



# Gainesville Newcomers' Club

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September 16, 2009

*It's a new year with new faces, new times, new ideas and new interest groups . . . .*



We will have programs on holiday decorating, information on proposals that affect Lake Lanier and our lifestyles, a themed Victorian Christmas meeting, a Wellness focus with a member chosen for a real life makeover and so much more.

*Be sure to check your website, read your newsletter, and read through the email blasts that you get each month for the details and news of another busy year.*



## *Interest Group Fair* *September 23rd Luncheon*



**10:15 am- Doors open to a room full of possibilities.** Come in, get your Interest Group "menu", pick your seat for lunch, then keep moving. Wander around the perimeter of the room and see what each Interest group has to offer. Ask questions, visit with friends, enjoy the visual presentations by each group, read the Community Bulletin Board to see what is coming up in the club and community. Pick up your new directory. Sign up for those groups that you want to join. Remember our special activities - Christmas on Green Street and the April Fashion Show - they could use lots of volunteers to make them successful. (See next page for more new groups.)

**~11:45 am- Get seated for a very brief business meeting.** Since announcements will no longer be made at the business meetings, all announcements will be placed on the Community Bulletin Board. Be sure to look at it each month. Check with President Cheryl Tefft to add your announcement there. This month it will include our annual budget.

### **Noon- Luncheon Buffet will begin.**

Mixed Greens w/Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Bacon Bits, Artichoke Hearts,  
Kalamata Olives Ranch, Bleu Cheese or Vinaigrette Dressing

Poulet Maison (Seared Chicken w/Shallots, Mushrooms, Brandy and Cream)  
— or — Tapenade Encrusted Filet of Salmon

Lime Beurre Blanc Wild Rice Pilaf Steamed Broccoli w/Butter  
Medley of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Mousse en Coupe New York Style Cheesecake w/Strawberry Sauce

**Please Take NOTE.... Luncheon price is now \$19** Checks for the exact amount are most helpful. When you reserve your seat for a luncheon online by email, you will get an automatic response within a few minutes. If you do not get a response, the system did not get your request. Try again or call Marie Deans for help.

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**Interest Group Fair (continued)**

Your "menu" of choices will include all these groups. Don't miss out.

Antique Exploring	Gourmet, Ladies only	Sun, Sail, & Ale
Bridge for Couples	<b>Grandma's Closet</b>	<b>Tennis</b>
Bridge for Ladies	Jet Skiing (seasonal)	<b>Tour Group</b>
Bunko, Day	<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	Scrapbooking
Bunko, Night	Mah Jong	Warm Up America
Dining Out	Morning Coffee	
Hiking/Walking	<b>Pistol Packin' Mamas</b>	Christmas on Green St.
Gardening	Quilting	Fashion Show
Gourmet, Couples	Reading	

**Gourmet for Ladies or for Couples**– Pinky Pearce and Annette Hinton (Limited time sign up)  
Gourmet Club is a wonderful way to meet new friends. Sign up is limited to September and October only so that we can set up the groups. The groups will then set up their own schedules to meet over the course of the year. Come and hear about these groups. If you are unable to sign up at the Interest Group Fair, you can call Annette Hinton or Pinky Pearce to sign up.

**NEW! Grandma's Closet**- Judie Meyer (A resource group)  
Do you have children's toys, port-a-cribs, car seats, etc. that you would be willing to share with fellow Newcomers who have grandchildren who visit? If you would like to let people know they can borrow things from your "closet" just sign up with this group and when someone needs something they will contact me with a wish list and the child's age. I will in turn send an SOS to the group requesting a need. With children visiting only 1 or 2 times a year and outgrowing things faster than we can keep track of their needs, swapping is a great way to have things available for all ages. Also, I would like to put together a list of age appropriate things to do, so if anyone has ideas to contribute along with numbers and internet sites, please pass them on to me via my e-mail address in our directory.

**NEW!** (re-activated) **Lunch bunch**- Rita Cornick and Lajuana McLeod

**NEW! Pistol Packin' Mamas**- Linda Harris and Ann Curry  
Learn gun safety, handling, and your rights and responsibilities from professionals in each area



**NEW! Tennis**- Rita Toomey

Do you already play tennis? Would you like to play more? See Rita for more details.

**NEW! Tour Group**- June Carey

We are lucky to have a retired(?) professional traveler who will organize and lead local and short distance tours, based on the group's interests. Visit her table for more information.



The long-awaited **Annual Fish Fry** is coming up, on **Sunday, October 4th**. Hosted by Ann & Bill Curry, it will be at the Sunrise Cove Marina **from 1-4 pm** on the Marina Clubhouse deck. The Curry's & their fishing crew will supply the fish & hush puppies. Each guest is asked to bring a part of the rest of the meal.

When you RSVP to the Curry's, you will need to verify what dish you are bringing to share. Here is the breakdown for the sharing part: A-F Salad, G-L side dish, M-S dessert, T-Z Appetizer. Those with Appetizers, please be at the clubhouse by 1:00. RSVP to the Curry's at 770-536-8568 by **October 2nd**. Also, don't forget you are responsible for your own drinks and chairs.

?Questions? Ask a member of Sun, Sail and Ale for more details. A great time is guaranteed to be had by all.

## President's Message— Why Newcomers?

In the Spring of 1977 my husband and I moved with two little girls, ages 2 and 4, to Connecticut where we knew absolutely no one. Within a few days a very nice woman, representing merchants in the area, came to visit and presented me with all sorts of coupons and free gifts. She was the local Welcome Wagon lady and invited me to be a part of their monthly luncheons which were open to all new residents in the area. For those unfamiliar with (or not old enough to know) Welcome Wagon – this was the beginning of Newcomers. Since we lived in a very rural community, this group was my lifesaver. In a very short period of time I met more women with similar interests and circumstances than I'd ever known in my whole life!



Skip ahead to London, Southern California, Northern California, and Florida – all places we eventually lived after Connecticut and in every place there was a Newcomers group. I have been active in every one of them and remain friends with wonderful women that I met in each place.

The point I want to make is this: Gainesville Newcomers Club is, without a doubt, the most active and friendliest of any of these groups. Even though many of our members have only moved here from as near away as Roswell, Buford or Alpharetta, many of us have had the opportunity to know what it is like moving to a new area and knowing only our real estate agent or owners of the house we just purchased.

Those of you more outgoing than others, have or will immerse yourself in the Club and community and quickly make many new friends. For those who struggle in new environments, let me assure you: Like Uncle Sam: We want You! We want to help make the Gainesville area your new home, and we want you to come to love it here as much as all of us do.

Like many of you, I love this club and the group of women who make it what it is and I am proud to serve on the Board. My goal this next year is to make each and every one of you as welcome as I have always felt here, and I hope you will embrace the opportunities presented by all the activities available in this Club.

Cheryl Tefft  
President, Gainesville Newcomers Club  
2009-2010



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**JUNE DAVISON-CAREY  
SYL (STORM) NEWKIRK**

*Do you know someone who might want to visit  
Newcomers? Invite them to a future luncheon.  
Say Hello to someone new today.*

### Save these Dates!

**Fashion Show- April 28, 2010**

**May Event- May 15, 2010 Caribbean Night**

**\*\*\*News to follow!\*\*\***

### **Community Service**

**Clothing Drive in October for Good News at Noon  
and My Sister's Place**

## Gainesville Newcomers' Club

LESLYN JOHNSON	2
ROSALIE MINNICH	2
ANN WASHBURNE	2
SHEILA BERTINOTTI	3
ALISON MCELVERY	6
GERDA BAITIS	7
SUSAN DEBRINCAT	7
JUDY GIBBS	7
NANCY STOCKLEY	7
MARY LOU FINNEGAN	8
GLORIA SMITH	8
DIANA THOMAS	10
TRACY ZOELLER-WOOD	12



ANNE TOOPES	12
JAN PIERCE	21
JEANNIE BOOHAKER	23
SYL NEWKIRK	24
NANCY MARLOWE	25
WANZA MCMILLAN	25
JILL ROBINSON	25
CHRISTINE SWIET	27
BRENDA BAHREL	28
PAM BILYEU	29
JOYCE MARKS	29
DEBBIE FLANAGAN	31

*Member Care*

Cards were sent to:

- Ruth Johnson - get well
- Amy Schick - thinking of you
- Marie Faunce - get well (surgery)
- Nancy Logue- death of father

*Please keep me informed when you know of a member that may need a little cheering up, words of encouragement or just a note to let them know we're thinking of them. My number is listed in your directory.*

*Barbara Alexander, Corresponding Secretary*



**The New 2009-2010 Membership Directory Now Available**

*Reminder!*

The 2009-2010 GNC Directories will be available at the membership table starting at the September luncheon. Come to the luncheon and pick up your new directory- it includes names, addresses, emails for each member, as well as meeting dates, a list of the interest group contacts and more!

## October's Program

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

Our October meeting will focus on jumpstarting your holiday decorating with ladies from Parsons Gifts demonstrating their talents. Community speakers will not be a part of our monthly meetings, but will be featured this winter in a Community Interest Fair.

### October's Menu-

- Caesar Salad
- Chicken Piccata
- Spaghetti with Meat Balls and Marinara Sauce
- Marinated Grilled Vegetables
- Papas Bravas (Red Bliss potatoes, Madrid style)
- White Chocolate and Peach Bread Pudding
- Key Lime Pie

*Don't forget to make your luncheon reservation online through the club's website [www.GainesvilleNewcomersClub.com](http://www.GainesvilleNewcomersClub.com)*

## Community News

### A Yummy Way to Support My Sister's Place



My Sister's Place volunteers will be selling donated bakery items on Saturday, Oct. 24th at Full Bloom Nursery in Clermont. Proceeds will raise funds for My Sister's Place Shelter. Newcomer members can help by baking pies, cakes, cookies, etc. Baked Good items will be dropped off at a Gainesville location (to be determined). Contact Ruth Johnson if you could donate Baked Goods on Oct. 23rd.

### Clothing Drive in October

Good, slightly used or new clothing for all ages, male and female, will be collected at our October luncheon to be donated to My Sister's Place women's shelter and Good News at Noon men's shelter and daily meal program. Begin looking through your closets and stored clothing, talk to your extended family or neighbors to see if they have warm clothing to donate to these two worthy local causes.



### ART IN THE SQUARE



As part of Art in the Square, we are holding a Silent Auction of original artwork to benefit Challenged Child and Friends. Please go to "Frames You-Nique" (104 Main Street) and bid on one of the fabulous paintings donated by talented local artists. All proceeds go to Challenged Child and Friends. The artwork will be on display from September 1 through October 3, 2009. Bidding closes at 4 pm on **October 3, 2009**, so there is not much time left. We have members who have contributed to this worthy cause in the past as well as this year. For additional information: [www.artinthesquarega.com](http://www.artinthesquarega.com).

Main Street Gainesville and Art in the Square Association are thrilled to present Art in the Square to friends new and old, neighbors and visitors, and art enthusiasts of all ages. Art in the Square abounds with opportunities for the entire family to experience and to celebrate fine art. Since its beginning in 2004, Art in the Square, with the generous help of its sponsors, has raised thousands of dollars to help fund charitable organizations in our area.

Mark your calendar for the beginning of Art in the Square on the evening of October 2nd for *A Matter of Taste*. Tickets for *A Matter of Taste* went on sale September 1.

On October 3 come drench your senses in the art, music, crafts, and food of this all-day juried art festival, free to the public. Stroll down the tree-lined streets of Gainesville's celebrated Downtown Square and visit with the creators of original art. Bring the whole family - kids of all ages will enjoy various activities in the Children's Artist Market. Youngsters will revel in the hands-on creative arts activities while enjoying their very own youth-oriented entertainment.

This year's event features over 75 well known regional artists. Works include fine art, sculpture, pottery, photography, and wood carving as well as jewelry and other artistic endeavors.

*Thank you Belk*

for September's **Newcomers  
Appreciation Day**

**Fashion show coming April 28!**



### BOARD MEETING

The 2009-2010 Newcomers Board will meet at 9 am on Tuesday, October 6th in the third floor meeting room at Peach State Bank, Washington Street, for light refreshments followed by a business meeting that begins at 9:30 am sharp. Dress is casual.

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WEBSITE NEWS

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

See the new, improved website front page featuring highlights of the month's activities. Just scroll down the page. Look under *Happening About Town* for lots of community information. If you haven't spent a little time exploring our website recently you have been missing some great additions and changes. *Coming Soon*– the collected recipes from our summer cooking series from Chef Matthew of the Chattahoochee Country Club.

# October, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Garden Group</b> <b>A Matter of Taste</b>	<b>3</b> <b>ART IN THE SQUARE</b>
<b>4</b> <b>ANNUAL FISH FRY</b> <b>1-4PM</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Bunko</b> <b>6:30pm</b>  <b>Garden Group</b> <b>9am</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> <b>9am</b>  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>7</b> <b>Quilting Group</b>  <b>Bunko</b> <b>9:30am</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Antique Exploring</b> <b>9am</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Scrap-booking</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Mah Jong</b> <b>12:30</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Lunch Bunch</b> <b>11:20am</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Morning Coffee</b> <b>10:00am</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Reading Group</b> <b>10am</b>  <b>Dining Out</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Couples Bridge</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Ladies Bridge</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Warm up America</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>21</b>  <i>Luncheon Reservation Deadline</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Bake Sale for My Sister's Place</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Mah Jong</b> <b>12:30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Luncheon</b> <b>10:15</b> <b>Club opens for social time</b> <b>10:45</b> <b>Meeting begins</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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***September Interest Groups***

Be sure to contact your group leaders for meeting times and places as we begin our new year of activities!

**Antique Exploring** – Nona Stacks or Patsy Viles

We will be traveling to Ellijay in search of treasures on Thursday, October 8th. We will meet at *Remember When Antique Shop* on Hwy 53 at 9:00 am. Contact Nona Stacks or Patsy Viles if you plan to attend.

**Bridge for Couples** – Rosalie Minnich or Jeanie Para

Couples bridge meets one Friday a month for a social evening of bridge. Contact Rosalie or Jeanie for more information on openings and schedules.

**Bridge for Ladies** – Pam Cohan

We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 am at O' Charley's on Brown's Bridge Road. Please contact Pam with any questions or to see if there is space for you to play.

**Bunko (Daytime)**– Carol Chapman

Bunko will meet on Wednesday, October 7th, 9:30 am, at Panera's. RSVP to Carol.

**Bunko (Evening)**– Melissa Jeglinski

We meet on the first Monday of the month in individual homes at 6:30 pm. To get further details or to RSVP, please email Melissa.

**Dining Out Group**– Eleanor Coppedge or Judie Meyer

Dining Out will meet October 15th at Scott's On The Square to start our new year. We will meet at 6:30 pm. Please let Judie Meyer or Eleanor Coppedge know if you would like a reservation. Reservations need to be made before October 13th.

**Gardening**– Michele Canfield

We will meet October 5th at 9:00 am for a visit to Growers Outlet in Loganville. This is a fun event with great plant shopping and lunch to follow. Meet at the Food Lion parking lot at the Oakwood exit off 985. Don't forget to have money for your carpool driver.

**Lunch Bunch**– Rita Cornick or Lajuana McLeod

Our first meeting this year will be at the "Sweetfire Lodge" on Brown's Bridge Road (next to Applebees) at 11:20 am Tuesday, October 13th. Call Rita or Lajuana by Friday, October 9th, to make reservations for this get-together or if you have any questions.

**Mah Jong**– Jan Hickey

We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 12:30 pm at Jan's home. Contact Jan for details.

**Morning Coffee**– Paula Pilgrim or Patsy Amidei

Morning coffee will meet on October 14th in the home of Cheryl Tefft at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome. We usually meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please contact Paula or Patsy for more details on how to RSVP if you plan to attend.

**Quilting Group** - Joan Sevenpiper

The Quilting group always meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Call Joan if you need more information or directions.

**Reading Group**– Gertrude Rocco

We are going to meet on Thursday, October 15th, at 10am at the Hall Book Exchange, 1854 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville. The book to be discussed is THE PARIS ENIGMA by Pablo de Santis.

**Scrapbooking / Photo Organization** - Lynne Whalen

We will meet Friday, October 9th, at 10:00 am. Please RSVP to Lynne Whalen by October 7th.

**Sun, Sail & Ale**– Renee Bernstein

See the full information for this month's meeting– The Annual Fish Fry– on page 2 of this newsletter.

**Warm Up America** – Amy Schick

This group meets the third Tuesday of each month for about 2 hours. The October workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 20th at 10 am at Amy's house. We knit and crochet baby items for Newborns In Need and large afghans for the America Red Cross. Come join us and learn a new talent or refresh an old one! Contact Amy for more info. Happy Knitting.

# Thank You

To **Peach State Bank** who each month provides new members with a fun welcome package and lunch the day they join.

To **Joyce Merck Florist** who provides the beautiful corsages for our new members.

To **Gainesville's Belk Department Store** for a great Customer Appreciation Day in September.

Contact these supporters or look them up on the Web to see how they may help you personally

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