



# 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 2010 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.**

### SPRING PROGRAMS

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** Welcome to the **future of Medical Education**, a Medical Partnership. UGA, The Medical College of Georgia, St. Mary's Hospital, Athens Regional Medical Center, and Northeast Medical Center in Gainesville have come together in an unparalleled and remarkable partnership for expanding education for future physicians.

Allison Bracewell McCullick, the Program Coordinator for Health Initiatives, will give us an update and a behind the scenes story about this public and private regional program. The commitment has been made to make this facility one of the finest in America. The first class of medical students enrolled in the Fall 2009 Semester and will complete their studies at the new University Health Sciences campus on Prince Avenue. This was the former location of the US Navy Supply Corps School.

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** We will meet at the **Ben Epps Airport** at 10:30 AM in the Athens Flight Center building. Operations Supervisor, Dan Demsky, will give us a tour of the recently completed airport facility. In addition to the public terminal, there is a state-of-the-art Fire Station, updated Tower, and the Athens Flight Center building. In the entrance is a reproduction of the plane developed by Ben Epps which really started the fledgling flight industry.

This great facility has a substantial economic impact on this region of Georgia. The airport serves public and private business aviation, individual plane owners and private pilots. Two flight schools are based at the airport. Also, there are four daily commercial shuttle flights to and from Hartsfield International.

After the tour, we will have a catered box lunch at the Flight Center, provided by one of Athens exceptional caterers. **NO CHARGE.**

**AIRPORT DIRECTIONS:** Loop 10 to the Lexington & Airport Exit. Go South on 78 about ¼ mile. Get in left lane. Turn left on Winterville Road at the light. Go about a mile, and turn right at the light. Go about 1 mile, and the airport will be on the right. We will meet in the new brick Athens Flight Center Building on the right. There is plenty of parking.

**IF THERE IS EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER PREDICTED**, we will reschedule this meeting, and will be in touch with all mem-

bers in sufficient time to let you know about the change of plans.

**March 11<sup>th</sup> Family Tree and Memories:** A special gift for your family. This will be a fascinating and memorable meeting. Judy Russell and Greg Crane will give a presentation about creating a basic ancestral chart which we can use as the beginning of a structured document to give to Grandchildren. Judy and Greg have given this presentation many times around the state with great reviews from their participants. The name of their class is "**ASK GRANNY.**" For those interested, Judy said they would have a follow-up session.

This is something which we all plan to do some day, but the instruction Judy and Greg will give us is invaluable in getting our "good intentions" in a great format. We need to thank Ann Crowley for getting us in touch with Judy and Greg - it seems that they have made a difficult task rather simple and fun to do! This will be a GOOD time !!!

**April 8<sup>th</sup> The American Red Cross, Athens Regional Chapter** covers a service area of 13 counties. The American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, and the Athens/East Georgia Chapter received its Charter in 1917. Regina Sockman and Mandy Johnson will talk with us about the history and current services of this Chapter.

Today, the Athens/East Georgia Chapter is a vital part of the regional services provided by both paid and volunteer professionals. We may be familiar with the Blood Drives, Health and Safety Certification, Disaster Relief, and Services to the Military, but there is much more that this outstanding organization brings to our communities.

There is a great deal of coordination with the Red Cross among local hospitals, the University of Georgia, fire services and law enforcement, Social Services, Homeland Security, FIMA, etc. This will be a very instructive meeting, and you will be able to see a most unusual piece of the "Clara Barton History."

**May 13<sup>th</sup> - SPRING LUNCHEON.** This year we will return to the scene of one of our favorite places and our wonderful caterer! We will meet at 11:30 at **Anna's Walk Clubhouse**, (Exit the Atlanta HWY on Jennings Mill, near Loop 10, and turn left on Anna's Walk) Mary Gould has planned a great luncheon and festive good time for all!! Family and friends are WELCOME!!

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#### 50/50 Club

Open

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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## Standing Committees:

### Community Involvement:

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### Contemporary Classics Book Club:

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### Dining Out:

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### Out and About:

Mary Gould (706) 353-3483

### Stitch & Chat:

Ann Hines (706) 369-8645

## 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.

## Annual Officer and Special Interest Group Elections in April:

**Our organization is run through volunteer efforts.** We're beginning to see the same people doing all the jobs to keep the organization running year after year. Some people have already indicated that they will not perform these tasks next year. Start thinking about becoming an **active member** and volunteering to take on one of the officer or special interest group positions to keep this club running. I know that I would miss this group if it were no longer here.

In the next few months, Liz and Rita will advise the group what positions will need to be filled for next year. Consider combining efforts with another member as our current presidents have, if you're unable to fill the position by yourself. Job sharing has become common in today's busy world. Anyway a fresh point of view is always refreshing.

## 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 II

*10 couples – 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:*

### 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*

Jan 21 *Freakonomics*  
by Levitt and Dubner

Feb 18 *Her Fearful Symmetry*  
by Audrey Niffenberger

Mar 18 *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court*  
by Jeffrey Toobin

Apr 15 *Last Night in Twisted River*  
by John Irving

May *Undetermined*

### 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.*

### Out and About

*This group is being formed by Mary Gould. Their focus is to have a nice lunch at a different location monthly, followed by an outing to a new place to explore. You can reach Mary at (706) 353-3483.*

### **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!***

From:

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To:



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