



Athens Area Newcomers Club

A.A.N.C. meets the second Thursday morning of each month at 9:30 AM
at the new facilities of the Central Presbyterian Church
380 Alps Road, Athens, near Beechwood Shopping Center

FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER

During the past fifty years, AANC Programs have been presented with the intention of giving members insight into the varied opportunities of living in Athens-Clark County and Oconee County. During the programs each month, new residents:

- hear about the history, character, and future possibilities for this region of North Georgia,
- learn about some of the achievements and interests of some of our noteworthy community members,
- are informed about upcoming area events, and about other civic, educational, and social groups,
- and, most of all, are welcomed and encouraged to share ideas and background stories with the group.

Doing Good. Making Good And Doing Well is the yearly theme for AANC September 2009 – August 2010 Programs

Each year we have a simple theme for the monthly meetings of Athens Area Newcomers Club. This year, the theme is: **Our Neighbors: Doing Good, Making Good.....and Doing Well, Making Well.**

Living here in the Athens – Oconee region, we all have outstanding neighbors who give of themselves to make our community “a shining city set upon a hill.” These neighbors may actually live next door – or they may be located in some of the larger and impressive public and private facilities so noticeable around the area. A neighbor may be a well-known author, a nationally respected state of the art medical research center, or someone who, when retired, has taken on an even larger commitment to make a difference. Whether these neighbors are individuals or an employer with a huge granite sign at the entry of their business, each act of reaching out beyond one’s own four-walls, four acres, 40 acres, or 400 acres makes a huge impact on this region of North Georgia.

This year we will meet some of these people. Some, we already know, others are more quiet about their efforts, and still others are people who work with the larger employers....but in each instance, we will see individuals whose lives are filled with joy because they give so much, and have received so much in return.

FALL PROGRAMS

September 10th:

To start off this year’s theme of focusing on GOOD people who make our community such a GOOD place to live, David and Hilda Fletcher will share stories of some of their recent adventures, contributions and escapades. This couple is well known in Athens, as well as in the University Community, and their church.

They are world travelers, however their “vacation” pictures are never about themselves, but of so many people who have a smile on their face because of the kindness of the Fetters. David is a great story teller, and he will tell you tales that may challenge your imagination, move you to tears, or make you thankful there are people who can make you laugh! Their most current project in Athens is assisting their daughter with her new business: she bought the Black Forest Bakery formerly on Prince Avenue and moved it to their new location on the East Side on Gaines School Road.

October 8th:

From the viewpoint of “Doing Well and Making Well”, we have

the Director of Development from the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, Kathy Bangle, who will tell us about the vision of this exemplary Teaching Hospital. From research and care for the pets many of us love like family members to the larger animals residing on the farms of Georgia and nearby states, the UGA Vet/Med Hospital is an outstanding facility. However, it is becoming inadequate to serve the growing population....and it will be replaced and greatly expanded to a state-of-the-art \$100 million facility in the future. The impact of this healthcare facility is hard to imagine! It may well be the Hospital and Research Center that all others use to measure their own standards. With the expansion of St. Mary’s, Athens Regional, and the Athens campus of Medical College of Georgia, Athens is projected to be a primary medical research and development center of this region of the USA. Even if you don’t have a pet, this presentation will be of great interest, as we will see the impact on our community of this facility in the foreseeable future.

November 12th:

Our November guest from Oconee County is a nationally acclaimed author some of you may already know. Phil Williams will tell us about his early days of writing novels about people in this region. Later came the poetry and at the same time a very highly praised novel about the Civil War, “The Distant Flame”, written from a most unusual perspective. From September through the next year, Phil will be on book tours, signing his most recent book - “The Campfire Boys”, which will be available September 1st. Please take time to look at the video on his website: www.philipleewilliams.com. Phil is among the Southern Writers who dare to explore the lore and passion of bygone days, helping readers to comprehend and embrace the GOOD events occurring during a tragic past from a perspective not generally found in many history books.

December 10th:

Holiday festivities will be celebrated at the Athens Country Club this Year. Mary Gould has planned a wonderful Christmas Luncheon for AANC members and guests on Thursday, December 10th at 11:30 AM. As the Season draws near, there will be updates on the particulars for this Buffet Luncheon.

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50/50 Club

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Welcome to all Newcomers for the 2009-2010 club year! We hope you will join us for some great programs. Please call me if you have any questions!

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Cards:

If you know someone who needs cheering up or has suffered a loss, please tell our Corresponding Secretary, Carol Weaver at (706) 208-1911, so she can send a card.

AANC Website:

Our website can be accessed at <http://www.newcomers-club-athens-ga.org>. Many new pages and pictures have been added and we continue to receive positive responses on the results. In addition, I am receiving calls/emails from people interested in checking us out.

Remember, **this is your website**. Your ideas and articles written by you are welcome. I would be more than happy to upload articles on the various interest groups with or without pictures. Please forward ideas or articles to me, Webmaster@newcomers-club-athens-ga.org or call Cheryl A. Brock at (706) 425-2417.

Special Interest Groups

Special interest groups have something for almost everyone and we are always open to new ideas. Joining a group is a great way to have fun and get to know other AANC members. Some of the current groups may be full. If you would like to form a new group please contact **Ann Hines at (706) 369-8645**.

STITCH AND CHAT

*If you like to stitch or chat or both, join us at **9:30 AM** on the **4th Friday of the month** at **the Lyndon House**.*

Gourmet I & Gourmet II

10 couples each – contact leaders about vacancies or starting a new group.

Contemporary Classics Book Club

Join us at noon on the third Thursday of each month at a member's home for a light lunch and a discussion of our "book of the month" choice. Upcoming selections:

Sept. 17: *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage*

by Alfred Lansing

Oct. 15: *The Virgin Suicides* by Jeffrey Eugenides

by Jeffrey Eugenides

Nov. 19: **TBD**

Dec. 17: **TBD**

HAND AND FOOT

*This fun game is easy to learn and we are happy to teach you. We meet on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month.*

BURNT FINGERS

A lunch group that meets in member's homes – contact leader about occasional vacancies

DINING OUT

Sign up to be contacted for these outings to Athens area restaurants.. Check the website for this months location, date, and time.

BRIDGE I - 4th Tues

Contact leader for information on vacancies, forming a new group, or substituting.

LUNCH BUNCH

After the regular business meeting everyone is invited to go to lunch at a local restaurant!

A New Luncheon Gathering

This group is being formed by Lucretia Moore. If you are interested, please contact her at 706-543-2082.

Community Involvement

Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items, brown paper bags, school supplies, and plastic bags (grocery) to the meetings. For more information on current needs of the homeless we support, contact Frances Lang at (706) 353-7733.

Feel free to invite guests, including spouses, to any of the programs !

Refer them to our new website at

<http://www.newcomers-club-athens-ga.org>

To Join the Athens Newcomers Club

Mail your check made out to AANC and membership form to:

**Cheryl A. Brock
175 Wickersham Drive
Athens, GA 30606**

Annual dues are **\$18.00** per person and are payable by or at the first general meeting in September. Dues for **new members only** joining after the first of January are \$9.00 .

The membership form can be downloaded from the website.

Reminder: You must pay your annual dues by October 1 to participate in the Special Interest Groups and receive the annual updated membership directory!

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