



## **Newcomers Club of New Bern**

**February 2017**

HAPPY FEBRUARY TO ONE AND ALL!

Please join us for our General Membership meeting on Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrison Center on Middle Street in downtown New Bern.

Co-Vice-Presidents Gary and Darla Burchell have lined up another exciting speaker: Susan Moffat Thomas, Coordinator of the Adult Enrichment Program at Craven Community College. Susan is rejuvenating the program, and bringing to it the same energy she showed for years at her previous position at the Swiss Bear Development Corporation, the driving force behind downtown redevelopment.

Social Director Debbie Messinger asks those whose last names begin with P, Q, R, or W (yes, we know that's out of alphabetical order, but it works!), please bring snacks to share.

The closer we get toward the end of the year, the sooner we need to identify successors for Board and Activity Leader positions, to serve in 2017/18. If you would be interested, speak with any Board member. It's fun and rewarding, and you'll be doing your part to keep this great organization going.

Membership Director Debbie Martin handed out new Directories to paid-up members at our January meeting. If you don't have yours yet, be sure to pick it up on the 8th.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Jere Kersnar & Cheryl Smith  
Co-Presidents

### **New Bern Newcomers Club Officers and Directors For 2016-2017**

Each of the nine Board positions has one vote. The first eight Board positions listed are elected.

Co- Presidents: Jere Kersner  
Cheryl Smith  
Co- Vice Presidents: Gary & Darla Burchell  
Secretary: Barbara Hahn  
Treasurer: Carol McClard  
Social Director: Debbie Messenger  
Activity Director: Linda Moore  
Membership Director: Debbie Martin  
Communications Director: Bud McClard  
Advisor: Sandie Swigart

*For information about membership in the Newcomers Club*

Club Website: [www.newbernnewcomers.org](http://www.newbernnewcomers.org)

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Facebook: [Newcomers Club of New Bern](#)



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### **CLUB TAKING AND USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS**

*This is to notify you as a member of Newcomers Club of New Bern or the Alumni Group that, in the course of Newcomer and Alumni Club activities, photographs of members may be taken and used by Newcomers Club of New Bern or the Alumni Group, at their discretion without compensation to or approval by such members, for club-related purposes including but not limited to club promotion, newsletter and other website content and contests.*

## Helpful hint for those who didn't mark their calendar



*Save the date: February 14!*

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## Activity Groups

The Newcomers Club offers a variety of activity groups designed not only to provide you with new friends and fun, but also opportunities to learn, lead and most importantly, laugh! You may participate in as many activities as you desire. We also offer special activities throughout the year.

If you have a suggestion for a new activity, and you are willing to lead the group, please contact the Activity Director:

**Linda Moore** Home: (252) 631-1463  
e-mail: [vnlmoore11@gmail.com](mailto:vnlmoore11@gmail.com)

Participation in any Newcomer Activity Group or Event requires that the prospective participant be a member in good standing in the Newcomers Club. For those events that are co-sponsored by both the Newcomers and the Alumni Group, prospective participants must be a member in good standing in either the Newcomers or the Alumni Group to be eligible to participate.

**How do you sign up?** First priority will be given to members who sign up at the monthly meeting that immediately precedes the scheduled activity. If the activity is not fully booked at that monthly meeting, members may contact activity group leaders to sign up by phone or email after the meeting. Following is a description of the activity groups currently available including any scheduled events/activities. There is also a calendar of events at the end of the newsletter as a quick reference.

## February 2017 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Tennis 1:45 PM <i>West New Bern Recreation Center 1225 Pine Tree Drive</i>	3	4
5 Superbowl Wine Social <i>at Million in their</i>	6 <i>Scrabble Group Books –A- 1:00 to 3:00 pm Coffee Shop</i>	7	8 Newcomers Meeting 7PM	9 Tennis 1:45 PM <i>West New Bern Recreation Center Book Club 1-3PM</i>	10	11
12	13 Singles 5PM Moore's BBQ	14 Writers Club 12:30-3 PM (Tentative)	15 Bunco -7 PM	16 Tennis 1:45 PM <i>West New Bern Recreation Center 1225 Pine Tree Drive</i>	17	18
19	20 Scrabble Group <i>Schlotzsky's Deli on MLK Blvd 6-8 PM Optional diner from 5:30-6 PM</i>	21	22	23 Tennis 1:45 PM <i>West New Bern Recreation Center 1225 Pine Tree Drive Dining Out – 5 PM Musashi</i>	24	25
26	27	28 Singles 10 AM Breakfast at Yoder's				

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## Activities:

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# Biking

**Purpose:** The Newcomers/Alumni Bicycling Group is for those individuals who like to get exercise while enjoying the scenery around New Bern. We feature 'no drop' rides--which means we don't leave anyone behind! We have been working to design options that allow more serious bikers to enjoy a longer distance at a faster pace, but also provide a choice for more leisurely riders to go at a more comfortable pace. We take breaks as needed. Routes will vary, allowing participants the chance to see different neighborhoods and the surrounding countryside



### **Requested Gear:**

- 1) A working bicycle (brakes, gears) with adequate safety items – lights, reflectors
- 2) A Helmet is mandatory.
- 3) Carry adequate water (minimum – 1 pt. / 500 ml).
- 4) Casual clothing (shorts) and top with bright colors..
- 5) Air pumps and/or lights are an option.

### **Meeting Place:**

A group email, including directions to a starting point, is sent out for weekend rides.

### **We would love to have you join us!**

**Activity Leader**  
**Keith Jackson**

**Home**

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573-795-1837

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[jacksk59@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksk59@yahoo.com)

### **Scheduled Events:**

The activity leaders check the weather and weigh other factors as to when an event can be scheduled. Due to these factors, events are scheduled with short time frames (within 1 to 2 weeks.)



# Boaters



## Newcomers/AGN Boaters Group

The boaters group is in the process of reorganizing and more information will be available at the February Newcomers meeting. Check with us then!

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# Book Group

The Book Club meets monthly at a member's home for conversation about a book, usually fiction selected by member suggestions. The group leaders spark discussion with a few comments and questions and the host provides light refreshments.



We are a group of avid readers who meet most often on the fourth Thursday of the month from 1-3pm in different member's houses to discuss a wide genre of books. The book list is compiled every six months from suggestions taken from and voted on by the members of the club. The books range from mysteries, to beach reads to classics and more. We are a group of very diverse people bringing to the table different morals, values, backgrounds, thus making for a truly lively discussion. Over light snacks, we learn about the authors and yes, discuss the books for 1 1/2 hours approximately.

Driving directions are emailed to all book club members.

### Activity Leaders

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# BUNCO



The goal is to have fun and meet new people. Bunco is a simple, no skill, dice game. You sit at a table of four with a partner across from you; then the partners rotate as the game continues. So this game is a great way to meet people in a small group. If you can toss three dice and recognize the numbers on the dice, then you can play this game! Each month we have 12 or 16 participants. Each time you participate, the cost is \$5.00 per person with all money paid out as prizes at the end of that evening (please bring correct change). Host will provide dessert. Other participants please bring an appetizer for approx 8-10 people to be shared PLUS beverage of your choice that you would like to personally drink that evening. Participants will be notified by e-mail of the location prior to the event. Activity is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Advance sign-up is required and is offered at the monthly New Bern Newcomer meeting. If space is still available after the meeting sign-up, then an email is sent to members who have expressed interest in Bunco.

The next Bunco will be January 18. Contact Jody or Steve Kornblum for details.

## **Activity Leaders**

### **E-Mail**

Jody and Steve Kornblum  
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### **Telephone**

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# Crafters

We meet every 3rd Tuesday 10-12 Noon. We will ask for volunteers to host the activity each month. We will send out an email prior to each activity with the location and any other required information. The above schedule is different due to holidays and special activities so we are sorry for any confusion. The cost for the activity will be determined by the craft chosen. Any questions please contact us. We are looking forward to meeting new members and having a great year.

Crafters will be meeting on Wednesday, February 1st at 10 am at Eileen Buscemi's home.

Eileen Buscemi  
1804 Caracara Drive (Fairfield Harbour)  
252.631.1326  
917.846.9001



Please respond and let me know if you will attend. The majority vote for the craft this month is the resin trays.

The rough estimate for the cost is about \$15 each. We will be able to give you a better number after making necessary purchases.

Again please let us know by January 25th if you intend to come. Thanks again and see you soon.

## Activity Leaders

### E-Mail

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# Day Trips

Do you enjoy visiting new, interesting places? If so, “Day Tripping” is just the thing for you! The Newcomers Club organizes monthly group trips to various events and tours of interesting locations within driving distance of New Bern. Some trips last most of the day and others only a few hours. Some have a fee; others are free! Go on all the trips or select just the ones suited especially for you! Day trips are a great way to meet and get to know fellow newcomers!

## **Scheduled Events:**

Our February trip is scheduled for Saturday, February 25. We will be going to Raleigh to tour the NC Museum of Natural Science. The museum opens at 9:00 AM so we would plan to leave New Bern no later than 6:30 AM. After the museum tour we plan to head over to the State Farmers Market which is about a 15 minute drive from the museum. We will eat lunch at the Farmers Market.

For March we are planning to head to Historic Edenton. We will take a trolley tour and also tour a few of the historic homes in the downtown area. Lunch at one of the local restaurants. More details to come on this trip.

In April, we are planning a trip to the Sarah Duke Gardens at Duke University. They have both walking tours and a trolley tour for anyone who would not be able to walk or stand for up to 1-1/2 hours. I hope to have this trip confirmed for Saturday, April 22nd. There is a charge of \$10.00 per person for either the walking tour or the trolley tour.

To learn more about the upcoming day trips sign up at the monthly membership meeting or contact:

## **Activity Leaders**

### **E-Mail**

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# Dining In

## Comments:

- Sharing a meal together is a great way to meet new members. While visiting each others homes from January through April, eight newcomers – singles or couples – share experiences and enjoy a delicious meal to which they all contribute a dish.
- Once you have signed up, we organize the list such that the groups rotate and you eat with new folks each month.
- Over the four scheduled Dining-In events, each participant will have a chance to host one dinner and then take turns bringing an appetizer, soup/salad or a dessert to the other dinners.
- The hosts of the month will communicate with the other participants in their group to determine an evening that is suitable for all. There will be a suggested theme for each month (e.g. chicken, pork, ethnic meal etc.)
- If you cannot commit to hosting, you may sign up as an alternate.
- There is no fee to join the Dining-in group, but you must be a paid up member of the Newcomers Club.

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- The dining in groups for January through April have now been sent out to all those who signed up and you should have heard from your host with dates for the January dinner. Please note that most communication from New Bern Newcomers activities is through email so it is important to check your emails regularly if you have signed up for ANY activities.

You are still welcome to sign up as a substitute, in case any of our regular participants are unavailable for any particular month. This is likely to happen so please do contact me to sign up.

If you are forced to cancel after agreeing to a date for dinner, kindly let the host or myself know as soon as possible so one of the substitutes can be invited to take your place.

**If you would like to be added to the list please contact Carol Frysiek at [CarolFrysiek@gmail.com](mailto:CarolFrysiek@gmail.com) or phone 252-675-5442**

## Activity Leaders

### E-Mail

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252-675-5442

# Dining Out

Here's an opportunity to enjoy learning about the restaurants in New Bern and the surrounding areas. It's a chance to taste the chef's choice and enjoy the company of other newcomers. Each month a new place is planned for your dining pleasure for either lunch or dinner. Sign up at a membership meeting or contact the activity leader(s).

**Activity Leader**

Ed &amp; Lila Gillespie

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# Games Group



## Games

The gaming group is for those who enjoy a night of cards or other gaming and fellowship. Check with the activity leader at the next meeting.

**Activity Leader**  
Keith Jackson

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# Golf



**Newcomers / Alumni Golf** is based on the premise that the game should be fun. Making friends is paramount; proficiency is immaterial. We welcome all skill levels. Rules are what each player wants them to be. Some players adhere to the stricter rules of the USGA, while others follow the lax GW rules -- count every stroke that you like. If you don't like it, don't count it; or finally, don't count anything and pick up your ball any time you wish!

We schedule a golf outing once a month, normally on a Wednesday or Thursday, and play 12 months of the year. We travel to courses in the New Bern area and try to keep within a one-hour drive. We also arrange carpooling for the out-of-New Bern trips. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, come join us. You will have a good time! For additional information or reservations, contact:

## Scheduled Events:

**Activity Leader**    **Home**  
Tony Guadagnino

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# Outdoor Adventure

Throughout the September – May season, we try to choose outdoor activities that are appealing to everyone. The adventures are not competitive in nature. The adventures have included: kayaking/ canoeing, hiking, kite flying, bicycle riding, and boat rides. We either bring our lunch or stop by a nearby restaurant.

We don't have participants sign up unless it is an activity that must be more stringent in head count. Our slogan is “**No sign-up, just show up at the event,**” and rain-out is constituted by already raining or bad outlook during the time of the adventure.

**The trip to Norfolk is a definite and it is no longer tentative. This is a joint trip with the Outdoor Adventure and the Boaters Groups. Details including hotels and pricing, event schedules and pricing, and trip details are included in the event flyer <http://newbernnewcomers.org/news/norfolk.pdf>.**

**Activity Leader**

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# SCRABBLE



**Meeting Dates:** Twice monthly, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

## Meeting Times and Locations:

**1st Monday** 12:30-3:00 pm  
Books-A-Million Coffee Shop (next to Wal-Mart)

**3rd Monday** 3005 M.L. King Jr. Blvd., New Bern  
6:00-8:30 pm (5:30 food, 6:00 – 8:00 games)  
Schlotzsky's Deli (near Food Lion)  
3335 M.L. King Jr. Blvd., New Bern

## Playing Rules:

1. Dictionary can be used a maximum two time per move
2. Use of "The Cheat Sheet" allowed
3. Turns limited to six minutes each

Please Bring:

If you have the following items, please bring them to each meeting:

A Scrabble Board & an Official Scrabble Dictionary

We would love to have you join us!



## Activity Leaders

### E-Mail

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# Singles Mingles

The Singles Mingles Group combines Newcomers and Alumni members and meets twice a month at various locations to socialize. All single Newcomers Club members are welcome to join. This is a singles-only group and is not intended as a dating service.

For more information or if you are interested in receiving emails or hosting a get-together at your home, please contact:

## Activity Leaders

### E-Mail

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## ~ Singles Mingles Evenings and Weekends ~

### ***A message from Rita Mauro who volunteered to lead a sub-group with the Singles Mingles:***

*Hello Newcomers! My name is Rita Mauro and I run the evenings/weekends group for Singles Mingles. Unlike many of you, I still work full-time - and when I found out that most Singles events are on weekdays or early evening, I decided to head up evening and weekend events. I would like newcomers to know about this group, our past events, and events coming up in Feb.*

*Our first evening out was the 2016 Ghost Walk, followed in early November by an international film at Craven Community College's Orringer Auditorium. Over the holidays, outings were planned for the Rivertowne Player's production of 'White Christmas' and Tryon Palace's Candlelight Colonial Christmas.*

*On Friday evening, January 6, several of us met at Savage's for dinner then went to Bear Towne Cinema for a movie. On Sunday, January 22, members of the group enjoyed the play 'Next to Normal' at the Athens Theatre.*

*February events include the Jazz Showcase at the Doubletree on Sunday, Feb 12, and a soon-to-be-scheduled outing at the Masonic Theatre to see Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible.' In between, I'll look to sneak in a few informal dinner/movie outings.*

*I look forward to seeing you at these events!*



# Tennis



The Tennis Club offers two levels of play. Our **Recreational level** is for any level ability for those who enjoy relaxed doubles play.

For those who prefer more competitive play for doubles or singles we also have our **Challenge level**.

The Tennis Group meets weekly for people who enjoy playing tennis.

For more information and the latest schedule, contact the activity leader(s).

## Scheduled Events:

Date	Time	Location	Level
Every Tuesday	8:30 AM	New Bern Recreation Center	Recreational
Every Thursday	8:30 AM	New Bern Recreation Center	Challenge

Contact the Activity Leader for more information

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*If you know anyone who should have received this newsletter, but did not; please contact the webmaster.*



# Wine Socials

The Wine Social Group is for everyone, not just wine drinkers!  
Each couple/single who signs up is asked to bring a bottle of

wine, or whatever they would like to drink, and an hors d'oeuvre to share with everyone.

Hosting a party is easy! Wine Socials are held on the third Saturday of each month. The activity chairman will:

Notify everyone who signed up at the General Meeting by email of the date

Receive the RSVPs of those that plan on attending

Brings the wine glasses to the host's home

Supplies the name tags.

The party attendees bring the food and beverages—the host supplies the house! If you would like to limit the party to a certain number of people, just notify the activity leader.

The Wine Social activity is open to all paid members of the Newcomers Club of New Bern only.

Come join us for food, drink, and friendship no knowledge of wine is required!

## Activity Leaders

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# Writers



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## Activity Leader

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If you enjoy writing this is the group for you! Whether you are a novice writer, a published writer, or even if you have never written but just have a desire to explore a hidden talent or jump back in after a long sabbatical, we are happy to have you. We will be sharing knowledge and ideas, encouraging each other and offering support and feedback. Meetings are held the first or second Tuesday of the month. Date for the following month is scheduled at the meeting.