



MISSION STATEMENT:
THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLUB SHALL BE TO WELCOME NEWCOMERS
AND TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING BAZAAR and LUNCHEON on NOVEMBER 16TH

We are bringing the holiday spirit to you this year! You can expect to see hand painted Santas, party goods, original fine art work, children's books, monogrammed items, embroidered hand towels with college logos, holiday floral arrangements, wreaths, hand painted silk scarves and more. Come with your holiday gift needs in mind, and be ready for a fun event!! Among the 13 vendors will be Lady Bug, Burns-Telford House, Elizabeth's and Cozy Corner. You can browse, meet new vendors and shop as you like! Please bring your Gift List and plan to pay with cash or by check, as not all vendors are set up for debit or credit cards.

November 16th Luncheon Buffet

- Baby Spinach Leaves tossed with Bacon Bits, Bermuda Onions, Sliced Button Mushrooms, and Hard Boiled Eggs served with Hot Bacon Dressing
- Oven Roasted Turkey with Fresh Sage Stuffing, Giblet Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
- Virginia Ham with Pineapple Raisin Compote
- Autumn Roasted Root Vegetables
- Pecan Pie and Pumpkin Pie

[NOTE: Doors open and shopping begins: 10:10 am] [Meeting starts: 11:15 am]
Reservation deadline: Nov. 9th Luncheon Cost: \$20 Please Pay By Check, Not Cash



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Sandy Bassen | Susan Joninas |
| Carol Broadwell | Karyn Lisk |
| Judy Dube | Irene Kohler |
| Rosemary DuVall | Patti Russell |
| Tricia Faith | Jane Fray |
| Gladys Harvey-Peterson | |

Don't forget your stockings and food for children! Also, volunteers needed to sort food for Salvation Army! (See Community news pg. 4)

New members will be wearing special new name tags for their first few luncheon meetings to help us identify them. With almost 300 members, it is hard to know when someone is new, and we don't want to miss a chance to greet them!



Gainesville Newcomers' Club

CHRISTMAS ON GREEN STREET

Celebrate the holiday season by joining us
Sunday, December 4, 2011
5:00 - 7:00 pm



TIMES PAST

Again this year, Gainesville Newcomers' members have the opportunity to be docents in this city-wide celebration presented by the City of Gainesville Historical Society. The GNC members that will be docents should meet at 4:00 pm. The city wide celebration begins at 5:00 pm with a parade, carriage rides, refreshments, Santa for the children and the tree lighting at 7:00 pm. Afterward, we will gather at a local restaurant for dinner. Please join us ~ this event is a lot of fun and will kick off the Holiday Season.

For additional information, please contact: Amy Schick, Lynne Whalen, Mary DuVall.



DECEMBER 14TH LUNCHEON PROGRAM:

"Eight Member Chorale Group performing Holiday songs"

We will be entertained by young students from Lakeview Academy in Gainesville performing your Holiday favorites!! This gives you the chance to kick back, listen and enjoy with warm thoughts of Holidays past.

- Also, a new activity is planned for the December gathering! **We will have a Christmas Ornament Exchange.**
- Members are asked to bring a wrapped Christmas Ornament costing ~\$5. These will be placed in the center of your table and will serve as the table décor during the luncheon meeting.
- After the musical program, we will play a "right, left" passing game with the ornaments going from person to person as instructed! Everyone who brings an ornament will go home with one!

This should be great fun!!

December Menu

Baby Green Salad Bowl

California Mixed Greens tossed in Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette

Strawberries, Diced Pineapple and Diced Oranges

Chicken Parmesan Served with Angel Hair Pasta

Jerk Seasoned Rubbed Pork Loin with Mango Chutney

Steamed Broccoli and Cauliflower Wild Rice Pilaf

Apple Pie Sweet Potato Pie



BUY YOUR 50/50 DRAWING TICKETS at each luncheon. Proceeds go to our Community Outreach.

The next GNC Board meeting will be held on December 6th [the 1st Tuesday in December] at Patsy Amidei's home. Special time-Social time begins at **9:30 am** and meeting starts at **10:00 am**. Directions will be emailed.

May 11th Event



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

We are in need of old vinyl records for this special event. Call Rosemary Munsen or Pinky Pearce if you have any to loan us. Watch for more news in future newsletters about this fun evening.



December Birthday Ladies

Jeanne Abbott	2
Dana Carlson	2
Rita Cornick	3
Cathy Cuyler	3
E.E. Sargent	4
Judy Perry	5
Marge Fortier	6
K. Kinser	6
Cindi Alexander	9
Ruth Johnson	9
Karen Henman	10
Gladys Harvey-Peterson	12
Linda Frates	12
Brenda Watson	13
Brenda Johnson	15
Evelyn Pirhalla	17
Carol Carper	20
Marilyn Burkarth	21
Mary Willingham	21
Ann Piper	22
Billie Cole	23
Nancy Sullivan	23
Pat Munhall	24
Marie Deans	26
Margaret (Peg) McKitrick	29
Sandra Landergott	30
Carolyn Palmer	30
Linda Sartore	31

REMEMBER: All birthdays are listed by month in your directory, immediately following the member listings. (It will not include the birthdays of those members joining after August.)

Meals On Wheels:
\$189.25 was collected at the October Luncheon.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Newcomer Friends,
 Our year has gotten off to a great start. With near-record attendance at our luncheons in September and October, and all the guests and new members we are welcoming, it is an exciting time for us! We have enjoyed a fun, outstanding program focusing on the cultural events in our area and some great programs are on tap. The Interest Group Fair is always a big hit--I know that so many of you are taking advantage of this wonderful way to meet other members in a smaller setting, and we have so many groups to choose from this year. In keeping with our mission statement, your Community Services Committee has been really busy and has big plans for the months ahead. There should be many opportunities for everyone to get involved.

Before the hectic holiday schedule begins, I want to wish each of you a warm holiday season filled with many special moments and all the things you hold most dear. May we all focus on the true spirit of the season and work toward peace on earth, goodwill to all people.

Warmly, Patsy
 GNC President, 2011-12

NOTE: The 2011-2012 GNC Directory will be available at November's luncheon. In order to save club funds, the directories will not be mailed out to anyone this year. Please pick your copy up and pick up copies for those that you know will not be attending the luncheons. Anyone wishing to have an electronic version emailed to them should contact Beth Andert.

Member Care

Pat Bursten - surgery
 Gretchan Pearce - husband's surgery
 Let Zella Walsh, corresponding secretary, know if a member should get a card to know they are remembered by the group.

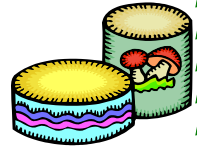
COMMUNITY SERVICE



THANK YOU

To all of you who contributed to the warm clothing drive, a heartfelt thank you from My Sister's Place, Good News at Noon, and Gateway House. Because of your generosity, we shared much needed clothing with three locations and a variety of canned beans with the Salvation Army. We also took a variety of supplies, donated by members, to the Humane Society.

Bring **canned goods and nonperishable food** for the Salvation Army Food Drive to the November 16th luncheon. We are asking you to bring **food children might like** such as soups, peanut butter, spaghetti O's, macaroni & cheese, etc. Dried and packaged foods will be accepted. You will be able to deposit your donations in front of the Clubhouse when you arrive.



Bring your filled **Christmas stocking** for a boy or girl to the November 16th luncheon. We will have a collection area set up inside the Club near the registration area.

Each year, Newcomers volunteers assist the **Salvation Army with sorting and packaging food items** in the holiday season. We are seeking help for November 29th, 30th, and December 1st from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. The sorting will take place at 2100 Atlanta Highway and directions will be provided. Just bring yourself and a good pair of gloves! We plan to have lunch when finished, so please sign up to help.



At the November luncheon, details will be provided on the **items for the Angel Tree** which will be displayed at the December meeting.

Gateway Needs List: (Be an angel!)

Flashlights, batteries

Inexpensive ladies underwear

Laundry detergent

Trash bags

Umbrellas

Ziploc gallon bags

Juice boxes

Hair products

Allergy medicine

Toilet paper

Baby wipes

Inexpensive pillows

Paper towels

Dishwashing liquid

Hair dryers

Plastic mattress covers

Boy's underwear 4-12

All donations can be left in the basket at the front of the luncheon room. For additional information about all community service activities, contact Fran Watkins.

December 2011

SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
				1 <u>Mexican Train</u> (Daytime) 11:00 am	2 <u>Couples</u> <u>Bridge</u> (1)	3
4 <u>Christmas</u> <u>On Green</u> 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm	5 <u>Gardening</u> 10:00 am <u>Bunko</u> (Evening) 6:30 pm	6 <u>Board Mtg.</u> 9:30 am(social) 10:00 am (mtg) <u>Mexican Train</u> (Evening) 6:00pm	7 <u>Bunko</u> (Daytime) 9:30 am <u>Morning</u> <u>Coffee</u> 10:00 am	8 <u>Antique Ex-</u> <u>plorers</u> 10:30 am	9 <u>Couples</u> <u>Bridge</u> (2) <u>Deadline for</u> <u>Luncheon</u> <u>Reservations</u>	10
11	12 <u>Mah Jong</u> 1:00 pm	13 <u>Hiking</u> 9:00 am <u>Lunch Bunch</u> 11:30 am	14 <u>GNC</u> <u>Luncheon</u> Doors open at 10:10 am	15 <u>Reading Group</u> <u>Christmas</u> <u>Luncheon</u>	16 <u>Couples</u> <u>Bridge</u> (3)	17
18	19 <u>Ladies</u> <u>Bridge</u> 10:00am- 2:00 pm	20 <u>Warm Up</u> <u>America</u> 10:00 am <u>Mexican Train</u> 6:00 pm	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 
						



INTEREST GROUPS

Late November - End of December 2011

If you are interested in any of these special interest groups, inquire by email at interests@gainesvillenewcomersclub.com or contact a group leader for details.

The leader's telephone and email information can be found in the GNC Membership Directory.

Antique Exploring: Nona Stacks or Patsy Viles

Antique Explorers will be meeting at Judy Darby's house on Thursday, December 8th at 10:30 am for our annual Christmas lunch. Be searching for an antique/vintage ornament for our ornament exchange activity. This is always a fun time of celebration and fellowship. An email will be sent with specific information and directions to Judy's home.

Bridge for Couples : Rosalie Minnich or Jeanie Para

Couples Bridge meets 1st, 2nd **or** 3rd Friday each month for a social evening of Bridge. Contact Rosalie or Jeanie for more information on openings and schedules.

Bridge for Ladies : Pam Cohan

Ladies Bridge meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 am at O'Charley's on Browns Bridge Road. For the month of December, we will meet December 19th at the Harbour Point Clubhouse from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Contact Pam for openings and details.

Bunko (Daytime): Coral Gleason

Bunko is held on the first Wednesday of each month. We will meet at 9:30 am on December 7th at Panera Bread Café on Dawsonville Highway. Come join the fun. If any questions, contact Coral Gleason.

Bunko (Evening): Pat Shockey or Sandy Murphy

Bunko (evening) will meet Monday, December 5th at 6:30 pm in the home of Linda Spencer. Those signed up for the group will be sent an email ten days prior to playing with directions to Linda's house. Because of space limitations, those who RSVP to the group email will be signed up to play on a first come, first served basis. This evening will include a gift exchange with details in the group email. Contact Sandy or Pat if you need further information.

Cultural Arts & Events: Patricia Louko

Many holiday events are listed in the "What's Happening in Gainesville" emails sent twice monthly. Be sure to read through it all. If you wish to be included in the emailing, contact Patricia.



Dining Out : Eleanor Coppedge or Judie Meyer ***Date Change***

Dining Out will change the date from Thursday to Tuesday in November so as not to interfere with Thanksgiving and the Newcomers' Luncheon. We will be going to Tams Backstage in Cumming on Tuesday, November 15th. We will meet at 6:30 pm at the restaurant. Check the following websites for directions to Tam's www.tamsbackstage.com/directions and Menu at www.tamsbackstage.com/index-3.html. Contact Judie Meyer or Eleanor Coppedge if you plan to attend. Dining Out will not meet in December as we will be shopping and dieting so we can enjoy all the holiday goodies.

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Dominoes—Mexican Train (evening): Pinky Pearce or Dana Carlson ***NEW***

Our first evening Mexican Train playing was loads of fun! So much that we have decided to meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. We will meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30 pm to eat and begin play at 6:00 pm at Irish Bred Pub, located at the Lakeshore Mall.



Dominoes—Mexican Train (daytime): will meet monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be December 1st at 11:00 am. (Note change— Irish Bred Pub opens at 11:00 am.) Irish Bred Pub is located at Lakeshore Mall at the intersection of Pearl Nix Parkway and Dawsonville Highway. See website www.irishpubgainesville.com . For more information on either the evening or daytime meetings, contact Pinky Pearce or Dana Carlson.

Gardening: Michele Canfield or Linda Harris

The Gardening Group will meet on Monday, December 5th at 10:00 am for a Christmas coffee and presentation by local artist Kathy Walton on Steel Art. You will need a small food treat to pass and \$2.00 to defray speaker costs. The meeting will be at the home of Michele Canfield. There will NOT be a meeting in January. Contact Michele for information and directions.

Golf: Peggy Barfield

We will play on Thursday, November 17th (change) at 9:00 am at Chattahoochee Golf Club. We will NOT be playing in December since it is such a busy month. In January 2012 to August 2012, we will play the 4th Thursday with a tee time of 9:00 am. If any changes, group will receive email.

Gourmet for Couples: Ann Curry or Rita Toomey

Sign-up for this group was in September and October: however, if you are new to the club and want to sign up, please contact Ann Curry or Rita Toomey to join a formed group. Each group has four couples and each couple hosts only once a year. When it is your turn, you may host something very casual or more formal as to your liking.

Grandma's Closet: Judie Meyer

Grandma's closet is expanding to address medical equipment needs. Those who have a need for wheelchairs, walkers, etc. or have these items to share please email me, and I will send out a request when needed. Once again- 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 Judie with a wish list and the child's age. She will then send out an SOS.

Hiking Group: Jenny Kitchens and Pat DeNote

On Tuesday, December 13th take a break from the holiday stress! Get outside and join us to hike the 3 mile, moderate rated Dunlap trail at Chicopee Woods. It is a beauty of a hike that includes big trees, a ford of Walnut Creek, and the placid West Lake. These pretty woods with flora, fauna, and water features are soooo close to Gainesville also! We will meet at College Square Shopping Center parking lot (near "The Tree") ~ just off I-985 Oakwood Exit (Highway 53). . . . behind the Dairy Queen and east of Gainesville College Campus on Highway 53 at 9:00 am. We will carpool to Chicopee. Plan to bring extra money to eat lunch at Royal Lakes Country Club, plus \$7.00 for your driver's expense. Wear appropriate hiking shoes and layered clothing to suit the weather. Please bring along a hiking stick, water, and a trail snack if you wish. Come and experience one of the 8 trails in and around the Elachee Nature Center at Chicopee Woods. You will be surprised at how well the natural surroundings have been preserved. Please email or phone Jenny or Pat by Sunday, December 11th if you plan to enjoy this close-by hike.

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Lunch Bunch: Pat Munhall or Lois Shoemaker

The Lunch Bunch ladies will be going to Burns Telford House in Maysville for our December luncheon on Tuesday, December 13th at 11:30 am. This is a beautifully restored older home that serves wonderful food and also has antiques and a boutique with lovely items for sale. We went there last December, and it was so good that several people requested we go again. They have a luncheon special we will all get which includes soup, green salad, fruit, chicken salad, quiche, dessert, and a drink for \$15. You can check out their menu and directions at their website: www.burnstelfordhouse.blogspot.com. Hope to see you there.

Mah Jong: Ruth Johnson

The Mah Jong Group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The next dates are November 14th, November 28th, and December 12th. (No meeting December 27th.) Mah Jong is a Chinese tile game. Both the American and Chinese version are played and new players are always welcome. Contact Ruth Johnson for location and time.

Morning Coffee: Rosemary Munsen or Judie Meyer *CHANGE

The morning coffee usually meets the second Wednesday of each month. However, due to the early date of the December luncheon, the Morning coffee will meet on Wednesday, December 7th at 10:00 am at the home of Cheryl Tefft. If you need additional information or to RSVP, contact Rosemary. New members especially welcome. (You'll love her holiday decorating ideas.)

Reading Group: Gertrud Rocco

The Reading Group will meet Thursday, November 17th at 10:00am at the Hall Book Exchange located at 1854 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville. We will discuss Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. On December 15th, we will gather for our annual Christmas luncheon. Please contact Nancy Baumgardner for details.

Sun, Sail & Ale: Renee Bernstein

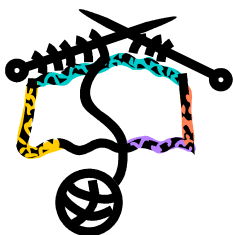
We will be taking a break for the rest of this year. Meetings will resume in January 2012.

Warm Up America : Amy Schick

November 15th is our next workshop, and we will meet on December 20th. I want to thank all the ladies who generously donate their time, talent, and yarn to this worthwhile project. As you know, this project does not receive any money from our treasury so all the yarn is purchased by the ladies that participate in this Interest Group. A huge "Thank You" goes to all of you! The finished items are donated to the American Red Cross and Newborns In Need. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am.

Wine Explorers : Joan Gordon

Wine Explorers will be celebrating Valentine's Day early on February 6th, 2012, at a soon-to-be-announced vineyard for a Wine and Chocolate Tasting. Watch for details in your December newsletter. Contact Joan Gordon for information about this group.



Thank You

To Peach State Bank who provides new members with a welcome package and lunch the day they join, and has generously helped underwrite the costs of our Annual Fashion show.

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

To Gainesville's Belk Department Store for their great support throughout the year.

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