

Gainesville Newcomers' Club

Welcome to the



Gainesville, Georgia

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Mission Statement

The purpose of this Club shall be to welcome newcomers
and to be of service to the Community.

December 14th Program

Doors Open: 10:15 am Meeting/Program starts: 10:40 am
Luncheon cost: \$20 by check ~not cash

We will be entertained by a Choral Group from Lakeview Academy in Gainesville singing a collection of favorite holiday tunes. You won't want to miss this! Members are asked to bring a wrapped Christmas Ornament costing approximately \$5. There will be an ornament exchange! After the musical program, the wrapped ornaments will be passed around the table as a story is read, with lots of passing "left" and "right" as the story dictates. At the end of the story, you receive the ornament you are holding. . . . 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



NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS

Penny Butterworth

Claudia Williams

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 each one of them!

Please keep me informed when you know of a member in need of a card. My number is listed in the directory.
Zella Walsh, Corresponding Secretary

Member Care Cards

Beth Andert: husband, illness

Carol Buie: husband, illness

Marsha Dempsey: husband, illness

Pat DeNote: surgery

Lou Durden: illness

Jeannine Edmundson: husband, surgery

Coral Gleason: family illness

Charlotte Haste: death of husband

Annette Hinton: death of father

Joyce White: death of husband

Jane Williams: death of husband



January Birthday Ladies

PORTIA SIRIBUNRIT	January 3
SUE GOODENOUGH	January 4
MARILYN VALENT	January 4
PATRICIA (TRICIA) FAITH	January 6
MELISSA JEGLINSKI	January 11
MADDIE MARTIN	January 12
ELEANOR COPPEDGE	January 13
LAURA FINE	January 13
DENISE RISSLER	January 13
VICKI REMALEY	January 14
ANN CURRY	January 14
BETTY EDWARDS	January 16
DARLA ROBERTSON	January 16
PATRICIA PACE	January 16
BETTY FRAYSER	January 16
PATTI RUSSELL	January 18
MARIE FAUNCE	January 20
PATSY AMIDEI	January 21
JUDY KERLEY	January 22
PAM NEUKUM	January 23
NONA STACKS	January 24
PAT MEARS	January 31

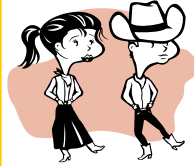
REMEMBER: All birthdays are listed by month in your directory, immediately following the member listings. (It will not include the birthdays of those members joining after August.)

Don't forget to pick up your directory at the December luncheon and pick up one for any member friends who have not been able to get theirs yet!

January 25th's Fit 'N Fun Luncheon



A representative from the American Heart Association will give us tips on healthier meal planning and ideas for living better!



Then we will welcome Kathy Hernandez who will demonstrate steps from several Western line dances and do some instructing with our group. She is a local expert who will encourage us to get up and move!


Be creative and come dressed in the country western style!

PLEASE BRING SOCKS TO WEAR WHILE DANCING,
as we will set up an area along the tables to try out our new dance steps!

This should be fun, and a good way to begin the New Year!!





January Menu— Texas Style Barbecue Buffet

- Garden salad
- Smoked Brisket with Tia Maria Barbecue Sauce
- Smoked Spareribs with Cognac Barbecue Sauce
- Cole slaw with Margarita Vinaigrette
- Sweet Potato Salad with Pina colada Vinaigrette
- And more..... See next month's newsletter for more details.



BUY YOUR 50/50 DRAWING TICKETS
at each luncheon. Proceeds go to designated charities.

Meals on Wheels donations totaled \$211.51
at November's luncheon.



 Valentine Lunch at Senior Center - no date has been set but
 volunteers are needed. Keep watching for details.



The next GNC Board meeting will be held on
January 3, 2012 [the 1st Tuesday in January].
This will be an Internet meeting. You will receive
reply instructions from Patsy Amidei and you will have
several days to send in your report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Salvation Army Sort Completed!

The Salvation Army really appreciates our help. Cathy McPherson, the volunteer coordinator, told us that she relies heavily on our group to participate. A total of 32 Newcomers participated in the Salvation Army Food Sort on Nov. 28th – Dec. 1st.



The Salvation Army prepares 1,000 boxes of food during the Christmas season alone, and the Newcomers group sorted food and prepared about 400 of these boxes for them.

A group was scheduled each day to take all the canned and dry, nonperishable foods that had been donated to the Salvation Army and sort items into barrels. Hundreds of cans of green beans were sorted into storage barrels as were corn, sweet peas, mixed vegetables, etc. These items were used to pack a variety of foods in boxes to be distributed to needy families.

We had good teamwork and fun in the process. Job well done, volunteers!

Christmas Stockings– Still time!

Thank you for your donations of the Christmas stockings and gifts for the Salvation Army Angel Tree.



We delivered 140 Christmas stockings to various Agencies including Gateway, North-east Georgia Medical Hospice, My Sisters Place, Good News at Noon, and Challenged Child. If you forgot to bring your Christmas stocking to the November luncheon, you may bring it to the December luncheon, and we will deliver them.

Angel Tree Children's Gifts– Still time!

Gifts to the **Angel Tree** are still being received. These requests come from families whose children most likely would find very little under their Christmas tree this year.



We wish each of you a happy holiday season and thank you for all of your generosity throughout the year. Fran Watkins, Chair, Members: Annette Hinton, Sally Hake, and Mary Jane McDevitt.



INTEREST GROUPS

With a community service flair

Warm Up America : Amy Schick

Make your New Year's Resolution to do something fun that also gives back to our community. Come learn to knit or crochet, or refresh your skills and create a cute little outfit or afghan for a baby in need. Our first workshop of the New Year will be Tuesday, January 17th at 10:00 am. at Amy's house. It's a very informal group. We just sit and crochet or knit and chat while our hands are busy working. Call Amy for information.

Grandma's Closet: Judie Meyer

Grandma's closet now addresses 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.



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INTEREST GROUPS

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Late December - End of January 2012

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.](#)

NOTE: Not meeting in January– Evening Bunko, Golf or Gardening

Antique Exploring: Nona Stacks or Patsy Viles

On Thursday, January 12th, the Antique Explorers will be traveling to the Flowery Branch/Buford area in search of treasures. We will meet at the “tree” at College Square Shopping Center in Oakwood (behind Dairy Queen off Mundy Mill Road & I-985) at 9:30 am. An email will be sent with further information.

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. We will meet on January 16th. 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 January 4th at Panera Bread Café on Dawsonville Highway. Come join the fun. If any questions, contact Coral Gleason.

Cultural Arts & Events: Patricia Louko

January 12th ~ “Nights Out for Nature” is a series of dinners to be hosted by a different restaurant each month. A portion of the evening's proceeds will be donated by the restaurant to support Elachee environmental education programs. Each dinner will also be hosted by Elachee board members and friends in the community, who will greet diners and thank them and the restaurateurs for their support. This month's host restaurant is Toasted and Tapped in Flowery Branch.

January 28th ~The Arts Council Evenings of Intimate Jazz Series presents Lynne Arriale at 8:00 pm. For more information to http://www.theartscouncil.net/lynne_arriale.html.

Dining Out : Eleanor Coppedge or Judie Meyer

Please contact Eleanor Coppedge or Judie Meyer for January Dining Out.

Dominoes-Mexican Train (daytime and evening): Pinky Pearce or Dana Carlson

Contact Pinky Pearce or Dana Carlson for January play times.

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 an existing group. Each group has four couples and each couple hosts only once a year, and you may host something casual or more formal as to your liking.

Hiking Group: Jenny Kitchens and Pat DeNote

We will welcome in the New Year with a fun hike to the top of Stone Mountain on Tuesday, January 10th. The view is spectacular! If time permits, we will take a look at the other features that make this Park one of the leading tourist attractions in Georgia. Please bring an extra dollar or two for the park entrance fee, plus money for the driver (\$7.00), and lunch money. We will eat at a restaurant in or near the Park. Wear appro

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Hiking Group: Jenny Kitchens and Pat DeNote (continued)

ropriate hiking shoes and clothing layered to suit the winter weather (a hat and gloves as it can be very windy on top of the mountain in January). Bring your water, a trail snack, plus a hiking stick (a must!). 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. Please email or call Jenny or Pat by Sunday, January 8th if you plan to "get out and just do it" in January!

Lunch Bunch: Pat Munhall or Lois Shoemaker

The GNC Lunch Bunch group will be going to The Blue Bicycle & Bistro, 671 Lumpkin Campground Road in Dawsonville on Tuesday, January 10th at 11:30 am. This restaurant is next to the Premium Outlets on GA400 in Dawsonville. You can check out their website at www.bluebicycle.net to find out more about this great restaurant and their menus. An email will be sent to everyone who has signed up for this group. Contact Pat Munhall if you are not on the list and would like to join us. Hope to see a lot of you there to start our new year!

Mah Jong: Ruth Johnson

The Mah Jong group usually meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. There will be No meeting on December 27th. January dates are Monday, January 9th and Monday, January 23rd. 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

The January Morning Coffee will be held at the home of Coral Gleason on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:00 am. Please call Rosemary or Judie for additional information.

Reading Group: Gertrud Rocco **Time Change***

The Reading Group will meet Thursday, January 19th at 1:30 pm at the Hall Book Exchange located at 1854 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville. Please bring your favorite mystery novel to share! Come join us. Contact Gertrud for details.

Sun, Sail & Ale: Renee Bernstein

The first Sun, Sail, and Ale for 2012 will be at Renee Bernstein's home. Start the new year off by joining in the fun on January 15th from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. It seems like it's been a while since we were together, so please join us. Bring a dish to share and what you want to drink. We also need volunteers for hosts for the coming year. Looking forward to seeing you. Any questions, contact Renee.

Wine Explorers : Joan Gordon

February Event will be a Private Wine & Chocolate Tasting at Three Sisters Winery in Dahlongega. This is a special \$25 per person private tasting in the winery tasting room on Monday, February 6th, 2012 starting at 2:00 pm. The \$25 fee is all inclusive and will feature six of their wines plus a barrel tasting (seven total wines), keepsake wine glass, and three artisan chocolates paired with three of the wines. Space is limited so book early. Reservation and payment must be made by Friday, January 18th (make checks out to Joan Gordon). Carpooling will be arranged.

Advance minimum ticket purchase is required by the winery which mean if we don't get enough, the event will be canceled. If you would like to bring a non-member or spouse, please let Joan know when you book so she can put them on the wait list. Should we not meet the minimum by January 18th, it will be canceled as a GNC Wine Explorer Event so she can open it up to non-members in order to meet the minimum. At that time she will call those who have expressed an interest in bringing non-members or spouses. If you have any questions, contact Joan Gordon

January 2012



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
1	2 <u>No Evening Bunko</u>	3 <u>Board Meeting (Internet)</u>	4 <u>Bunko (Daytime)</u> 9:30 am	5	6 <u>Couples Bridge (1)</u>	7
8	9 <u>No Gardening</u> <u>Mah Jong</u> 1:00 pm	10 <u>Hiking</u> 9:00 am <u>Lunch Bunch</u> 11:30 am	11 <u>Morning Coffee</u> 10:00 am	12 <u>Antique Explorers</u> 9:30 am	13 <u>Couples Bridge (2)</u>	14
15 <u>Sun, Sail & Ale</u> 3:00 - 5:00pm	16 <u>Ladies Bridge</u> 10:00 am	17 <u>Warm Up America</u> 10:00 am	18	19 <u>Reading Group</u> 1:30 pm	20 <u>Couples Bridge (3)</u> Deadline for Luncheon Reservations	21
22	23 <u>Mah Jong</u> 1:00 pm	24	25 <u>GNC Luncheon</u> Doors open At 10:15 am	26	27	28
29	30	31	<p>Valentine Lunch at Senior Center - no date has been set but volunteers are needed. Keep watching for details.</p>			

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.

To Gainesville Whiteprint for all our printing needs.

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