

Newcomers Club of New Bern January 2021 Update



Club President's Message



As we all welcome in 2021, let us hope for a much better year than 2020. As the vaccine becomes available and many start getting it in the coming months, we are hoping we can return to normalcy. The January 13th meeting will be a zoom only meeting; as will our February 10th meeting. The March 10th meeting, weather permitting, may be at the Gazebo; otherwise we will use Zoom. We only will return to the Harrison Center when the State of North Carolina and City of New Bern have lifted the COVID-19 restrictions and Christ Church has opened the facility to the public.

Our activity director, Randy Bogle, will continue to work with the activity leaders to keep us up to date on activities. All activities are based on what the state and city guidelines allow us to do. Please visit the website for the current status.

As we announced at our November meeting at the Gazebo, all members that are scheduled to graduate this year will be given the option of not moving on to the alumni group. If you wish to remain, please e-mail Joan Wilson (sail_kitty@hotmail.com) by February 1st and advise her you do not wish to move onto the alumni group at this time.

We are still hoping we will be able to host our spring event. The board will keep everyone updated.

We will be looking for new persons for the Board of Directors, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activity Director, Social Director, Membership Director and Communications Director. A description of the duties can be found at the following link:

https://www.newbernnewcomers.org/about/pdfs/newcomers_board_responsibilities_2018.pdf

If interested, please contact Dave Pfluge (dpfluge@verizon.net) or Lee Harrington (leeharring@aol.com)

Regards,
Dave Pfluge,
President 2020-2021

Activities Director Update

1. I had a very much appreciated and informative report from Robin Melton, RVing Group Leader along with her husband Darrell, which I would like to share with our membership. I think her report will be of particular interest to those of you contemplating joining this activity. She also provided some great photos; report follows:

Thought I would take a few minutes to share some follow-up from our recent short trip to Huntington Beach State Park and the Night of a Thousand Candles at Brookgreen Gardens. We would not call the weather ideal, cold and rainy. The Olstads (Jane and Jon) also joined in with this adventure, but the cold, rain, and COVID precautions limited our opportunities to socialize. Still great to meet fellow RVers from New Bern, and we are hoping that future trips we plan will allow for opportunities to socialize a little more.

Huntington Beach campground was typical for RV campgrounds, but for a State Park, I would rate their sites better than average. (It is rare to find full-hook-up sites in State Parks.) Proximity to the beach was great (we really wish the weather had been a little better). This campground is basically across the road from Brookgreen gardens, which made it a good camping choice.

The rainy weather did hold off for most of our visit to the gardens and I will say it was worth the trip. If you are into Christmas light displays - this is worth visiting in my opinion. I have included some photos to share some holiday cheer, but photos really do not do the experience justice.

2. We are looking for activity leaders for the following activities: Biking, Bunco (Daytime), Crafters, Dining-out, Hiking, and Mexican Train Dominoes. If you are interested in leading one of these activities, please contact our Activity Director, Randy Bogle, at rbogle1968@gmail.com or via phone (619) 804-5712 (M) / (252) 631-3109 (H). Our Newcomers Club offers many activities designed not only to provide you with new friends and fun, but also to learn, LEAD and laugh! Please consider taking the lead for one of these groups! If you have a suggestion for another activity and you are willing to lead the group, please contact Randy as well.

3. Finally, most activity groups maintain a list of their active participants and communicate with them via email for upcoming events. You can email the activity leader to be added to the list for any group you're interested in, or give them your contact info at the monthly general meetings. More detail regarding signups is given on each of the individual groups' web pages, www.newbernnewcomers.org/activities/activities.htm .

The link below will take you to the home page of the Website. Scroll to the bottom of the page for our current calendar.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Highlights from Last Month

A few pictures from the RV Group Trip to Night of a Thousand Candles at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina.







Resources



[Newcomers Website](#)

[Newcomers Facebook Page](#)

[Members Facebook Group](#)

General Meeting Reminder:

Date: January 13, 2021

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Zoom meeting

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