



# Athens Area Newcomers Club

A.A.N.C. meets the second Thursday morning of each month at 9:30 AM  
(10:00 AM during June/July/August)

at the new facilities of the Central Presbyterian Church  
380 Alps Road, Athens, near Beechwood Shopping Center

## Summer 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!**

### SUMMER PROGRAMS

**SUMMER 2009 MEETINGS** - No Business Meetings in the Summer, but we continue to get together and have a good time. Our aim is to be casual and stay comfortably cool! **Remember that Summer meetings begin at 10:00 AM rather than 9:30 AM which we use for the rest of the year.**

**JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>:** Ray and Alice Zwaagstra suggested that since we have several new members (and other members who have not ever participated in LIR) that we invite Jean Goodwin, the Chairman of the Curriculum committee and a very active member of **LEARNING IN RETIREMENT** to speak at our June meeting. She will talk about current and Fall programs. I know there are many AANC members who take LIR classes all the time... in fact Ray said they are so happy they found LIR through the AANC. This discussion will allow some of us to plan ahead for the Fall classes! Going back to school is "A GOOD THING!"

**JULY 9<sup>th</sup>:** We HOPE to confirm soon that one or both of the owners of **WASHINGTON FARMS** ([www.washingtonfarms.net](http://www.washingtonfarms.net)) will tell us the story of this enterprise. Strawberries are especially good this year – through June. During July – August - Blackberries are available, then come the Pumpkins and the corn maze in the Fall. You can pick the berries yourself, or for \$2.00 more for each bucket, they are

available pre-picked. Check out their web site!!!

**August 13<sup>th</sup>:** The **SILENT AUCTION**. This good time benefits the Emergency Food Bank and also adds \$\$\$ to our AANC budget to help with expenses throughout the year. Start planning for this now. We had wonderful donations last year, and I hope we will have some more great items from our generous and talented members.

Each member is invited to bring an item for auction. It can be home-made or store bought. Edible treats, creative art, or attic treasures are welcome. We found our members were wonderfully talented last year and the items they brought were valued highly.

### An Additional Outing:

**JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>:** In addition to our three Summer meetings, we have been invited to visit the **Boutier Winery in Danielsville** to hear about their business, see the vineyards, and enjoy a complimentary wine-tasting. We will also have selections of sparkling water and snacks. The owners, Mary and Victor Boutier have won awards for their wines. Also, they assist people who would like to buy a case of Georgia Wine for gifts in developing their own personal bottle labels.

Mary Boutier has just confirmed the date of: Thursday, **June 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will leave the Central Presbyterian Church at about 1:45 PM, and car-pool to Danielsville, arriving there around 2:15 – 2:30 PM. We will easily be back in Athens around/before 5:00 PM.

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Judy Deats (706) 543-8465

#### 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!

Elizabeth DePaolo (706) 369-4194

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## Standing Committees:

### Community Involvement:

Frances Lang (706) 353-7733

### Historian:

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### Bridge I:

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### Burnt Fingers:

Denise West (706) 613-0717

### Contemporary Classics Book Club:

Barbara Nair (706) 546-9167

### Dining Out:

Alice Zwaagstra (706) 769-1435

### Gourmet I:

Doris Dibling (706) 613-8227

### Gourmet II (Not-so):

Elizabeth DePaolo (706) 369-4194

### Hand & Foot:

Mary Steen (706) 769-7401

### 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.

### Parting Comments from Our 2008-2009 President:

I clearly remember volunteering to be the President for the Athens Area Newcomers Club last year, with assistance from Ann Sosebee, and as I lowered my hand my brain asked, "Now exactly why did you do that? Is this really what you want to do?"

It has been a wonderful year, coordinating, greeting, interacting with, and befriending an intriguing group of people. I would like to thank you all for enabling me to work with you. As a result of this, I have met more people, visited many interesting places, and received a first-hand introduction to Athens and surrounding areas. My sincere thanks to you all, who shared past ideas, knowledge, skills, and moral support when they were needed.

Congratulations to the new Presidents as we look forward to another good year!

### 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](mailto: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:*

**May: *Wapshot Chronicle***

*By John Cheever*

**June: *Outliers***

*By Malcolm Gladwell*

**July: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society***

*By Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrow*

**August: *House of Spirits***

*By Isabel Allende*

#### 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 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:



**Address Correction Requested**