



Newcomers of New Bern Newsletter

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September 3, 2016 An abbreviated edition of the Newcomers Newsletter

A message from the Co-Presidents:

GREETINGS, ALL:

We hope that your summer has gone well. Now that the (slightly) cooler weather is returning, it's time to begin the 30th year of the Newcomers Club. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrison Center (formerly known as Christ Church Ministry Center) at 311 Middle Street.

Our regular monthly meeting is a great time to catch up with everyone and to meet new members. We had a strong turnout at our August social for "new-Newcomers" (i.e., those who moved into the area this summer) and we look forward to signing them up and to renewing our ongoing memberships. To bolster our financial position, the Board has approved a modest dues increase of \$5 per category, effective September 1. Membership Chair Debbie Martin will be accepting dues at the September 14 meeting. The new dues are \$30 per couple, and \$25 for an individual, for the 2016-2017 year. You can't beat that deal, considering all the Club offers you!

Co-Vice Presidents Gary and Darla Burchell have arranged for some interesting presentations at our meetings. September's speaker will be Donnie Cox, Chief Meteorologist, WCTI-ABC.

As you know, activities are the heart of our Club. They provide a fun way to learn about the community and its various attractions, while meeting new friends and neighbors. Our Activity Leaders will give brief descriptions of their events at the September 14 meeting, and will be taking signups at that time.

Consistent with past practice, we are asking everyone whose last names begin with the letters A, B and C to bring a snack to share at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

Jere Kersnar and Cheryl Smith
Co-Presidents

Important Dates To Remember:

2016-2017 Newcomers Club General Meeting Dates

General Meeting Schedule (2nd Wednesday of each month)

September 14, 2016

Speaker Donnie Cox, Chief Meteorologist, WCTI Channel 12

October 12, 2016

Speaker Southern Gentlemen Singing Chorus

November 9, 2016

Speaker Chief Bobby Boyd, New Bern Fire and Rescue

No General Meeting in December

December 2016 (Christmas Party, Location, Date & Time to be announced)

January 11, 2017

February 8, 2017

March 8, 2017

April 12, 2017

May 10, 2017

Special Spring Celebration Party

Date, time & theme to be announced

Activity Groups

Many of the activity groups have been active over the summer and all of them will be gearing up for activities over the fall and winter. We have some new activity groups for the upcoming season and we will publish information for all the groups in the next newsletter.

News just in from some of the activity leaders:

Day Trips

Leaders Maurene and David Parker report plans for the season's first Day Trip for September 28:

Destination is Airlie Gardens with an excellent website for folks to peruse at their leisure as follows: <http://airliegardens.org/plan-your-visit/history/> located in Wrightsville Beach just outside of Wilmington. Travel time from New Bern to there is 1 hour 45 minutes, figure 2 hours to account for traffic. Our visit starts at 10:00 AM so we will depart the New Bern Mall parking lot at 8:00 am and carpool down there playing follow the leader as we used to do last year when we did our monthly day trips.

Folks normally devote 1 1/2 to 2 hours to tour and see the entire garden sites. There are trams available for those who wish not walk the whole way and there is a tour guide who will be leading our group thru the gardens once I get an accurate head count on how many will be attending. Total distance thru the gardens is 8/10 of a mile with an additional 2/10 set aside for closer side trips to various side gardens.

Ticket prices for admission is

- \$9-Adults
- \$5-New Hanover County Residents (proof of ID required at purchase)
- \$5- Military (proof of ID required at purchase)
- \$3- Children (4-12 years)
- Children under 4 are free!

Once we finish our tours we will be departing and driving to the Bridge-tender Restaurant located at the foot of the Wrightsville Beach drawbridge with their website located at <http://www.thebridgetender.com/#!about/c3ruj> they serve what appears to be an excellent lunch and dinner. I plan on the group arriving there at 1:00 PM and enjoy, what looks to be a most delicious lunch. Figure an hour or so for lunch and we are back in New Bern by approximately 4:30 or 5:00 that Wednesday.

If you have any ideas or need any additional information about this trip or anything else you may think of, please do not hesitate to tell us. Otherwise I guess we will see you at the September 14th meeting.

Stay healthy and I hope you can stay out of the heat.

David Parker

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Dining Out

Special Message from leaders Ed and Lila Gillespie:

Hope your summer is going well, your taking care of yourselves, staying safe and well and having fun. Our 1st Dining Out event will be

Wednesday September 28, 2016
Place Toucan Grill Fresh Bar
Oriental, NC 103 Wall Street Oriental NC 28571
252 249 1818
Reserved for 45 guest
Tme" 12:45 PM

Please let us know if you'll be joining us.... note thwe are limited to 45 guests. And hope you'll be joimig us for our first dining out event. Tom will be offering us a special Lunch Menu. There will be something for everyone.

(Ed & Lila Gillespie lilamg@suddenlink.net)

Singles Mingles

We are a group of Single Persons who get together 2 or 3 times a month. It always revolves around food and drink, even when we do a day trip together we will have lunch or dinner together. It is a great avenue to meet and make new friends. Our group has grown in #'s and have had various friendships develop.

If you are Single come out and join us! We have one event scheduled for September to start our new year!

We correspond completely by email for all of our events!

Sept. 22nd, Thursday-1PM. Lunch @ Morgans Restaurant - 235 Craven St.

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There are over a dozen activity groups and more to come. The group leaders will be present at the September meeting to answer questions and take your contact information.

We look forward to seeing you at the September meeting.
