



**WELCOME CLUB OF HENDERSON COUNTY
JANUARY 2012**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, ladies!

Well, I hope happy holidays are upon you and the busy-ness is not too exhausting!! The Holiday Luncheon was splendid; we gave Dr. Cook of IAM a final donation check, and our speaker, Rabbi Phil Cohen was amusing and interesting. Plus, the buffet was sumptuous! (Love that peanut butter pie!!)

Thanks to those who renewed membership early enough to be included in our directory. If you have not, it is not too late to renew, you can still be included in the directory if you meet the deadline of 16 Dec. See the renewal form included in this Newsletter.

The New Year for Welcome Club will focus our charity efforts on a new charity. I hope that in-kind donations and volunteering will augment any monetary support we will be able to offer. We will have two general meetings (with speakers) and one or two club events. By limiting our meetings we hope to have a more robust participation! Our organization does good things and to maintain doing so, we need everyone to participate as well as enjoy your activities monthly. Group chair ladies, please let Sharon McGreevy know who your 2012 chairperson will be so she can keep them informed of any announcements.

This year has gone by so quickly! Thanks to our exiting Board members, Joan Manfre, Bennie Santistevan, Cynthia Vondrasek and Rhoda Galvani for their dedicated work. Also, Sue Hatch and Jane Barbaccia who did a wonderful job organizing our Coffees.

Welcome to our new Board members Patty Small, Lorraine Greco, and Sharon McGreevy and our new Coffee ad Conversation chairs Cathy Blair and Corinne Maier.

As the year closes, I want to wish all a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year! See you in 2012!!

Francine



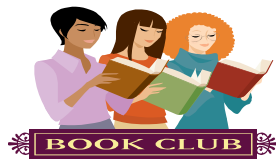
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Lisa Hicks
- 5 Nan Payne
- 7 Linda Holt
- 7 Pam Hults
- 10 Sheryl Roper
- 14 Joan Manfre
- 14 Betty Westmoreland
- 17 Terri Gibson
- 19 Jane Litsky
- 21 Mary Boteilho
- 21 Elaine Maimone
- 23 Marcie Frisch
- 25 Ursula Von Paczkowski
- 27 Judi Berson-Levinson
- 29 Kathie Giddings



BOGGLE

GROUP	CHAIR	HOSTESS	DATE/TIME
First Friday	Vicky Lieber, 890-3408 evlieber@bellsouth.net	Sue Kamerick 891-4890	6 January 2012 1:30 pm
Third Thursday	Linda Holt, 698-6670	Virginia Newsom 696-7980	19 January 2012 1:30pm



GROUP	CHAIR	HOSTESS	DATE/TIME	BOOK/AUTHOR
Tuesday Morning Book Club	Jan Spicka 891-1606	Virginia Newsom 696-7980	10 January 2012 10:00 am	Down River John Hart
Second Tuesday Book Bugs	Sue Hatch 890-0151	Gretchen Batra	10 January 2012 10:00 am	In the Sanctuary of Outcasts Neil White
Thursday Afternoon Book Club	Carolyn Wig 890-0006	Joyce Hallberg 698-3585	19 January 2012 1:00 pm	Amy and Isabelle Elizabeth Strout
Ladies of the Evening Book Club	Rose Marie Puncke, 777-6832	Bennie Santistevan, 243-1151	16 January 2012 7:00 pm	Clara and Mr. Tiffany, Susan Vreeland
Page Turners Book Club	Jan Scott 230-4039	Jane Litsky 697-8781	12 January 2012 1:00 pm	Death of a Salesman, Arthur Miller
Flat Rock Readers and Feeders	Terry Goodfield 693-6024	Julie Miesbauer	5 January 2012 10:00 am	Cutting for Stone Abraham Verghese
Blue Ridge Readers	Mary Boteilho 698-2558	Betsy Robson	25 January 2012 1:30 pm	The Distant Land of My Father, Bo Caldwell
Ravenous Readers	Sharon McGreevy 697-0977	Does not meet in January		



BRIDGE

DAY OF THE WEEK	TIME OF THE DAY	LOCATION
First Thursday	1:00 pm	Member's homes
Second Monday	1:00 pm	Ace Hardware/Cuppy's
Third Monday	1:00 pm	Ace Hardware/Cuppy's
Fourth Monday	1:00 pm	Ace Hardware/Cuppy's



BRUNCHES AND LUNCHESES

CHAIR	HOSTESS	DATE/TIME
Rose Marie Puncke, 693-7183 rpuncke@morrisbb.net	Cheryl Keyes, 698-8623 ckraven@morrisbb.net	11 January 2012,



CANASTA

GROUP	CHAIR	HOSTESS	DATE/TIME
Last Tuesday	Elaine Tully, 890-2932	Margie Grissom, 890-4603	31 January 2012 1:00 pm

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION



Time to pack up the holiday decorations, get out your new 2012 calendar and mark these dates for having fun! Meet new members, catch up on what's happening and enjoy some goodies, all starting at 10:00 am. Please note we have changed some of the days of the week we are having Coffee and Conversation to better meet the needs and desires of some of the Welcome Club members - so mark your calendars accordingly!

21 February – Tuesday
18 April – Wednesday
20 June – Thursday
20 August – Monday
16 October – Tuesday
18 December – Tuesday

Specific details and directions for the February Coffee in next month's Newsletter.
Chairs: Cathy Blair and Corinne Maier



FUN 'N GAMES

CHAIR	HOSTESS	DATE/TIME
Lynne Stafford, 696-1581	Karan Newbold, 693-0777	27 January 2012, 7:00 pm



KNITWITS

CHAIR	HOSTESS	DATE/TIME
Rhoda Galvani, 551-4679		Contact Rhoda for Jan Info



LUNCHEON 8'S

GROUP	CHAIR	HOSTESS	DATE
Group #1	Elaine Tully, 890-2932		Does not meet in Jan
Group #2	Terri Gibson, 699-5502		Does not meet in Jan



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CHAIR	HOSTESS	DATE/TIME
Sally VonHoene, 693-9049	Kay Lund	10 January 2012, 1:00 pm



RUMMY Q

CHAIR	LOCATION	DATE/TIME
Nancy Chiarenza, 891-7109	Ace Hardware, Cuppy's	13 January 2012, 1:00 pm
Nancy Chiarenza, 891-7109	Ace Hardware, Cuppy's	26 January 2012, 1:00 pm



CHAIR	HOSTESS	DATE/TIME
Sue Kamerick, 891-4890	Jane Litsky	3 January 2012, 1:30 pm

Welcome Club of Henderson County, North Carolina

MEMBER RENEWAL FORM 2012

AND

NEW MEMBER FORM 2012

Please PRINT all information

Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

(You may list one or both numbers. If you list both, but have a preference as to which number WC members should use, please asterisk the preferred number)

Spouse's Name _____ Formerly From _____

E-Mail _____ Month/Day of Birth _____

RENEWALS ONLY

Please indicate your preference for our 2012 charity: (see next page for info on each)

_____ Blue Ridge Humane Society
_____ Boys & Girls Club
_____ Bullington Center
_____ Habitat for Humanity

(To be included in 2012 directory, renewals must be received by 16 Dec 2011)

NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Please indicate the activities you would be interested in:

_____ Boggle	_____ Fun 'N Games
_____ Book Clubs	_____ Luncheon 8's
_____ Bridge	_____ Mah Jongg
_____ Canasta	_____ Rummy Q
_____ Coffee & Conversation	
_____ Scrabble	_____ Evening Socials
_____ Other	

ANNUAL DUES for the calendar year are \$25.00 per year.

For those joining after July 1, dues for the remainder of the year are \$12.50

AMOUNT INCLUDED: _____ CHECK NO. _____ DATE _____

Please complete and mail the entire form, with check payable to Welcome Club to:

Vicky Lieber
47 Hunters Lane
Hendersonville, NC 28791
Phone: 828-890-3408 Email: evlieber@bellsouth.net

New Member names and contact information will appear in the next Newsletter, available online at www.welcomeclubhc.org

PROPOSED CHARITIES FOR 2012

1. BLUE RIDGE HUMANE SOCIETY.

Established in 1950, is a limited admission nonprofit 501(c)3 animal welfare organization committed to quality shelter care, treatment of their charges, and to advocacy for spay/neutering throughout Henderson County.

2. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

Their mission is to inspire and enable young people, especially those most in need, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Under the auspices of the United Way.

3. BULLINGTON CENTER.

Their mission is to educate and inspire children and adults in horticulture, the natural sciences, and integrated disciplines; to provide hands-on learning opportunities for members of our community.

4. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

Builds quality affordable homes, creates strong communities, and changes lives by partnering with committed volunteers, professional staff, and eligible families living in inadequate housing. It is a Christian organization, but is an Equal Housing Opportunity organization.

**VOTE FOR THE CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE WHEN
YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN WELCOME CLUB**



THE CHARITY CORNER

By Mary Boteilho

All information for the current Newsletter (Jan 2012) had to be submitted by the 10th of the previous month (Dec 2011). Membership and voting deadlines for our 2012 charity is 16 Dec 2011, so we are not able to announce the Welcome Club charity for 2012 in this Newsletter. Watch for the announcement in the February 2012 issue of the Newsletter. What I can do is recap the generous, giving support Welcome Club was able to provide to Interfaith Assistance Ministry in 2011.

A Times-News article on November 20th 2011, indicated that poverty has worsened in Henderson County. The poverty rates jumped by 63% from 2007 to 2010. Raising the local poverty rate to 16.6%. It is a wonderful objective that Welcome Club is able to help promote "local" charitable causes.

During 2011, Welcome Club gave a total of \$2,000.00 in cash donations, which were given in the following denominations:

April...\$500.00 to IAM's general fund
July....\$500.00 to support IAM's biggest fundraiser of the year, "A Taste of Hendersonville". This July donation placed Welcome Club in the Patron Level Sponsor, and placed our name in their booklet which was handed out to all the attendees. It was a fabulous evening, great food, wonderful silent auction gifts, bands from each local High School performed and the community of local citizens coming together to help in these difficult financial times.

September...\$750.00 to help IAM meet the Fazio's matching gift challenge which helped provide emergency rent and utilities relief for families and individuals coming to IAM in a financial crisis.

December...\$250.00 to IAM's heating and fuel oil needs.

Besides these cash donations, Welcome Club hosted a Chili's Day. The generous support of our community and the giving hearts of Pepper Dining of Dallas, Texas, helped raise \$260.00 in a direct contribution to IAM from Pepper Dining.

In July at our General Meeting, Welcome Club members came together to donate in-kind gifts of 98 pounds of school supplies; checks and cash totaling \$125.00 to help with back to school needs.

At our November General Meeting, members were asked to contribute food items for Thanksgiving. These in-kind gifts netted a total of 82 pounds of food items. The donations of food went directly to the food pantry and were warmly received in time for many Thanksgiving dinners.

Many thanks to all the members of Welcome Club who helped support Interfaith Assistance Ministry in 2011. The letters of thanks from Interfaith Assistance Ministry with gratitude for our support this past year have been a wonderful blessing.



**WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?
HOW ABOUT "MEXICAN TRAIN"?**

A new member – Michele Hyde – is looking for ladies who are interested in playing – or learning to play! It's a game similar to dominoes.

Contact Michele at 348-4317 or
smamex2004@yahoo.com

Although your new Membership Directory will be coming out in January, the following are new members who have recently joined our organization:

Charlotte Cornell-Simmons (John Simmons)
 2717 Kalmia Lane
 Hendersonville, NC 28791
 4335-1297
 DOB: 26 Nov
 Formerly: Rochester, NY
ccornellsimmons@gmail.com

Michele Hyde
 1903 Country Club Road
 Hendersonville, NC 28739
 828-348-4317
 DOB: 18 March
 Formerly: San Miguel Allende, Mexico
Smamex2004@yahoo.com

Linda Mohring
 116 Country Ridge Road
 Laurel Park, NC 28739
 828-693-8486
 DOB: 26 June
 Formerly: Maitland, FL
lmohring@morrisbb.net

JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NEW YEARS DAY	2 NEW YEARS DAY OBSERVED	3 Scrabble	4	5 Book Club Bridge	6 Boggle	7
8	9 Bridge	10 Book Clubs (x2) Mah Jongg	11 Brunches & Lunches	12 Book Club	13 Rummy Q	14
15	16 Book Club Bridge MLK, JR DAY	17	18	19 Boggle Book Club	20	21
22	23 Bridge	24	25 Book Club	26 Rummy Q	27 Fun 'N Games	28
29	30	31 Canasta				