



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

Spring 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.

**** **GEORGIA ON MY MIND** is the yearly theme for **AANC September 2008 – August 2009 Programs** ****

The Program Theme for 2008-2009 is "**Georgia on my Mind.**" This year we will hear many intriguing and informative presentations about this region of North Georgia. Ranging from 18th Century mysteries to plans for the area's anticipated growth and development, members will continue to explore our special area, with **Georgia on our Minds!**

— SPRING PROGRAMS —

JANUARY 8 - Tim and Wendy Stephenson, (handsome son and beautiful daughter-in-law of Lynda), from the Athens Home Improvement program, aired every Saturday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 AM on WGAU 1340 AM, will be our guests. Plan on being part of a "Radio Audience" with your call-in questions.....they can answer every question you could possibly have about the upkeep of your home. The best part is, when they are stumped, they (1) "wing-it" and make listeners laugh a lot, and (2) they take phone numbers privately off the air, and return calls with helpful information. At least 99.9% of the time they DO know the answers. They are extremely professional and extremely informative. In other words, they have the homes of this area of Georgia....On Their Mind!

FEBRUARY 12 - The Point of Art. This is the name of a most unusual gallery in Union Point - near Greensboro, south of Athens. Lee Nelson and his wife Anne Jenkins "blew" into Union Point after relocation from Hurricane Rita and Katrina. They came from one devastated area to another small, almost crumbling, small town. Working with a federal grant, the town's Redevelopment Authority, and the community, Union Point is coming back to life. Anne is a well known artist in New Orleans, and their move here was featured in an early Summer issue of Southern Living. The concepts in their minds are changing a small disintegrating area of Georgia into a productive venue. It is

even near enough to Yesterday's Cafe for a wonderful lunch!!

MARCH 12 - 10:00 AM - 12:30 AM meeting/lunch at the T.R.R. Cobb House: AANC Members and guests will have a Private Tour by the Curator, Dr. Sam Thomas, watch a video about other regional historic homes, and enjoy a boxed-lunch at this most unusual home. It is the remarkable Pink House, just off Prince Avenue, next door to the former Prince Avenue Baptist Church (Now Piedmont College). Parking is available in back of the home. This ante-bellum mansion was sold years ago and transported to Stone Mountain Park where it was to become a bed and breakfast. It sat in pieces, as a ruin for over 20 years, until it was purchased by the Watson-Brown Foundation and moved back to Athens about 4 years ago. The incredibly detailed restoration was recently completed. "If Only Walls Could Talk" and when you hear the stories from the letters, books, and journals on the bookshelf walls, I think you'll agree that Walls CAN speak volumes to us!

APRIL 9 - We will honor a 30 year celebration of an IMPORTANT educational program in our community, and there will be a visit from Tevey, from Fiddler On the Roof.....(If I Were a Rich Man). This meeting will feature Warren McPhearson, who has devoted his entire professional life, skills, and love to children and their families, by expanding the Montessori School from a dream to an exemplary school. The facilities are outstanding, but more than that, the concepts he believes in have motivated students far beyond what ever could have been predicted.

MAY 14 - 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Athens Country Club, Spring Luncheon. Two guest speakers will talk to us about **The Olympic Gold.** (continued on Page 2)

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Welcome to all Newcomers for the 2008-2009 club year! We hope you will join us for some great programs. Please call me if you have any questions!
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Spring Programs continued: They are internationally acclaimed UGA Coach Jack Bauerle, who was named the Head Coach for the Gold Medal winning USA Olympic Swimming Team, and Craig Hancock from Eatonton, GA, Skeet shooting Coach for his Gold Medal winning son, Vincent since he was 12 years old. Both Coaches will tell us entertaining and behind-the-scenes stories about the 2008 Olympics and what it takes to make such an incredible commitment to becoming champions. Vincent is now stationed in Fort Benning and represents Team USA all over the world. He will be in Germany in May and we expect him to visit an AANC meeting this Summer.

Cards:

If you know someone who needs cheering up or has suffered a loss, please tell our Corresponding Secretary, Dottie Quarterman at (706) 546-4775, so she can send a card.

AANC Website:

In September, we voted on upgrading the website. The upgrade has provided us with much needed additional disk space, additional bandwidth, an "ad free" site, and some additional site access reporting. Thank you all for your support in making the upgrade possible.

Our new website can be accessed at <http://www.newcomers-club-athens-ga.org>. Many new pages and pictures have been added and I've received positive responses from you all on the results. 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.

Betsey Barth's Special Programs and Announcements

January 18th – Stephen Scurry, our November 13th guest speaker, is doing a program for The Athens Historical Society at The Georgia Museum of Art (located on the East Campus of UGA) on Sunday, January 18th at 3 PM.

January 29th - February 1st: During these four days, we will have some Open Houses, and members can visit with friends who used to live in the same areas of the country before they moved here to Athens/Oconee County. For example, I lived in Western New York State in the Snow Country of Rochester, and the Wine Country of the Finger Lakes. I know several have moved here from California, New Orleans, Chicago, the South West, and Florida. At the January 8th Business Meeting, we will identify several regions of the country where members used to live, and we will plan Open Houses where friends can get together and enjoy stories of our former lives.

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:

1/15 [A Northern Light](#)
by Jennifer Donnelly

2/19 [Pillars of the Earth](#)
by Ken Follett

3/19 [The Road](#)
by Cormac McCarthy

4/16 [World Without End](#)
by Ken Follett

The remaining selections have yet to be decided on. Please watch our website for update to the remaining Spring selections.

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!

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 and membership form to:

**Sharon Tate, Treasurer, AANC
101 Trillium Lane
Athens, GA 30605-4972**

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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