia
- Apr. 1 Host – Ann S.

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

Wednesday Bolivia hostess schedule:

- Mar. 5th Host – Esther T.
- Mar. 19th Host - Elaine C.

**CARING & SHARING: Barbara F.**

As always, please send me all requests.

**DINNER OUT: Nancy E.**

4th Thursday of the month

**FLOWERS:** Pat K.

**GAME NIGHT:** Eleanor S.

March 15th at the home of Pat K.

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

**\*\*\* REFRESHMENTS NEEDED FOR MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS \*\*\*\*.**

**Help cleaning up after the meeting is greatly appreciated!**

**PHOTOGRAPHY:**

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

**TRINITY:** Bette F.

We are booked for all the rooms at Trinity currently.

I have started a Waiting list. Please contact me if you would like to be added to this list.

**DURHAM BULLS:** Eleanor S.

There will be a signup sheet for three different games. May 11, June 1<sup>st</sup>, and July 13<sup>th</sup>. All three games start at 1:05 pm. Sign any or all games that are of interest to you. Price of tickets to be determined by how many are going.

**WEBMASTER:** Judy S.

**NEWSLETTER:** Tom M.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS: Ann S.**

### **March 23 at 3:00 (Sunday)**

Halle Center in Apex

Lite Theatre Returns

Tickets are \$10.73 with fees

Ann is also making arrangements for lunch at the Salem Street Pub at 1:00 pm that day, if anyone is interested in joining.

### **April 13th @3pm (Sunday )**

Neuse Little Theatre

Smithfield

Steel Magnolias

Tickets \$15

I will have sign-up sheets at the March 12th meeting

Please make checks out to Ann Sola

## ***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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Payments to be made out to Ann Sola, not 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.
  - Lowes Foods  
5400 Apex Peakway  
Apex, NC
- Please check your emails regularly for any changes that may occur and respond promptly to any requests.
- 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)

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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|-----------|-------|
| Julia M.  | 03-03 |
| Judy B.   | 03-08 |
| Esther T. | 03-11 |
| Stella T. | 03-11 |

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

March 12, 2025  
10:00 am

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

March 19  
10:00 am

### **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 continue to supply a floral arrangement for our monthly meetings.

If you have any special occasions coming up, check out their website at [danielsflorist.com](http://danielsflorist.com)!

### **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 to find out more about the town you now call home!

[www.apexchamber.com](http://www.apexchamber.com)

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Bolivia  
1:00 pm  
Marie H.

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Bolivia  
1:00 pm  
Esther T.

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General Mtg  
10:00 am

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Game Night  
Pat K.

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Bolivia  
1:00 pm  
Marcia

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Board Mtg  
10:00 am  
Cambridge Village

Bolivia  
1:00 pm  
Elaine C.

Book Club  
1:00 pm  
Cambridge Village

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Lunch  
Salem St. Pub  
1:00 pm

Lite Theatre  
Returns  
Halle Center  
3:00 pm

Dinner Out

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# April 2025

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| 6  | 7  | 8                                 | 9   | 10         | 11   | 12  |
|  |    |                                   | General Mtg<br>10:00 am                       |            |      |     |
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| 13   | 14 | 15                                | 16  | 17         | 18   | 19  |
| Steel<br>Magnolias<br>3:00 pm<br>Little Neuse<br>Theater |    |                                   | Board Mtg<br>10:00 am<br>Book Club<br>1:00 pm |            |      |     |
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| 20   | 21 | 22                                | 23  | 24         | 25   | 26  |
|  |    |                                   |   | Dinner Out |      |     |
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| 27   | 28 | 29                                | 30  |            |      |     |



# Apex Newcomers and Friends Club Membership Application

March 2024

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 \$30.00 membership fee that is non-refundable. The \$30.00 dues include 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 and 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 AFNC 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 \_\_\_\_\_